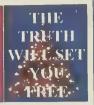


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A NEW PARTNERSHIP BRINGS **NEW OPPORTUNITIES**



Keith Grandberry and Larry Woods

(WINSTON-SALEM, NC) -

The Housing Authority of Winston-Salem and the Winston-Salem Urban League have partnered in an effort to increase employment opportunities for Housing Authority residents in Forsyth-County. The Quality of Life Employment Program was recently announced by Larry Woods, Chief Executive Officer of the Housing Authority, and Keith Grandberry, Chief Executive Officer of the Urban League, when the two signed a memorandum of understanding. The purpose of the program is to provide Housing Authority residents jobreadiness tools needed for gainful employment. The Urban League will provide the job-readiness training and job-placement services.

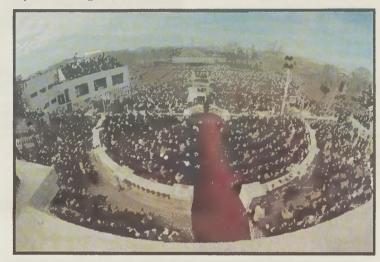
"This program will provide direct assistance in helping residents secure full-time, permanent employment," Woods said. "It will open doors for more comprehensive and holistic services for our residents, allowing them to transition smoothly into the mainstream of society."

Woods said the Housing Authority was entering the contractual agreement with the Urban League on a pay-for-performance scale.

Grandberry championed the collaboration. "I think this is great. It is something that's needed in our community, especially with the economy and the statewide unemployment rate being what they are," Grandberry said. "In the state of North Carolina, thirty percent of families are considered 'working poor.' This is an opportunity to make a difference in our community. We will offer employment training as well as financial literacy through a partnership with Bank of America." He said the general public also could take advantage of the services.

Inauguration Will Break All Records

By: Brett Zongker, Associated Press



WASHINGTON (AP) - Presidentelect Barack Obama's inauguration is expected to draw 1 million-plus to the capital, and already some lawmakers have stopped taking ticket requests and hotels have booked up.

Some people are bartering on Craigslist for places to stay for the Jan. 20 ceremony when the Illinois senator takes the oath of office. They are offering cash or even help with

dishes for residents willing to open up their homes.

The National Park Service, which is planning for an inaugural crowd of at least 1 million, will clear more viewing space along the Pennsylvania Avenue parade route. Jumbo TV screens will line the National Mall so people can watch the inauguration and parade, park service spokesman

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Upscale Child Care Center Opens On Union Cross

by John Raye

Parents in search of a quality child care center can consider their search over because an upscale, multi-million dollar, state-of-the-art, child care center has open for business on Union Cross Road in Kernersville.

The facility, Sugar and Spice Child Enrichment Center, Inc. located at 1414 Union Cross Road celebrated with an abundance of cheers and goodwill from family, friends and well pleased parents who welcome the new facility to the neighborhood.

Named after the famous nursery rhyme, Sugar and Spice is indeed, everything nice, definitely upscale and definitely first class, a vivid reflection of the style and ambience of its founders, Daryl and Chanthini



Photo Taken during Grand Opening of center

Built from the ground up with everything brand new, from a toddler's toilet seat to color-coordinated, outdoor playground equipment, Sugar and

Spice, more than anything else, is a child-centered facility with a heavy focus on education, training, safety and security.

It's next to impossible to miss the

9,000 square foot facility and spacious outdoor playground that stretches across three acres of land, about a mile up from the Dell manufacturing plant on Union Cross.

At first glance, it could be mistaken for an exclusive private school or an upscale retail outlet, with spacious and comfortable parking facilities and wellcared grounds.

Instead, it is a place that caters to all children, from birth to age twelve. It is on target to be one of the most

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