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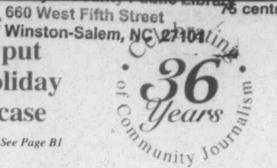


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Everleen Byrd with her daughter, Elwillie Jarrett.

## A Reason to Smile

Free dental clinic provides much-needed care for locals

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church opened its doors to a unique form of ministry last week.

Nearly 100 area residents received free dental care at the 10-chair dental clinic the large church hosted in its Fellowship Hall on Dec. 3 and Dec. 4. Patients, who

were prescheduled

by church volunteers. received everything from routine cavity fillings to extrac tions, partials and

crowns. Everleen Byrd was among the lucky patients on Friday.

"It's glorious," said the South Carolina native, who spent much of her adult life in the city as an R.J. Reynolds employee.

Byrd's daughter, Elwillie Jarrett, a member of United Metropolitan, said her mother, who lives in a nursing home, broke one of her teeth some time ago, but was unable to get it fixed because she lacks dental insurance.

"It's been bothering me ever since that tooth started breaking," Jarrett admitted.

The clinic was led by Dr. Keith Phillips and a team of local volunteers. Phillips, a Yadkinville resident, spent 22 years in private practice in Winston-Salem before leaving recently to accept a position with the VA

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## IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PRESIDENT



President Barack Obama speaks at Forsyth Technical Community College's West Campus on Monday. The president praised the school, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary, for its diverse educational offerings and for reeducating Americans for the new, global workforce. Read more about what President Obama had to say on page A3.

## Businessman relishes role as part-time Santa

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

Longtime city resident Learmond Hayes Jr. wears many hats.

The 54 year-old Balden County native is a father, a grandfather, a mentor and a

track and field coach. This time of year, Hayes dons another, rather distinctive cap, that of Santa Claus, a role he has played for the last three decades.

"I like working with the kids," he said. "Deep down inside, they're pretty honest. If you allow them, they'll definitely be themselves.'

Early next year, Hayes will take on yet another role: that of a business owner. In February, he will

officially open the doors of Hayes Transportation & Learmond Hayes plans to officially launch his com-Logistics. Hayes began pany next year. working to get the business off the ground last year when he was laid off from his job as a transportation man-

ager at Jostens after nearly 30 years of service. Hayes, who was once featured in "Transportation & Distribution," a nationally distributed magazine, said he took the layoff as a sign that it was time to become his own boss.

"I've been in transportation two-thirds of my life," he said. "That's primarily the only thing I've done.'

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BY TODD LUCK



"Santa Claus," Learmond Hayes, visits with a local youngster during at the WR Anderson Recreation Center last weekend.



Rabbi Michael Gisser lights a menorah on last Thursday as students watch.

THE CHRONICLE Wake Forest University held its first-ever public lighting of the menorah last week in cele-

bration of Hanukkah. Nightly lighting ceremonies were held on each of the eight nights of the Jewish holiday. beginning on Dec. 1. The last candle was lit last

The celebration of Hanukkah, which means "dedication," dates back to the second century. It commemorates the rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem after the Jewish Maccabees retook it from the forces of the Syrian Greek emperor Antiochus. To purify the desecrated temple, oil was burned in the temple's menorah.



Hillel President Elena Schacht places a See Hanukkah on A2 bulb into an electric menorah.

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