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The Nation's Kick-Off Event: The Third Reconstruction



By Peter Grear
Educate, organize and mobilize

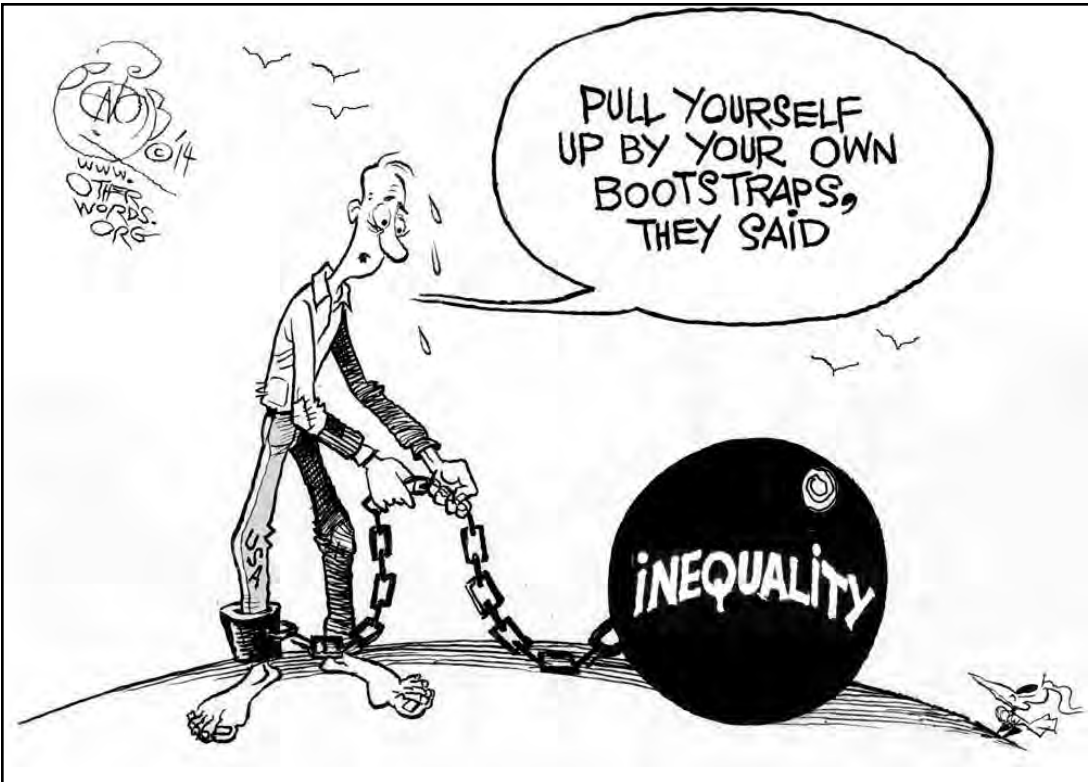
Declaring that Americas race problem will require a new reconstruction to solve, The Nation's Magazine sponsored a forum to discuss The Third Reconstruction. The Nation is 150 years old and was found by abolitionist to aid in the struggle of Black people to receive justice in America. Oswald Garrison Villard, a descendant of abolitionist and a former publisher of The Nation was a founding member of the NAACP. The forum was hosted by the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture and conducted on January 15, 2015. [http://www.thenation.com/article/194553/watch-americas-race-prob-

lem-will-require-new-reconstruction-solve#]. The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture located in Harlem, New York, is a research unit of The New York Public Library system. It is recognized as one of the leading institutions focusing exclusively on African-American, African Diaspora, and African experiences. Moderated by the Schomburg's Director, Khalil Muhammad, the forum featured Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author Isabel Wilkerson, Nation columnist and Columbia law professor Patricia J. Williams, Nation editorial board member and DeWitt Clinton Professor of History at Columbia University Eric Foner, Nation contributing writer and blogger Mychal Denzel Smith and award-winning author and essayist Darryl Pinckney. This video is mandatory viewing for those that recognize the challenges Black communities face in their effort to achieve social and economic justice in America. During the forum, Rev. Dr. William J. Barber, II was recognized and applauded coining or helping to coin the phrase (The Third Reconstruction). The panel-

ists opined that Dr. Barber's overview of The Third Reconstruction was their guiding view and definition. [http://thethirdreconstruction.com/voter-suppression/rev-barber-the-third-reconstruction/]. At the end of the forum, the panelists were asked to give their view of what The Third Reconstruction movement would look like. I believe the observation made by Professor Eric Foner was invaluable. His belief was that individuals and organizations should to continue their self-defined efforts to address our movement toward social and economic justice, and to use the theory of The Third Reconstruction as an umbrella/vision concept that unifies our focus. After viewing the video by Dr. Barber, I've reflected on community based ideas and initiatives that I believe would be more viable under the banner of the Third Reconstruction and will report on them after making contacts and having discussions with the proper parties. I hope that

our readers will do the same reflection and have the same discussions that I intend to have. I would love to review activities and organizations that decide to pursue their goals and activities under the umbrella/vision of The Third Reconstruction. Professor Melissa Harris-Perry embraced the concept of The Third Reconstruction as far back as July, 2013. As one of our leading thinkers, she asked the same question about the pursuit of Dr. Martin Luther King's "beloved community" that was asked of the panelists concerning The Third Reconstruction. What would it look like? Her contention, with which I concur, was that each individual and organization should define the vision for themselves and continue to work to make the vision a reality. Lastly, I'm continuing to work with a leadership team that is developing a strategy to get community participation in our efforts to prepare for our voting challenges in November, 2016 and our stand-

ing challenge to bring about economic justice. I'm pleased to report that our efforts are growing stronger every day. Of course, I will continue with periodic updates going forward. GDN covers news that is vital to unrepresented and underserved communities. We need your financial support to help us remain viable. Peter Grear, Esq. writes for Greater Diversity News and www.thethirdreconstruction.com with a primary focus on politics and economics. To support our efforts, to marry our politics and economics, please "Like" and follow us at www.facebook.com/VoteYourEconomics and our Third Reconstruction Facebook page. Please "Share" our articles and post your ideas and comments on Facebook or at our websites www.GreaterDiversity.com and www.thethirdreconstruction.com. Comments can also be sent to pgrear@grearlaw.com. Finally, please ask all of your Facebook "Friends" to follow our above-referenced recommendations. •



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What Blacks Need to Do

Our planning smarter and working harder will help us overcome in 2016!

By James Hankins

THE PROBLEMS:

We, Progressives were soundly defeated in the 2014 elections. The extreme conservatives pushed their message and got their likeminded people out to vote. They will not rest on this victory, but press on for the White House in 2016. They will continue fighting in court to keep North Carolina's gerrymandered districts in place and their voter suppression laws on the book. Their refusal to raise minimum wages, extend employment and then turn down the federal government's help to provide quality health care for all will continue. Despite the 200 million dollar shortfall in tax collections reported after the election, they are still proud of their large tax cuts to the very rich. This is in keeping with their fraudulent "trickle down" theory. They are moving their elected officers, regardless of their lack of qualifications, into highly visible positions to attract votes in 2016.

A good example is our lethargic Senator Richard Burr. He was elevated to a critical position that requires a top secret clearance because it helps shapes the United States position in the world. He is now the Chairman of the Select Committee on Intelligence.

NOTE: Michael Brown former unqualified Head of FEMA during Hurricane

Katrina and Senator Richard Burr, previous Chair of the Congressional Boating Caucus are both dangerous examples of oxymorons. THE SOLUTIONS: We must use our time, talent and treasures in the next two years to fight for the rights of the least of us, which will in turn benefit all of us. The true words "It is better to light one candle, than to curse the darkness" will help guide us. We need to organize a voter education, registration and get out the vote program. The next step is to recruit enthusiastic leaders, divide the work load by specific groups, carefully plan our work, and then work our plan. Our goal is to reach all; So I will start a list that others can add to: 1. People who do not know how to register or vote. 2. People who cannot read or say they have no reason to vote. 3. People who have been locked up and think they cannot vote, 4. LGBT community, union members, white and blue collar workers. 5. People on public assistance, unemployed, in the military, veterans and retired. 6. Educators, Law enforcement, fire fighters, health care workers and athletes. 7. Alumni, fraternities, sororities, book and others types of clubs. 8. Atheist, agnostics, non-

church, church members and all religious leaders. 9. Big businesses, small businesses and salespeople. 10. Elected officers, civil servants, social workers and entertainers. 11. Sick, shut-ins, nursing homes residents and caregivers. 12. All students especially those turning eighteen before Election Day. We, Progressive hope the courts will strike down the gerrymandering and voter suppression laws, but we must prepare our people for what we have now. We must find the required ID cards and transport our people to and from those places if necessary. If there is a cost, we must raise the money to pay for it. We must make the best use of an hour (60 minutes) by spending five minutes on the problem and fifty- five minutes finding the solutions. Isaiah 40:31 (Paraphrased) "But they who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint." James J. Hankins is a retired vocational education teacher, past president of the New Hanover County NAACP, A&T State University alumni, member of Friends of Abraham Galloway and author of the book "What We Blacks Need To Do". To comment or order a copy of his book, please e-mail him at jhan606@gmail.com •

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Income Inequality Rises In all 50 States

By Freddie Allen
Sr. Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON (NNPA) – Income inequality is rising and it affects workers in every state, according to a new report by the Economic Policy Institute (EPI).

Researchers from EPI, a nonpartisan think tank focused on low- and middle-income workers, analyzed Internal Revenue Service data for all 50 states and found that not only was the income gap between the top 1 percent of earners and everyone else getting wider, but that the disparities were not just confined to financial centers in the east or technology centers on the west coast.

All workers took a hit during the Great Recession, but top earners have recovered faster than low- and middle-income earners. According to the report, the top 1 percent of earners captured all of the income gains (100 percent) in 17 states following the Great Recession.

And Blacks live disproportionately in states that ex-

perienced the greatest income inequality.

In seven of those states where the top 1 percent captured 100 percent of the income growth since the Great Recession, the share of the population that is Black is higher than the national average. Those states include Delaware (22.1 percent), Florida (16.7 percent), South Carolina (27.9 percent), North Carolina (22 percent), Louisiana (32.4 percent), Virginia (19.7 percent) and New York (17.5 percent).

With the exception of Texas, where Blacks account for 12.4 percent of the population, the Black population is higher than the national average in states where the top 1 percent collected at least 80 percent of the income growth including Illinois, Arkansas, Michigan, New Jersey, and Maryland.

Mark Price, an economist at the Keystone Research Center in Harrisburg, Penn., said in a statement that state leaders and policymakers need to realize that inequality is a problem everywhere.

“If states are not passing

progressive taxes and raising revenue from top earners, they are missing out on a large and growing source of income,” said Price.

Researchers found the greatest disparities between the top 1 percent and the rest of workers in New York and Connecticut where the top 1 percent earned 48 times more than the bottom 99 percent.

Disparities exist in every state.

“Even in the 10 states with the smallest gaps between the top 1 percent and bottom 99 percent in 2012, the top 1 percent earned between 14 and 19 times the income of the bottom 99 percent,” EPI reported.

Estelle Sommeiller, a socio-economist at the Institute for Research in Economic and Social Sciences in Greater Paris, France and co-author of the report, said that every state and every region in the United

States is going to have to grapple with the effects of rising inequality.

“Our study paints a picture of the top 1 percent in each state. While there are differences from the 1 percent nationally, no state has escaped the troubling growth of inequality.”

The report comes on the heels of President Barack Obama’s State of the Union address where he urged employers to invest in their workforce and to pay employees overtime that they earned.

“And to everyone in this Congress who still refuses to raise the minimum wage, I say this: If you truly believe you could work full-time and support a family on less than \$15,000 a year, try it,” urged Obama. “If not, vote to give millions of the hardest-working people in America a raise.”

According to a 2014 re-



Lakia Wilson, a guidance counselor from Detroit, Mich., said that even though you hear on television that the economy is coming back, it hasn't come back for everyone. (Freddie Allen/NNPA)

port on wages by the Center for American Progress, a progressive, education and research think tank, said raising the minimum wage to \$10.10 per hour would increase the collective income of people of color by \$16.1 billion.

As income inequality rises, labor union leaders, policy makers and workers express heightened concern about stagnant wages.

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Top 10 Black History Month Scholarships

February is here again, and Black History month is being celebrated all around the country and even in some parts of the world. Although the shortest month of the year, February has been chosen as the official month of the year to pay tribute to famous African Americans who contributed to society.

But actions speak louder than words, and so many organizations and companies have launched various scholarship funds for African American and other minority students. Collectively, the scholarships give away millions in much needed college funding. Here are the top 10 Black History month scholarships for this year:

#1 – Steve Harvey Foundation/ Coca-Cola Pay It Forward Scholarship Program: Offers scholarship awards and once-in-a-lifetime apprenticeship experiences to African American youth looking to pave the way for their futures. Deadline is in March 2015.

#2 – “Selma” Speech and Essay Scholarship Contest: Inspired by the recent film released by Paramount Pictures, this scholarship is open to U.S. high school students ages 14-18 who are currently enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the United States and its territories. Deadline is in February 2015.

#3 – 100 Black Men of America Future Leader Scholarship Program: Open to high school seniors as well as college freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors. The scholarship is based on academic achievement and community service. Deadline is in February 2015.

#4 – Regions Riding Forward Black History Month Scholarship: Funded by Regions Bank (located in 16 states), this program awards scholarships each year to high school students and college students. Interested students may apply by writing an essay about African-Americans who have inspired them. Deadline is in February 2015.

#5 – Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship: For minority high school students in the United States. In addition to a financial grant, the foundation also provides its scholars with mentoring and leadership development opportunities, and internships. Deadline is in February 2015.

#6 – GEICO Achievement Award Program: Helps current college students who are sophomores and juniors earn scholarship money to complete their education. Eligible students must be enrolled in a business, computer science, or mathematics program. Deadline is in February 2015.

#7 – Buick Achiever’s Scholarship Program: Designed to give the financial assistance to student leaders, who can not afford to attend college. Funded by the GM Foundation, the program annually gives away 100 renewable scholarship awards and 1,000 non-renewable scholarship awards. Deadline is in February 2015.

#8 – National Association of Black Journalists Scholarships: Offered to students interested in a career in journalism. The scholarships are for high school students and undergraduate college students who are planning to enroll or currently enrolled in college full-time and majoring in journalism. Deadline is in February 2015.

#9 – United Negro College Fund (UNCF) Scholarships: Provides extraordinary amounts of scholarship opportunities for minority students with financial need. Scholarships include educational assistance for students attending participating Historically Black Colleges or Universities (HBCU) and other colleges as well. Deadline is in February 2015.

#10 – Kroger “I Can Make History” Contest: Open to elementary, middle school, and high school students, grades 4th through 12th, this contest will award more than \$71,000 in prizes in the categories of art, essay, music and poetry. Deadline is in February 2015.

BONUS – HBCU Connect Minority Scholarship: Makes available several \$1,000 scholarships for minority applicants who attend or plan to attend a Historically Black College or University. The scholarship can be applied to tuition or books for the semester in which the funds are received. Deadline is in both January and February 2015.

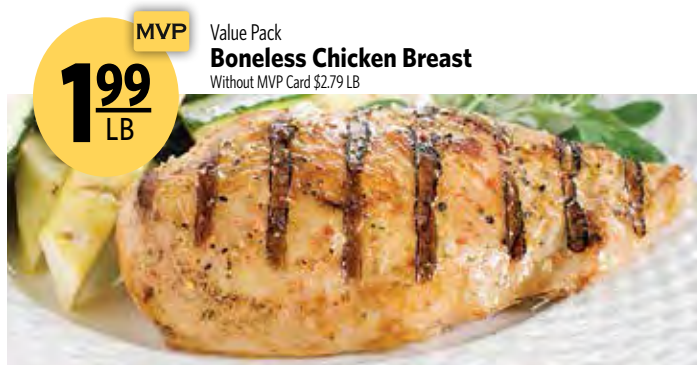
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Healthy Communities Is a Focus of 2015 Local Food Conference



WILMINGTON, NC – Feast Down East (FDE) and UNCW bring all the partners together as they aim to establish a healthy local food community. The Feast Down East 5th Annual Regional Conference is scheduled for Friday, February 6th from 8 am – 4 pm at UNC Wilmington, Burney Center.

Feast Down East, also known as the Southeastern NC Food Systems Program, has been helping Southeastern North Carolina step to the forefront of the local food movement since 2006. No longer considered a movement, but rather an accepted way of life for many, Feast Down East continues to campaign for community involvement in the building of a fully-integrated, vibrant, healthy local food system. Food is essential to life, so ensuring that the supply is healthy and accessible is paramount. The conference, in its 5th year, has created a solid venue where all the partners involved can come together and support the local food effort. The conference will include an array of workshops for farmers, fishers, chefs, food buyers and sellers, consumers, foodies,

educators, local food advocates, gardeners, public health professionals, urban and regional planners, non-profits and government leaders. “It is important that we bring everyone to the table. A strong local food system positively impacts the health and well-being of our communities, in addition to boosting the local economy,” explains Dr. Leslie Hossfeld, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Feast Down East.

The conference will kick-off in the morning with inspirational words from Bob Etheridge, USDA State Director, FSA, Mayor Bill Saffo and Councilman Jonathan Barfield, among others. The morning keynote address, to be given by Jennifer MacDougall, Healthy Active Communities Program Officer for BCBS of NC Foundation, will motivate as we “Set the Table for Health”.

USDA State Director for NC Rural Development, Randy Gore, will be keynote speaker during the Local Food Feast at 1:00 pm. Director Gore has been the leading force behind the recent “NC Strikeforce Initiative”. The initiative has created a net-

work of support and resources for small-scale farms.

Conference attendees can again look forward to one of the highlights of the conference, the Feast Down East Agrarian Stewardship Award presentation. Previous year’s winners Margaret Shelton of Shelton Herb Farm, Stefan Hartmann of Black River Organic Farm, Chef Tripp Engel of Brasserie du Soleil and Chef James Doss of Rx/Pembroke Restaurants will “pass the torch” to the next farmer and chef who have been voted in as those in their craft who support, in an exceptional way, the work of Feast Down East and our local farm communities.

Director of Feast Down East, Jane Steigerwald encourages all community members to attend, “Whether you grow, produce, cook, eat, sell or advocate for fresh local farm food - this conference is for you!” Join the move toward a healthier local food community.

For more information on the amazing workshops and to register visit www.feastdowneast.org. All registrants are encouraged to bring at least one non-perishable food

item to be donated to the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC. Sincere gratitude to the major conference sponsors: Farm Bureau of New Hanover County, Farm Bureau of Pender County, Whole Foods, NC Department of Agriculture and the Wilmington Box Company.

Feast Down East, also known as the Southeastern

North Carolina Food Systems Program (SENCFS), was established in early 2006 in order to join public and private agencies together to create a local and regional food system that supports local farmers; increases the sales of local farm products; educates consumers and the public on the importance of ‘buying local’; and sustains and expands farm

employment, profit, and ownership, particularly among limited-resource farmers. UNCW is the lead agent for SENCFS. The Feast Down East Processing and Distribution Center is a USDA designated Food Hub. For more information on how to get involved, visit their website www.feastdowneast.org •

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“...If strong consumer protections are adopted and enforced, and a presumption against paid prioritization is adopted, Section 706 would be well suited to meet the goals of the Commission and communities of color. This authority will enable the Commission to adopt and enforce smart net neutrality rules that meet the goals of transparency and equity, while fostering broadband adoption and informed use. Section 706 has been successful in paving the way for today’s open Internet, protecting consumers, promoting digital literacy and civic engagement, connecting schools and communities, and stimulating employment and entrepreneurship.”

Because major Internet service providers, such as Comcast and AT&T, also favor coverage under Section 706, the civil rights coalition has come under blistering criticism.

Lee Fang, writing in the on-

line publication Republic Report said, “In other words, something close to half of the entire civil rights establishment just sold out the Internet.”

MMTC issued a statement saying, “These recent posts are false, and we believe they subtly embrace coarse racial stereotypes.” It continued, “MMTC and the national minority organizations formed their views on the Open Internet independently of the telecom companies, with no financial quid pro quos. Their position in the Open Internet rulemaking is the same as FCC Chairman Wheeler’s position except that the minority organizations sought stronger consumer protections than the Chairman did – specifically, a fast-track complaint process modeled after Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.”

Keenan was still bristling at such criticism when she addressed NNPA publishers.

“People have basically said, ‘They bought y’all out. That’s why y’all have this position.’” Kennan said. “It’s

so insulting that people think that as Black people, we can be bought or that we don’t care about who will make it right for our community – that we won’t do what’s right like normal people do.”

Keenan praised Jesse Jackson’s push to diversify Silicon Valley.

“Much has been said about Rev. Jackson, but if I were to look back over his lifetime and say, ‘What is the most significant thing that he’s done, I would point to this,’ she said. “A company [Intel] invests \$300 million and comes out and say, ‘We’re going to make our workforce look like America, we’re going to make sure we have Black engineers, but not just engineers.’ They need to have Black lawyers, Black accountants.’ People focus only on so many engineers, but there’s a whole lot of these other people.”

She also lauded Black publishers, saying, “When you tell our story, it gets told in our voice.” •

Colgate-Palmolive and Children’s Health Fund Launch Online Campaign to Help Make a Difference During Black History Month

NEW YORK -- In honor of Black History Month, Colgate-Palmolive has partnered with the Children’s Health Fund to encourage consumers and their families to help make a difference by sharing a smile. Colgate’s Honor Your Past, Treasure Your Health online campaign will encourage supporters to post photos of their smiles via social media using the hashtag #StartWithASmile. A means to raise funds to help children in need of health services throughout the U.S.

Between now and March 1, 2015, Colgate-Palmolive will donate \$1.00 (USD) to the Children’s Health Fund for each picture that is shared on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or Google+ with #StartWithASmile.[1]

“At Colgate, we’re committed to helping our consumers achieve not only healthy smiles, but healthy lives,” said Carla Kelly, General Manager, U.S. Multicultural Marketing, Colgate-Palmolive. “This partnership with Children’s Health Fund allows us to fulfill this commitment while treasuring our children and making the connection of celebrating the future and honoring the past.”

The donations raised through online participation of this campaign will directly benefit the Children’s Health Fund mission to provide healthcare to some of the nation’s most disadvantaged children in rural and urban communities. With over 50 mobile medical and dental clinics, Children’s Health

Fund has brought healthcare services to 350,000 children to date.

“We are so pleased to partner once again with Colgate during Black History Month to engage families through the sharing of treasured photos,” said Karen Redlener, Executive Director of Children’s Health Fund. “At Children’s Health Fund, we believe that every child deserves to be healthy and ready to learn, and to grow up strong and happy. We are very grateful for the generous support from this partnership, which will help us provide healthcare to more kids in need.”

For more information on Colgate’s Honor Your Past, Treasure Your Health campaign, visit www.Colgate.com/Treasure.

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[1] No purchase required. Purchase will not increase donation amount. Between January 30 and March 15, Colgate-Palmolive Company will donate \$1.00 to Children’s Health Fund for every photo shared on Instagram and Twitter, and for every post “liked” on the Children’s Health Fund Facebook page, for a minimum donation of \$25,000 and a maximum donation of \$40,000.

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the world, under such internationally recognized brand names as Colgate, Palmolive, Mennen, Softsoap, Irish Spring, Protex, Sorriso, Koly-nos, Elmex, Tom’s of Maine, Sanex, Ajax, Axion, Soupline, and Suavitel, as well as Hill’s Science Diet and Hill’s Prescription Diet. For more information about Colgate-Palmolive’s global business, visit the Company’s website at www.Colgate.com. To learn more about Colgate Bright Smiles, Bright Futures®, Colgate’s global oral health education program, please visit <http://www.colgatebsbf.com>.

About Children’s Health Fund

Founded in 1987 by singer/songwriter Paul Simon and pediatrician/advocate Irwin Redlener, MD, to bring healthcare to homeless children in New York City, today Children’s Health Fund provides healthcare for children living in poverty across America. In addition to fixed-site clinics, Children’s Health Fund supports a fleet of over 50 mobile clinics, including dental and mental health vehicles that bring comprehensive healthcare to children in hundreds of locations across the country. Over the past 27 years, the organization has provided three million healthcare visits for disadvantaged children, often in places where doctors, dentists and other healthcare providers are in short supply. For more information about Children’s Health Fund, visit www.childrenshealthfund.org •

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Rodgers Receives SHARP Award for Doshers's New Construction

The construction team for Doshers Memorial Hospital's new Inpatient Care Facility was honored today by NC Department of Labor Commissioner Cherie Berry for participation in OSHA's Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP), which recognizes workplaces for operating an exemplary injury and illness prevention program.

As the project's construction manager, Rodgers held a ceremony which was attended by construction workers and subcontractors who participated in the program, representatives from Doshers Memorial Hospital, N.C. Department of Labor and local dignitaries. Labor Commissioner Berry presented Rodgers and 12 subcontracting firms with certificates of their achievement, along with the SHARP flag that flies at the project and identifies its status as part of the program.

"Our goal is that every worker on this project goes home safely to their families at the end of every workday," said Pat Rodgers, president and CEO of Rodgers. "The SHARP program demonstrates our project team's commitment to a safe workplace."

The SHARP designation



NC Department of Labor Commissioner Cherie Berry (left) is pictured with Pat Rodgers (fourth from left), president and CEO of Rodgers Builders, and the Rodgers Builders construction management team during a luncheon to honor Rodgers and its subcontractors for receiving OSHA's Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP) Award. The SHARP recognition resulted from their work on the Doshers Memorial Hospital Patient Care Unit renovation in Southport, NC. The Rodgers team proudly displays the SHARP flag, presented by Commissioner Berry, which will fly over the Doshers Hospital Patient Care Unit jobsite throughout the rest of the construction project. The first 15 private patient care rooms, nurses station, and work areas were just completed and opened for occupancy. The remaining ten patient rooms of the 25-bed inpatient wing are expected to be completed by late May or early June.

was earned as a result of Rodgers and the participating subcontractors' meeting eligibility criteria and program requirements set by OSHA.

"Doshers Hospital is pleased that Rodgers Builders has received this award for their attention to safety in the construction of our

new Inpatient Care Unit," said Tom Siemers, Doshers Hospital president and CEO. "From the beginning of this construction project they, and

their subcontractors, have exhibited a consistent attention to detail and safety which has made them stand out as a top construction manager. We applaud their hard work in achieving the SHARP Award."

J. Arthur Doshers Memorial Hospital, established in June 1930, is a 25-bed Critical Access Hospital located in Southport, NC, which serves the inpatient and outpatient

healthcare needs of southeastern Brunswick County, NC.

www.doshers.org

Headquartered in the Carolinas and founded in 1963, Rodgers ranks among the nations' top construction managers, offering preconstruction and construction services for healthcare, education, cultural, senior living and commercial clients.

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During a recent Raising Wages conference at the Kellogg Center at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., Richard Trumka, president of AFL-CIO, said that immigration and race are also work and wage issues.

"We must have a pathway to citizenship for all immigrants, and we must be a country of dignity for all people, regardless of race or ethnicity," said Trumka. "Justice at work and justice in our community are intertwined, and both must advance for either to grow."

Lakia Wilson, a guidance counselor in the public school system in Detroit, Mich., said that even though you hear on television that the economy is coming back, it hasn't come back for everyone.

"I'm struggling, all of my counterparts in my profession are struggling and in other professions we're still struggling, so the economy is only coming back for some," said Wilson.

Wilson, a Detroit native, with no children and degrees in elementary education and counseling, said that she considers herself part of "the working poor,"

because sometimes she can't even afford gas money to get to work.

In 2004, Wilson purchased home and used a part-time job at the community college to help cover her bills. When she lost that job, she also lost her house. She rescued her house from foreclosure by cashing out her retirement account.

Now Wilson said that sometimes she secretly envies people with food stamps at the grocery store.

"I'm counting out every penny for groceries and I realize that I don't have enough to make it," said Wilson.

Wilson added that people of color need to know that the struggle is real and that all workers have to get involved from the pizza workers to the professionals.

"We all have to join together to raise the wages," said Wilson. "The money is there, we need to demand it."

The EPI report said that today's levels of inequality in the United States raise a "new American Dilemma."

It explained, "In the next decade, something must give. Either America must accept that the American Dream of widespread economic mobility is dead, or new policies must emerge that will begin to restore broadly shared prosperity." •

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Black History Month Programs from the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources



RALEIGH, N.C. -- African American History in North Carolina is wide and deep. Examples of technological innovations, artistic excellence and uncommon courage can be found in programming at state historic sites and history museums. Other sites present aspects of African American history all year. The following listing highlights Black History Month programming and ongoing opportunities.

Feb. 7. N.C. Maritime Museum, Southport. Cruising the Line: African American Sailors.

Learn about the men who escaped enslavement and enlisted in the Union Navy patrolling off Southport's coast. Joining the North Atlantic Blockading Squadron, these mariners were instrumental in blockading goods vital to the Confederate war effort. As part of the permanent exhibit, a reproduction Union Navy uniform is on display. 9 a.m. Free.

Through Feb. 12. Fort Fisher State Historic Site, Kure Beach. Freedom Coming, Freedom for All. In observance of the 1863 signing of the Emancipation Proclamation and the 1865 passage of the 13th Amendment to the U. S. Constitution, a traveling exhibit of informational panels outlining the struggle of enslaved people in North Carolina and the nation. In addition to the panels, the artifacts of U.S. Colored Troops Pvt. Luke Martin are displayed. The 1861 Springfield rifle and a captured Confederate officer's sword were loaned by his son, 97-year-old Luke P. Martin, Jr., recently deceased. Free.

Feb. 17. N.C. Maritime Museum, Southport. Rosenwald Schools. Donnie Joyner discusses the African - American struggles, triumphs, and their dedication to education in the Lower Cape Fear from the 1920s to the 1970s. Built in Southport, during school budget year 1921-22, County Training School #1 was the first public high school for African - Americans students in Brunswick County. Destroyed by fire before the building could be occupied in January 1922, the community raised funds and built another named County Training School #2. Program at the Southport Community Building. 7 p.m. Free.

Feb. 18. N.C. Maritime Museum, Beaufort. Pea Island Lifesavers. Pack a lunch for the Brown Bag Gam during your lunch hour and enjoy the movie "Rescue Men, The Story of the Pea Island Lifesavers." This documentary feature, inspired by the book "Fire on the Beach, Recovering the Lost Story of Richard Etheridge and the Pea Island Lifesavers", chronicles the true story of the only all African-American crew serving in the U.S. Life Saving Service, the predecessor to the U.S. Coast Guard. Film by Neal Hutcheson and Walt Wolfram. Noon. Free.

Feb. 19. Tryon Palace, New Bern. Songs and Stories: A Survey of Jazz Greats Mary Lou Williams and Dr. Billy Taylor, Jr. Jazz and blues historian Jacqueline B. Atkinson will provide you with a glimpse into the lives and artistic creations of Mary Lou Williams and Dr. Billy Taylor, Jr. In addition, jazz and blues vocalist Willie E. Atkinson, along with his transitional jazz trio, will perform jazz and blues tunes that made the artform such a popular genre throughout the world. 7 p.m. Free.

Throughout February. Historic Edenton, Edenton. Harriet Jacobs Walking Tour. Tuesdays through Saturdays only. Hear the amazing tale of Harriet Jacobs, a woman born into slavery in Edenton, who escaped to become a well-known abolitionist and author. As documented in her 1861 autobiography, "Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl," this walking tour shares her story and takes you through downtown Edenton to see many of the sites mentioned in her book. Tours include entry into St. Paul's Church and the 1767 Chowan County Courthouse. 3 p.m. Fee.

All Year. Somerset Place, Creswell. A representative state historic site that offers a comprehensive and realistic view of 19th-century life on a large North Carolina plantation. Originally, this unusual plantation included more than 100,000 densely wooded, mainly swampy acres. During its 80 years as an active plantation (1785-1865), hundreds of acres were converted into high yielding fields of rice, corn, oats, wheat, beans, peas, and flax; sophisticated sawmills turned out thousands of feet of lumber. By 1865, Somerset Place was one of the upper South's largest plantations. Free.

Feb. 14. N.C. Museum of History, Raleigh. Justice Theater Project: Voices That Challenge. Using dance, spoken word, and music, the Justice Theater Project presents Voices That Challenge, an original work about the voices and leadership of Operation Breadbasket. It features Baba Chuck Davis and is a collaboration with the JTP; Museum of History; Panoramic Dance Project at N.C. State University; N.C. Central University; Longleaf School of the Arts in Raleigh; and L. D. Burris. 7 p.m. Free.

Feb. 14 and 28. N.C. Museum of History, Raleigh. African American History Tours. Explore the lives and accomplishments of African American North Carolinians from the colonial period to the civil rights era. 1:30 p.m. Free.

Feb. 21. State Capitol, Raleigh. With All Our Rights: Meet North Carolina's First African American Legislators. Step back in time to and "meet" a few members of North Carolina's 1868 first black caucus at the Capitol during this one of a kind living history program. Visitors will encounter actors portraying such notable figures as Abraham Galloway and James Henry Harris and hear about the lives and work of these pioneering legislators. •

AG Gaston Conference Seeks to Increase Buying Power in Black Communities

The 2015 AG Gaston Conference brings economic leaders to Birmingham to cultivate the next generation of black millionaires committed to serving their communities.

BIRMINGHAM, AL -- The AG Gaston Conference will be held at the Birmingham Jefferson Convention Complex on Tuesday, February 17 through Wednesday February 18, 2015. Economic leaders from the black business community will gather to honor the legacy established by business pioneer AG Gaston while also discussing current trends in business and strategies to cultivate the next generation of black millionaires committed to serving their community.

Event Organizer Bob Dickerson says, "The AG Gaston Conference was created to not only look back at where we have come from but to also pave a path to greater prosperity within the black community. Rather than being driven as consumers, we need to develop a mentality focused on reinvesting in black businesses and black communities."

According to Nielson, "African-Americans have a current buying power of \$1 trillion that is forecasted to reach \$1.3 trillion by 2017"; however, the NAACP notes that the dollar only circulates in the black

community for six hours compared to 17-30 days in other communities. Additionally, only two cents of every dollar an African American spends in this country goes to black owned businesses.

The AG Gaston Conference was established in 2004 by Bob Dickerson, Executive Director of the Birmingham Business Resource Center and Gaynelle Adams Jackson, Owner of Advance Planning Services as an effort to combat these disturbing trends and to focus on economic empowerment. The goals of the conference include motivating attendees to become more involved in their community, strengthening the resources available to entrepreneurs and addressing concerns in the workplace.

Speakers at the 2015 Conference include John Hope Bryant, appointee to President Obama's Advisory Council on Financial Capability for Young Americans and Founder/President of the Hope Coalition of America; Mark Anthony Peterson, Managing Executive for Ceyero Consulting and

Michael V. Roberts, a modern day AG Gaston in the St. Louis community. The two-day conference will also address strategies to eliminate poverty in Birmingham through the enhancement of economic opportunities.

Registration for the con-

ference is available online at www.AGastonConference.com

Call (205) 650-6380 to request for interviews with conference organizers and participants and for media access to the AG Gaston Conference. •





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Again, Let it Go. Please

By James Washington
Special to the NNPA from the
Houston Forward Times

I am trying again to internalize that today is the day the Lord has made. Don't complicate it. The more complicated the world seems, the simpler it is to understand God's Word. I'm reminded every day and sometimes get caught up in the power of ego, pride and the desire to control, or better yet, be in control. Letting go and letting God, however easy to understand is still really hard to do when all hell is breaking loose around you. We all know people who can quote scripture backwards and forwards but have little to no faith. Likewise, we also know what I call Christian control freaks, who must have the last say and who must be right all the time. I know I can easily get caught up in trying to rationalize circumstances I've created in order to explain the events of the day, any day; as if by some miracle of intelligence, I am the authority. It is more often than not these days, that if I recognize I am blessed and subsequently open to the Holy Spirit, I get to see the miracles, the nuances, the essence of life. The day belongs to the Lord. I am not in control and it is okay.

Giving one's life to Christ requires the discipline of faith to not take credit or assess blame. When you focus on service in the name of the Lord, you really get a chance to see things from a different perspective. Now the service I'm referring to is the selfless kind



which seeks neither reward nor recognition. The act speaks for itself. Christ tells us that God knows what's in your heart and thus knows your intention. Love God and love your neighbor as yourself; simple enough? It's so simple, in fact, that if you're not careful, you'll miss this thing altogether. Now on this day that God has made, any day, let's take this simple concept into what we think is a complex world. That means behavior should have parameters. Actions should have purpose. Intent should easily be identified. Now let's look back over your yesterday. When I do that I find a lot of times jealousy, envy, pettiness, cruelty, mean spiritedness and the like have crept into my reaction to

the world. Face it. It's hard to be humble, loving, giving and a source of truth all day every day. It takes will power and you know the will I'm talking about.

The calling of every Christian is to try. It's the effort rooted in faith that God expects. If you're first seeking the kingdom, then your daily behavior will reflect your effort and certainly have direct bearing on what you do today, how you perform and certainly with whom you hang out. Looking back on it, I know I've known angels walking among us. I believe without a doubt saints are with us and we ignore them because we're busy pursuing the world and all it has to offer, rather than pursuing God.

I'm blessed to say that from these living breathing angels I've learned as the saying goes, the battle ain't over until you win. Or better yet, the battle is over because Christ already won the war. It's kind of nice to know He took care of that eternity thing some time ago. All I have to do is get through this life thing. It may not make sense on one level but on another, it really is simple. See me. See God. I can do this. I just gotta let go; one hour at a time, one day at a time, one person at a time. Today is truly a day that the Lord has made.

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Are You An Eagle Acting Like A Chicken?



By Lyndia Grant
Special to the NNPA from
The Washington Informer

This summer, while attending my sorority conference in Dallas, our luncheon speaker shared this exhilarating message; it caused my table guests to ponder with thoughts of ourselves. We discussed whether or not we had been doing what we were sent to earth to do.

This is the story of the eagle that lived as a chicken for a lifetime, a fable by Vikram Karve. This condensed version written by me in my own way is the story. It goes like this...

One day a farmer decided to climb some nearby cliffs; during his climb, just before he reached the top, he saw an eagle's nest. Immediately, his instincts urged him to grab one of the eggs. He stored the egg safely in his bag, and noticed the sun going down, so he knew he'd better climb back down now.

When he reached his farm, he placed the egg in the nest of one of his hen's, and when it hatched, it looked different, but the mother hen and

other baby chicks treated the eagle as if he too was a baby chick.

The baby eagle learned all of the ways of chicken life, to cluck, cackle, it scratched in the dirt looking for worms for food, and it learned to flap its wings, flying only just a short distance as the other chicks did. Poor eagle knew he was a chicken, too.

Then the true test, the baby eagle looked up and saw an eagle flying, so beautiful, it asked "What's that?" The chickens answered "Isn't it lovely! Ah, such power and grace...magnificent! Isn't that a beautiful bird, it's an eagle. That's the King of the Birds. It's a bird of the air... not for the likes of us. We're only chickens; we're birds of the earth."

The eagle lived his life never knowing he was truly a full blooded eagle. Having been born with chickens, it was usual for the eagle to live this way, all else was unheard of.

Take a look at your life; have you been deceived? Did the Heavenly Father send you here to get one job done for the people, yet you've become accustomed to thinking you are only here to do what others decide for you? Has your life been stolen from you?

We must ascertain who we really are, and we must have faith to become who and what the Lord sent us to earth to develop into. Isaiah 40:31 says - But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew [their] strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; [and] they shall walk, and not

faint.

Steve Harvey has a short three minute YouTube video called "Jump." He reminds us, no successful person has ever achieved their goals without jumping! At times, it seems too much of a stretch of our imagination, however, jump we must!

Raised as a chicken, the eagle didn't think twice, he just continued to stroll around pecking for worms. He was undeniably an eagle, skilled to do exactly what other eagles do, however he couldn't identify with the notion.

Here is when our faith in the Heavenly Father kicks in, especially if you have a desire; scripture says in Philippians 4:13 - I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Mentors can bless us too, particularly those who see something in us. They persuade us, they teach us, until we can develop into our pre-eminent selves. There have been many vibrant mentors in my life, a special thank you to each of you. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said "Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase."

Become the eagle you were born to be!

Lyndia Grant is an author, inspirational and motivational speaker, radio talk show host and columnist; visit her new website at www.lyndiagrants.com and, call 202-518-3192. Tune in Fridays at 6 p.m., to the radio talk show, 1340 AM, WYCB, a Radio One Station. •

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- NCIMED Plan & Resource Center at 114 W. Parrish Street (5th Floor) in Durham, NC
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Single Prime sealed proposals will be received until 3:00 pm on March 3, 2015, in Forsyth Technical Community College Maintenance Building Conference Room (Forsyth County Main Campus) for the construction of:

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LOT AT 318 LIBERTY STREET

Bids will be received by the County of Durham Purchasing Division, Durham County Administrative Complex, 200 East Main Street, 4th Floor, Durham, North Carolina 27701, until 2:00 P.M., on March 5, 2015, for the Site Improvements to the Durham County Parking Lot at 318 Liberty Street, Durham, NC 27701.

The project scope will include: A concrete handicap ramp, concrete stairs, and a concrete and brick retaining wall at the Durham County parking lot at 318 Liberty Street.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on February 11, 2015, at 10:00 A. M., in the Durham County Purchasing Division Conference Room, Durham County Administrative Complex, 4th Floor, 200 East Main Street, Durham, NC 27701. All bidders who intend to bid are encouraged to attend.

Instructions for submitting bids, specifications, a complete description of the work involved, and the apparatus, supplies, materials, and equipment for which bids are invited can be examined at the office of Durham County Purchasing Division, Telephone No.: (919) 560-0051; Coulter Jewell Thames, P.A., 111 West Main Street, Durham, N.C. 27701, (919) 682-0368, and at the following locations:

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Raleigh, NC 27606

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Plans, Specifications and other contract documents may be obtained by those qualified and who will make a bid, upon a deposit of **\$100.00** for each set issued to Contractors. Deposit checks shall be made payable to the “**County of Durham**”. Contractors may secure document sets 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday at the office of Coulter Jewell Thames, P.A. 111 West main Street, Durham , NC 27701, (919) 682-0368. The full deposit shall be returned to those Contractors who return the Specifications and Plans in good condition within ten (10) days after the date set for receiving bids. Plans and Specifications are to be returned to the office of Coulter Jewell Thames, P.A.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The project scope will include: A concrete handicap ramp, concrete stairs, and a concrete and brick retaining wall at the Durham County parking lot at 318 Liberty Street.

Contractors who bid must be licensed to do work in the State of North Carolina under the Act to Regulate the Practice of General Contracting. The Contractor’s North Carolina License Number shall be designated on the outside of the envelope containing the Bid.

As provided by Statute, cash, Bid Bond, cashier’s check or certified check in the amount of 5% of the bid must be attached to each bid/contract. Payee shall be the “**County of Durham**”. Said deposit shall guarantee that the Contract will be entered into by the successful bidder if the award is made.

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The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations:

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Faison, NC 28341-0365

McDavid Associates, Inc.,
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Farmville, NC 27828

McGraw-Hill Construction,
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Complete bid documents are available from Ms. Penny Helms CLGPO, UCPS Purchasing and Contract Coordinator. Ms. Helms may be reached at 704.296.3160 extension 6759 or penny.helms@ucps.k12.nc.us.

A Mandatory Prebid Meeting is scheduled for 10:00 am on Monday, February 9, 2015 in the conference room of the UCPS Facilities Department, 201 Venus Street, Monroe, NC 28112. Attendance at this meeting is a prerequisite for all potential bidders.

Sealed bids will be received at the UCPS Facilities Department, 201 Venus Street, Monroe, NC 28112 no later than 10:00 am on March 12, 2015. The sealed envelope must reference Bid Number 5-9700042.

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Smith-Rowe, LLC, 639 Old US 52 South, Mount Airy, NC 27030 will be bidding the following projects February 19, 2015 at the Division 7 North Carolina Department of Transportation letting:

Contract ID
DG00230

County
Rockingham
Description
Replace Bridge 141 over a tributary to the Dan River

Contract ID
DG00231

County
Guilford
Description
Replace Bridge 238 on SR 1005 Alamance Church Road

We are interested in your quotations for hauling, grading, asphalt, shoulder berm gutter, guardrail, work zone signs (DG00230), temporary traffic control (DG00231), paint pavement marking lines, thermoplastic pavement marking lines (DG00231), temporary silt fence, seeding & mulching, reinforcing steel (DG00231), concrete parapet (DG00230), and concrete barrier rail (DG00231). A pre-bid conference will be held in our office on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 10:00 AM to discuss the proposed projects. Please call 336/789/8221 if you plan to attend the pre-bid conference. You may call in your quotes to our Mount Airy office at 336/789-8221, fax 336/789-6807, or email Frank Fulp at frank@smithrowe.com.

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Contract ID
C203639

County
New Hanover
Description
Milling & Resurfacing US-117 from I-40 to Bridge at Market Stand US-74 from Komegay Ave to Cardinal Dr.

We are interested in your quotations for asphalt, curb & gutter, sidewalk, guardrail, fence, erosion control, seeding, installation SIP metal decking, installation reinforcing steel, temporary traffic control, and thermoplastic pavement marking lines. A pre-bid conference will be held on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 10:00 A.M. to discuss the proposed project. Please call 336/789-8221 if you plan to attend this meeting. You may call in your quotes to our Mount Airy office at 336/789-8221, fax quotes to 336/789-6807 or email quotes to Frank Fulp at frank@smithrowe.com.

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DK00141

County
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Description
Replace Bridge No. 2 on SR 1716 (Farmington Road) over Turner Creek

We are interested in your quotations for construction surveying, grading, asphalt, shoulder berm gutter, guardrail, work zone signs, temporary silt fence, seeding & mulching, vertical concrete barrier rail, and hauling. A pre-bid conference will be held on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 10:00 A.M. to discuss the proposed project. Please call 336/789-8221 if you plan to attend this meeting. You may call in your quotes to our Mount Airy office at 336/789-8221, fax it to 336/789-6807, or email Frank Fulp at frank@smithrowe.com.

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Sealed proposals from contractors will be received on March 3, 2015, in the office of the Wake County Public School System, Facilities Building, Reception Desk, 1429 Rock Quarry Rd., Suite 116, Raleigh, NC, for the construction of **Athens Drive High School Athletic Facilities Improvements**. All bids will be opened and read aloud starting at 2:00 p.m. For a complete description of the proposed work and bidding specifications visit <http://www.wcpss.net/about-us/our-facilities/facilities/#current-advertisements>. This project may be found in the category Small Project. Minority and women-owned businesses are encouraged to participate. The Wake County Public School System reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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Young McQueen Grading is currently soliciting bids from NCDOT certified DBE/MBE/WBE certified contractors and suppliers for the project below. We will be receiving bids for all materials and for the following scopes of work, if applicable: hauling, demolition, erosion control, seeding storm drainage, asphalt, guardrail, signage, striping, retaining walls, structures, clearing & grubbing, curb & gutter, and surveying.

NCDOT #C203536 Ashe Co, Bid Date: 2/17/15. Plans and specs may be examined at our office, on our ftp site, at the NCDOT office in Raleigh, or downloaded at NCDOT.gov

ALL DBE Subs and Suppliers are encouraged to participate. Please notify us at the email address below if you intend to bid.

Young & McQueen will consider a reasonable request for assistance from contractors for equipment, supplies and other items necessary to perform work. We will also break work out into economically feasible units. Please call to discuss any requests you may have prior to bid.

If you have questions regarding this project please call 828-682-7714, ext 26.

All project item lists, specifications and plans are available in .pdf format at: <http://ncdot.org/doh/preconstruct/ps/contracts/letting.html> or can be viewed at our office, at the address below.

You may also visit the link below for basic project information on our FTP at: <http://share.youngmcqueen.com/login.html> User: NCDOT_Bid Password: Bid 2015

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COUNTY
C202653

BID DATE:
FEBRUARY 17, 2015

Quotes and Sub Bids should be submitted to our office by 12:00 pm on February 16, 2015. Quotes can be faxed to 910-739-2820, by email to lindsaycm@aol.com our by phone 910-739-8988. Attention: C. M. Lindsay, Jr.

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Projects: Johnston County (C202653) and New Hanover County (C203540), bidding on Feb. 17 at 2:00 PM, and Duplin County (DC00093), bidding on Feb. 19 at 2:00 PM. Work includes bridge construction, approaches, barrier rail, hauling, erosion control, concrete work, grading, underground, guardrail, traffic control, rebar, survey, and paving. If interested, please contact **United Contractors at 515-276-6162 or fax quotes to 515-276-3053**. We accept quotes until 10:00 PM the evening prior to the letting.

ROBESON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Robeson Community College (RCC) located in Lumberton, North Carolina is seeking specific proposals open to all interested Energy Services Companies (ESCOs) who have been prequalified by USI and are capable of **providing comprehensive energy management and energy-related capital improvement services**. All interested prequalified ESCOs are encouraged to attend a mandatory pre-proposal meeting conducted by Robeson Community College, 5160 Fayetteville Road, Lumberton, North Carolina, on Tuesday, February 10, 2015, 10:00 a.m., in the RCC Board Room, Building #15. Proposals received from ESCOs who fail to attend the pre-proposal meeting will not receive any consideration relative to this project.

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The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill will accept sealed proposals from Pre-qualified Bidders for the **Skipper Bowles Drive Reconstruction** until 3:00 pm on March 3, 2015 in Room 129 (Persimmon Conference Room), Giles Horney Building, 103 Airport Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-1090. At that time, the bids will be opened and read aloud. The project consists of the reconstruction in place of 2400 LF of the four lane roadway, approximately forty-four feet from face curb to face curb. Scope of work includes demolition; storm drain installation; erosion and sediment control; sub-grade rehabilitation and stabilization; concrete curb and gutter and concrete sidewalk installation; pavement construction; traffic control. Bids will be received for single prime bid contracts.

The following are prequalified contractors: Barnhill Contracting, 919-785-9166; Carolina Sunrock, 919-575-3894; Fred Smith Company, 919-783-5700; Mid-Atlantic Infrastructure Systems, 336-251-1017; Triangle Grading and Paving, 336-584-1745; Turner Asphalt, Inc., 919-784-0014.

An open pre-bid meeting will be held at Room 100A (Magnolia Conference Room) in the Giles Horney Building on Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 1:30pm. A site visit will follow the meeting. All Proposals will be lump sum. For more information contact Mike Surasky, A. Morton Thomas & Associates, Inc., msurasky@amtengineering.com or 919-987-8101.

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Please visit our FTP site (instructions below) for general project information and item listings.

Please fill in your company information, indicate your intent to bid, your scope(s) of interest, and return this solicitation via fax to 828-682-9286 or email to atipton@youngmcqueen.com, by no later than noon on *February 17, 2015*.

We request that you please return this form so we will know your intent to bid. Please advise if you do not wish to be solicited in the future.

Contractor's Name: _____
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All Subcontractor/ Supplier Bids are due by 12:00 PM on February 20, 2015. Please email to atipton@youngmcqueen.com or fax to 828-682-9286.

All project item lists, specifications and plans are available in .pdf format at: <http://ncdot.org/doh/preconstruct/ps/contracts/letting.html> or can be viewed at our office, at the address below.

You may also visit the link below for basic project information on our FTP at: <http://share.youngmcqueen.com/login.html> User: NCDOT_Bid Password: Bid2015

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Sealed proposals will be received until **3:30 P.M.** on **March 18, 2015** in the office of **Facilities Planning and Design, Suite 202, UNC-Chapel Hill, 103 Airport Drive, CB #1090, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27599-1090, Attn: Amy Dean, PE** for the construction of the **Partial Roof Replacement, Roof Repairs, and Fall Protection project at Beard Hall, Rosenau Hall, and Old Clinic** at which time bids will be opened and read in the **Magnolia Conference Room (100A) in the Giles Horney Building**.

Bids will be received for a **Single Prime Contract**.

A **mandatory pre-bid meeting** will be held for interested bidders on **February 17, 2015 at 9:00 am in the Magnolia Conference Room (100A) in the Giles Horney Building** at UNC-Chapel Hill, 103 Airport Drive, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27599-1090.

Complete plans and specifications for this project can be obtained from **Atlas Engineering, Inc., 551-A Pylon Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina (919) 420-7676 Attn: Kelli Wilcox, PE, RRC**, during normal office hours beginning February 8, 2015. Plan Deposit: \$50.00.

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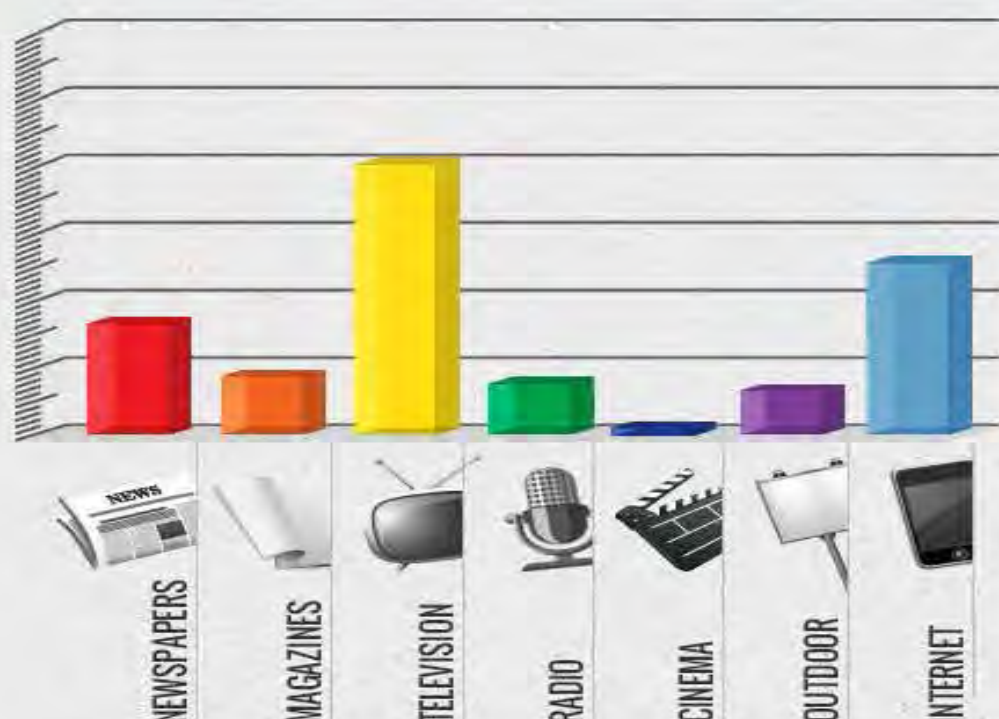
“Lomax Construction, Inc. P. O. Box 35169, Greensboro, NC 27425-5169, solicits MBE/WBE/DBE subcontractors for the **Cedar Grove Community Center Renovation, Hillsborough NC**. Quotes must be received by 3:00 PM, Wednesday, 02/18/15. **PLEASE CONTACT: Maria Harvell @ Lomax Construction, Inc. @ 336-992-7000; Ext. 111 for more information.”**

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