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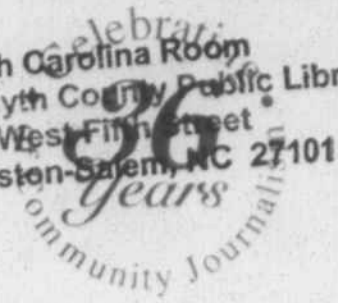
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New year brings new NAACP leadership

Attorney Patterson says he will bring new energy to local chapter

BY LAYLA FARMER
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The Winston-Salem Branch of the NAACP will be under new leadership at the start of the new year. S. Wayne Patterson, a local civil rights attorney and the branch's legal redress chair for the past four years, will take the helm at the Branch's first meeting in January.

Patterson beat out current president Jimmy Boyd in his bid for reelection. The local branch held elections last month, when members voted for president and several other executive offices. Boyd, 61, who led the organization for one term, said he will continue to work with the organization and that there are no hard feelings between the two.

"He's a very Christian brother whom I really love," Boyd said of Patterson, whom he has known since Patterson was a teen.

Patterson, 39, has been involved with the NAACP since joining the college chapter at his alma mater, UNC Charlotte. The father of four made a bid for the North Ward City Council seat in 2010, but was bested in the Democratic primary by the eventual winner, Council Member Denise "DD" Adams. As NAACP president, Patterson says one of his chief objectives will be to grow the branch's membership and reach.

"The NAACP is not just a black thing; it's a people thing. We are here for all races, genders and creeds," he said of the 101 year-old organization, which was founded by an interracial collaborative.

"...It's our goal to have the Winston-Salem Branch 1,000 strong. We're asking everybody (to join)."

Even in the Obama era, the work of the nation's oldest civil rights organization is far from done.

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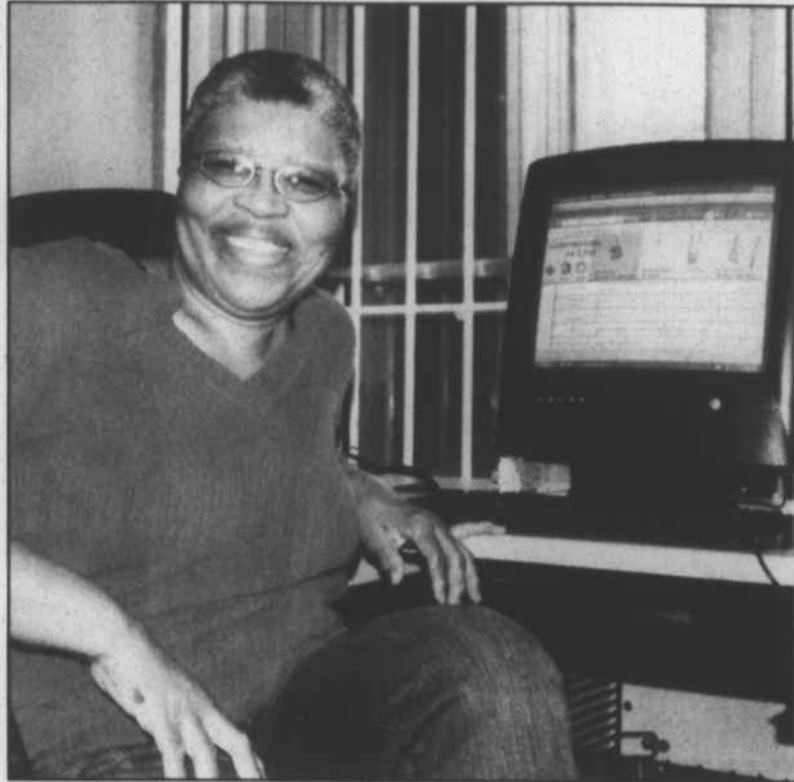
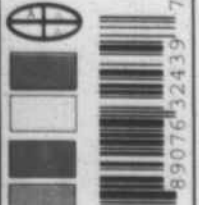
Three-year-old Jeremiah Simmons is all smiles during a parental involvement workshop last week at The Children's Museum of Winston-Salem. While his mother was busy attending sessions, Jeremiah got to explore the museum. See the full story about the workshop on page A2.

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Geraldine Garbutt hones her computer skills at the Urban League.

Never Too Old to Learn

Urban League program giving seniors computer know-how

BY LAYLA FARMER
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Not too long ago, Patricia Conrad says she was afraid of computers. Just the sound of the internal motor running made her nervous.

"I always wanted to learn about the computer but my fear of it was greater than my desire to learn," admitted the 58-year-old city native. "I would hear them talking about viruses and I was just so afraid I would cause one."

These days, it is hard to believe that Conrad had such a fear. Now, she can be found hap-

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IT'S A BIRD, IT'S A PLANE...

'Supermen' program promotes male involvement

BY LAYLA FARMER
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Sometimes being 'super' is as simple as showing up.

That is the premise behind "SuperMen," Family Services' Head Start's new male involvement program.

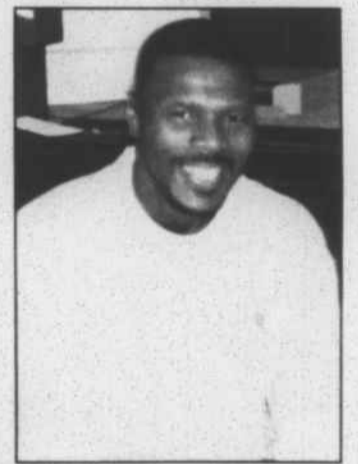
The program, which Head Start officially launched in November, is modeled after President Barack Obama's fatherhood initiative, and is open to all men who wish to bond with the children, not just fathers, said Program

Coordinator J. Stephanie Barnes.

"The core of it is to support the relationships between children and the men in their lives and to make early childcare centers such as ours more inviting and supportive of male involvement," said Barnes, who also serves as the disability and mental health manager for Head Start, which provides federally-funded care to 499 youngsters countywide.

"There are children in our program who do not have positive male influences and on any given day do not have positive interactions with

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Submitted Photos
Left: Khari Garvin, director of North Carolina Head Start's state collaboration office in Raleigh, encourages men to be strong in their roles as fathers and father figures during a recent SuperMen event.

Below: Dedicated father Anthony Sides has served as an inspiration to other men.

DARLING DIMPLES



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B-ball game used to raise AIDS awareness

BY LAYLA FARMER
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Employees of the Winston-Salem Police and Fire departments faced off on Dec. 4 in a fierce basketball competition designed to highlight World AIDS Day, which was observed a few days earlier on Dec. 1.

The score remained close for much of the game, as the two squads battled it out at the

William C. Sims Recreation Center in Happy Hill before a crowd of nearly 200. The Police Department eventually cap-

See AIDS on A9 The Police and Fire departments face-off.



Louis Nelson



Photos by Layla Farmer

