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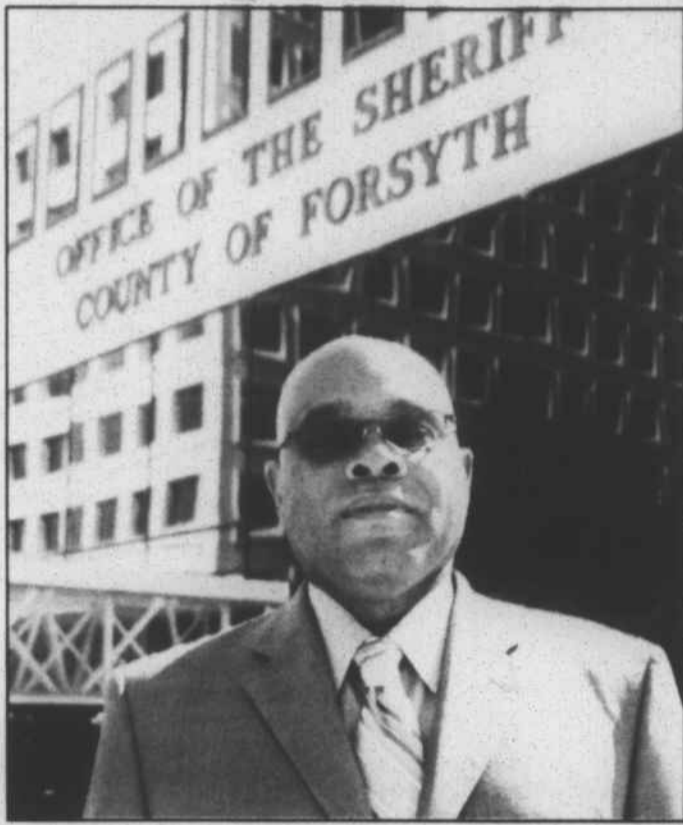


Photo by Layla Farmer
Jerry Herron hopes to become the county's next sheriff.

A New Sheriff in Town?

Another black law enforcement veteran running to unseat Schatzman

BY LAYLA FARMER
THE CHRONICLE

City native Jerry Herron believes its time for a changing of the guards in the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office.

Herron, a Democrat, spent 26 years with the office before his retirement in 2005.

Now, the 53 year-old says he's ready to make a comeback, and give Republican incumbent William Schatzman a run for his money.

"I feel like the county's ready for a change," said Herron, a married father of two daughters. "The county's looking for a chief law enforcement officer that is a leader, that will be out in the community, based on my conversations with citizens."

Herron spent nearly 17 years as a patrol officer, beginning in the early '80s. Things were different then, he said.

"Back in those days, community-oriented policing was a

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Photo by Layla Farmer
The city has purchased nearly 1,300 life jackets to enhance the safety of non-swimmers.

City has confidence in new pool rules

BY LAYLA FARMER
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In the wake of the tragic drowning of six year-old Ja'Nae McCullum at Kimberley Park Pool last year, city officials began imposing new regulations to enhance the safety of swimmers across its eight pool network. More changes were enacted with the start of the 2010 season on May 29.

"We felt it was important for us to do everything in our power to try to make the environment as safe as possible," Recreation and Parks Director Tim Grant said.

Under the new regulations, swimmers under 48" in height are now required to take a swim test before being formally admitted to the pool. Each child is given a color coded wristband to alert life guards of their skill level in the water. Those who are not strong swim-

mers are restricted to shallow areas and wading pools, and non-swimmers are not required to wear a life jacket. The city has purchased nearly 1,300 life jackets in a variety of sizes to accommodate non swimmers, Grant said. The ratio of adults to children in a day camp or group was also dropped from 1:15 to 1:10.

"We took a step forward in front of every other municipal department that we know of and we added the life jackets," he noted. "It has kind of focused everybody's attention back on safety first and fun second."

Aquatics Director Dick Butler says the regulations have been well received overall, by parents and group leaders.

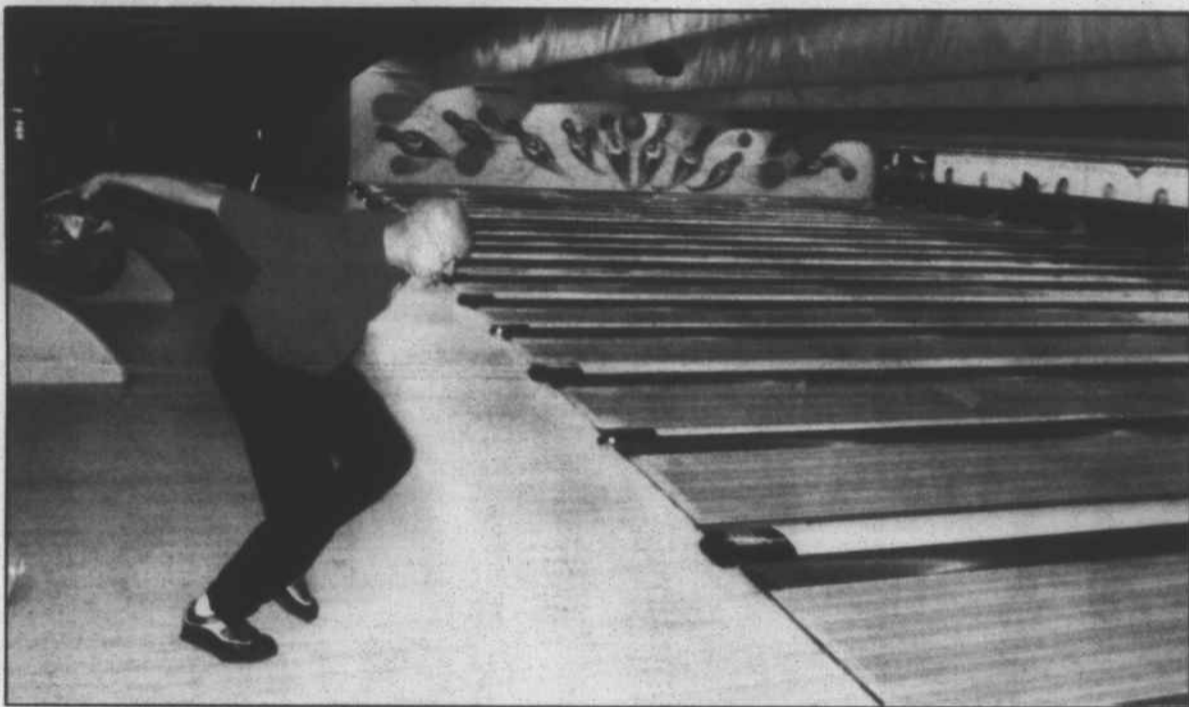
"It has been very positive for the citizens. They are very enthusiastic about it," he reported.

Some of the visitors to

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Butler



Photos by Todd Luck

Right: PBA Bowler Bobby Hall II shows off his skills.

Below: Students enjoy bowling at AMF Winston-Salem Lanes.

STEP & STRIKES

Pro Bowler give kids a different kind of schooling

BY TODD LUCK
THE CHRONICLE

Professional Bowler Bobby Hall II showed kids in a local summer program some tips and tricks of bowling at AMF Winston-Salem Lanes last Friday.

Youth in the Summer Teaching Enrichment Program (STEP) spent the morning bowling with Hall, who has been competing in the Professional Bowling Association (PBA) for 14 years. STEP, a program for middle and high school kids, focuses on academics as well as enrichment activities like the bowling camp.

Hall, ranked number one in the PBA Eastern Region, earned an exemption letting him compete in the 2010-11 National PBA Tour. He's only the second African-American to get a PBA Tour exemption. Since then, he's devoted his free time to inspiring kids to play the sport he loves.

"If I can inspire one, then I did my job," said Hall, a native of

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LABOR OF LOVE



Photo by Todd Luck
Carpenter John Robertson paints the roof on a farmhouse built 110 years ago by a former slave. To read about the effort to restore the house, see page A2.

THE ART OF FUNDRAISING

Popular poetry event to support mentoring program

BY LAYLA FARMER
THE CHRONICLE

A local organization is tapping into the talents of City of the Arts residents to further its cause of empowering young men.



Huntley

Since August 2009, Men of Action (MOA), a fledgling organization designed to empower boys in grades 3-12, has hosted a monthly jazz and poetry event, The Art of Change. Held at Diggs Gallery on the campus of Winston-Salem State University since the start of the



Submitted Photo

See MOA on A10 **Silent Poet onstage at a recent Art of Change event.**

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