

ARTS & LIFESTYLE

Of Interest ... Local teen victorious at district level

Millhouse discuss book

Reynolda House Museum of American Art founding president Barbara Babcock Millhouse will discuss her new book, "American Wilderness: The Story of the Hudson River School of Painting," on Friday, May 9 at 7 p.m. at Reynolda House.

Millhouse will be joined by Wake Forest University Charlotte C. Weber Professor of Art David Lubin.

A book-signing and reception will follow their conversation. Admission is \$8, \$5 for members and students.

"American Wilderness," written by Millhouse in 1978, was republished in 2007 with additional illustrations and a new introduction by Kevin J. Avery, associate curator in the Department of American Paintings and Sculpture at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

At the event, Millhouse will first talk about the origin of the Hudson River School, the main figures of the movement, and its themes and subjects. Millhouse will discuss how she became interested in the topic and was invited to submit a proposal to Doubleday & Company for the first edition. In her conversation with Lubin, she will contrast her earlier publication with the new edition, reflecting on the growing interest in the Hudson River School as evidenced by the large numbers of visitors to such historic artist homes as Frederic Church's Olana and Thomas Cole's Cedar Grove.

For more information, please call 336-758-5150 or visit www.reynoldahouse.org.

NCSA professors honored

The North Carolina School of the Arts has recognized six faculty members with NCSA Excellence in Teaching Awards.

Winners are: James Allbritten, School of Music; Karen Beres, School of Music; Robert Francesconi, School of Drama; Pamela Griffin, School of Design and Production (Visual Arts Program); Linda Moore, High School Academic Program; and Frank Smith, School of Dance.

These faculty members will be recognized through a number of on-campus events, including the school's May 31 commencement.

One of these faculty members, Robert Francesconi, will be recognized as a recipient of the University of North Carolina Board of Governors Excellence in Teaching Award at a luncheon in conjunction with the board's May 9 meeting. Nominations for the NCSA Excellence in Teaching Awards are submitted by faculty, students and alumni. The award recognizes teachers who have demonstrated: personal interest and concern for the students; enthusiasm for and interest in the subject they teach; the ability to stimulate and motivate student effort; the ability to fairly critique student effort and communicate that critique to the student; organization and/or demonstration of knowledge for student use; good command of the subject being taught; up-to-date scholarship and/or creative work and awareness of recent developments in their field; ability to integrate professional development into curriculum development and classroom teaching; and a commitment to the entire school community as well as to the greater community.

Prince will release book

NEW YORK (AP) — Prince the musical auteur is becoming an author.

"21 Nights," a "photographic essay" that offers "a rare glimpse into the life, lyrics, and mystique" of the maker of such hits as "1999" and "Purple Rain," will be published worldwide come fall, according to Atria Books, an imprint of Simon & Schuster.

The book, his first, is based on Prince's 21 sold-out concerts in as many nights at London's O2 Arena in 2007.

"Juxtaposing his dueling worlds of music and solitude, it ('21 Nights') will incorporate Prince's evocative poetry and lyrics to new songs and other selections, and 124 full-color, sumptuous, never-before-published images by celebrated photographer Randee St. Nicholas," Atria announced Monday.

"21 Nights" will include a CD of after-hours jams, "Indigo Nights," unavailable from any other outlet.

City TV wins Telly Awards

Two productions by WSTV 13 The Government Channel were recently honored as finalists in the judging for the 29th Annual Telly Awards.

The competition honored the documentary "Engine Four" and the "Feed the Bin" series of public service announcements for meeting industry standards of excellence in non-network television and video production.

The Telly Awards were established in 1980 to recognize outstanding film and video productions and non-network television programs and commercials. Productions selected for awards are recognized as winners or as finalists.

"Engine Four" received four bronze Tellys, for documentary production, writing, editing and use of music. The documentary tells the story of the men who served in North Carolina's first integrated firehouse on Dunleith Avenue in 1951. The eight black and seven white firemen overcame the opposition of their fire chief and the segregation of the Jim Crow South to live and work as one company. The documentary features rare photographs, historical footage, an original score and an original song.

The "Feed the Bin" PSAs received a bronze Telly for a non-for-profit campaign. Eight 15-second spots were produced, each highlighting a different type of recyclable material. The spots can be viewed online at www.cityofws.org.

Kyle Walker will next compete in Omega Psi Phi's National Talent Hunt

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Local piano phenom Kyle Walker won the Omega Psi Phi Sixth District Talent Hunt Competition last month in North Charleston, S.C.

He competed against several other winners chosen to represent chapters across North and South Carolina.

Walker's win gives him an opportunity for his talent to be exhibited on a national level. As a result of his hard work, he will now head to Birmingham Ala. to perform at the Grand Conclave of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity in July. Walker will represent the Sixth District in the national Talent Hunt Competition.

Officials with the Winston-



Kyle Walker holds his accolades.

Salem Psi Phi Chapter said that they are especially honored that Walker will continue to represent them.

The local chapter has a significant connection to the Talent Hunt. One of the founding chapter members, former Grand Basileus J. Alston Atkins, conceptualized what is now referred to as the Omega Talent Hunt. His idea to provide a forum to showcase the abilities of young men and women has evolved into an internationally-mandated program of the fraternity.

Members of the Psi Phi Chapter extend their appreciation to Kyle Walker for his interest in the Talent Hunt program and congratulate him on all of his accomplishments.



Veteran Newswoman Barbara Walters.

First black senator won't comment about alleged affair with Walters

BY FRAZIER MOORE THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Former U.S. Sen. Edward Brooke declined to comment Friday about whether he had an affair with TV interviewer Barbara Walters in the 1970s.

"I have had a lifetime policy and practice of not discussing my personal and private life, or the personal and private lives of others, with the notable exception of what I wrote in my recently published autobiography, 'Bridging the Divide: My Life,'" he told The Associated Press in a phone interview from Miami.

A relationship with Walters was not mentioned in his book, the '88-year-old former senator from Massachusetts told the AP.

His memoir was published in 2006.

In an appearance on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" this week, Walters detailed her relationship with the married Brooke that lasted several years in the 1970s.

A moderate Republican who took office in 1967, Brooke was the first African-American to be popularly elected to the Senate. Walters said he and she knew that public knowledge of their affair could have ruined their careers.

At the time, the twice-divorced Walters was a rising star in TV news and co-host of NBC's "Today" show, but would soon jump to ABC News, where she has enjoyed unrivaled success. She said her affair with Brooke, which never before came to light, had ended before he lost his bid for a third term in 1978.

Brooke later divorced, and has since remarried.

Walters, 78, will appear on Winfrey's show to discuss her new memoir, "Audition," which covers her long career in television, as well as her off-camera life. On "Oprah," Walters recounts a phone call from a friend who urged her to stop seeing Brooke.

"He said, 'This is going to come out. This is going to ruin your career,'" then reminded her that Brooke was up for re-election a year later. "'This is going to ruin him. You've got to break this off.'"

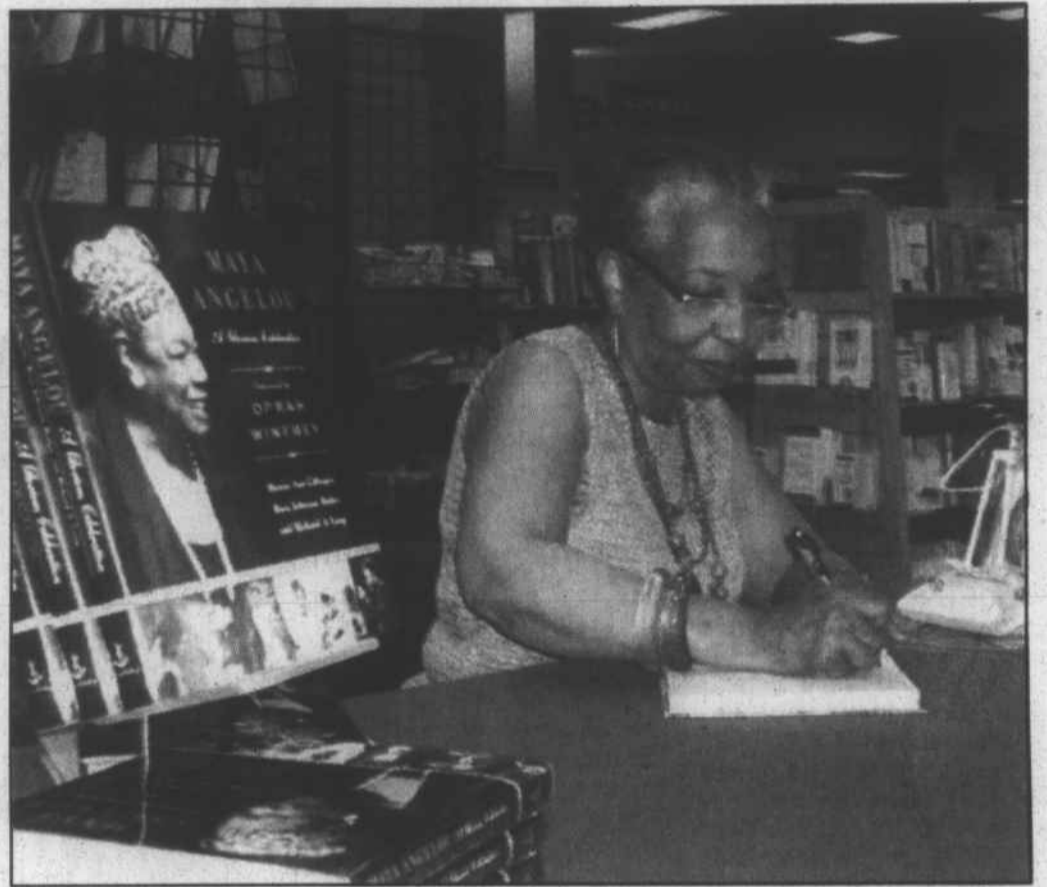
Winfrey asks Walters if she was in love. "I was certainly — I don't know — I was certainly infatuated. I was certainly involved," Walters said. "He was exciting. He was brilliant. It was exciting times in Washington."

Brooke served two full terms from 1967 to 1979, taking on the populist causes of low-income housing, increasing the minimum wage and mass transit. He received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2004, an honor only 21 U.S. senators have received.



Brooke

ANOTHER AUTHOR IN THE FAMILY



Rosa Johnson Butler signs a copy of her book, "Maya Angelou: A Glorious Celebration," Saturday at Borders in Thruway Shopping Center. The book, which features many never-before-seen photos, details the extraordinary life of Dr. Maya Angelou, who is Butler's aunt. The book is Butler's first stab at writing, but the former renowned hair designer says she hopes to write more.



The Eagles are known for hits like "Hotel California."

EAGLES TO EAGLES

Moore's snafu leads to \$25,000 gift to NCCU

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

North Carolina gubernatorial candidate Richard Moore's use of a song by the legendary rock band, The Eagles, has turned into a \$25,000 gift to North Carolina Central University's music department.

According to Raleigh entertainment attorney and NCCU alum, Richard Gusler ('84), "Moore placed the Eagles song, "Life in the Fast Lane" on his campaign Web site and on YouTube in February without the permission of the group."

This led to singer/drummer Don Henley calling on Gusler to handle the case. A settlement over the copyright infringement was reached.

Branford Marsalis, NCCU artist-in-resi-

dence and noted saxophonist, with the aid of Gusler and The Eagles, worked out a deal to benefit the university's music equipment program. Another \$25,000 donation will go to the Community Music School of Raleigh, which teaches music to underprivileged youngsters two days a week.

"I think my client is pleased with the outcome. They take infringement seriously because it does harm to an artist's sales," said Gusler. "The Eagles and many other performers usually donate an infringement settlement to non profit organizations. It is also good to be able to give back to NCCU which was very good to me."

Paula Harrell, chair of NCCU's music department, says, "we are excited and grateful for this donation."



Marsalis