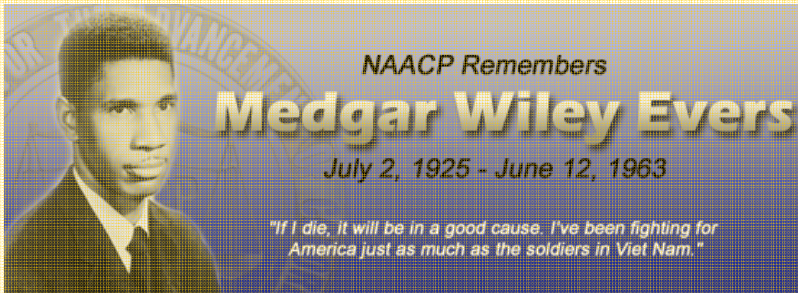




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## LEST WE FORGET:



- On June 12, 1963, Evers pulled into his driveway after returning from an integration meeting where he had conferred with NAACP lawyers. Emerging from his car and carrying NAACP T-shirts that stated, "Jim Crow Must Go", Evers was struck in the back with a bullet that ricocheted into his home. He staggered 30 feet before collapsing, dying at the local hospital 50 minutes later. Evers was murdered just hours after President John F. Kennedy's speech on national television in support of civil rights.
- Our prayers go out to the Evers family. Had he lived Medgar Edgars would have been 83 years old on July 2, 2008.
- Evers's wife, Myrlie, became a noted activist in her own right later in life, eventually serving as chair-woman of the NAACP from 1995 to 1998.

For more on Medgar Egars go to: <http://www.naacp.org/about/history/megarevers/>



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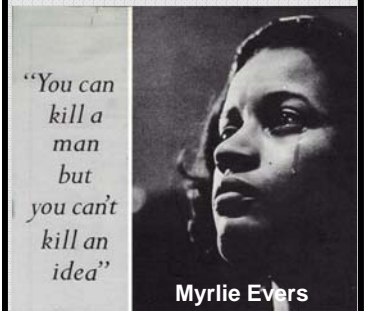
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**Andrea Glover**  
Branch President

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**Save the Date Saturday October 11, 2008**



**for the  
 Goose Creek NAACP Freedom Fund Jazz Gala  
 at  
 Dean Hall - Cypress Gardens**

*Why a Jazz Gala?* Jazz is America's musical art form. Jazz originated around the beginning of the 20th century in African American communities in the Southern United States from a confluence of African and European music traditions. It has evolved into an enduring expression of creativity and innovation. But jazz is much more than an extraordinary musical genre — it is also the story of central social, political and cultural issues of the 20th century that continue to play a part in our fledgling 21st century.

*There will be food, wine, dancing and live jazz by Jazz Pianist Oscar Rivers & Company*

**Tickets are \$60.00 each for the VIP Reception and Jazz Show or \$35.00 for the Jazz Show only. For tickets and more information contact Marlene Lemon at 469-2397, Roscoe Singletary at 797-6903, Eddie Anderson at 553-9648, Thomas Lanier at 345-8561, or Eyamba Williams at 475-8202.**



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 6-7:30 PM Private VIP Reception  
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 Tickets are \$60.00 and \$35.00 per person**



**Local Authors: Damon L. Fordham and Dr. Cheryl Footman and will be at our July Meeting**



**Damon L. Fordham**

Damon Lamar Fordham was born in Spartanburg, SC. He received his Master's Degree in history from the College of Charleston and the Citadel, and his undergraduate degrees at the University of South Carolina in Columbia. He currently teaches United States and African-American History at Springfield College and Charleston Southern University in Charleston, SC and has taught US History and African-American Studies at the College of Charleston. *The author of "True Stories of Black South Carolina" (History Press, 2008), he was a weekly columnist for the Charleston Coastal Times from 1994 to 1998, as well as the coauthor of Born to Serve-The Story of the WBEMC in South Carolina in 2006. He conducted research for the book Sweetgrass Baskets and the Gullah Tradition by Joyce Coakley in 2006.*



**Dr. Cheryl Footman**

Dr. Cheryl L. Footman is the CEO of Cherrysh Publishing Company. She is a minister, educator, inspirational speaker, gospel singer, and writer. Her insight regarding the path to a more abundant life has been shaped mainly through her study of The Holy Bible, trials and tribulations, and divine inspiration. She was born in Charleston and moved to Orangeburg in 1980. She received a bachelor's degree in administration, a master's degree in special education and a Doctoral Degree in Educational Administration from South Carolina State University. *"Jesus Is Still Working Miracles"* is about 24 miracles. Dr Footman says, "Jesus gave these miracles to me. These events are all true." She is a special education, reading and mass media instructor in Orangeburg's Consolidated District 4. Dr. Footman is also a faithful member of her local church where she is the choir director, pianist and teaches Sunday school. She also ran for South Carolina Secretary of State in 2006.

*Come out and meet these authors who will discuss their book and sign copies*



**BRANCH MEETINGS**

**Goose Creek NAACP meets the first Monday of the month**

**at  
 Abraham Masonic Building  
 206 Liberty Hall Rd  
 Goose Creek, SC.**

**6:00 PM to 7:00 PM Executive Meeting**

**7:00 PM to 8:00 PM General Meeting**

**Tuesday July 1, 2008\***

**Monday Aug 4, 2008**

**Monday Sep 8, 2008**

*\*Note: Day and date changed because of 4th of July holiday weekend.*



**NAACP process rankles its board**

By George E. Curry  
Philadelphia Inquirer - 06/08/2008



Julian Bond and Benjamin Todd Jealous

Becoming the next chief executive of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was the furthest thing from the mind of the Rev. Frederick D. Haynes III, senior pastor of the 8,000-member Friendship-West Baptist Church in Dallas. But then a search firm hired by the NAACP invited him in January to apply.

After two rounds of interviews, Haynes was ranked first in a field of three finalists. But four months later, someone else was chosen. The process provides a disturbing inside look at how the nation's oldest civil-rights organization picks its leaders - a process marked by misrepresentation and favoritism.

Benjamin Jealous, the second-ranked candidate and the one preferred by board chair Julian Bond, won the job. Jealous was the only name presented to the full board for consideration. On an up-or-down vote on May 17, Bond's choice was approved 34-21.

Interviews with more than a dozen board members, some willing to be named, others not, shows that NAACP leaders tried to shape the vote, misinforming those likely to vote against Jealous, and allowing him (and forbidding the other two candidates) to campaign openly.

After Jealous was elected, board members contacted me with allegations - which I was able to verify - so serious they must be exposed, if for no other reason than to make the process fairer and more transparent next time.

Take the open-campaigning issue. The search firm warned all candidates not to do so, a directive repeated in a March 12 memo Bond sent to board members, state conference presidents, and trustees of the NAACP special contribution fund. Yet it appears Jealous was allowed, even encouraged to campaign.

After I published a March 6 column in *The Inquirer* identifying the three finalists, some candidates began to lobby the board members and the national office, Haynes told me, adding that a member of the search firm called him "and said, 'Do not engage in any kind of lobbying because that's not allowed.' . . . And later, I found out that's been the game all along."

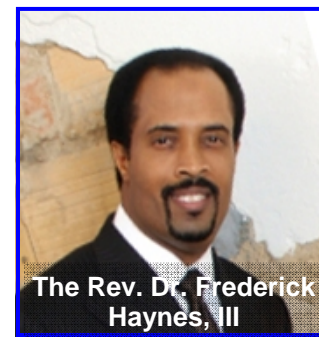
Jealous had been playing it well, meeting with friendly and unfriendly board members, including the Rev. Amos Brown of San Francisco and Alice Huffman, president of a California State Conference NAACP in Sacramento. Jealous also met with board member and former San Francisco mayor Willie Brown, who said, "I told him, 'In my opinion, your credentials are fabulous, but I'm looking for someone with more' - unfortunately, I used the term *experience*. Hillary [Clinton] has made *experience* a bad word."

The Rev. Amos Brown (no relation to Willie Brown) confirmed that he, too, met with Jealous in San Francisco three weeks before the board vote. He said he was unimpressed.

During Jealous' presentation be-

fore the full board, he made a remark that underscored Rev. Brown's earlier reservations about the candidate: "Jealous got up before the board and dissed Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton. Someone asked him during the question-and-answer period what was his relationship with present civil-rights leaders, how did he feel he would get along and interface with them. He said, 'Some of them, I don't think too highly of . . . And when I was with the national black publishers, I discovered that Jesse Jackson did not show up at the meetings unless he wanted something.' He said Al was nothing but an opportunist."

More than six board members have confirmed that Jealous made those remarks or something similar. Board member Jerry Mondesire, publisher of the *Philadelphia Sun*, said that Jealous "used a closed-door session to undermine previous NAACP leader Ben Hooks as well as make vituperative remarks about Jesse and Al."



Haynes, though the top-ranked candidate, felt anything but embraced by the awkward, three-legged selection process. Under arrangements agreed to by the board in advance, a special 15-member search committee interviewed the candidates and submitted three finalists to the executive committee chaired by Bond. The executive committee advanced the name of one can-

didate to the full board for an up-or-down vote. Jealous was ranked second by the search committee, but was the only candidate the board was allowed to vote on.

Why had Haynes been passed over? Bonds told board members it was because when asked whether he would step down as pastor of his church in Dallas, Haynes said he would not.

Haynes says his recollection was different. When the issue was raised in his first interview in February, he said, "I've been there 25 years and I've not given it sufficient thought because this process has just started. It's something I can look into, but I have to pray about it.' That was not part of my thought process because Ben Hooks had pastored two churches. We have a history of doing more than one thing." (Hooks had simultaneously pastored churches in Memphis and Detroit while directing the NAACP from 1977 to 1993.)

He said that while he did not state he would give up his church, he told the executive committee he felt he could hold down the job of NAACP president and preach on Sundays in Dallas. He cited a list of public figures, including former Congressmen William H. Gray III and Adam Clayton Powell Jr., who held high-profile positions while still pastoring churches in their home districts.

"I told them I have a staff of 60-plus individuals, which is more than they have," Haynes said.

The issue did not come up at all in the second interview, in

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March. But in the third interview, Haynes said, "the first question posed to me was by Julian. He said, 'In the first interview you indicated in the affirmative that you'd be willing to leave your church. Is that still true?' I had said no such thing, but I could tell he was setting me up to look like I was a liar or that I had changed my mind. He was determined to paint a certain picture."

Some board members say they were shut out of the electoral process. Some of Bond's staunchest allies, including William Lucy and Frank Humphrey, participated in the voting by telephone; other absent members, including Leonard Springs, were not told they could participate in the meeting.

One board member said, "I don't blame Jealous for this. This is not his fault. He was a guy applying for a job, and he happened to land on both feet. He had an advantage that the others didn't. If we're going to play the game like that, let everybody play it."

The "game" has left a bad taste in Haynes' mouth. He said he would never go through such a process again.

"I'm very disappointed in how things were handled," Haynes said. "As far as I'm concerned, the whole process was almost a charade. Julian had who he wanted, and that was going to be his candidate no matter what." □

**Special thanks to Mr. Curry and the Philadelphia Inquirer for sharing this article with us. Article originally posted 06/08/08 on Philadelphia Inquirer website [www.philly.com](http://www.philly.com)**

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**Editor's note: Mr. Jealous is President/CEO Elect of the NAACP and that entitles him to our respect and full support. I've added him to my prayer list and hope you will too he needs it.**

**Dr. Lonnie Randolph's speech at Colleton County NAACP branch 5/31/08****Power, Justice Freedom, Vote: Are we there yet?**

Originally Posted June 5, 2008 in *The Community Times Dispatch*  
Walterboro, SC Weekly Newspaper



On Saturday, May 31, 2008 Dr. Lonnie Randolph, South Carolina State Conference National Association for the Advancement of Colored People President was the keynote speaker at the 23rd Annual Freedom Fund Banquet here in Colleton County.

Traveling with him was "the hardest working executive director in South Carolina" Mr. Dwight James; what was left behind was a powerful mandate...focus on respect for education and increased voter registration/participation.

After being introduced by Dr. Queenie L. Crawford in a most unique manner intertwining song and narrative Dr. Randolph asked some piercing and thought provoking questions. He did this as he wove together his love for history with statistics, questions to ponder and wisdom from his grandmother. However the bottom line is that the mission of the NAACP to assure "freedom justice and equality for all" is more necessary today than ever; especially in South Carolina.

The NAACP held its first national convention almost 100 years ago on May 31, 1909 in New York City with over 300 delegates. Unfortunately, the simple truth as Dr. Randolph informed those assembled is that "South Carolina is still last is everything that is first and first in everything that is last" on most issue of civil rights, fair and equal access to resources that afford citizens the benefits of the American dream.

Dr. Randolph believes that if there was "no where else in America or on planet earth or

any other planet that needs the work of the NAACP, it is here in South Carolina." Although it is not something that he is proud of, he reported there are more prisons here in South Carolina than in California.

He reported that in a state with only 46 counties we have 29 prisons with plans for 10 more not counting the three (3) Federal prisons based in this state. It is his observation that dropping out of school is a likely road to the new "plantation" incarceration.

It appears from his comments that while the tactics may have change in the last 400 years of American slavery, "slavery, lack of education and prisons are running buddies." Why? As he stated, "the leadership of this State still thinks it is ok to mistreat God's children. This is the only state that (leadership) still laughs and boasts about how nasty they treat people."

Dr. Randolph stated that he and Executive Director Dwight James "work overtime" because "there are not enough hours in the day for us to address the issues of unfairness and injustice here in South Carolina." The only way to "make sure these individuals change their wicked ways" is to use the power of your vote.

Why is this so important? According to Dr. Randolph the last time that more than 50% of those Black Americans eligible and registered to vote did so was 1968; when 58.45% went to the poles. He went on to point out that when he was in school, 585% was failing.

What's the point? African-Americans are failing to use the power of their vote which puts them in the position of being beggars when it comes to having enough votes in their city, town, county or state to make decisions, pass laws and regulations that benefit the "most needy and not the most greedy" as Dr. Randolph stated in regards to the State Lottery.

Bottom line "beggars can't be leaders." His message was simple, the state of South Carolina is not interested in helping poor and working poor families give their children a "high quality education" as exhibited by voting down Senator John Matthews change to the State

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constitution 6 to 1 in favor of remaining committed to only providing education that is "minimally adequate."

Therefore it is easy to surmise, that the current South Carolina leadership "won't fund education but will fund incarceration." In 1865 when they freed slaves, South Carolina followed up with opening the state's first prison the next year and the pattern appears to have not changed yet.

On a positive note, the NAACP President stated "it is up to us" we can choose to send our children to school with the message, " that it's not how low they can wear their breeches but how high they can reach for the sky." □

**Editor's note: Special thanks to Phillip Taylor, Editor The Community Times Dispatch**

**FIVE REASONS TO JOIN THE NAACP**

1. The fight for freedom is not free! Your membership will help fund initiatives and programs to support our mission of racial equality and equal justice
2. A membership in the NAACP is your opportunity to give back to the organization that has done more to change this country for the betterment of people of color, women, and the disenfranchised than any other in the nation's history
3. Your membership in the NAACP makes you a part of a force of 300,000 people who stand for the freedoms guaranteed in our nation's constitution
4. Your membership in the NAACP makes a direct and positive impact in your community when you join your local Unit
5. Your membership in the NAACP will give you access to our upcoming benefits program that provides discounts on products and services across the country

***A week before making history in the June 18th State Primary Election Tim Scott visited the Goose Creek NAACP Branch***

*Tim Scott, a businessman who chairs the Charleston County Council, won his party's nomination for a seat in the South Carolina House of Representatives. On June 10, he beat two opponents to represent District 117, a 78% white district which includes the counties of Charleston and Berkeley. Because he faces no Democratic opposition in the general election in November, Mr. Scott will become the first African American Republican to serve in South Carolina's Legislature since Reconstruction ended in 1877.*

*Mr. Scott is an owner of three small businesses: a financial-consulting company, a realty company and an insurance business. He has a B.A. in political science from Charleston Southern University. Mr. Scott is single.*






## 44 Years Ago in Mississippi Three Civil Rights Workers, James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner were Murdered

*The ringleader of the murders, Edgar Ray Killen, was not convicted until June 21, 2005, the 41st anniversary of the crimes*

**MISSING CALL FBI**

THE FBI IS SEEKING INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISAPPEARANCE AT PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI OF THESE THREE INDIVIDUALS ON JUNE 21, 1964. EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONDUCTED TO LOCATE GOODMAN, CHANEY, AND SCHWERNER, WHO ARE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

ANDREW GOODMAN	JAMES EARL CHANEY	MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER
		
RACE: White SEX: Male DOB: November 21, 1942 POB: New York City AGE: 22 years HEIGHT: 5'10" WEIGHT: 150 pounds HAIR: Dark brown wavy EYES: Blue TEETH: Good, well fitting SCARS AND MARKS: 1 scar on left forehead above left eye	RACE: White SEX: Male DOB: August 10, 1942 POB: Jackson, Mississippi AGE: 22 years HEIGHT: 5'7" WEIGHT: 125 to 140 pounds HAIR: Black EYES: Brown TEETH: Good, well fitting	RACE: White SEX: Male DOB: November 6, 1939 POB: New York City AGE: 25 years HEIGHT: 5'11 1/2" WEIGHT: 175 to 180 pounds HAIR: Brown EYES: Blue TEETH: Good, well fitting

SHOULD YOU HAVE OR IN THE FUTURE RECEIVE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE WHEREABOUTS OF THESE INDIVIDUALS, YOU ARE REQUESTED TO NOTIFY ME OR THE NEAREST OFFICE OF THE FBI. TELEPHONE NUMBER IS LISTED BELOW.

June 23, 1964

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535  
TELEPHONE: NATIONAL 9-1117

In 1964 the Congress on Racial Equality (CORE), Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and the the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People (NAACP) organised its Freedom Summer campaign. Its main objective was to try an end the political disenfranchisement of African Americans in the Deep South. Volunteers from the three organizations decided to concentrate its efforts in Mississippi. In 1962 only 6.7 per cent of African Americans in the state were registered to vote, the lowest percentage in the country. CORE, SNCC and NAACP also established 30 Freedom Schools in towns throughout Mississippi. Volunteers taught in the schools and the curriculum now included black history, the philosophy of the civil rights movement. During the summer of 1964 over 3,000 students

attended these schools and the experiment provided a model for future educational programs such as Head Start. Freedom Schools were often targets of white mobs. So also were the homes of local African Americans involved in the campaign. That summer 30 black homes and 37 black churches were firebombed.

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On the way back to the CORE office in Meridian, the three men were arrested by Deputy Sheriff Cecil Price. Later that evening they were released from the Neshoba jail only to be stopped again on a rural road where a white mob shot them dead and buried them in an earthen dam. When Attorney



General Robert Kennedy heard that the men were missing, he arranged for Joseph Sullivan of

the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) to go to Mississippi to discover what has happened. On 4th August, 1964, FBI agents found the bodies in an earthen dam at Old Jolly Farm.



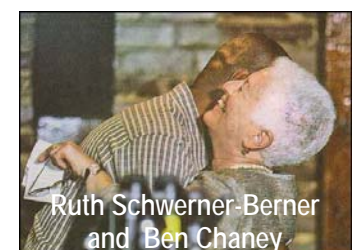
October 13th, 1964, Ku Klux Klan member, James Jordon, confessed to FBI agents that he witnessed the murders and agreed to co-operate with the investigation. Aware that it would be impossible to persuade a white Mississippi jury to convict the murderers, the government decided to arrange for nineteen of the men to be charged under an 1870 federal law of conspiring to deprive Andrew Goodman, Michael Schwerner and James Chaney of their civil rights. This included Sheriff Lawrence Rainey and Deputy Sheriff Cecil Price.

On February 24th, 1967, Judge William Cox dismissed seventeen of the nineteen indictments. However, the Supreme Court overruled him and the Mississippi Burning Trial started on 11th October, 1967. The main evidence against the defendants came from James Jordon, who had taken part in

the killings. Another man, Horace Barnette had also confessed to the crime but refused to give evidence at the trial.

Jordan claimed that Price had released Andrew Goodman, Michael Schwerner and James Chaney at 10.25. but re-arrested them before they were able to cross the border into Lauderdale County. Price then took them to the deserted Rock Cut Road where he handed them over to the Ku Klux Klan.

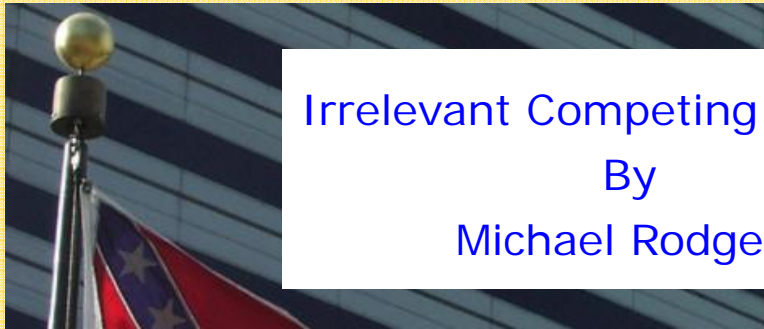
On October 21st, 1967, seven of the men were found guilty of conspiring to deprive Goodman, Schwerner and Chaney of their civil rights and sentenced to prison terms ranging from three to ten years. This included James Jordon (4 years) and Cecil Price (6 years) but Sheriff Lawrence Rainey was acquitted. Civil Rights activists led by Ruth Schwerner-Berner, the former wife of Michael Schwerner and Ben Chaney, the brother of James Chaney, continued to campaign for the men to be charged with murder.



June 21, 2005, the forty-first anniversary of the crime, Edgar Ray Killen, a Ku Klux Klan member and part-time preacher, was found guilty of the manslaughter of the three men. □



## Take Down The Flag



### Irrelevant Competing Histories

By

Michael Rodgers



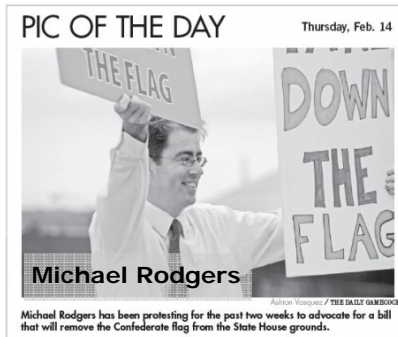
Does the Confederate flag represent bigotry, hatred, and slavery or honor, courage, and valor? My answer is one of my favorite lines from Jesse Jackson on SNL: The Question is Moot!

Let's talk facts. First, the Confederate flag is the flag of the Confederate soldiers who fought for the Confederate States of America. Second, the Confederate States of America lost the Civil War. Third, South Carolina is a state in the United States of America. Fourth, South Carolina has a flag (Palmetto), and the United States has a flag (Stars and Stripes). Fifth, a flag is "a piece of cloth, varying in size, shape, color, and design, usually attached at one edge to a staff or cord, and used as the symbol of a nation, state, or organization, as a means of signaling, etc." Finally, the South Carolina Constitution declares that the legislature must act "as the common good may require."

Now, clearly, obviously, and irrefutably, flying the Confederate flag from Statehouse grounds is not required for the common good and, therefore, our state legislature must take it down. If you want our state government to fly the Confederate flag from Statehouse grounds, you must argue that doing so is required for the common good. If you choose to present any other argument, then your argument is irrelevant.

Sen. Glenn McConnell's arguments are irrelevant. His view of history is that when he sees the Confederate flag flying from the Statehouse grounds, he says, "I see honor, courage, valor. I see the red, white and blue and the blood of sacrifice that ran through that battle and the people that carried that flag." Sen. Glenn McConnell vows to never take the Confederate flag down from where it

flies on Statehouse grounds because, he says, "no one can persuasively argue that it represents bigotry or slavery."



Again, Sen. Glenn McConnell's arguments are irrelevant. The Confederate flag is neither our state's flag nor our nation's flag, and we must not fly it from Statehouse grounds. Flying the Confederate flag is not required for the common good. Probably the person who has said it best is Steve Spurrier, who said, "My opinion is we don't need the Confederate flag at our Capitol."

Lonnie Randolph of the SC NAACP describes the Confederate flag as "a universal symbol of bigotry and hatred." A lot of people agree with Lonnie Randolph. For example, Karen Russell wrote on her Huffington Post, "To deny that it [the Confederate flag] is racist is to deny common sense and to ignore recent history." These opinions offer a competing history to the view of Sen. Glenn McConnell, and they are also irrelevant.

Again, the question about whether the Confederate flag represents bigotry, hatred, and slavery or honor, courage, and valor is moot. We must focus solely on whether or not flying the Confederate flag from Statehouse grounds is required for the common good.

South Carolina's per capita income was among the lowest and slowest-growing states in the nation last year. We must improve our per capita income, and ending the NAACP and NCAA boycotts will help. Also, our populace in South Carolina is among the most diverse in the nation. We must work to improve relations between people from all backgrounds, and ending the NAACP and NCAA boycotts will help.

Our state gains nothing and loses a lot by flying the Confederate flag from Statehouse grounds. Clearly, obviously, and irrefutably, taking down the Confederate flag is required for the common good. Please, state legislature, focus on your Constitutional responsibility: take down the flag.

### What You Can Do

Currently there is a bill, H-3588, to take down the Confederate flag. H-3588 calls for our state flag to fly where the Confederate flag now flies, on every day except May 10. On that day, we can celebrate the service of the Confederate soldiers and the anniversary of the reunification (and in some ways, rebirth) of our great nation, the United States of America.

Please call and write your state Representative and your state Senator and the Governor to get them to support H-3588. When we get H-3588 signed into law, we can respect the history, heritage, and hospitality that make South Carolina great. And then we can welcome visiting tourists and student-athletes to our beautiful places with our smiling faces. □

**Editors note:** *Special thanks* to Michael Rodgers his blog can be found online at: <http://takedowntheflag.wordpress.com/>



## NAACP Speaks Out at Charleston Board Meeting

At the Charleston County School Board meeting on Monday, June 9, The Rev. Nelson B. Rivers, III, Director of NAACP Field Operations joined members of the Charleston, Goose Creek and North Charleston NAACP branches in response to board member Arthur Ravenel calling Superintendent Dr. Nancy McGinley the "b" word. The major concern of the group was those racial inequities that exist in Charleston County School District.

Numerous persons spoke during the public comment portion of the meeting, they were allocated one minute each. Approximately 15 persons spoke. These comments came as a result of Arthur Ravenel, Jr.'s denial and later admission of using the word "bitch" at the Charleston county School District Office.

"There is much, too much, racial disparities and injustices relating to education of African-American children in the Charleston County school system," the Reverend Alonzo Washington told the board.

The Reverend Rivers said, "You have no commitment to diversity and in fact you run from it, you denigrate it and you don't want to have any parts of it,"

"I'm here to say shame on you, shame on all of you who condone the behavior of the board members," another speaker said.

Charleston NAACP President Dot Scott gave the board a petition with 995 signatures of local residents who want Ravenel censured for his "profane words and threatening behavior" and Vice Chairwoman Nancy Cook and member Ray Toler condemned for "trying to hide the truth." Both have denied hearing Ravenel use the word "bitch" and both were with Ravenel at the district office.

The members of the board listened to the voices from the community but did not respond. Ravenel was not present at the meeting. McGinley said in her weekly report she appreciated community support and was glad to see principles such as integrity were alive and well. □

**Join NAACP**



## The Ravenels were victims of a changing culture End of a Dynasty

By Will Moredock

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Who do they think they are, this father-and-son team of Arthur and Thomas Ravenel?

I'll tell you who they are. They are living proof of the plantation mentality that has held this state back for centuries. They are the dead weight of an unreconstructed past, which all of us haul around like a ball and chain in the 21st century. They are the haughty remnant of an arrogant class which has misruled this state from its beginning.

The good news is that the Ravenels seem to be finished in politics, hoisted on their own julep-scented petards, undone by their own presumption and their intellectual inertia.

For decades Arthur Ravenel Jr. has held one public office after another in the Lowcountry, including the 1st Congressional District seat. Now, at the age of 81, he has decided to close out his long career with a seat on the Charleston County School Board.

Through the years, this rock-ribbed Republican has cast himself as the defender of traditional values — though that didn't save him from an untraditional divorce 30 years ago. He railed against civil rights for blacks during the 1960s and against equal rights for women in the 1970s and '80s. At a rally for the Confederate flag in 1999, he famously called the NAACP "the National Association of Retarded People" — then apologized to retarded people.

But a few weeks ago he outdid himself when he walked into the school district offices in an apparent fit of pique, confronted an employee and — referring to former Superintendent Maria Goodloe-Johnson and current Superintendent Nancy McGinley — said he had gotten rid of one "bitch" and he would get rid of another.

Asked about the incident by a *Post and Courier* reporter, the elder Ravenel at first denied the remark altogether; the next day he more or less fessed up, saying he had used the "b-word," though he didn't remember the context.

Here's some context for you, Arthur. All chil-

dren in Charleston County Schools are required to sign a code of conduct stating that they will respect their peers and teachers; the statement explains that respect means treating others as you wish to be treated, including using good manners and appropriate language, managing anger and settling disagreements peacefully. The code states, "Bullying, harassment, or intimidation, like other disruptive or violent behavior, is conduct that disrupts both a student's ability to learn and the school's ability to educate its students in a safe environment."

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Under this Code of Conduct, Arthur Ravenel would be subject to disciplinary action if he were a student. Indeed, such behavior should not be tolerated in any educational or professional environment.

We are all familiar with the story of Thomas Ravenel, the GOP golden boy who was elected State Treasurer in 2006 and seemed to be on the fast track to the U.S. Senate. That was before he was busted for using and distributing cocaine last spring. He is now on a 10-month sabbatical in federal prison.

In a whiney interview with *P&C* reporter Schuyler Kropf, young Ravenel said he should not have to go to prison. He is a victim of bad luck and bad circumstances, he said, adding, "I didn't steal any money. There was no public corruption."

Who do they think they are, indeed? As a lifelong southerner, I feel qualified to answer that question. They think that their white skins, their Y chromosomes, and their family name and money set them apart from the rest of us. They think that they should hold public office and make the laws and

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decide the rules of common civi- lity the rest of us have to follow, but not be obliged to live by those same laws and rules.

For generations they have lived in their cocoon of power, protected by the sheer weight of tradition. They have used their power — as Arthur Ravenel tried to do recently — to bully and silence their critics, to keep out ideas and people who threatened their hegemony.

We will never know how many other "underlings" Ravenel has addressed in this brutal manner in his long life. What we do know is that the culture of South Carolina has changed enough that in 2008 when this old plutocrat walked into the school district offices and called two highly educated profes- sional women "bitches," the em- ployees and school board stood up to him. The public is clamber- ing for his censure or removal.

The Ravenels have been a blight on this community for years. Through their arrogance and stu- pidity, they have effectively re- moved themselves from any fur- ther position of public trust or honor in this state.

Now, we should start working to remove the Ravenel name from our beautiful bridge.□

*Special thanks to Will Moredock for sharing his view on the Ravenels.*

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Will Moredock is also the author of *Banana Republic: A Year in the Heart of Myrtle Beach.*

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**Goose Creek, SC  
Branch # 56A3**

**NAACP CREEK CONNECTION**

**Upcoming Events**

- July 1, 2008 - **Goose Creek Branch Meeting**
- July 12-17, 2008 - **99th NAACP Convention**  
Cincinnati, OH
- July 30 - August 3, 2008 - **ACT-SO 30th**  
Anniversary Competition - Orlando, FL
- Oct 11, 2008 - **Goose Creek NAACP Jazz Gala**



Located adjacent to Goose Creek, SC, Cypress Gardens offers visitors the rare experience of being one with nature. During the day you can explore the swamp on flat bottom boats or wander on meandering trails. And at 8 PM on Saturday October 11, 2008 Cypress Gardens will be the place for an enchanting evening of food, live jazz, dancing, and a silent auction to celebrate and support the Goose Creek NAACP Branch on our 5th Anniversary at the 2008 Freedom Fund Jazz Gala.

**2008 Branch Election Notice**

The Goose Creek Branch NAACP will hold elections for Branch officers and at large members of the Executive committee during the month of November 2008. All officers and at-large members of the Executive Committee will be up for election. Any person desiring to run for office must be a current member of the Branch, and reside or work within Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester County which is the area covered by the Goose Creek Branch. The exact date, time, and location for the election will be determined and announced during the September or October meetings of the Branch. In order to vote in a Branch election, one must be a member in good standing of the Branch 30 days before the election as well as provide valid identification.

A Nominating Committee will be elected during the September meeting. All members whose memberships are current as of 30 days before the meeting date may be elected to the Nominating Committee.

On or before our regular scheduled October meeting, there will be a report of the Nominating Committee, receipt of Nominations by Petition, and Election of the Supervisory Committee. All members whose memberships are current as of April 1st may be nominated for office or as an at-large member of the Executive Committee. In order to sign a nominating petition, or be elected to the Election Supervisory Committee, a member must be current as of 30 days prior to the October meeting.

On November 3, 2008, the election of officers and at-large members of the Executive Committee will take place at **Abraham Masonic Hall**. Polls will open from 6 to 8PM. In order to vote in a Branch election, one must be a member in good standing of the Branch 30 days prior to the election. A form of identification is required.

We look forward to your participating in these activities.

*Brenda Bines*, Branch Secretary

**Goose Creek NAACP  
Freedom Fund Jazz Gala 2008  
Saturday October 11, 2008 at  
Dean Hall - Cypress Gardens**



Music by Jazz Pianist Oscar Rivers and Company  
**6-7:30 PM Private Black Tie VIP Reception**  
**8 PM Jazz, Food, Wine and Dancing**  
**Tickets:**  
**\$35.00 for Jazz Show**  
**\$60.00 Includes Black Tie VIP Reception**

**\*\*\*Save the Date\*\*\***

**Saturday October 11, 2008**  
**for the**  
**Goose Creek NAACP Freedom Fund Jazz Gala**  
**at**  
**Dean Hall - Cypress Gardens**

Tickets are \$60.00 per person for the VIP Reception and Jazz Show or \$35.00 for the Jazz Show only. For tickets and more information contact Marlene Lemon at 469-2397, Roscoe Singletary at 797-6903, Eddie Anderson at 553-9648, Thomas Lanier at 345-8561, or Eyamba Williams at 475-6954.

DIRECTIONS TO CYPRESS GARDENS FROM CHARLESTON

Take Interstate 26 West (toward Columbia)  
Take Exit 209 A off of Interstate 26 West  
Take Hwy 52 West towards Moncks Corner and Goose Creek  
Travel approx. 6-7 miles on Hwy 52 West.  
Turn Right onto Cypress Gardens Road and follow to end.

Notes:

1. If you take Exit 209 B by mistake, then turn left at Rivers Ave. which is actually Hwy 52 West.
2. In the Goose Creek area watch for signs on the right shoulder of the road off Hwy 52 West and follow those signs out here. (Do not turn to the left when you approach the intersection where you see the 84 Lumber Company sign. Hwy 52 West will be straight ahead of you.)