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HAWS tries to write new chapters

New homes coming to former Kimberly Park

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
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Even more change is coming to the area once known as the Kimberly Park housing projects.

In the months to come, 82 single-family homes will sprout in the new Glenn Oaks community, which has taken on the look and feel of a downtown suburb thanks to a multi-million dollar HOPE VI revitalization that has been ongoing for the past six years.

The Commissioners of the Housing Authority of Winston-Salem have selected Greensboro-based Sandra Anderson Builders and Habitat for Humanity of

Forsyth County to construct and manage the sale of the homes. Sandra Anderson Builders, owned and operated by newly-elected Greensboro City Council Member Sandra Anderson Groat, will be responsible for 76 of the homes; Habitat will handle the remaining six.

HAWS officials made the announcement last Thursday during a reception at the central office in the former Kimberly Park. Fulton Meachem Jr., the interim executive director of the Housing Authority, reminded the crowd what the community was like just a few short years ago.



Meachem

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Service earns alumna award

BY TODD LUCK
THE CHRONICLE

Forsyth Technical Community College recently honored a globe-trotting graduate with its 2006 Distinguished Alumni Award.

Elizabeth Pack was honored for her volunteerism, which has taken her all over the world. She graduated from Forsyth Tech in the early 1990's with an associate degree in administration, marketing and retailing; she is currently an advisor for an adult education program at Gardner-Webb University.

She has taken several missionary trips with various churches. Missionary work has taken her everywhere from Eastern North Carolina, after Hurricane Floyd, to Honduras. Most recently she went to the tsunami-devastated island of Sumatra in Eastern Asia.

Pack said that her trips to help people have affected her deeply. "It changed my life forever. I'm ready to go somewhere else now. It's like a bug bites you and you just have to keep doing it," she said.

It was March of last year when Pack went to the village of Suwak Temah in Sumatra.

A few months earlier, the now infamous tsunami had decimated South East Asia. Though cleanup efforts had begun, there was still massive amounts of debris when Pack arrived.

Pack described the devastation of this once vacation destination as being so total that out of nearly 100 structures there, none were left standing. Where once great hotels stood, only foundations remained. The inhabitants of the island were living in tents provided by the international community.

The team of volunteers she was a part of, cleared rubble, which she described as "hot, sweaty work." In the week they were there, they cleaned out the debris that was clogging 40 wells in the village. She said wells are



Pack

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Photos by Kevin Walker

Earl Branble looks over plans for the single-family homes that will be built in the former Kimberly Park. In the background are Kelly Trexler and Kristen Short, the daughters of builder Sandra Anderson Groat.



Legal eagles flying higher through union

Black-owned Atlanta firm and powerhouse Womble Carlyle form unique partnership

BY JAESON TIT
THE CHRONICLE

There are not many minority-owned law firms whose client list is made up almost exclusively of big business and corporate clients. Atlanta-based Molden Holley Fergusson Thompson & Heard is one of the very few.

"Just because you want your own firm, doesn't mean you have to take on personal injury cases or criminal defense, not to disparage that at all, but that's what you (usually) see", said Oni Holley, who along with Regina Molden, started the firm a little more than a year ago.

The firm wasted no time before entering into a partnership with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, one of the nation's foremost law firms with offices in Winston-Salem and throughout the Southeast. The local Womble Carlyle office welcomed Holley and Molden to Winston-Salem earlier this month.

Under the deal, the firms remain separate entities. They will share client work, consult

with each other about the individual needs of clients and work jointly to secure new clients.

"We get to continue to do what we did before, and we have been all over with Womble lawyers, introducing our alliance team to businesses," said Molden.

"They (Womble) have really been on the forefront of diversity, and we were right away interested in forming the partnership."

Womble Carlyle, which was founded in Winston-Salem more than 125 years ago, has been highly praised for its racial inclusion efforts. In addition to its broad in-house minority recruitment retention programs, Womble Carlyle offers a popular scholarship internship program for minority students at law schools throughout the Carolinas, Virginia, Georgia and Washington, D.C.

"In order to solve legal problems in today's world - today's world being defined as a very diverse community - we need people from all kinds of backgrounds and perspectives bring-



Vaughn

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Oni Holley, seated, and Regina Molden pose in Womble Carlyle's Fourth Street offices.

Photo by Jaeson Pitt

LIGHTS, CAMERA, DISASTER

Local firefighters, others take part in training video

BY TODD LUCK
THE CHRONICLE

A fire truck with lights flashing and sirens screaming pulls up to Forsyth Technical Community College's Woodruff Center. Two firefighters get out and tell everyone milling around outside that there's an emergency situation and to get inside of the building immediately. The bystanders do so, but within a few minutes, they're back outside and not because the emergency's over. There really was none. Director Gordon Massingham stopped the action because he wanted another take.

This was the scene last Thursday as a film crew from the Emergency Film Group grew close to completing a training



Firefighters Charlie Croy and Engineer Marvin James.

movie about taking protective actions dur-

ing disasters. The film group shot the movie in the area for four days last week, using extras hired through a talent agency and personnel from city and county agencies to demonstrate the proper emergency evacuation and sheltering procedures.

According to Massingham, the training movie will be about 30 minutes long. The film will be part of a training program that will include other materials such as a book and testing materials. The material will be used mainly by firefighters, police officers and emergency management personnel. The title of the training program will be "Protective Actions: Evacuation Sheltering-in-Place."

The Emergency Film Group has been making training videos for nearly 20 years

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CHEEEEESE!



Photo by Kevin Walker

Five-year-old Jaden Sutton strikes a pose for the camera during the recent Juneteenth Festival. Holding the child is his grandma, noted community activist Linda Sutton.

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