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Event marks end of slavery

Association awards three scholarships

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
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It has been 150 years since the chains of enslavement confined blacks in this country. But slavery still exists today for many blacks, a prominent local



Fails
addresses and go along to get along

"What has happened to the late, great black man?" the Rev. William Stephen Fails asked a packed sanctuary Saturday at Grace Presbyterian Church. Ironically, Fails' thoughts on this modern-day slavery were delivered at the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Emancipation Association's annual celebration marking the day (Jan. 1, 1863) that President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation went into law. The historic document that helped end slavery.

A self-proclaimed "militant black man," Fails - the pastor of First United Baptist Church in High Point - delivered his words with the passion of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and fervor of Malcolm X. He premised his remarks on King's famous "I Have a Dream" vision, telling the crowd that blacks have become so self-absorbed and detached from the struggles of the past that King's dream has become a nightmare.

Blacks should "get up off of our seats of do-nothing" and not be afraid to rock the boat a little.

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Hip trouble has slowed down the busy Larry Womble.

State representatives recover from ailments

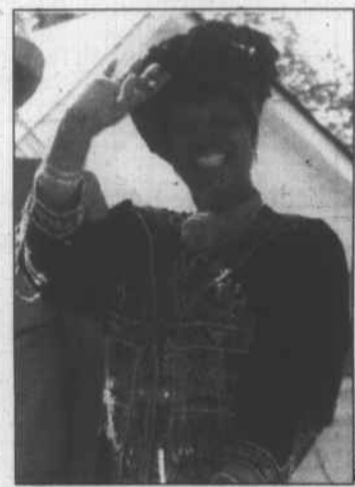
Parmon, Womble expected back in Raleigh later this month

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD
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State Reps. Larry Womble and Earline Parmon are on the mend after both elected officials underwent surgical procedures over the holidays. Womble and Parmon say they are both appreciative of their families, friends and constituents for their care and concern during their down time.

Womble is recuperating at home after having exploratory surgery on his hip just a few weeks ago. Doctors wanted to determine why he's been experiencing pain in his hip over the last month. Womble wasn't released from the hospital until after Christmas, but he was surrounded by family and friends. He's grateful for the outpouring of cards, phone calls and well wishes from so many people, which he says has helped to sustain him tremendously.

"I was in (the hospital) the entire time. I came home after the holidays," said Womble, who has been using a walker to get around since having the surgery. "They wanted to find out



Earline Parmon is set to start her second term in the House.

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SOMETHING TO SING ABOUT



Joseph Anderson performs with other members of The Healing Force at a Kwanzaa celebration at the Carver School Road Library. Anderson, his wife and two children make up The Healing Force. The group performs songs and skits that celebrate African culture and traditions. For more on Kwanzaa, see page C1.

Hamlin: Black arts council possible

Arts summit next week will address concerns of locals

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
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Larry Leon Hamlin says that local black arts organizations should follow the lead of local black businesses and create their own arts council. More than two years ago, black business owners - disillusioned by a perceived lack of respect from the Greater Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce - formed the Winston-Salem Black Chamber of Commerce.



Hamlin

"I have been pushed to think about (a black arts council)," Hamlin said. "And it can happen. The black chamber is proof of that."

The N.C. Black Repertory Company, which Hamlin founded, has been a funded member of the Arts Council of Winston-Salem/Forsyth County since 1984. Equity has always been an issue, Hamlin said. He says of the more than \$1 million the council doles out each year, only a very small percentage goes to African-American artists and arts organizations. Hamlin's Black Repertory Company got about \$56,000 from the council last year.

Of the Art Council's 13

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Teenagers charge cops with racial stereotyping

Police Chief Pat Norris meets with residents over Dec. 15 incident

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
THE CHRONICLE

What a difference a day makes.

On Dec. 15 Wyvern Anthony says her twin sons woke up the kind of young men that she had spent 18 years raising them to be.

Devin and Keyin Anthony had never had a run-in with the law - quite a feat for

any young black man these days - and the two were ambitious freshmen at N.C. A&T State University, recently home for the Christmas break.

But by the time the Anthony twins went to bed that night, they knew what it felt like inside of a jail cell and, according to their mother, had been branded common thugs



Devin Anthony

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Police Chief Pat Norris addresses a concern of a parent at last week's dialogue. Sitting next to her is Capt. Otis Belton.



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