



Marchers mark the 25th anniversary of the Greensboro Massacre in 2004.

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## Documentary about G'boro Truth Project will be screened

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"Greensboro: Closer to the Truth," a documentary about the Greensboro Truth and Reconciliation Commission, will be screened Wed., Nov. 12, at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro. The film begins at 6:30 p.m. in Room 100, Ferguson Building. The event is free and open to the public.



Dr. Jost

The screening will be followed by a panel discussion with Adam Zucker, the director; Dr. Spoma Jovanovic, UNCG communications professor and community activist; Dr. Muktha Jost, former commissioner and A&T profes-

or; the Rev. Mark Sills, former commissioner; and Joseph Frierson of the Beloved Community Center's Local Task Force for the Greensboro Truth and Community Reconciliation Project. Audience questions are welcome.

"Closer to the Truth" documents the Greensboro Truth and Reconciliation Commission, the first such commission in the U.S., formed in response to the 1979 "Greensboro Massacre" when Klansmen crashed an anti-Klan rally, killing five members of the Communist Workers Party.

The screening, sponsored by the UNCG Center for Critical Inquiry's Human Rights Research Network, is part of UNCG's International Human Rights Film Festival.



Photo by Layla Farmer

Jim Shaw, center, with owners John and David Chang.

### Liberty

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several new businesses that have sprouted on Liberty in the past few years.

This week's Grand Opening celebration, more than two years in the making, had all the trappings of a country barbecue, compete with a hog that sizzled on the giant grill, sending plumes of hickory scented smoke into the gusty fall air.

Community leaders trickled in from seemingly every corner of the lot. Beyond them, rows of pumps served a steady stream of motorists who came to partake in the \$2.29 per-gallon gasoline sold there.

Locals gathered under a large tent erected on the side of the brick structure, talking amongst themselves about days gone by on Liberty Street.

State Rep. Larry Womble grew up just a hop, skip and a jump away from the place where the new Fairway gas station now stands, and remembers his time on Liberty Street fondly.

"The Zesto Ice Cream Shop used to be right here; we used to come here after church," he recalled with a wide grin. "This was the place to come years ago."

City Council Member Joycelyn Johnson also spoke of the Liberty Street Corridor in its heyday.

"Those of us who have been around awhile know what East Winston was, and we know what it can get back to," she remarked. "If we can see the kinds of things that are going on in the neighborhood, we know that there are good things coming."

The corridor, which once served as a main drag between

the Smith Reynolds Airport and downtown, played an important role in the back-story of the city. Mayor Pro Tempore Vivian Burke reminded guests.

"Sometimes you need to know your history," she stated. "This area was the first (in the city) to receive electricity; we had black entrepreneurs here. The business was just booming, and it's beginning to happen again."

Burke thanked city and county leaders whom she says helped lay the groundwork for the project to become a reality.

"I want to tell you all this: it's been a long time coming," she declared. "It's not where we want it to be, but we're working on it."

N.C. Sen. Linda Garrou congratulated Shaw and other members of the CDC board for their work in turning the area around.

"We in the North Carolina Senate are so proud of what's been accomplished here," she said. "We believe very strongly ... in this community."

Brothers John and David Chang are the proud owners of the new Fairway One Stop, the newest of 21 Triad area convenience stores they own and operate.

The men opened the original Fairway, which stood on the lot next door to where its successor was erected, nearly two decades ago, when they were just starting out in the business, said John Chang. The community has always been supportive of the enterprise, he reported.

"We've done well because of the Liberty Street neighborhood, and we want to give back to the community," said the Greensboro resident. "Liberty Street deserves to get this kind of change and we're glad to be a part of it."

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