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'Something has to be done'

Roundtable discussion held to plan steps to decrease violence following recent shootings

BY TEVIN STINSON
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Following a pair of shootings that left two men dead, City Council Member James Taylor hosted a roundtable discussion Tuesday evening to devise specific steps to

decrease violence and promote community progression. "We lost two promising young men too soon in our community last week Eric Pegues and John McCravey. Something has to be done," Taylor said.

According to police records Pegues, 41, was pronounced dead at Forsyth Medical Center shortly after he was shot multiple times outside Paper Moon Gentleman's Club in the early morning hours of Wednesday, May 25. Just two days later, police responded to a reported shooting in the 1200 block of Bohannon Park Circle. Upon arrival, officers located Jonathan R. McCravey, 28, suffering from a gunshot wound to his abdomen.

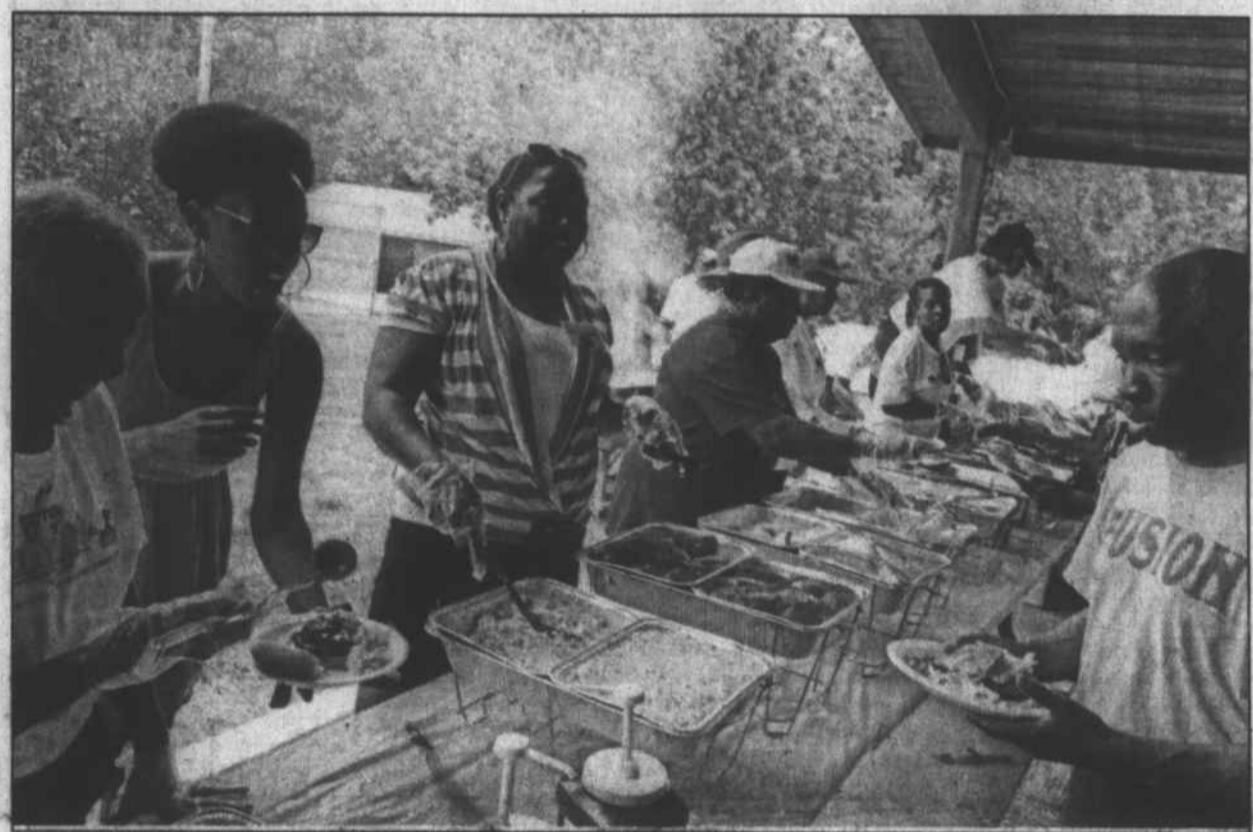
McCravey was taken to Wake Forest Baptist Medical

Center, where he was pronounced dead. While detectives with the Criminal Investigations Division (CID) have charged Sierras Deshan Cobb, 40, in the murder of Pegues, the Winston-Salem Police Department (WSPD) is still investigating the murder of McCravey.

The deaths of Pegues and McCravey bring the total number of homicides in the year to eight. At the same point in 2015, only four homicides had occurred.

To begin the roundtable discussion, held at City Hall, all the names of those who have lost their lives to senseless violence this year were called, followed by a brief moment of silence. Taylor, then informed those in atten-

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Volunteers serve food during the Memorial Day Commemoration.

Photos by Todd Luck

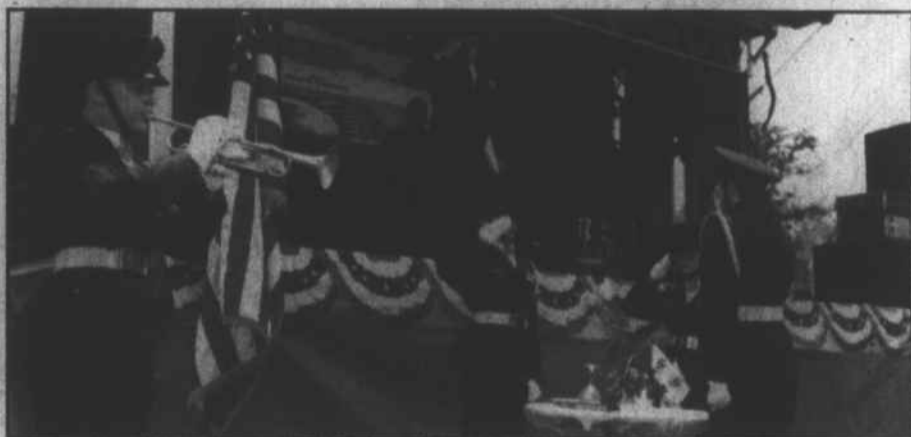
HARRY honors Vietnam veterans and the fallen

BY TODD LUCK
THE CHRONICLE

HARRY Veterans Community Outreach Service's eighth annual Memorial Day Commemoration drew hundreds to Bolton Park on Monday, May 30.

The commemoration, which was expected to draw one thousand people or more, featured music, activities for kids, and free food that had a line of attendees wrapping around the park's large picnic shelter. But it was also a solemn occasion, commemorating fallen service members and honoring those who served.

The Patriot Guard Riders held flags on either side of the outdoor stage as the N.C. Civil Air Patrol Honor Guard performed a memorial table ceremony. Young



N.C. Civil Air Patrol Honor Guard performs a memorial table ceremony at the HARRY Memorial Day Commemoration on Monday, May 30.

guard members marched around the table and then stood beside it as Lt. Col. Max Benbow explained that the empty plates and glasses on it were set for fallen comrades who couldn't be there. A Bible on the table represents whatever faith they had and flags bearing the symbols of each branch of the U.S. Armed Forces adorned the table. Taps was played at the end.

"Those service members that have gone on before us have taken the final flight to the heavens," said Benbow. "They cannot be replaced, but they can be remembered."

Brian Wood, assistant director of the Veterans Affairs regional office, read a proclamation by President Barack Obama on the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War.

"While no words will ever be fully worthy of their

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TUITION BILL

Community leery but chancellor backs SB873

BY CASH MICHAELS
FOR THE CHRONICLE

To Republican Sen. Tom Apodaca of Hendersonville, his Senate Bill 873, also known as the "Access to Affordable College Education Act," is the perfect prescription for allowing worthy in-state students, beginning in the fall of 2018, to be enrolled in five UNC system universities at a reduced rate of \$500 per semester.

N.C. A&T University and North Carolina Central University would get special state-supported merit scholarships to attract the brightest students, Apodaca adds.

The chancellor of Winston-Salem State University (WSSU), one of the five UNC system universities affected, supports the bill.

Chancellor Elwood Robinson says in a statement on the WSSU website:

"Since the bill was introduced, we have had many conversations with both legislators and UNC General Administration about what it means for our campus. These discussions have been highly encouraging. As a result of those dialogues, a provision to change the name of the university was removed.

"Additionally, a proposed cut to student fees was reduced. We are continuing to engage in conversations as the bill goes forward."

However, to the members of the N.C. Legislative Black Caucus, NC NAACP, and especially alums of beloved smaller institutions like WSSU, Elizabeth City State University, Fayetteville State University, UNC-Pembroke, and Western Carolina University, Apodaca's bill is just another sneaky way Republican lawmakers are trying to either close UNC schools with legacies of serving primarily communities of color, or at least rewrite those legacies, and with them, their histories and traditions.

Apodaca is an alum of predominantly-white Western Carolina University. The Charlotte Observer charged that WCU "... is thrown in to disguise the bill's racist intentions."

"Sounds good on the surface," wrote State Senate Minority Leader Dan Blue (D-Wake) on his May 15 Facebook page. "But read the fine print to realize that there are provisions in this bill that target HBCUs, with

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Robinson

Teachers, students discuss history of integration in WS/FCS

BY TEVIN STINSON
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Last week, more than 60 years since the landmark decision in Brown v. Board of Education, former educators and students sat down to talk about what life was like following the desegregation of schools here in Winston-Salem and Forsyth County and the current state of public education.

Three years after the federal mandate

which outlawed separate but equal public schools across the nation, Gwendolyn Bailey became the first black student to attend R.J. Reynolds High School in the fall of 1957. Bailey's arrival at Reynolds that fall marked the end of law-enforced separation at all schools and shaped the face of the city.

However, well into the 1970s, many black students continued to attend primarily black

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Retired teacher and educator Daisy Chambers talks about what life was like at Clemmons Elementary School in 1964. Chambers was the first black teacher on staff at Clemmons.

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