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Local

Panthers

get equal

treatment

After opening show that

ignored local party, SECCA

will feature city's trailblazing

Black Panthers

Last month, when the Southeastern

Center for Contemporary Art (SECCA)

opened "Black Panther: Rank and File."

many local former Black Panthers com-

plained that nothing about their mile-

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

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Fort Bragg commander praises patriotism from pulpit of local church

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

One of the nation's most prominent African-American military men used a visit to

Winston-Salem Sunday to honor two native sons who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. "They

have earned our lasting respect," Lt. Gen. Lloyd J. Austin III told congregants at Stephen's Episcopal Church,

referring to soldiers in general and to Army Sgt. Monta S. Ruth and Marine Lance Cpl. David B. Houck in particular. Like Austin, Winton-

Salem residents Ruth and

ted their lives to the military. Tragically, though, their careers and lives were cut short. Houck, 25, was killed Nov. 26, 2004 while fighting

in the Al Anbar Province of Iraq. Ruth, 26, died Aug. 31, 2005 in Samarra, Iraq when an explosive device was detonated near his post. Neither of the

fallen troops were stationed at Ft. Bragg – the gargan-tuan Army base near Fayetteville that Austin

has commanded now for nearly a year. Population-wise, Ft. Bragg - home of the famed 82nd Airborne Division







butions included. Now SECCA has remedied that. The museum will open an exhibit Sept. 4 that will specifically focus on the Winston-Salem Chapter of the Black Panther Party, which in its heyday in the

1970s was one of the nation's most innovative and productive Panther chapters.

"Winston-Salem was the first chapter of the Black Panther Party to be established and acknowledged in the southern United States," stated Larry Little, a WSSU professor and former leader of the Winston-Salem chapter. October, we celebrated the 40th anniversary of the National Black Panther Party; I went out to Oakland, California ... Winston-Salem was given prime recognition out there as being one of the top chapters in the whole country, period."

Winston-Salem made Panthers history again in 1977 when Little became the first Panther in the nation to be elected to a public office when voters put him on the Winston-Salem City Council. City Council Member Nelson Malloy, who was first elected in the mid-eighties, is also a former Panther.

On Tuesday, SECCA will screen, at 6 p.m., the documentary "Negroes with Guns," which is about the Father of the Black Power Movement, Robert Williams, a North Carolinian. After the screening,

The current members of the 50-year-old Twin City Choristers.

Choristers now have even more cause to sing

BY LAYLA FARMER

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The Twin City Choristers have a lot to celebrate this year. It marks the 50th anniversary of the all-male vocal group's

In 50th anniversary year, group becomes Arts Council member

ing the Sawtooth Center for Visual Art, the N.C. Black Repertory Company, the Winston-Salem Symphony and

other local arts institutions. founding, and just recently the group became the Arts Council of Winton-Salem/ Forsyth about joining the Arts Council. Choir director Dr. Fred "It's going to open some doors," he commented. "That's a means of support for us and it gives us some kind of credibility in terms of being a viable organization in the community.

The mission of the been to provide an outlet for men munity, Tanner said. The members' grand voices have been a worthy gift to the city since the group's inception. Tanner said music is in the blood of mem-

They enjoy singing, and y enjoy sharing," he said

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Transformation of Happy Hill takes another step

Photos by Layla Farmer

The team of Kent Brown, from T a m left, Watson, Chris
Ogunrinde
and Sta Hurst are aiming to change the way the city views Happy Hill.

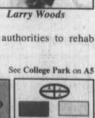


Groundbreaking held for homes, townhouses BY LAYLA FARMER

Ground was broken last week on College Park at the Gateway, an innovative new development to be built at the site of the former Happy Hill Gardens

public housing community The last of Happy Hill's tenement-style housing units were bull-dozed more than two years ago to make way for a new community that already features sleek apartment buildings and an assisted-living facil-ity. College Park will bring town-houses and single family homes. The facelift in Happy Hill, the city's old-est African-American community, was largely funded with a grant from

the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's HOPE VI program, which provides money to housing authorities to rehab aging public housing neighborhoods.





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