

Shooting

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Bureaus of Investigation, to aggressively pursue investigations, indictments, and prosecutions against law enforcement officers who harm or kill innocent civilians."

Rev. Barber also called for "... the retrial of Randall Kerrick, the officer responsible for killing Jonathan Ferrell, another unarmed black man shot in Charlotte just three years ago."

enshrouding in secrecy a system already distrusted by the public that those officials claim to serve."

The N.C. NAACP list of demands also included a moratorium on the death penalty and restoration of the Racial Justice Act; an end to racial profiling; empowering police civilian review boards; a "demilitarization" of police departments statewide; a public accounting of elected officials on key issues like voting rights, health care, public education, etc.; and the passage of meaning criminal justice reform and "the end of racialized policing and police brutality."

The Keith Scott police shooting footage showed plainclothes officers with

"POLICE" vests on, repeatedly ordering Scott, 43, out of his vehicle at gunpoint after they claim to have witnessed him sitting in the front seat with a marijuana joint and a handgun.

Chief Putney claimed that evidence retrieved from the scene buttressed officers' contention that Scott had a weapon, exited his car with it at his side, and walked backwards away from the police until one officer, Brentley Vinson, 26, fired four rounds, fatally hitting Scott.

Days of street protests followed, with the city imposing curfews and the governor sending in the National Guard to ensure

against violence that marred the first two nights of demonstrations.

None of the police footage showed Scott with a gun in his hand, despite still pictures of a gun the Charlotte -Mecklenburg Police Dept. says was in his hand and has his DNA on it.

Scott's family insists that he did not own a gun they knew of. Published reports this week claim Scott bought the handgun illegally.

In Washington, D.C., North Carolina members of the Congressional Black Caucus took front and center in demanding an end to police shootings of black men.

Congresswoman Alma

Adams [D-12- NC] demanded that the U.S. Department of Justice open a "pattern-or-practice" investigation into the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department in the wake of two fatal police shootings in the past three years.

"People need to be receptive to, again, admitting that there's a problem and then coming together and saying, you know, I know there's a way we can fix it," Rep. Adams told The Charlotte Observer. "You might not have the solution, but you may have a portion of what we need to do."

Meanwhile, the Congressional Black Caucus, led by

Congressman G. K. Butterfield [D-NC-1] marched to the U.S. Justice Dept. last Thursday with a letter for U.S. Attorney Gen. Loretta Lynch requesting federal probes into the Charlotte and Tulsa, Okla. fatal police shootings.

"The Congressional Black Caucus is outraged with the dozens of unlawful police shootings that are taking place all across America involving unarmed, innocent African-American citizens," CBC Chairman Butterfield told reporters.



Cey Adams, left, watches Douglas Jackson, 7, stroke gray paint on a mural Sept. 24 during the grand opening celebration of the National Museum of African American History and Culture at the National Mall in Washington, D.C. The mural will eventually go inside the museum.

Museum

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"Just seeing this museum puts a smile on my face," said Elam of Coto de Caza, California. "To be inducted into the Smithsonian ... is just unbelievable."

Some visitors like Marian Sprull didn't have tickets to go inside the 400,000-square-foot building that contains thousands of historical artifacts, such as a bowtie and handkerchief owned by Harriett Tubman, a Fedora worn by Michael Jackson during his "Victory" tour, and a 78-ton Southern railroad car, the museum's largest relic.

"I am so excited we got a black president and a museum dedicated to our history," said Sprull, 69, who traveled on a bus from Greensboro, N.C. "I'm so excited to see this during my lifetime."

While people took selfies and recorded their experience with cell phones and digital cameras, Cey Adams of Brooklyn, New York, prepped a mural for people to fill in the artwork with various colors that will eventually go inside the museum.

Adams serves as the creative director of "Def Jam Recordings" and co-founded the label's visual design firm, "The Drawing Board." He also designed the cover of the Smithsonian Folkways hip-hop anthology.

Seven year-old Douglas Jackson brushed some gray paint on the mural.

"We came out for the opening of the museum. It's a historical moment ... that I don't think any of us thought would happen," said Habibah Jackson, Douglas's mother. Jackson also brought her son Daniel who is 9 years old, to the grand opening and he painted on the mural, too. The family will visit the museum in a few weeks.

Daniel said he will tell his friends, "I got to the see the [outside of] museum. I got to see concerts. I got to paint. I saw everything."

For more information on the museum, go to www.nmaahc.si.edu.

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HB2

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as transgender.

According to reports the state could eventually lose more than \$500 million if HB2 is not taken off the books.

Hanes' cry to the governor and other members of the General Assembly came a few days after the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) decided to pull tournament games from the state because of the law.

"With the decisions of the NCAA and the Atlantic Coast Conference to remove their tournaments games, I believe that North Carolinians have had enough," said Hanes. "It's time to admit that a mistake was made."

"The Governor and our

legislative colleagues who support HB 2 need to come forward, join hands with the business and broader community, and do the right thing for the state."

Earlier this year the National Basketball Association (NBA), announced that the highly anticipated All-Star Game, which was scheduled to be held in Charlotte next year, for the first time since the early 1990s would be moved to New Orleans as a result of the law.

While the state has already taken a number of losses since the bill was passed and more could be on the way. In recent weeks, the Professional Golf Association (PGA), and the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) have released statements that they may also be moving sporting events out of the state in the near future.

In a recent press release Hanes, who represents District 72, which includes parts of Winston-Salem said, it's time to get back to the business of moving our economy and our people forward.

"That cannot happen while folks play politics for votes instead of demonstrating leadership for the people," continued Hanes. "It's time for the governor and General Assembly members to fix this mistake."

People on the Street

Last week, The Chronicle took to the streets to find out what the people of the city thought about HB2 and Hanes' call for a special session. Here is what the people had to say about the controversial bill and the impact it has already had on the econo-

my. Question: Representative Ed Hanes says the governor should call a special session to repeal HB2 because of what it's doing to the economics of North Carolina. Do you agree?

Jashon Jackson "It doesn't make any sense that we are losing so much money over something like this. Governor McCrory should do the right thing and repeal the bill. I think Representative Hanes is doing the right thing but, he can't do it alone."

Zay Rivers "HB 2 is definitely going to make state revenue go down, which means everyone in the state will have less funding. Especially the rural areas that really depend on state revenue. All Star weekend alone would have brought millions to the state. HB 2 is awful."

Johnny Gerald "I understand why people are upset and why Representative Hanes would call for a special session to repeal the bill, but personally, I haven't seen any impact from HB.2."

Travis Clark "The loss of the ACC and NCAA tournaments will have a major impact on our economy. Basketball is a real money maker in North Carolina, I think Hanes is doing the right thing, but he is going to need more help from the General Assembly."

Andre Lowe "Representative Hanes is doing the right thing. With HB 2 in place, the state is not a welcome place for others. Something has to be done."

Debate

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County Board of Elections member Flemming El-Amin led an open conver-

sation on the importance of voting. El-Amin told the students that although they came together to watch the debate, the decisions they make at the

polls on Nov. 8 will impact the country for the next 50 years.

"We're just watching the debate, but this is about so much more," he said.

El-Amin said that whoever is sworn in as the President of the United States early next year will have the power to nominate at least two candidates for the U.S. Supreme Court. He said when it comes to social economics, the judges that serve on the country's highest court make decisions that last much longer than the tenure of the president.

As an example, El-Amin briefly discussed the landmark case Plessy vs. Ferguson, which upheld in 1896 the policy of "separate but equal" in state laws for all public facilities. Public facilities for blacks and whites remained separate until Brown vs. Board of Education repealed the law in 1954.

"From 1896 until



More than 75 students from Winston-Salem State University gathered at the Enterprise Center on Monday, Sept. 26 to watch the presidential debate. Before Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump took to the stage students participated in a open discussion on the debate and the election.

1954," he said. "The supreme court justices made that decision." El-Amin, who pushed for an early voting site to be put on the campus of WSSU, also urged students to exercise their right to vote. "This is nothing to play with. You must take this seriously," he said. "Too

many died and to many prayed for us to have this right. We can't take it lightly." Longtime community and civil rights activist the Rev. Dr. John Mendez also urged the students to vote. As he stood in front of the giant screen just before debate moderator Lester Holt appeared, Mendez

told the students, "You are leading the struggle." He said, "Brilliant young people are changing politics, and I want you to know that I am proud of you. People like me have run my race already, so where you lead me that's where I'm going."

Correction

The Chronicle apologizes for an error made in The Chronicle on Sept. 22 because of incorrect information received. The story, on page A2, had the headline "Procedures used in scandal not in Winston-Salem, Wells Fargo managers say." The story erroneously reported, based on several prior published reports, that 2 million Wells Fargo customers were scammed with unauthorized bank and credit accounts.

According to a consent order between the U.S. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., "[Wells Fargo] employees opened 1,534,280 deposit accounts that may not have been authorized."

The Chronicle regrets any misunderstanding that may have resulted from these errors. The Editor

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