

# COMMUNITY

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## Community Calendar

### Robinson Family Concert

The Robinson Family (Carmen, Beverly and Ted) will hold a Christmas concert to benefit the scholarship endowment of Psi Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. The concert will be on Saturday, Dec. 18 at 4 p.m. at Grace Presbyterian Church, 3901 Carver School Rd. Becky Cumbo will be the guest soloist, and Jimmy Brown will be the guest musician.

### Calling all MEAC alums

Alumni of MEAC Schools are being asked to contact local residents Miriam McCarter at 336-744-9683 or Mable Stevenson at 336-721-0743 to learn about how they can participate in the planning of the 2011 MEAC Basketball Tournament, which will be played from March 7-12, 2011 in Winston-Salem.

### Atkins Hall of Fame applications

2011 Atkins High School Hall of Fame Inductee applications are available at Russell Funeral Home, 822 Carl Russell Ave., or by writing to Atkins High School Hall of Fame, P.O. Box 1072, Winston-Salem, NC 27102. You may also contact Rev. W. Cockerham at 336-829-8748 or any member of the the Atkins High School Hall of Fame Committee. The deadline for applications is Dec. 31.

### Pastors' Retreat cruise

Bishop James C. and Mrs. Joyce Hash, Senior Pastors of St. Peter's Church and World Outreach Center, will host a Pastors' Retreat at Sea from Oct. 22-29, 2011. The event is being billed as a time for pastors and their spouses to be refreshed, restored and rejuvenated. The cruise will visit St. Thomas, Virgin Islands; St. Maarten/St. Martin, Netherlands Antilles; and Nassau, Bahamas. The group will travel on "Oasis of the Seas," the largest ship for cruise passengers in the world. For additional information, contact Rainbow Enterprises at 336-972-4675 or email scwjrainbows61@aol.com.

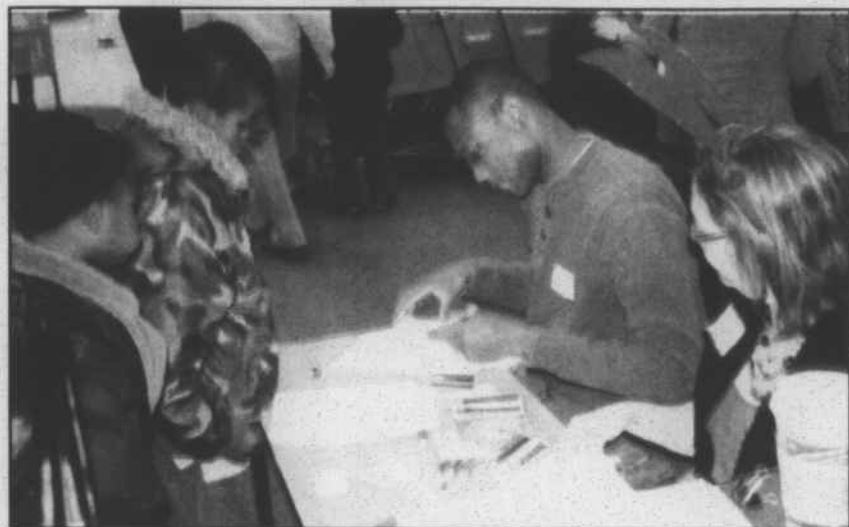
### Boy Scouts sought

In February 2011, Chosen Generation Center in Greensboro will begin its celebration of the anniversary of Boy Scouts of America and the "Faces of Scouting," with a kickoff reception on Feb. 6, 2011. Area churches with scouting troops will be on hand for the event, which will take place at the International Civil Rights Center and Museum, where the "Faces of Scouting" exhibit will be on display. Organizers are searching for African Americans who have earned the following: Eagle Scout Rank; Scoutmaster Merit Award; Distinguished Commissioner Award; Silver Beaver Award; Silver Antelope Award; Silver Buffalo Award; and/or the Wood Badge. For more information, email mailman.27260@yahoo.com.



Winston-Salem police officers pose with Target employees.

Photos by Todd Luck



Jaycees check-in kids for the Christmas Cheer project.



A child picks out a toy car while Officer Charles Olivo watches.

## SHOPPING FRENZY

Kids will have Christmas to remember thanks to generous efforts

BY TODD LUCK  
THE CHRONICLE

Dozens of local kids were treated to holiday shopping sprees on Saturday morning at the Target on University Parkway.

Target, in conjunction with the Winston-Salem Police Department, and the Winston-Salem Jaycees sponsored separate events that allowed kids to pick up items on their Christmas wish lists. Fifteen Winston-Salem Police Officers each escorted a child affiliated with Family Services, Inc. through the aisles of Target as the kids used \$100 gift cards.

The first-ever local "Shop with a Cop" event was funded by Target, which holds the event in 60 communities around the country. The mega-retailer is also the national sponsor of National Night Out, a well-known crime prevention event. Locally, Target partners with the Police Department for



Vashawn Dennis visits Santa Claus.

the Drug Free N.C. program. "Target focuses a lot on community, but then with events like this we're able to actually physically give

back in concrete ways," said Target University Manager Meredith Connell.

Just before the store opened at 8 a.m., police offi-

cers began pushing red Target shopping carts down the aisles, each led by the child they were paired with. The children were brought

in a van from Family Services, which offers a variety of local services, including childcare, family counseling and a shelter for domestic violence victims and their children. The media was asked not to name or show the faces of any of the Family Services children because many are involved in "sensitive" family situations.

For the children, Saturday's shopping excursion was as much about exploring the store and interacting with their new police officer friends as it was about shopping. Officer Ryan Hagan gave the young boy he was paired with a ride on his shopping cart as the two made their way to the register.

"I don't know too many kids who can say they went shopping for Christmas presents with a police officer one-on-one, so...I hope this will be something that they remember for a long

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Above: Target employees wrap gifts.

Right: Police Chief Scott Cunningham follows his young shopper.



Will Moody and Vashawn Dennis shop.



Volt gives a child a Dash hat and t-shirt.