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Mo Lucas

Four get MLK awards

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The work and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. took center stage Monday. But the work of others shared some of that spotlight.



A woman waves to a family member as she walks in the MLK march.



Rev. Micheal Williams speaks at the breakfast.



Nikki Evans of Soul Purposed performs at the noon-hour service at the convention center.

King Day personal for many locals

Events to honor slain leader bring out hundreds

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
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When Vickie Lindsay was a little girl, she did not give much thought to the fact that there were some places that little white girls could go where she would not be welcomed.

"What stands out in mind is that there was a segregated fair," said the city native. "There was one for the whites and one for us."

Lindsay said as she grew a little older, she began to feel the sting of segregation. She noticed that many of the facilities designated for blacks were not up to par with white facilities. Even the fair that she loved so much paled in comparison with the white one.

"They had more rides than we did, and it was a bigger event," she

recalled.

Those memories and the pain they still invoke today, push Lindsay each year to do something to honor the man whom she credits with helping to eliminate Jim Crow laws in Winston-Salem and throughout the nation.

"Martin Luther King Jr. made it possible for all of us to go to the

fair together," she said. "He made it possible for us to progress to this point."

Lindsay paid her respects to King by braving cold temperatures and bone-chilling winds to march in the annual walk from Mt. Zion Baptist Church to the

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Joines

ration. The annual event, sponsored by WAAA/Triple A, the NAACP and the Winston-Salem Human Relations Commission, was held at M.C. Benton Convention Center before a crowd of several hundred.

Mayor Allen Joines, state Rep. Larry Womble, professor and activist Larry Little, and Mo Lucas, the father of the East Winston YMCA, were given Dare to Dream awards during the program, which also featured musical performances by the gospel group Soul Purposed and a keynote address by the Rev. Serenus Churn, pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

The awards are designed to honor local folks with Kingesque qualities, said Mutter Evans, founder of the Noon Hour Commemoration and

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Local Masons take their traditional place on the front row at the noon-hour service.



Shakyla Glenn uses a scarf and a teddy bear to keep warm.

Harold Kennedy remembered for making inroads

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
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Harold Kennedy Jr. is being remembered this week for shattering glass ceilings and building bridges.



Kennedy

Kennedy, the matriarch of a local legal family, died Saturday, apparently of a heart attack. He did much in his 78 years of life. He was a noted lawyer, a state representative, a cheerleader for the Democratic Party and an all-around community servant.

"He will be greatly missed," said City Council Member Joycelyn Johnson, who recalled working with Kennedy when he was a local precinct leader. "You cannot replace that kind of person."

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DEFYING GRAVITY



Michael Sweeney performs a popular stunt on his skateboard. Local skateboarders may be getting a skate park. See page A12 for story.

Photo by Kevin Walker

PUSHIN' ON

Renowned singer, bishop keeping the faith as he battles health problems

BY FELECIA P. MCMILLAN, PH.D.
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Bishop John Heath believes that through faith nothing is impossible. It is with this faith that he contributes much to the local community and other states despite his battle with kidney disease.

Heath, 47, has served as the pastor of Higher Ground Deliverance Tabernacle Inc. for 12 years, a performer for the N.C. Black Repertory Company for more than 20 years, and a recording artist for eight years.

He and his wife of 25 years, Janice Oglesby Heath, have one daughter, Bethany Heath, 23. His daughter is a music education major at Winston-Salem State University.



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