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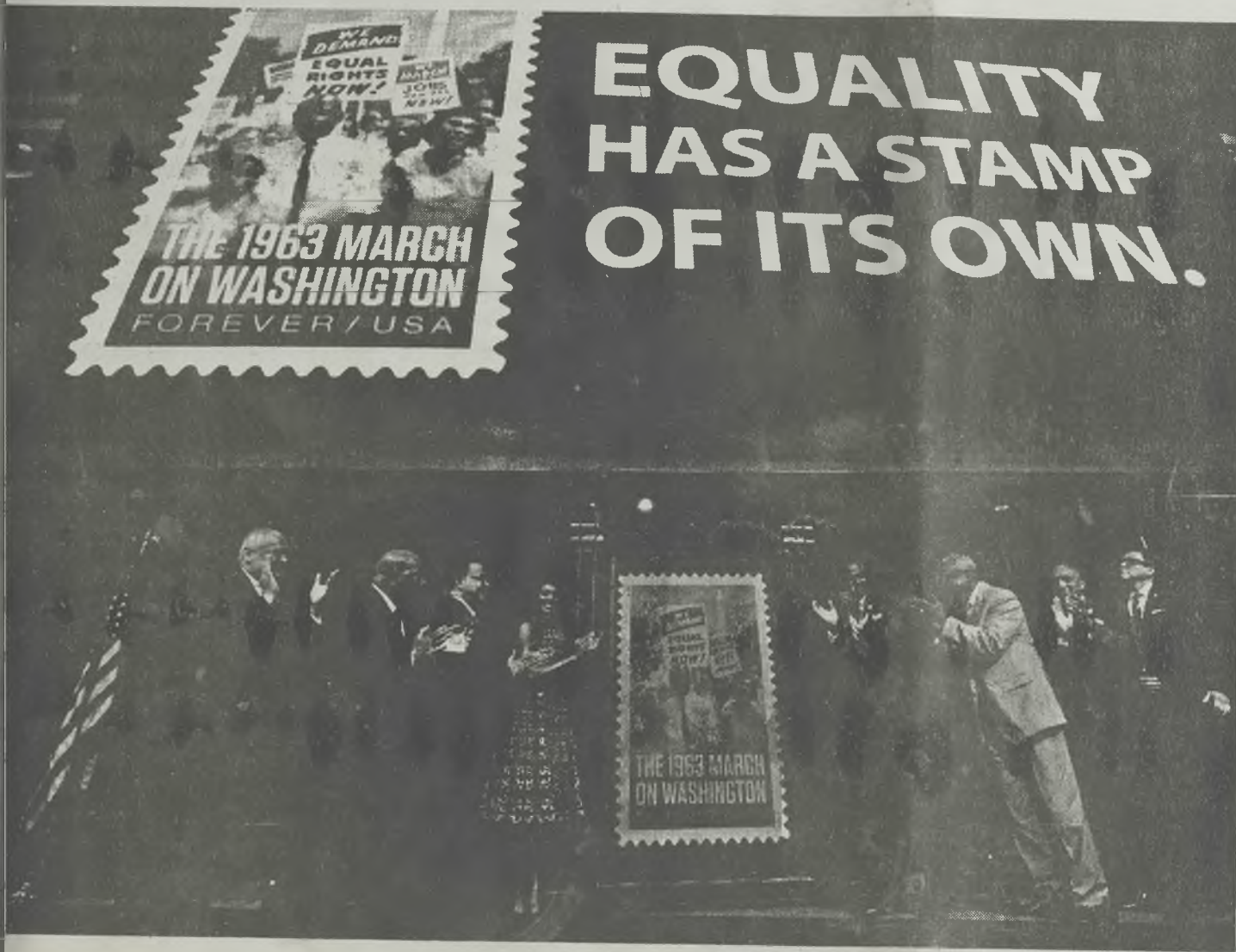
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The U.S. Postal Service unveiled the 1963 March on Washington stamp at the Newseum in Washington, D.C., Friday, August 23. The limited-edition stamp honors the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington and is available for sale at post offices nationwide. Pictured, from left to right: Thurgood Marshall Jr., John Lewis, Alexander Williams, Gabrielle Union, Ronald A. Stroman, Wade Henderson, Joe Coleman and Scott Lewis.

## Stamp depicts a moment in 1963 March on Washington

By Shaquille Brewster

WASHINGTON (AP) - Rep. John Lewis remembers the moment well: More than 250,000 people marching toward the Lincoln Memorial, rallying for jobs and justice, as he prepared to deliver a passionate speech at the March on Washington.

Almost 50 years later, Lewis returned to that day as he gazed at an image of marchers carrying placards calling for jobs and equal rights, with the Washington Monument as a backdrop. The moment is captured on the newest postage stamp, unveiled Aug. 23, to commemorate the civil rights movement.

"I'm more than lucky. I am very blessed to come here and see the unveiling of this beautiful stamp," Lewis said during a ceremony at the Newseum. Now 73, he is the last surviving organizer of the historic march.

Artist Greg Manchess of New York, under the direction of Antonio Alcalá of Virginia, painted the image using bold and broad strokes on a gessoed illustration board.

"It is a powerful image. When you look at it, you can't help but think of the debt that America owes those marchers," said Deputy Postmaster General Ronald Stroman.

Lewis said to unveil the commemorative stamp at was actress Gabrielle Union, star of the movie "Bring It On" and the new BET series "Being Mary Jane." Although the 40-year-old hadn't been born at the time of the march, she said she felt compelled to join the ceremony because her parents had raised her to never be silent in the face of injustice.

"In 1963, Union explained, her father was in Italy serving in the military and her grandmother prohibited her from taking part in protests, fearing she would lose her job.

"Both of my parents were silenced at a time when they wanted to be demonstrative in their feelings and in their opinions," Union said. "My father by the military brass and my mother by a much scarier entity - my grandma."

In an interview with The Associated Press, Union said: "I think as young, politically active black people, we like to tell our parents were freedom riders, they were all freedom riders and on the front lines of every fight. And to hear their stories, and to get the why they weren't, was incredibly powerful."

For the stamp, she told the AP. "It's dope!" This week the Postal Service encouraged people to help unveil the stamp digitally by offering their Facebook profile pictures as tiles that would, one by one, create an online mosaic of the stamp. In offering their images, the participants pledged to "take a stand for equality."

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## Republican mayoral candidate drops out over racial slur

WINSTON-SALEM (AP) - The Republican mayoral candidate in Winston-Salem, has dropped out after local leaders withdrew their support when he admitted using a racial slur and derogatory term in describing a black election worker.

The Winston-Salem Journal reports that James Lee Knox issued a statement Tuesday saying the decision by local Republican leaders makes his mayoral bid impossible.

Knox, who is white, acknowledged using the racial slur after the 2012 election as he was trying to find out the name of a black elections employee with whom he had exchanged words during early voting. He said that while talking to another county worker, he referred to the woman using derogatory terms, including the n-word.

Knox's withdrawal means the winner of the Democratic primary between incumbent Allen Joiner and Gardenia Henson won't face opposition in November.

## US march focuses on new fights for civil rights

WASHINGTON (AP) - Tens of thousands of marchers kicked off the 50th anniversary commemorations of the March on Washington, honoring the civil rights progress made since Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his "I have a Dream" speech, while lamenting what they called new attacks on racial and social equality.

Organizers of the Aug. 24 march hoped the anniversary would serve to inspire people again to educate themselves about issues they see as making up the modern civil rights struggle.

The Aug. 28, 1963 March on Washington drew some 250,000 people to the National Mall, ushered in the idea of massive, nonviolent demonstrations and helped bring about the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

The event Saturday was the precursor to the actual anniversary of the march. On the day of the anniversary, President Barack Obama, America's first black president, will speak from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, the same place King stood when he delivered his stirring speech.

On Saturday, Eric Holder, the nation's first black attorney general, thanked those who marched a half century earlier. He said he would not be in office, nor would Obama be president, without them.

"They marched in spite of animosity, oppression and brutality because they believed in the greatness of what this nation could become and despaired of the founding promises not kept," Holder said.

Holder said the spirit of the 1963 march now demands equality for gays, Latinos, women, the disabled and others. Keeping with that theme, those in attendance represented a grab-bag of causes advocating gay rights, organized labor and voting rights.

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## Spaulding planning to run for NC governor in 2016

By Gary D. Robertson

RALEIGH (AP) - An attorney and member of a prominent Durham political family said Aug. 26 he's planning to run for North Carolina governor in 2016, unhappy with the direction of the state under Republican Gov. Pat McCrory and the GOP-led legislature, particularly on education.

Ken Spaulding, a former state House member, congressional candidate and Board of Transportation member, said he's getting in the race now because taxpayers and voters tell him they want a reasonable alternative to the Republicans' "extremist positions and actions" this year.

In a statement, he focused squarely on North Carolina's election overhaul law and per-pupil reductions in state funds for the public schools, including no pay raises again for teachers. He said McCrory, portrayed as a moderate on the way to victory last fall, has failed to rein in an over-the-top General Assembly.

"North Carolina can do much better," he said in an interview with The Associated Press. "I think the actions that have been taken negatively impact our economy, negatively impact our business climate."

Spaulding, 68, is the latest Democrat getting an early start or considering one to become the next chief executive although the race is more than three years away. The Democratic primary, 33 months from now, could require millions of campaign dollars to march to victory.

"It's a long, long way away and a lot of work," he said.

James Protzman of Chapel Hill, a business consultant, contributor to the "BlueNC" blog and former town council member, filed paperwork with the State Board of Elections in May creating a gubernatorial campaign committee.

"Our General Assembly is out of control. Our schools and infrastructure are falling apart. And our governor is missing in action," Protzman's website says. "I may not be perfect, but I'll tell you one thing, I could do better with my eyes closed. And you probably could, too."



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Attorney General Roy Cooper, who has passed on gubernatorial bids before, appears to be giving it more thought this year and listening to allies.

"I am very concerned about the direction of our state," Cooper told News 14 Carolina last week. "It's certainly too early to talk about any kind of announcement or talk about that type of election that's way down the line but I'm certainly going to keep working and do what I can to move North Carolina in the right direction."

Spaulding said if Cooper ran he would look forward to a "very spirited primary" when considering Cooper's record.

Spaulding served in the legislature from 1978 to 1984 and lost a close U.S. House Democratic primary to incumbent Tim Valentine in 1984. He was a leader of a key Durham-area political action group and a Board of Transportation member during Gov. Mike Easley's administration.

Spaulding talked Monday about his economic development experience as a private-sector attorney helping get the Streets at Southpoint mall in Durham built and promoting growth while on the transportation board through highway projects.

If he had been governor this year, Spaulding said, he would have kept tax rates the same.

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