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"Power concedes nothing without a struggle." — Frederick Douglass

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McKellar's Mother to Sue City

▲ Witnesses for both sides being deposed by attorneys

By SHERIDAN HILL
Special to the Chronicle

Ether May Epps has retained civil rights attorney James E. Ferguson to represent her in a civil suit against the city of Winston-Salem stemming from the death of her daughter, Sheila Epps McKellar. McKellar, 33, died in a holding cell in the

Pepper Spray Now Used In Difficult Arrests

By SHERIDAN HILL
Special to the Chronicle

When Sheila McKellar died in a holding cell in the Hall of Justice July 20, 1992, her hands and feet had been

cuffed, she was gagged with gauze, and placed face-down on the floor. Asked if that could happen today, Capt. B. L. Jones of the Winston-Salem Police

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Hall of Justice on July 20, 1992, 26 hours after police officers arrested her at an apartment complex on New Walkertown Road. Dr. Donald R. Jason, a medical examiner at Baptist Hospital, and Dr. Page Hudson, a former state medical examiner, both ruled separately that her

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Sheila Epps McKellar

Head Start: Wind Beneath Young Wings

▲ Teachers, staff excited about program and new home.

By VERONICA CLEMONS
Chronicle staff writer

Barbara King said all her life she wanted to work with young children. She was 45 when her dream finally came true.

After working industrial jobs and being a homemaker for about five years, King became a volunteer for Head Start at Skyland School. Within six months she became a substitute and eventually became a Teacher's Aide. Then it was on to meet the qualifications for being a Head Start teacher.

"Things really worked out well for me," she said. "And that was just one of my dreams. King added that her future plans include earning an Associate's degree and opening her own daycare.

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HAG Program Cited for Lack of Inclusiveness

By VERONICA CLEMONS
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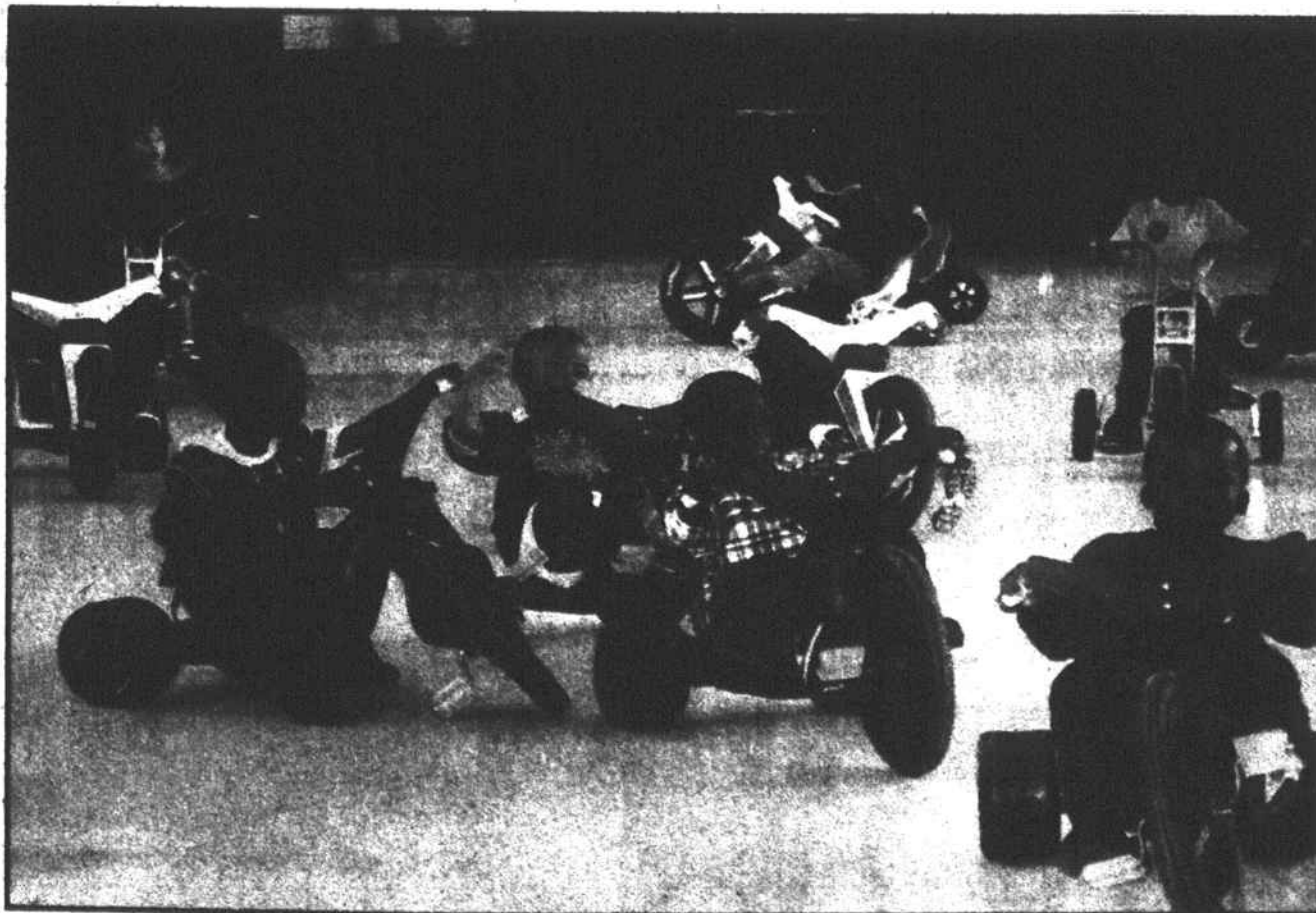
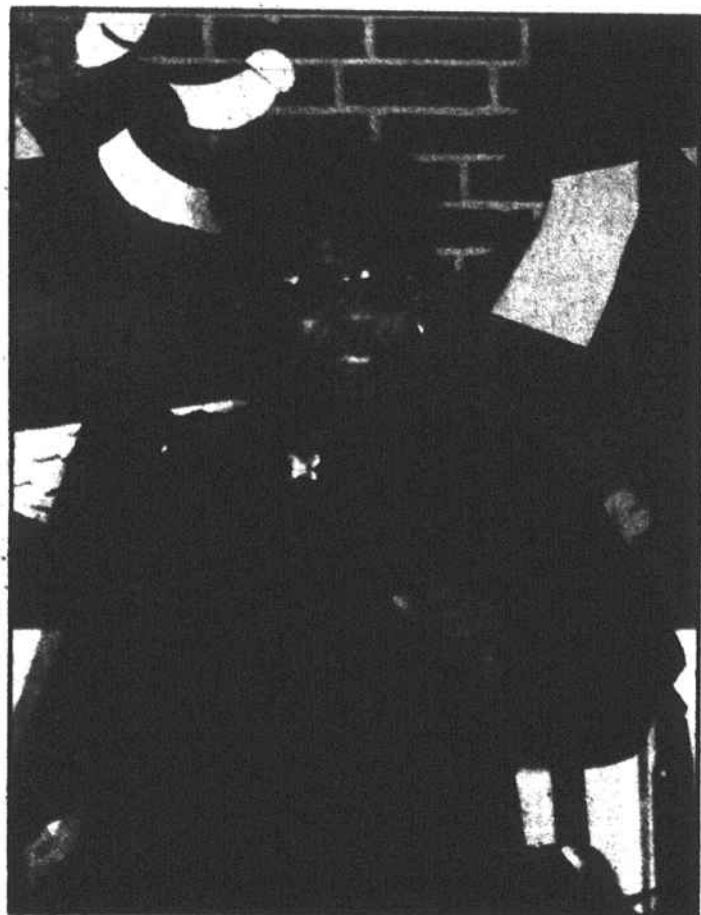
School board members Walter Marshall and Geneva Brown told administrative staff that the Highly Academically Gifted Program needs to be more inclusive of black students.

Both said at the board meeting on Tuesday that the issue of inclusiveness should be carefully looked at as the board is deciding the future home of the program.

The locally controlled program is currently serving about 433 students. Only 12 of those students are black. Six are Hispanic and 17 are Asian. The remaining 368 students are white.

Because of space constraints, HAG students from Cook Middle will be moving to Hanes and those from Wiley will be moving to Kennedy. But

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First Black United Methodist Bishop in S.C. Found Dead

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Bishop Joseph Bethea, spiritual and administrative leader of South Carolina's 245,000 United Methodists, was found dead at his home Sunday. He was 62.

Bethea, the state's first black bishop, apparently died of a heart attack, Richland County Coroner Frank Barron told WIS-TV in Columbia. Bethea had a history of heart problems, Barron said.

Funeral arrangements, handled by Palmer Memorial Chapel, are set for 2 p.m. today at Shandon United Methodist Church in Columbia and at 1 p.m. on Friday at Centenary United

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Low Bidders Don't Satisfy M/WBE Good Faith Efforts



Leonard Simpson of Johnson's Modern Electric Co., Inc. explains to M/WBE members about his efforts to include minority suppliers.

By VERONICA CLEMONS
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Two companies vying for work on the M.C. Benton Convention Center did not make good faith efforts to include minority businesses.

Therefore, the Minority/women Business Enterprise will not recommend to the Board of Alderman that they be given the job, although they were low bidders.

The group did decide, however, to recommend that the third lowest bidder, Wishon and Carter, made the good faith efforts.

M/WBE has several criteria it uses to determine if a company has made good faith efforts in using minority businesses.

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