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Lawrence H. Norton, Esq.
Office of General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: Complaint against the Beaufort County (SC) Democratic Party

Dear Mr. Norton,

This complaint is filed against the Beaufort County (South Carolina) Democratic Party for failing to timely file and report their Federal Election Activity during 2006 contrary to applicable law and regulation.

The Beaufort County Democratic Party placed several advertisements in local newspapers advocating the election of a federal candidate, Michael Ray Ellisor.

A cursory review of the advertisement notes, at a minimum, the lack of an appropriate disclaimer. Additionally, it is believed that these advertisements exceeded the reporting threshold requiring the Beaufort County Democratic Party to file with the Commission.

The Beaufort County Democratic Party also reported making a contribution to a federal candidate, Michael Ray Ellisor, from their state account.

Moreover, the Beaufort County Democratic Party printed and distributed flyers on, and prior to, election day in a format similar to their newspaper advertisements.

A review of the Beaufort County Democratic Party state filings, as required by state law, should fully document their expenditures for 2006.

I respectfully request the Commission fully investigate this matter and will gladly provide any additional information required.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. H. Bates". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Randolph H. Bates

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF BEAUFORT

The forgoing complaint against the Beaufort County Democratic Party is subscribed and sworn to before me by Randolph H. Bates, this 20~~th~~ day of December, 2006.

RH Bates

Signature

Patricia Haynes Palmer

Notary Public for

South Carolina

My commission expires:

October 1, 2009

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**Beaufort County Democratic Party
Attachments**

- One** *Beaufort Gazette*, advertisement
Monday, 6 November 2006
- Two** *The Gullah Sentinel*, advertisement
Thursday, 2 November 2006
- Three** Beaufort County Democratic Party quarterly
State Ethics campaign account report dated
29 September 2006
- Four** “Had Enough? Vote Democratic” Beaufort County
Democratic Party flyer distributed on, and prior to,
election day. Election day distribution was at
numerous polling locations in Beaufort County.

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stumps at churches, Sanford attends groundbreaking

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 — Democratic state Sen Tommy Moore is looking for a different kind of victory Tuesday and may need all the prayer he can get to beat Republican Gov Mark Sanford



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Republicans and polls have been saying for weeks Sanford has a comfortable lead over Moore. That is tied to the cash advantage Sanford has had throughout their contest. Through Wednesday, Sanford had raised \$8.2 million for his re-election and Moore collected just under \$3 million. That gap has let Sanford stay on television with ads talking about himself and claiming accomplishments all through the summer. Moore could only afford to put up ads last month.

Moore has said he knew he couldn't out-raise Sanford, so he's been campaigning on the ground instead. That has brought him to black churches. He's been courting votes at those churches around the state for more than a month. To have a chance at winning, Moore needs to keep Republicans from reaching into the Democratic Party's base of black voters, who account for 28 percent of the state's registered voters. The GOP traditionally is lucky to see a tenth of that vote. And Moore needs to sweep Richland County, which has more black voters than any other county. But churches have grown careful about politicking. At Brookland, Moore supporters had spread out campaign material for Moore and other Democrats on a table inside the huge church's entrance. A



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member of the church told them to take them away. As worshippers streamed into the church for an 8:15 service, some took the time to shake Moore's hand and snap pictures. Outside, a big blue tour bus idled. The bus, with the slogan "It's broke. Let's fix it!" will be home for Moore and Democrats for the next couple of days. Moore later stopped at First Nazareth Baptist Church, one of the oldest and largest churches in Columbia. Campaign literature was available for churchgoers there and the Rev. Blakely Scott said he was glad "Governor Moore" was visiting.

Members were glad to see Moore as well. "That means he has no problem coming among anyone he needs to get the governorship," said churchgoer Brenda Johnson de Witt. While Moore was working the faithful, Sanford had no campaign events on his public schedule on Sunday. Though Sanford said he doesn't like to mix religion with politics, the governor wasn't far from preachers on Sunday. And when asked how he feels about the election Tuesday, he said, "It's truly in the voters' hands and the Lord's hands." Sanford was in Fort Mill on Sunday with Pat Robertson and other televangelists to break ground on City of Light, the headquarters and international production center for Inspiration Networks, headed by David Cerullo.

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SHELL GAMES



Phil and Judy Ailing, from Atlanta, emerge from Hunting Island State Park's North Beach after shell hunting Sunday, despite the cold and windy conditions.

KIM ALFORD/ GAZETTE

Worker dies in plant mishap

The Associated Press
MYRTLE BEACH — One worker has been killed and two others injured at a chemical plant in Georgetown County. Coroner Kenny Johnson said Ronald Altman, 27, of Andrews died Saturday after he was in a large container area inside 3V Inc. that was being pressure-washed. Plant maintenance worker Joe Green said Altman went into the area — basically a large dryer — to help a worker who had passed out. An autopsy was planned to determine how Altman died and whether he was exposed to any chemicals. The U.S. Chemical Safety Board has sent an investigator to the

ed before being taken inside for treatment. Altman worked at the plant about five years, Johnson said. 3V is a private company that makes chemicals used in plastic, textile and paper industries. The company has 270 employees. "Jason was a nice guy," Green said. "I truly believe Jason gave his life to save" his co-worker. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, the last inspection of the plant was September 2005 and there are no major environmental violations listed. The company was fined \$1,000 in 2002 for six worker health and safety violations including one seri-

According to a news release from the U.S. Chemical Safety Board, 3V Inc. told board staff members that the interior of the dryer had an oxygen-deficient atmosphere.

ous violation, according to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. OSHA state spokesman Jim Knight said the agency investigates workplace deaths, but he had no details on Saturday's incident. The Chemical Safety Board is an independent federal agency that investigates industrial chemical accidents, but does not issue cita-

Evangelists: Haggard fallible like any man

By JIM DAVENPORT
The Associated Press

FORT MILL — Televangelists Pat Robertson and David Cerullo said Sunday that one of their peer's public failings this week shouldn't reflect badly on others or dimin-

drug-fueled sexual trysts with Haggard. Haggard's fall isn't the only for a high profile minister, but Robertson said it shouldn't harm the faithful. "You know Christians are

Robertson said Cerullo, chief executive officer of the Inspiration Networks, has known Haggard for years. He called the situation a tragedy. But "the biggest mistake we

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image or idol or whatever. Jesus didn't call us to be followers of other people," Cerullo said.

Altman was pronounced dead outside the hospital, and the two injured men were decontaminat-

industry organizations, labor groups and regulatory agencies such as the OSHA and the EPA.

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FRED WASHINGTON, JR.
Ballot #421

Board of Education
District 11
City of Beaufort & Town of Port Royal



The quality of public education affects the lives of everyone in the community—not just children who attend the schools or their parents.

Please get out and vote for a better future for all in Beaufort County.

As a member of the Beaufort County Board of Education, I will:

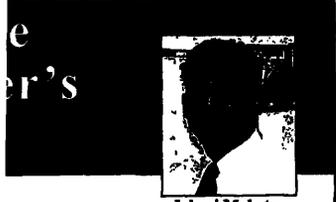
- Draw from my professional experience and community service to focus our District on academic achievement, personal responsibility, and mutual respect.
- Work to increase involvement of parents, businesses, and the broader community to help students achieve their full potential.
- Promote accountability for student performance and use of resources at all levels in the school district.
- Lead with open and transparent decision-making.

Fred Washington, Jr.
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Paid for by Fred Washington, Jr for School Board

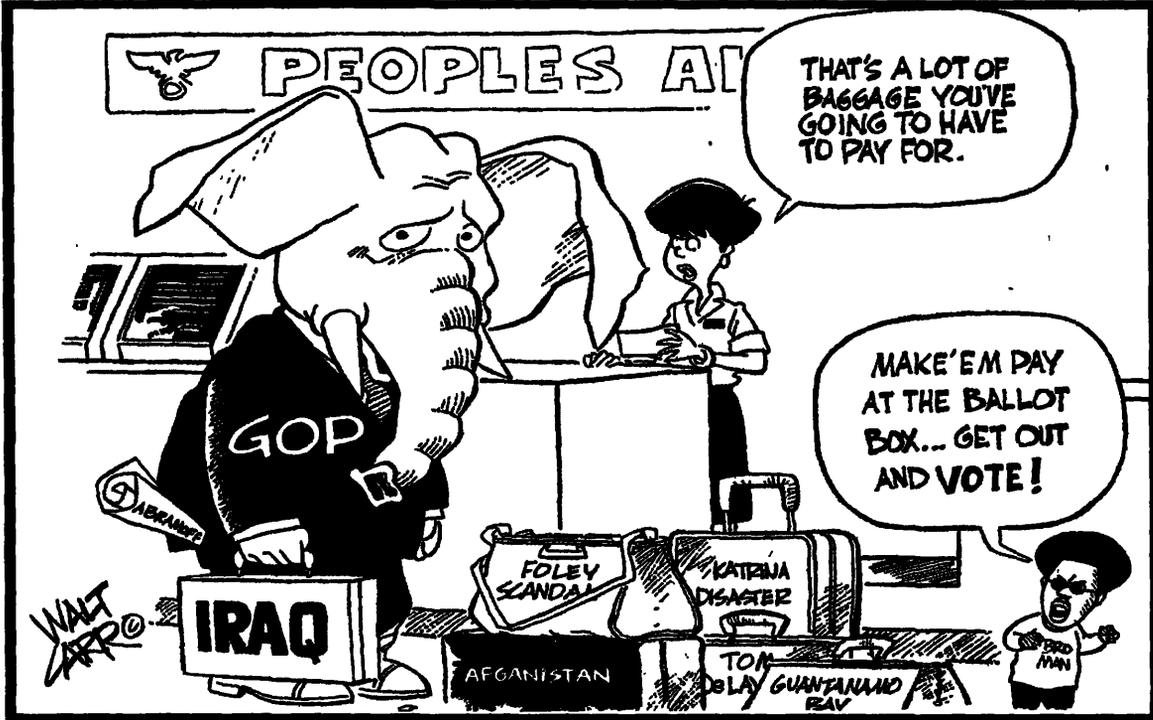
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Hispanics vs. Blacks: The battle for "Preferred Minority" status

LaShawn Barber

As someone who loathes government-mandated race preferences, I look forward to years of laugh-not-fun as preference-loving Blacks and Hispanics duel it out, fighting each other over government goodies

I recently learned about a case involving a Black cop named Kenneth A. Boyd in Wilmington, Delaware who claims he was passed over for promotion because he's Black.

Boyd alleges that police chief Michael J Szczerba promoted an undeserving Hispanic instead. Oh, why does this sound familiar? According to The News Journal, Szczerba "fostered a diverse police force," which is code for skin-color preferences. Only in this case, the Negro wasn't the "preferred minority."

A preferred minority group is one that is ostensibly under-represented in certain jobs, schools, etc. Asians also are a minority group,

concerned, because they tend to be overrepresented. In fact, admissions for Asians may be suppressed in order to conform to liberals' notions of a proper racial balance. US Commission on Civil Rights member Peter Kirsanow writes

Asian-Americans, though only four percent of the nation's population, account for nearly 20 percent of all medical students. Forty-five percent of Berkeley's freshman class, but only 12 percent of California's populace, consists of Asian-Americans. And at UT-Austin, 18 percent of the freshman class is Asian-American, compared to three percent for the state. President Clinton worried that, without preferences, "there are universities in California that could fill their entire freshman classes with nothing but Asian-Americans."

days are coming to an end. Cases like Boyd's are only the beginning of the battles between Hispanics and



Barber

Blacks for preferred minority status. Hispanic groups are already urging the federal government to hire more Hispanics. Incidentally, Whites are becoming a minority group in states like Texas and California. Will they one day become a preferred minority?

With illegal aliens working on the cheap, look for more stories about Blacks crying, "Hispanic racist!" If for no other reason than Hispanics are supplanting them as "preferred," Blacks should be speaking out against amnesty-for-illegal-alien-the loudest.

This country has fought a long and hard battle to make amends for enslaving Blacks and sending them

No country calling itself free and a respecter of individual rights should be mandating that one race of people receive preference over the other. No government should condone admissions and hiring that is based on the color of one's skin.

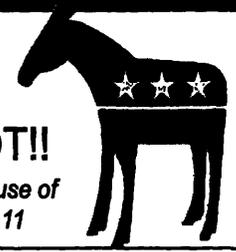
Government-mandated discrimination and preferences based on race were supposed to have been dismantled. That is what civil rights are about; these rights don't, can't and shouldn't guarantee that Blacks or any other "minority" will be represented in any job or school in proportion to their percentage of the population.

The modern civil rights movement, the struggle for full citizenship status, has been corrupted. And the same people who support this corrupted form of "civil rights," which is nothing more than government skin trade, will reap what they sow.

But all that preaching is for naught. Chasing and pointing at a phantom White racist is much more

NOT ENOUGH? VOTE DEMOCRATIC

Tuesday, Nov 7, 2006



LOOK FOR **DEMOCRATIC** CANDIDATES ON YOUR BALLOT!!

GENERAL ELECTION, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2006, the following Democrats are running for state-wide office, the U S House of Representatives, the South Carolina House of Representatives, and Beaufort County Council District 11

STATE-WIDE OFFICES:

NAMES AND NUMBERS LISTED BELOW WILL APPEAR ON BALLOTS THROUGHOUT NORTHERN BEAUFORT COUNTY

OFFICE	BALLOT #	NAME
GOVERNOR	102	TOMMY MOORE
COMMISSIONER	103	ROBERT BARBER
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER	108	CHERYL FOOTMAN
ATTORNEY GENERAL	111	GRADY PATTERSON
GOVERNOR	121	DREW THEODORE
COMMISSIONER	127	JIM REY
GOVERNOR	131	GLENN LINDBMAN
COMMISSIONER	134	EMILY DEELENCE

SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

The following Democratic candidates will appear on ballots in the precincts listed below "Partial" following a precinct name indicates that voters' home addresses will determine whether candidates' names will appear on ballots.

OFFICE	BALLOT #	NAME	PRECINCT
SC REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 121	204	KENNETH HODGES	Beaufort 1, Beaufort 2 (partial), Beaufort 3 (partial); Burton 1A(partial), Burton 1B, Burton 1C (partial), Burton 2B (partial), Burton 3, Dale-Lobeco, Seabrook 1, Seabrook 2 (partial), Seabrook 3; Sheldon 1, Sheldon 2
SC REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 122	206	CURTIS BRANTLEY	Seabrook 2 (partial)

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

Beaufort County is in U S House of Representatives District 2. THE FOLLOWING NAME AND NUMBER WILL APPEAR ON ALL BALLOTS THROUGHOUT NORTHERN BEAUFORT COUNTY

OFFICE	BALLOT #	NAME
U.S. HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE	137	MICHAEL RAY ELLISOR

BEAUFORT COUNTY COUNCIL:

The following Democratic candidate will appear on ballots in the precincts listed below "Partial" following a precinct name indicates that voters' home addresses will determine whether the candidate's name will appear on ballots

OFFICE	BALLOT #	NAME	PRECINCT
BEAUFORT COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 11	329	LAURA VON HARTEN	Beaufort 1 (partial), Beaufort 2 (partial); Beaufort 3 (partial), Mossy Oaks 1A, Mossy Oaks 1B, Mossy Oaks 2, Port Royal 1, Port Royal 2

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The BEAUFORT COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY
 also recommends a "Yes" vote on

BALLOT #	ISSUE
613 - yes	State Constitutional Amendments Proposed Amendment 5 Amend Art I, Section 13 on Eminent Domain
701 - yes	Countywide Local Questions Local Question 1 Rural, County Land Preservation