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Lawmakers urge black Democrats to unite

BY CASH MICHAELS FOR THE CHRONICLE

"I know that if I don't protect my freedom, no one is going to be as interested in it as I am."

And with those words, state Senate Minority Leader Dan Blue (D-Wake) urged members at Nov. 14th's Bi-Annual Convention of the State African-American Caucus of the NC Democratic Party (AAC-NCDP) in Chapel Hill to come together, and organize for the crucial 2016 elections.



Blue



Hall

North Carolina will see March primaries, in addition to gubernatorial, presiden-

tial, congressional and legislative races. With Republicans already in charge of the Governor's Office and in the majority of the state General Assembly, Sen. Blue and other black Democratic Party leaders made it clear at the AAC-NCDP Convention that turning out the vote was crucial to stopping what many believe to be regressive GOP policies.

Blue said there are currently 16 Democrats in the state Senate and they've identified eight seats that they feel are winnable to give them the majority in the 50-member state Senate come 2016. Because each campaign could cost upwards of over \$1 million to fund, the

tions, and 2011 redistricting plans "stacking and packing" black voters into a handful of voting districts — are racially based and inhibit the rights and citizenship of African-Americans in North Carolina.

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Photo by Tevin Stinson

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Organizations unite to provide food to families

BY TEVIN STINSON FOR THE CHRONICLE

Just ahead of the holidays, the Chris Paul Family Foundation joined forces with the Triad Dream Center (TDC) to provide 100 area families with boxes containing food for seven to eight meals.

During the event held on Saturday, Nov. 21, over 30 volunteers worked tirelessly to fill the boxes to ensure families in the Triad have food during Thanksgiving.

The families were pre-screened and selected from various community organizations in the area. The meals were provided at TDC, 3650-J N. Patterson Ave. in Winston-Salem.

"In this economy — and the times many are facing today — a family dinner together is a very important weapon against the many challenges that try to tear families apart," said TDC's executive director, Pastor

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People on the street

Question: What are you most thankful for?

BY TORI P. HAYNESWORTH FOR THE CHRONICLE

"What I'm thankful for is life, because people take life for granted, and I feel like you should live every moment like it's your last. Like, don't be so picky, have fun, enjoy."

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Saquorya Thomas, Winston-Salem

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Minneapolis protesters demand police killing video

BY GREG MOORE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MINNEAPOLIS — U.S. Justice Department attorneys were expected to fly to Minnesota on Sunday to investigate the killing of a black man that has prompted protests and calls for the two Minneapolis police officers involved in the shooting to be prosecuted.

A key issue during their visit will be whether

authorities should release to the public videos of the fatal shooting of 24-year-old Jamar Clark a week ago.

Federal and state authorities have resisted releasing the footage — from an ambulance, mobile police camera, public housing cameras and people's cellphones — because they said it doesn't show the full incident and making the recordings public would compromise their investigations.

Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton said on

Saturday that he had asked Clark's family and representatives of the Black Lives Matter group protesting his death to meet with the federal government lawyers.

"I will urge that the tapes be provided to the family and released to the public, as soon as doing so will not jeopardize the Department of Justice's investigation," Dayton said after meeting with the family and leaders of the protesters.

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