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Sharonda McMurray and Robert Banks were among hundreds who showed their patriotism at a ceremony Friday.



Capt. Linwood Baker of the city's Fire Department carries a flag during a memorial service last week.

Make-over of community is taking shape

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

Kimberly Park Terrace has joined a growing list of public housing projects throughout the nation. Its half-century-old bland brick walls and the cycles of poverty and neglect that were so prevalent within the community's boundaries are in the midst of being blown away by winds of change.

The Housing Authority of Winston-Salem took one big step forward last Friday in its goal to transform the area into an aesthetically appealing, eco-

nomically diverse neighborhood - complete with a variety of dwellings, from town houses to single-family homes.

"You will see things come out of the Housing Authority like you have never seen before," promised Ernie Pitt, the chairman of the HAW S Board of Commissioners. Pitt is also the publisher of The Chronicle.

HAW S officials held an outdoor ceremony to celebrate the first step in a new Kimberly Park - the demolition of the long-neglected units, more than

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Candidates gear up for primary

Incumbents, challengers plan last week blitz

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

Although confined to a wheelchair, Nelson Malloy is one of the most active members of the Board of Aldermen. He has become a constant at community events and forums during his three terms on the board. So his absence over the last few weeks has not gone unnoticed.

Malloy has just been released from the hospital for severe cramping in his arms. The condition could not have come at a worse time. Malloy will face political newcomer Darryl Wright in the Democratic primary Tuesday.

While other candidates have already spoken at numerous political functions, Malloy has been unable to do much campaigning at all.

"Hopefully, people can depend on my record," said Malloy, who says he is on the road to recovery.

Although Malloy has name recognition and more political experience than his challenger, he says he is taking nothing for granted. He cited many examples from local government history where underdogs beat incumbents.

"I will have people at the polls, and we are going to be passing out cam-

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'Up From the Ashes'

Terrorist attacks unite locals in prayer, outreach

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

Red, white and blue were the unanimous colors of choice of downtown city workers last Friday as they gathered outside of R.J. Reynolds on Main Street to take comfort in one another and to pray for their countrymen and countrywomen hundreds of miles away.

The crowd grew to hundreds during the lunchtime ceremony. Many found solace in the words of songs such as "Amazing Grace" and the spiritual tone of the ceremony, one of many held across the country Friday to honor those who died in terrorist attacks in Washington and New York City.

"I felt like it has happened here because it's family. It may not be my family but it's somebody's family," said Claudette Gethers-Boyd, a local woman who attended one of the area church services last week. "I am in sympathy with the families, the president and leaders all over the world...I think praying always helps."

Like big cities and small towns throughout the United

States, Winston-Salem has not sat back idly during the last week. From the time hijacked jetliners slammed into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on Sept. 11, locals have found it in them to displace their shock and anger and move into action.

"My Senate office was practically flooded with calls (Sept. 11) from concerned North Carolinians, people who wanted to give blood, to donate clothes and blankets, to open their hearts in this time of solidarity and need," said Sen. John Edwards last week on the floor of the U.S. Senate.

Monday, RJR announced that

it will make a \$1 million donation to assist families of the victims. The money will be equally divided between the American Red Cross Disaster Fund and a United Way fund that has been set up specifically to help victims of the attacks.

"We hope that in some small way our donation will assist the families of the victims of last week's tragedies," said Andrew J. Schindler, chairman and CEO of RJR. "They have continued to be in our thoughts and prayers."

Local branches of the American Red Cross are still trying to cope with the massive response to a request for blood donations to

help the injured. Locals also have opened their wallets to help, according to Red Cross officials. Several agencies and area churches also have begun collection drives for supplies needed by the targeted areas. Materials such as steel-toed boots, eye drops and bottled water are greatly needed. Kerwin Baptist Church is trying to fill an 18-wheeler trailer outside of its Kernersville building within the next two weeks so that the supplies can be driven north.

Forsyth React, a county agency, also is trying to fill an 18-wheeler with supplies. "A lot of people have been bringing supplies with tears in their eyes," one member of Forsyth React said. "They are saying that they wish they could (do) more."

While organizations are springing up daily, claiming to help victims of the attack, the Better Business Bureau is urging local residents to be cautious of the groups they contribute to.

Some of the appeals may be fraudulent, the group says.

"Time is critical in responding to the needs of victims and their

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Minister Donna Maree prays for victims of the terrorist attacks.

Parents can help kids cope with attacks

BY PAUL COLLINS THE CHRONICLE

How should parents talk with their children about the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, which apparently killed thousands of Americans, and about the possibility that the United States may go to war?

Andy Hagler, executive director of the Mental Health Association in Forsyth County, said it's important for parents to remember that children, from preschool children on up to adolescents, have little or no experience to help them deal with their current feelings about the disaster or to put things into perspective. "Children ... are going to sense tension and anxiety in adults around them," Hagler said. "Like adults, they are going to have the same feelings any disaster brings about."

For a lot of children, the Sept. 11 disaster will be "the end of their innocence," Hagler said. "As adults, some of us can think back to 'the end of our innocence.'" For some, it was the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. For others it was the Cuban Missile Crisis and the threat of nuclear war, or the Vietnam War and the assassinations of Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr., or the Challenger explosion. More recently, the Columbine shootings brought "the end of innocence" for some people, Hagler said.

"Always there are periods or markers (that) we as

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Barbara Richardson cries at a memorial for victims of the World Trade Center disaster Sept. 14 in New York's Union Square Park.

Lap of Luxury



Senior citizens enjoy a limo ride courtesy of Union Baptist Church. For full story see page C1.

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