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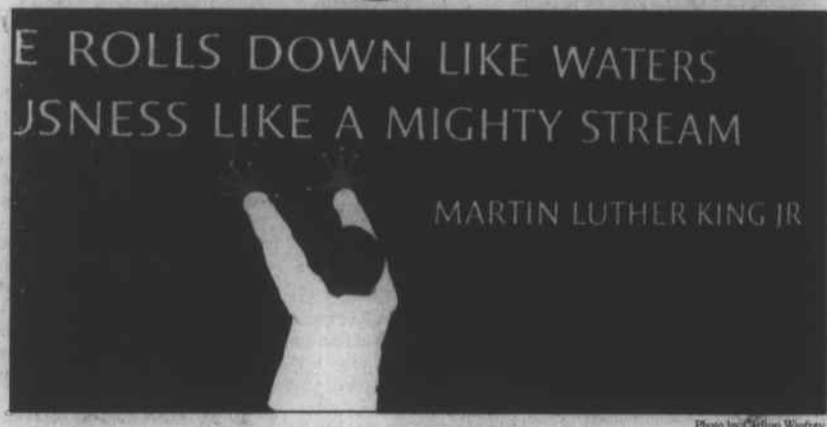
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Dr. King's dream to be recalled



A young boy feels the cool water rolling over the granite memorial to Martin Luther King Jr. at the Southern Poverty Law Center in Montgomery, Ala. The memorial was designed by Maya Lin.

THE ROLLING DOWN LIKE WATERS
THE SWEETNESS LIKE A MIGHTY STREAM
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Several events planned in the Triad

BY SANDRA ISLEY
THE CHRONICLE

A number of events and activities are slated for next week to observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Several of the events are listed below.

The N.C. Black Repertory Company will hold its annual MLK Jr. Birthday Celebration on Sunday at 4 p.m. The event will take place at the N.C. Arts Council Theatre, 610 Coliseum Drive. The celebration has taken place for the past 21 years. A donation of two nonperish-

able food items is requested per ticket. Reservations are required. For info, call 723-2266.

The Chronicle will present its fifth annual Martin Luther King Jr. Prayer Breakfast, Bringing Us Together As One, on Monday from 7:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. in South Hall at the M.C. Benton Convention Center. Guest speakers for that day will be the Rev. Donald Jenkins of St. Paul United Methodist Church and the Rev. Dr. Sir Walter Mack of Union Baptist



Bernice King

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Urban League has new director

Keith Grandberry follows D Wylie

BY TODD LUCK
THE CHRONICLE

The Winston-Salem Urban League Board of Directors announced Wednesday that Keith Grandberry will succeed Delores "D" Wylie as the Urban League's president and CEO.

The board of directors has been searching for a replacement for Wylie since April, when she announced her plans for retirement after leading the organization for 16 years.

Grandberry said in a news release:

"I'm very excited about starting a new era at the Winston-Salem Urban League. I'm looking forward to working with the current leadership and building an organization that serves the entire community."

Grandberry has extensive experience with fund-raising and building community relations in various organizations.

RaVonda Dalton-Rann, vice chair of the Urban League board, said: "We are fortunate to have someone of this caliber at the helm of the Winston-Salem Urban League. I'm pleased that Mr. Grandberry has joined us and looking forward to an exciting year."

As the Urban League's president and CEO, Grandberry will be responsible for day-to-day operations and maintaining the organization's fiscal integrity.

He was chosen after a nationwide search that yielded around 15 to 20 candidates, according to Dalton-Rann. About five or seven candidates were interviewed over the phone. She said Grandberry's fund-raising skills and experience with the Urban League set



Wylie

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Church does its part to end homelessness

Goler's job training program is in its infancy

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
THE CHRONICLE

Man can't live by bread alone.

That's what came to the Rev. Seth O. Lartey's mind when he thought about expanding his church's offerings to the city's homeless population. For several years, Lartey's Goler Memorial AME Zion Church has offered a feeding program to residents of local shelters that provides hot meals twice a week. The church now wants to do more.

The first few people are now taking part in the Goler Workers Task Force program. As part of the program, residents of local homeless shelters have been hired by Barkas Concrete and Construction to do



Lartey

work related to the massive, multimillion renovation of Goler Heights, which was the heart of African-American business and commerce before it fell into disrepair in the 1960s and '70s. Goler Memorial sits in the heart of Goler Heights, and a community development corporation started by the church is spearheading the revitalization.

"All we are doing is providing them with an opportunity to work," said Lartey. The five men already in the program did not need training. Fred Phifer, owner of Barkas, said the public would be surprised to know that many homeless people possess skills in carpentry, bricklaying and other construction trades.

"It would be a crying shame not to have these skilled laborers participate in the redevelopment (of Goler Heights)," said Phifer, who emphasized that the men in the program are paid competitive wages.

Phifer and Lartey say that often homeless people are taken advantage of because of their skills. Lartey has heard stories of some of them working daylong shifts for contractors and receiving only a few dollars pay.

Plans are also in the works to move the program participants out of shelters and into a house that is currently being renovated. Lartey says participants will be allowed to live in the house for several months while they save money for places of their own; participants are also asked to invest a small amount of their earnings back into the program, which Lartey hopes one day can help hundreds of people.

For now, only five people at a time will benefit from the Goler Workers Task Force program. New participants will be brought in once current ones have earned enough money to get themselves situated.

Phifer, who is also a trustee at Goler Memorial, is trying to get other contractors involved and looking to recruit companies and individuals who need services that the program participants can provide.

"All of us can fall down the same road that these men fell down. All they need now is an

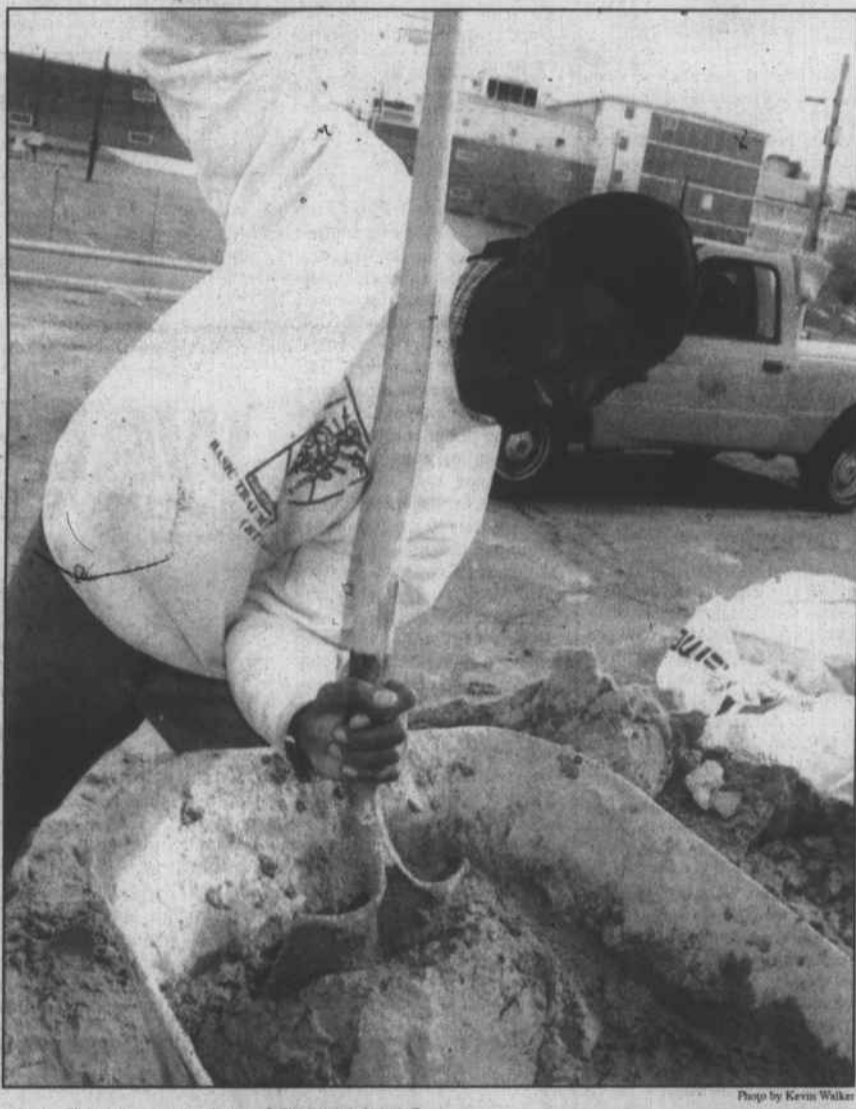


Photo by Kevin Walker

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Antonio Taste mixes cement last week for a retaining wall.

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SELLING SCHOOLS

System pushes missions of magnet program

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
THE CHRONICLE

Even before Darrell and Cora Sydnor moved to Winston-Salem, they began conducting research on the schools here. Their research continued Sunday at Hanes Mall, where the school system's 12 magnet programs showcased the educational pluses of their curriculums to a steady stream of parents and students.

"If you want to get the best education for your child, you really have to do your homework," said Cora Sydnor, whose family recently left Montana to relocate here.

Sunday's Magnet School Fair provided parents like the Sydners with all the information they needed to pick the right program for their children. Teachers, principals and curriculum



Piggott

coordinators manned colorful display booths depicting aspects of the various programs. Representatives from each magnet program spent hours answering questions, handing out pamphlets and collecting applications (the early enrollment period for magnet schools began Jan. 8 and will end Jan. 31).

Although the popularity of magnet programs is on the rise, officials said, selling the various programs to students and their parents is essential.

"All these people are out shopping for the right program," said Dan Piggott, the principal of Atkins Academic and Technology High School. The new multimillion dollar Atkins opened last August and is one of the school

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Photo by Kevin Walker

Randy Fulton, the principal of Mineral Springs Middle School, one of the newest magnet schools, tries to sell a young girl on his school's arts and leadership program.

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