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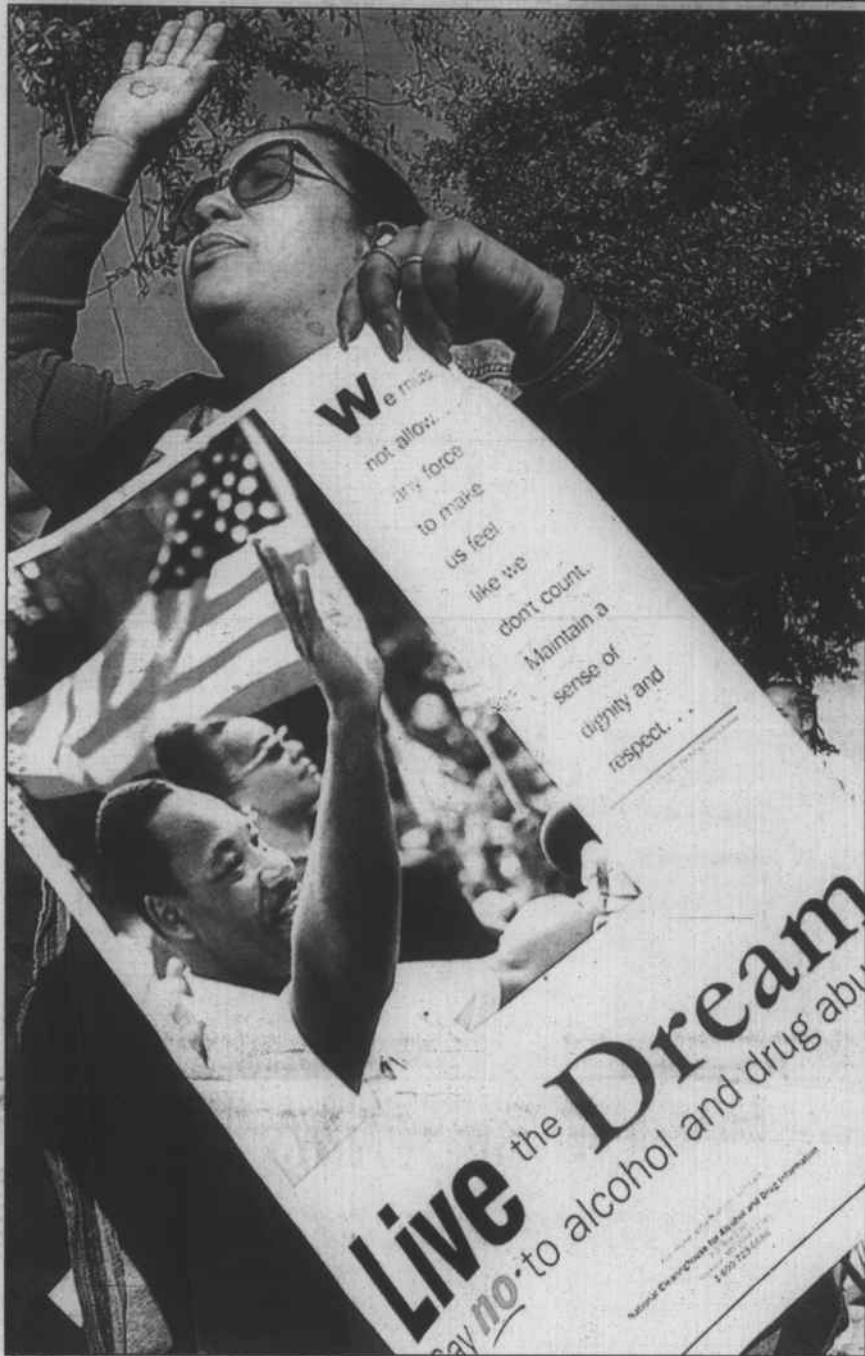
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A woman holds a poster of Martin Luther King Jr at a rally in Florida on MLK Day in 2001. KRT photo by Mike Ewen

City prepares to honor King

Slate of activities to honor slain leader will stretch throughout the day

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
THE CHRONICLE

Those looking for a way to celebrate the work and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. won't have long to look. Starting this evening and into Monday, the day designated the MLK holiday, events throughout the area will promote various aspects of King's dream of racial equality and oneness.

For the third year The Chronicle is hosting a Martin Luther King Jr. Prayer Breakfast. The event will begin at 7:30 a.m. at the Anderson Center on the campus of Winston-Salem State University.

Chronicle Publisher Ernie Pitt conceived the event as a way to bring together the city's diverse population to ponder topics that King believed in, topics such as faith, love and peace.

"The Martin Luther King Jr. Prayer Breakfast is an attempt to articulate the values that Martin Luther King Jr. promoted," Pitt said. "He was not a separatist. He wanted to try to bring the communities together, and that is what we are trying to do."

A racially eclectic group of speakers is expected to address an audience of more

than 400. Speakers will include Mayor Allen Joines; Miriam Hernandez, the head of the Hispanic International Action Center; Rev. Sheldon McCarter, pastor of Greater Cleveland Avenue Christian Church; and Andrea Falden, a senior at Salem College. National Black Theatre Festival founder Larry Leon Hamlin will deliver King's "I Have a Dream" speech.

The breakfast is free and open to the public, but space is limited. To see if space is left, call 723-8428.

An MLK breakfast will also be held at Mt. Zion Baptist Church at 8 a.m. The breakfast will be held before hundreds of people assemble at the church for the annual march to the Benton Convention Center. The march has become a tradition, drawing people of all races who symbolically walk up Martin Luther King Drive and down Fifth Street into the heart of the city. The marchers usually sing protest songs and spirituals as they walk. The walkers will begin to assemble around 10 a.m.

The march is complete in time for walkers to catch the annual MLK Noon Hour Commemoration at the Benton Convention Center. The event is sponsored by Triple A radio, the Winston-Salem Chapter of the NAACP and the city's Human Relations Commission. Triple A owner Mütter Evans founded the noontime program 24 years ago. She says the event has



Alexander

Principal hired for ambitious academy

New school to prepare African-American students for college

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD
THE CHRONICLE

Dennis Walker believes that the Winston-Salem Preparatory Academy will be able to compete with area high schools once it opens in the fall. Walker, who was recently named principal of the new college prep school, says prospective students can look forward to a small community atmosphere in the classroom.

"I'm excited. This will be a new experience for me in terms of starting a new program that I think will be beneficial to many students. I look forward to the challenge, and I know there's going to be a challenge ahead of me...I think my program will be able to stand up to the rest of the high school programs as well," said Walker, who most recently worked with the N.C. Department of Public Instruction. He has also worked in school systems around the state, including Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools as principal of Albemarle Mid-



Walker

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G'boro leader: Truth project could help in Hunt aftermath

Current community-led effort is looking at '79 Klan shootings

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
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A member of the groundbreaking Greensboro Truth and Community Reconciliation Project says that the residents of Winston-Salem may be well served with a similar kind of community-driven project to seek answers in the Darryl Hunt case.

"Any process that expands the community dialogue is always helpful," said Ed Whitfield, a co-chairman of the Greensboro Peace Coalition and a participant in the Greensboro Truth and Community Reconciliation Project. "People need to seek to learn lessons from that. The injustice that happened to Darryl Hunt was certainly not the first time, and if we don't change things it won't be a last time, and it is an absolute travesty of justice."

The project has been formed to examine every nook and cranny of the 1979 shootings by members of the Ku Klux Klan and Amer-

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Color of Love



Photo by Courtney Gaillard

Jeff and Heather Morgan hold up their 11-month-old son, Noah. The couple says Noah has brought new joy to their lives. They adopted Noah, who is biracial. There are many black and biracial children waiting to be adopted. The number is so large that many agencies have endorsed a color-blind adoption policy, which advocates letting qualified parents adopt children regardless of race. Read more about the Morgans on A10.

EWPS vows to continue fight

School loses latest appeal

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

The chairman of the East Winston Primary School board said he was not surprised that an appeals panel approved a decision to revoke the school's charter. The school's lawyer planned this week to pursue another appeal and to fight the state from completely cutting the school's public funding.

School supporters made the trip to Raleigh last week to attend the appeal's hearing, during which the state's Office of Charter Schools, which first made the recom-

mendation that EWPS be closed, and the EWPS officials got a chance to be heard.

EWPS board chair Mikal Mufammad said the time the appeals panel allotted for the hearing was insufficient. Mufammad said several people who wanted to speak were not given time to. The school's former director, Jimmie Bonham, whose use of school funds first piqued the interest of the state, was allowed to talk.

"Mr. Bonham was only able to get out a quarter of what he wanted to say," Mufammad said. "There was a great deal of information that he was not allowed to get to."

Bonham did get a chance to tell the panel that he often went into his own pocket to cover school expenses. Bonham said he even refinanced his house to keep the school's doors open at one point.

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