

Bynum to appear at local church

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Greater Church of Deliverance Worship Complex, 4198 Cherry Street, is expecting to welcome Juanita Bynum this evening (July 17) and tomorrow to the church for special services.

One of the nation's best known televangelists, Bynum rose to fame in the late 1990s, when her powerful preaching caught the attention of mega-pastor Bishop T.D. Jakes. Her famous "No More Sheets," a message about how to break free from the strongholds of sexual immorality, is the subject of best-selling books and DVDs.

A regular guest on the Trinity Broadcasting Network and other religious programs, Bynum has added actress to her resume. She will appear in the film version

of "Mama, I Want to Sing!" and appeared on the ABC drama, "Lincoln Heights."

Bynum has taken on a mission of raising awareness about domestic violence. In an incident that made headlines around the world, Bynum became a victim of domestic abuse when her former husband, Bishop Thomas W. Weeks III, kicked and beat her in a parking lot near the Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson Airport.

Greater Church of Deliverance Worship Complex will open its doors on both nights at 5:30 p.m. Services, which are free and open to the public, will start at 7 p.m. Bishop Freddie B. Marshall is presiding prelate and senior pastor of the church.

For more information, call the church at 336-724-1700 ext. 107.



Prophetess Juanita Bynum

Hairston

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stepped forward and really supported us. That really impressed me," said Hairston, whose demotion was eventually overturned by the city manager.

Hairston retired from the department soon after the incident and became actively involved in the local NAACP branch.

On his watch, the NAACP moved its headquarters from a cramped basement office in the Winston Mutual Building to the former Northampton Recreation Center, where the chapter offers computer and tutoring services for young people.

"We've got about 35-40 kids out there everyday now," Jim Shaw, the NAACP's first vice president said, of the facility, now known as the NAACP Enrichment Center. "The

NAACP has come a long way in recent years."

Shaw, a retired business man and community power-broker, has stood beside Hairston during his presidency. He gives his friend high marks for the job that he has done.

"He has worked real hard," Shaw said. "Through the good, the bad and the ugly, he stayed in there, he stayed strong."

And Hairston did experience some ugly chapters, notably in 2005, when the National NAACP ordered new elections for the local chapter after a member alleged that Hairston had broken NAACP rules to win the election.

Hairston has always maintained that the election was on the up-and-up and that the complainant was sore because she lost the presidency to Hairston. There was little change after the new elections; Hairston and all of his leadership team retained their seats.

Hairston has forged unlike-

ly alliances with District Attorney Tom Keith and Superintendent Don Martin, both of whom he says he respects greatly, despite the many differences of opinion that have occurred between the NAACP and the school system and DA's office.

"These are not evil people; they do the job they have to do," Hairston said. "We're all in this together."

Hairston still maintains that Keith's office is harsher on black defendants and that the school system often gives black pupils the short end of the stick. But he hopes that the dialogue he tried to develop with the two men will help create solutions that will satisfy all parties.

The former cop has also worked to bridge the gap between the Police Department and the black community. In that area, he concedes that there is still much to be done.

"Relations between the black community and the police department are really tough," he said. "There's a lot of friction. They don't trust

each other ... and until we bridge this gap, there's going to be some tough times."

Hairston, who owns and operates Hairston Bookkeeping & Tax Service, says he devotes an average of 20-30 hours per week to the NAACP, fielding complaints and phone calls all hours of the day.

"I felt that it was worth it," he commented. "If you believe in a cause, you'll do what you have to do to make it a success."

When he gives up the presidency, Hairston says he will focus more of his attention on young people and the many problems they face. Already, the NAACP has created partnerships between churches and schools and established a mentoring program at Clemmons Middle. Hairston says he plans to continue to work with this and other initiatives.

"My goal now is to mentor our young, black males, to keep them from getting in trouble from the start," he said. "That makes it all worthwhile - if you can just save one."

Republican McAllister to be featured on BET

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

North Carolina's Lenny McAllister, who has been called a rising star in the Republican Party, is getting some national attention.

McAllister will be among those featured on Black Entertainment Television (BET) during a series of interviews centered around the 2008 Presidential Election. Interviews with politicians from around the country, including McAllister, will run repeatedly during BET's News Brief and its Youth Vote series.

Award-winning journalist Sampson Styles interviewed McAllister. Their talk covered various topics, including McAllister's views of the major differences between his party and the Democrats. The McAllister interview will be edited into different segments and will air at various times.

"It is yet another opportunity to present the true message and philosophy of the Republican Party to different parts of the American electorate," McAllister stated after the interview session in New York City. "It gives us a chance to speak directly to new voters that will come out because of the excitement generated in 2008. It also provides a chance to explain why Republicanism can provide true solutions for America that will benefit us across the board, including Black America."

A graduate of Davidson College, McAllister lives in the Charlotte area and has been gaining prominence in the North Carolina GOP. He serves on the state party's Executive Committee, the 12th District Republican Executive Committee and the North Carolina New Majority Advisory Council.

In 2006, he and his wife, Lannie, participated as guests of U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Dole in the African-American Leadership Summit that was co-sponsored by U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-Texas) and former U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum, a Republican who represented Pennsylvania.

McAllister recently ran unsuccessfully for a seat on the Davidson County Board of Commissioners.



Lenny McAllister speaks at a gathering of black Republicans.

Mayor

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now," she said of her hometown, where blacks make up just over half the population. "It wasn't always like this."

Walking outside City Hall on last week, Jackson-Stanley was stopped every few minutes by a passing driver or a city employee. Blacks and whites alike offered their congratulations.

"Attitudes here have changed," said William Nichols, a machinist who became the first black Dorchester County Commission president a few years back.

Nichols, 49, grew up in Ward Two and remembers watching flames from his bedroom window in 1967, when a speech by Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee Chairman H. Rap Brown ended with a segregated elementary school set on fire. The blaze spread, destroying black-owned businesses as an all-white fire

department refused to douse the flames.

Cambridge was among the cities studied by the federal Kerner Commission, which in 1968 looked at racial conditions in the United States, concluding that the nation is moving toward "two societies, one black, one white - separate and unequal."

"It was scary," Nichols says of 1960s Cambridge. But today, he said, he's proud of his hometown.

"Things are moving forward - slowly, but at least they're moving forward," Nichols said.

As evidence of progress, locals said, race played little role in the campaign between Jackson-Stanley and the incumbent, Cleveland Rippons, a white man.

"It wasn't about race," Rippons said.

More pressing to voters, he said, were disagreements over growth and jobs as traditional employment in harvesting and picking crabs dries up amid a declining crab population and competition overseas.

PUBLIC REVIEW

The Winston-Salem Urban Area Transportation Advisory Committee, the Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation and the Winston-Salem Transit Authority are seeking public review and comment on the following documents:

- Comprehensive Transportation Plan Documents
- Triad Regional Air Quality Conformity Determination Report
- Draft 2009-2015 Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program
- Federal and State Transportation Funds Obligated in 2007.

These documents have details about the planning and funding for road, rail, transit, pedestrian, and bicycle transportation improvements for Forsyth County and portions of Davidson, Davie and Stokes counties.

The documents can be reviewed online at www.dot.cityofws.org or at public libraries in Forsyth County and King, each municipal town hall, the North Carolina Department of Transportation Division 9 office at 375 Silas Creek Parkway, and the City of Winston-Salem Department of Transportation, Room 307, Bryce A. Stuart Municipal Building, 100 E. First St., Winston-Salem.

Public Information Session: Transportation staff will be available to answer questions Thursday, July 17, from 4 to 7 p.m. in Room 530 of the Bryce A. Stuart Municipal Building, 100 E. First St., Winston-Salem.

All requests for appropriate auxiliary aids and services to review and comment on the documents should be made to Wendy Miller, WSDOT, P.O. Box 2511, Winston-Salem, NC 27102 or by phone at (336)727-2707, TDD (336)727-8319.

ONLY WRITTEN COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED. COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5 P.M. FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 2008.

Written comments may be mailed, e-mailed or faxed to: Fredrick Haith, Winston-Salem Dept. of Transportation, P.O. Box 2511, Winston-Salem, NC 27102. E-mail: fredrickh@cityofws.org Fax: (336)748-3370



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