

Key words this week: Equality, diversity, tolerance. Thomas Harris is a guy well-versed in the use of those words as organizer of yesterday's Martin Luther King observance. We talked to Harris about the seeming lack of diversity among La Crosse city hall employees. Harris says he actually sees progress in that area. Some progress. Baby steps, he calls them. Harris says credentialed people of color need to begin to recognize the value of living and working in La Crosse. At that point, maybe they'll start applying for jobs in city hall. We found just 17 racial minorities working in city hall at the end of 2010. None of those are black.