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NC judges: More felony offenders can now vote

By Gary D. Robertson
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RALEIGH — Tens of thousands of North Carolina residents convicted of felonies but whose current punishments don't include prison time can register to vote and cast ballots, a judicial panel declared Monday.

Several civil rights groups and ex-offenders who sued legislative leaders and state officials in 2019 argue the current 1973 law is unconstitutional by denying the right vote to people who have completed their active sentences or received no such sentence, such as people on probation. They said the rules disproportionately affect Black residents and originated from an era of white supremacy in the 19th century.

In a brief hearing following a trial last week challenging the state's voting restrictions upon felons, Superior Court Judge Lisa Bell said two judges on the three-judge panel have agreed they would issue a formal order soon allowing more felony offenders to register. The judges are acting before issuing a final trial ruling, as voting in October municipal elections begins next month.

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Bill on race teaching advance

By Bryan Anderson
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RALEIGH — A state Senate hearing on how racial concepts are taught in North Carolina classrooms devolved into chaos Tuesday when one of the state's highest-ranking Republicans shouted at a prominent Democratic lawmaker and stormed out of the room.

Despite the uproar, the Senate Education Committee ultimately advanced the measure, which would bar teachers from compelling students to personally adopt any of 13 beliefs. North Carolina is one of more than two dozen states where GOP lawmakers have moved to define how racism and sexism can be taught in schools.

An hour before the hearing, Lt. Gov. Mark Robinson held a news conference with other top Republicans and released an 831-page task force report highlighting instances when teachers allegedly assigned inappropriate reading materials on racism and sexuality to young pupils.

Democrats on the committee grilled Robinson, saying he and other Republicans could not identify a single case where the bill — if signed into law — would prevent such cases of "indoctrination" from taking place. Senate Democratic Whip Jay Chaudhuri accused Robinson and his task force of threatening educators.

"This week marks the first week of our kids going back to school, and I feel that we should be spending time this week honoring our children, and instead, we're spending time debating a Fox News-driven issue that's more about fear-mongering and has turned into a fishing expedition of our public school teachers," Chaudhuri said.

Robinson took issue with Chaudhuri's assertion the conservative network is driving the discussion. "For you to call it that is an insult, an absolute insult," Robinson exclaimed. "You know where my office is and you know that this task force is going on. When did you contact me?"

When the Republican chairing the committee interjected to stop the conversation from escalating, Robinson stormed out, saying, "All of this is driving me nuts." Chaudhuri said afterward that he was "taken aback" by Robinson's comments. He accused Republicans of "political posturing going into the 2022 and 2024 election."

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Durham primary elections begin in October.

Durham candidates bring lived experiences to races

By Freda Freeman
CORRESPONDENT

DURHAM — Candidates running for Durham City Council and mayor vow to make Durham a city for all people. Seven candidates are running to succeed outgoing Mayor Steve Schewel, and nine candidates are vying for three seats on the City Council.

Several participated in a virtual forum last week, hosted by the People's Alliance PAC, to introduce themselves to voters. The mayoral candidates are Charlitta Burruss, incumbent council member Javiera Caballero, Sabrina "Bree" Davis, Rebecca Harvard Barnes, Jahnumaud Lane, Elaine O'Neal, and Daryl Quick.

Burruss, a grassroots activist and minister, said she's run-

ning because she has been "exposed to ducking bullets and crime" where she lives, and she wants to bring about change. "I would like to bring partnership, problem solving, and prevention for all of us to get together and just communicate on all the things we are dealing with at hand. I am an action person, and I'm about results," she said.

If elected, Caballero would be the first Latina mayor in the state. Although that's exciting, she said that's not the reason she's running. "We put Durham on the map as a progressive beacon, not only in the South but in the whole country, and we did this under the Trump presidency and under a hostile General Assembly. I believe in Durham. I believe that we've accomplished so

much together, and I want the opportunity to keep that momentum going," she said.

Davis said she has more than 10 years of experience in implementing poverty reduction solutions. "I also work in areas where the vulnerable, the misunderstood, and the neglected tend to walk in Durham. And, unfortunately, like many Durham residents, I've been tragically affected by gun violence, with the loss of my mother. I've been housing and food insecure, and I've also met many of you in some of my quests for my son and I to retain housing and opportunity here in Durham and, unfortunately, was overlooked. So, I've come to sit at the seat now and sit at the helm of us creating a brighter future and better

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Breastfeed Durham promotes healthy babies and communities

By Freda Freeman
CORRESPONDENT

DURHAM — Love Anderson wants all children to get the best start possible in life. As the director of Breastfeed Durham, she works with the Durham County Department of Public Health and other local nonprofit organizations to encourage and support nursing mothers and their families.

"Breastfeed Durham's mission is to foster and create a more breastfeeding family friendly Durham by advocating for policies and practices that support breast, chest, and human milk feeding as outlined by the World Health Organization," Anderson said.

Breastfeeding advocates are observing National Breastfeeding Month in August and Black Breastfeeding Week, Aug. 25-31, to increase public awareness of the benefits of breastfeeding, for babies, mothers, employers, and the community.

The Breastfeeding Family Friendly Communities initiative was started by the Carolina Global Breastfeeding Institute at the University of North Carolina in 2015. Jones, who was involved with the North Carolina Breastfeeding Coalition and the La Leche League of Durham, was asked to lead a similar effort in Durham. The Durham BFFC initiative was started in 2018 by members of the Durham Women's Council, Family Connects Durham, and the La Leche



Love Anderson and her two sons.

COURTESY

Age rises for juvenile youth in court

By Gary D. Robertson
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RALEIGH — The minimum age in which a child could be prosecuted in North Carolina's juvenile courts would rise from 6 to 8 in legislation approved by the House. The age threshold change, contained in a broader juvenile justice bill largely recommended by an advisory panel and approved overwhelmingly by the House, would remove North Carolina as the state with the lowest age for juvenile adjudication set by law in the country.

There have been attempts this year to raise the minimum age to 10. But several lawmakers were concerned that 8- or 9-year-olds accused of the most violent or serious felonies could only receive up to nine months of counseling for their crimes. "We can keep jurisdiction over them longer in juvenile court," said Rep. Sarah Stevens, a Surry County Republican.

She mentioned cases involving children as old as 9 who were accused of assault, forcible rape and arson. "We need to get them help and until we can otherwise (change) the system, we need to ensure that they stay under our courts' jurisdiction."

The updated measure also states that 8- or 9-year-olds who had been previously declared delinquent would also return to court if they commit any felony, misdemeanor or infraction.

Rep. Marcia Morey, a Durham County Democrat and former District Court judge who heard juvenile cases, had filed her own bill that would raise the age of juvenile jurisdiction to 10.

She unsuccessfully proposed a floor amendment that would have brought the minimum age to 10, saying it's what experts on the advisory panel recommended and groups across the political spectrum support. Many panel members are appointed by legislative leaders.

Morey said third- and fourth-graders don't understand court proceedings. The youths also would receive other assessments, social services and other assistance. "They are impulsive. Their intellect is not fully informed," Morey said while debating her amendment that was defeated in a 42-57 vote. "Do not start them off with a delinquency history."

Billy Lassiter, deputy secretary for juvenile justice within the Department of Public Safety, told House committee members the new language was worked on with the North Carolina Conference of District Attorneys.

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Durham candidates bring lived experience to races

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change,” she said. Barnes, a minister and businesswoman, said she is a committed community builder and advocate for social justice, particularly affordable housing, child welfare, and reducing the carbon footprint on the planet.

O’Neal, who served as an elected judge for 24 years and chaired the city’s first racial equity task force, said she has the heart of a public servant and the skill set to serve as mayor. “I have been trained by my hometown. I know the streets of Durham well. My highest priority is working towards creating a safe city and safe neighborhoods for all and reducing crime. Another high priority is reducing poverty, refocusing our attention on our most distressed communities to improve the quality of life,” she said.

Quick, an activist against gun violence, said: “We have a responsibility in Durham to make sure that our citizens are safe, that we have equity and equality. We have to really get a hold of the violence in our city, and, by doing that, we have to make sure we have a good relationship with the law enforcement in our community. And, myself being street bound, where I have been in the streets, I think I have a real good opportunity and chance to make that happen.”

Waldo Fenner, Marion Johnson, and Elizabeth Takla are running in Ward I against incumbent DeDeana Freeman. “I would be honored to continue to be a tireless advocate working with our community and leaders to disrupt racism and find community-based innovative solutions to create jobs, economic

growth, increase community health and safety, build sustainable housing and transportation that addresses environmental injustices in Durham,” Freeman said.

Johnson, who worked as an advocate for LGBTQ health access and workplace fairness, said, “I’ve spent my career championing the things I’m passionate about: equity, justice, and liberation. I’m running for City Council to keep Durham at the forefront of North Carolina’s progressive movement and do so in a way that keeps Durham accessible, affordable, and livable.”

Incumbent Mark-Anthony Middleton is hoping to retain his seat in Ward II against challengers Sylvester Williams and Robert Curtis. Middleton said he is “seeking permission” to continue serving Durham residents by bringing in guaranteed income and working on an economic prosperity plan for the city.

“I’m seeking permission to continue trying to make this as representative a city as possible. To push back against two narratives: one a narrative of a city that is emerging and ascending, which is true, and another narrative of a city with 20% of the people living in poverty, who are on the outside looking in, less than two miles from our city center,” he said.

Williams, a pastor, said he’s running because he has the know-how to address Durham’s problems: lack of affordable housing, steadily increasing homicide rates, and poverty. “There are things that could be done to address those issues, and it seems like the current officials are simply looking the other

way. I’m one that’s involved in the community. I’m a financial analyst, I’ve studied the economy, and I know things that can and cannot be done related to the economy. It is up to us to make those kinds of differences,” he said.

In Ward III, AJ Williams and Leonardo Williams are running to replace incumbent Pierce Freelon, who is stepping down. As a racial justice organizer with Durham Beyond Policing, AJ Williams said: “I really came to understand that every line item inside of a municipal budget correlates to somebody’s life here in Durham, whether it’s affordable housing, whether it’s public transportation, whether or not you get to use the sidewalk or you have to walk in the middle of the street. And so, running for City Council to me means I get to impact change at scale for our 300,000 residents.”

Leonardo Williams, a former educator in Durham Public Schools and co-owner of Zweli’s restaurant, said there needs to be more small business representation on the council. He said he has “seen the streets still capture our young Black men” and the city needs to work to bridge the gap between school and small business ownership.

The primary election for mayor and Wards I and II is Oct. 5; the top two vote-getters in each race will go on to the general election on Nov. 2. Ward III, which has only two contenders, will automatically be on the November ballot. Early voting begins Sept. 16, and early voting for the general begins on Oct. 14.

Lane, Fenner, Takla, and Curtis did not attend the meeting.



Dennis Gaddy, co-founder of Community Success Initiative.

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Roughly 56,000 more people would now be allowed to vote, based on estimates. One lawyer said it represents the largest expansion of North Carolina voting rights since the 1960s.

“When I heard the ruling, I wanted to run in the street and tell everybody that now you have a voice,” said Diana Powell with Justice Served NC, a Raleigh-based community group that sued. “I am so excited for this historic day.”

Current law says felons can register to vote once they complete all aspects of their sentence, including probation and parole. With the upcoming order, felons who only must complete these punishments that have no element of incarceration can register. The decision also would apply to people convicted of a federal felony but whose current punishment is probation.

A lawyer for House Speaker Tim Moore, who is a defendant along with Senate leader Phil Berger

and the State Board of Elections, said an appeal to block the panel’s preliminary injunction will be filed. Moore’s attorney Sam Hayes called Monday’s decision an “absurd ruling that flies in the face of our constitution and further casts doubt on election integrity in North Carolina.”

The defendants also could appeal any final ruling from the judges that expands restored voting rights moving forward to the 2022 elections, which include a U.S. Senate seat. An uptick in voter rolls stands to affect races in the closely partisan-divided state. There are 7.1 million registered voters in North Carolina.

Last year, the same judges ruled a portion of the law requiring felons to pay all monetary obligations — likes fines and restitution — before voting again was unenforceable because it made voting dependent on one’s financial means. That allowed more people to vote last November.

Now, “if a person can just

say, ‘I am not in jail or prison for a felony conviction,’ then that person can register and they can vote freely,” said Stanton Jones, one of the plaintiffs’ lawyers.

Bell, the panel’s chief judge, said Monday that the majority’s reasoning for the injunction would be explained in their order. The state election board said Monday was its deadline to change registration forms for the fall, and that county boards must immediately begin to permit these individuals to register.

Dennis Gaddy, co-founder of Community Success Initiative, a Raleigh-based organization that helps ex-prisoners and another plaintiff, said his group and others would have a statewide registration drive.

“The wait is over, and I’m excited to be a part of this transformation,” said Gaddy, who was once behind bars and unable to vote for seven years after his release because he was on probation.

Breastfeed Durham promotes healthy babies and communities

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League. The effort was also supported by members of Mom’s Rising. City and county officials have proclaimed Durham a “Breastfeeding Family Friendly Community.” There are similar organizations and efforts in Wake and Orange counties.

The WHO has identified 10 steps for hospitals to help mothers with successful breastfeeding. The last step is, upon discharge, to coordinate community resources so when parents leave the hospital, they will have ongoing care and support. “The 10 steps have guidelines about how you work with local governments, businesses, faith-based organizations, food stores. If you’re part of the community, we started approaching them saying we don’t feel parents in Durham are getting the support they need to meet their infant feeding goals and here are some ways you could help. Here’s a list of breastfeeding benefits, here’s a list of mentor-to-mentor support groups. I feel over last three years, we’ve made a lot of progress,” Anderson said.

The WHO, which recommends mothers nurse babies for at least six months, found that the number of mothers who chose to breastfeed rose while they were in the hospital, but that number dropped soon after they returned home. Breast-

feeding helps infants build up immunity and strengthens their respiratory system; lowers mothers’ blood pressure, decreases the chance of developing breast cancer, and helps reduce postpartum depression; reduces the risk of diabetes for both mothers and babies; and helps both have healthy hearts.

In 2019, the Durham County Health Department received a two-year \$1 million state grant - Improving Community Outcomes 4 Maternal and Child Health - to improve birth outcomes, reduce infant mortality, and improve the health of children aged 0-5. Durham is one of five sites (14 counties total) to receive the grant. Wake County also received one.

Aubrey Delaney, a public health education specialist with the health department, partners with Breastfeed Durham to promote breastfeeding and address inequity in a joint effort to achieve these goals. “There are disparities in breastfeeding as there are with basically every health issue. White families may be better supported, better resourced to breastfeed. They may have better education and are able to access breastfeeding classes, their workplaces support breastfeeding, all kinds of things that families of color may not have access to,” she said.

According to a 2015

study, 40% of working mothers could take breaks to pump milk and had a private space in which to do it, compared to 14% of Black and Hispanic mothers. Delaney said things have improved since then but not as much as they should. “Women of color are more likely to work in lower paid jobs and have less support than those who work in places that offer paid leave, which is hugely important, and have insurance policies that cover pumps and things like that,” she said.

Delaney works alongside Breastfeed Durham to push policy and environmental change. For example, the health department recently instituted a lactation policy and provides multiple places for employees to pump milk. Clients are also welcomed to nurse anywhere in the building or privately in a Mamava lactation pod.

Anderson said breastfeeding is not only good for parents and babies, but also beneficial for employers.

“Employers are excited to learn that by supporting their lactating employees, they’re typically lowering their healthcare costs. Parents who express at work average 10 fewer days missed from work,” she said, adding, “It’s in the best interest of the parent, child, and our whole community to build immunity, especially during the pandemic.”

Bill to curb racial teachings advances in North Carolina Legislature

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“This bill is in search of a problem that does not exist in our classrooms,” Chaudhuri said.

Robinson later said he found Chaudhuri’s remarks “disrespectful.” He chose to criticize the work my office has done without ever reaching out to provide his input or concerns,” Robinson said in an email.

The education committee approved the measure, which now heads to the Senate Rules Committee before an expected floor vote.

If approved, the bill

would need final approval from the GOP-controlled House, which previously backed an earlier version. Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper has criticized the measure and would almost assuredly veto it. Republicans would likely lack the votes to override Cooper’s decision.

During the hearing, conservative members of the public often referenced critical race theory, a framework legal scholars developed in the 1970s and 1980s centering on the idea that racism is systemic in the nation’s institutions and serves to

maintain the dominance of whites in society.

Conservatives have used the term as somewhat of a catchall phrase to describe racial concepts they find objectionable, such as white privilege, systemic inequality and inherent bias.

While there is no evidence of K-12 teachers in North Carolina explicitly teaching the theory to students, Republicans have previously pointed to left-leaning districts hosting trainings, workshops or guest speakers espousing beliefs the GOP argues are central to the theory.



House OKs raising minimum age for NC juvenile court to 8

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If the updated bill had already been law, Lassiter said, only 21 of the nearly 1,150 youths under 10 who were subjects of juvenile complaints during the three fiscal years from 2016 to 2019 still would have been subject to a complaint. And all but five of those youths would have been taken out of the system.

“We can live with this because I think it saves so many more kids,” Lassiter said. “We met in the middle. This is a compromise, and I think it’s a good deal for us to move forward with.”

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These Black farmers provide more than healthy food to communities

By Chung-Wei Huang
N.C. HEALTH NEWS

Dawn Henderson just had a fruitful shopping trip to the Black Farmers' Market in Durham. Her bag was packed with meat and vegetables. Often on her trips to the Durham site, which is open once a month, she picks up one of the many types of honey and desserts available there.

Visiting farmers markets is part of Henderson's routine, and she really likes the concept of the Black Farmers' Market. That's why she has become a regular. "I like the space, in terms of the way it spreads," she said. "I like the diversity of offers. Go there and you can pick up dinner and a dessert."

Fresh produce and the diverse array of merchandise are not the only things on Henderson's mind when she goes out to support and encourage local Black farmers. There are more than 46,000 farms in North Carolina, only 4% of which are owned by Black farmers, about 1,500 farms, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The Black Farmers' Market has been set up to address some of those inequalities in North Carolina.

The focus on supporting Black farmers intensified after George Floyd's death on a Minneapolis street sparked a global movement to stamp out racial inequalities and injustices there and elsewhere. The Black Farmers' Market in the Triangle area holds events twice a month in Raleigh and Durham. It grew out of Black August in the Park, an annual event organized by a sister organization in 2015. This year's August in the Park is Aug. 28.

Immanuel Jarvis, the co-founder of Jireh Family Farm, has pastures filled with chickens, pigs and



CHIUNG-WEI HUANG

The Durham Black Farmers' Market takes place once a month on the second Sunday.

cattle. He says his farming mission is to help diversify food sources locally and underscore the costs for small farmers to produce pasture-fed meats compared with mass farming. "Even if you only have a backyard, and you only have grass to grow tomatoes, you can do things with the overall supply of food in our country," he said.

When Jarvis lost his brother-in-law to colon cancer, he and his family changed their diet and focused more on where their food came from. They wanted to "take what's good for their body," said Jarvis.

In addition to the meat and free-range eggs they sell at market, they also educate others through summer camps and classes about the importance of nutrition and understanding the connection between the food on their plates, nutrition and farming. Attending the Black Farmers' Market is one way that Jarvis and his family try to be a beacon for that message.

Nasira Abdur-Razzaq, owner of Bull City Confectionaries in Durham, also wants to share a similar message at the market. She discovered her baking talent when she made cakes for her school-aged chil-

dren to take to class. What started as a mother simply baking for her children's classmates, turned into something much larger.

Now she creates a variety of cakes for catering services around Durham and Chapel Hill. "It was interesting to me that something like that happens and from that one small thing," she said.

Standing in her colorful booth, brightly decorated with pink and green, Abdur-Razzaq enthusiastically greets visitors walking by in the market. She has samples to lure shoppers to her table. Many times, they stop, take a taste and buy one of her sweets to take home. "A lot of people have been turned off by cake because there's an overwhelming amount of processing," she said. "I learned the perfect balance between just enough to feel pleasant when people take that bite."

Operating a local business in Winston-Salem, one and a half hours away from Durham, has not stopped Foxx from making the drive. Providing access to healthy food drives her, too. "When I see people needing food, my color is eliminated from the situation," she said. "This should be something that everybody has."



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP No. 22-007

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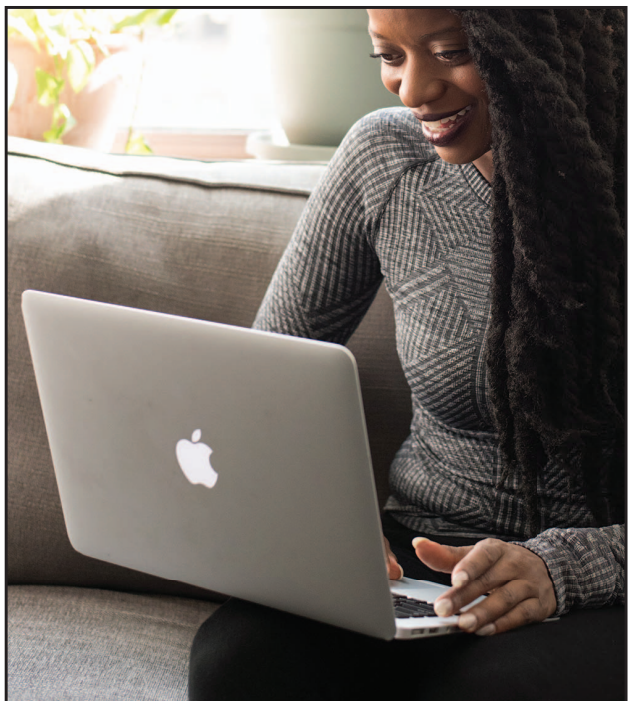
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Black religion scholars call for conversion

By Renée Roden
RELIGION NEWS SERVICE

An assistant professor of African studies at a Catholic university was preparing to oversee a doctoral student's oral examination when she heard from the theology department, in which she serves as a student adviser and teaches cross-listed courses.

The professor was told, two weeks before the exam, that a comparative theologian would sit in on the examination with her. The exam did not go smoothly because of the clearly differing expectations of the two examiners. The episode disturbed the professor, who is Black. "There was a reluctance to see me as a peer," she said, "and a hesitation about my qualifications as a scholar of religion."

This professor's experience is part of a burgeoning conversation about racism at the highest levels of academia, particularly in divinity schools, theology departments and religious studies programs. Black religion scholars say their work is routinely undervalued and their advancement blocked by a bias that sees the study of Black religious experience as secondary to white theology. The phenomenon was recently highlighted for many by Cornel West's resignation from Harvard in June after being denied tenure. Among West's complaints was that "all my courses were subsumed under Afro-American Studies, including Existentialism, American Democracy and the Conduct of Life."

West's experience has left some Black scholars wondering what measures they need to take for their profession to accept them. "I mean, man, Cornel West can't even get tenure. How am I supposed to?" said one graduate student in theology, who, like the assistant professor, requested anonymity out of concern for their jobs.

Anthea Butler, chair of religious studies at the University of Pennsylvania, said, "I think theological schools have a very big issue in terms of race." Butler, who listed several Black professors who have defected in recent years from Ivy League divinity

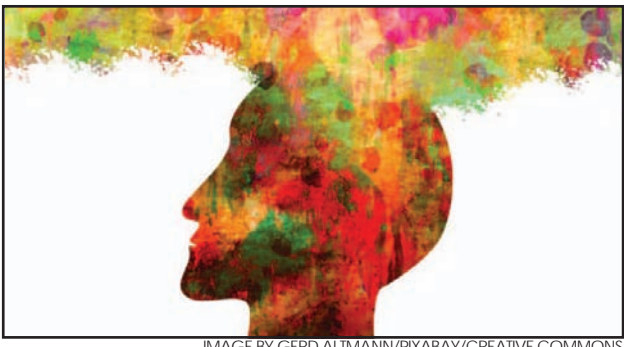


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schools, offered as evidence of the problem the fact that Yale Divinity School has no Black full professors — not, she alleged, for lack of candidates.

Butler said she was invited to apply for an associate professorship of African American religious history at Yale in 2018, and, at the recommendation of the search committee, wrote a second book and received a visiting research fellowship at the school, only to be told she didn't get the job. Not long afterward, she was awarded her full professorship at Pennsylvania.

A Yale Divinity School spokesperson said in an email that the school could not comment on personnel matters but noted that of the 15 tenure-track professors hired since 2012, seven are people of color, and that of four instructors promoted to associate professor this past spring, three are scholars of color. One Yale religion scholar wants to get to the theological roots of the problem.

Willie James Jennings, a Yale associate professor of

theology, wrote in his 2020 book, "After Whiteness," about white supremacy in theological education, saying it permeated his students' imaginations and his own. "Whiteness is not something outside the academy that has infiltrated the academy. The academy is formed in whiteness," said Jennings.

In this context, the professor said, Black American expressions of faith are treated with suspicion or labeled too political or not worthy of serious study. As a practical example, he recalled perusing a collection of African art and religious artifacts at his university last year with a donor. In the middle of their conversation, the donor commented, "Well, none of this is real."

"African religion is everywhere," said Jacob Olupona, a Harvard professor of African and African American studies. "African Christianity is everywhere. Africa, Indigenous religion is very strong in Brazil and the Caribbean. So how can you now refuse to include them in the conversation?" he asked.

Gospel artist pronounced dead is a living miracle

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Best known for his hits "Intentional" and "Made A Way," Grammy and Stellar Award-nominated artist Travis Greene has landed on the top of the Billboard charts. Kirk Franklin even called him one of the artists who is "the future of gospel music."

But has all this been an overnight success? The singer and pastor's path to ministry started early in a powerful story from the very day he was born.

"When I was born — on the spot, my mother said that I wasn't breathing. My skin color was purple, and doctors immediately said that I was stillborn. My mother and father just started praying and believing God, and He performed a miracle," he said during an interview with Jet Magazine.

But Greene still being here now is not the end of his testimony. That in itself is amazing, but he also has a powerful testimony of how he encountered Jesus Christ at the age of 4.

The 36-year-old shocked the audience when he revealed that he fell four floors out of the window of a house his family was living in while in Germany. "They (rescue team) got to my body, and they covered me with a white shirt. They said it was over (again) and the doctors pronounced me dead.

"But then my mother came, she picked up my lifeless body and prayed to God to give me my life. He did it," Greene said,



quickly noting that she called on the name of Jesus twice, nothing happened, but the third time, she screamed the blood of Jesus.

Twenty-nine years later, Greene is traveling the world, literally letting people know that Jesus is alive, and He's still able to do the impossible.

"I said, 'Mom, I remember falling, but I never hit the ground.' Right before I hit the ground, a man with a big hand caught me, but I couldn't see his face. I heard a voice, and he said, 'do you want to go with your mama?' He said I should come to him, and I looked at him and said, 'I want my mom.' He said, 'OK, this time you are going but next time, you will come with me,' and I looked up... I asked what his name was. He didn't say his name was Mo-

ammed... He looked back said, 'Son, my name is Jesus.'"

The singer says that the most profound lesson he has learned is finding his identity in Christ alone.

"God really had to deliver me from finding value in things, affirmation, pleasing people, and even with being impressed with people or wanting them to be impressed with me. He really extracted that from me, and then launched me to this level of success.

"I don't crave the stage in order to feel like I'm important, and I don't anxiously crave an award or anything like that. Now I'm able to really categorize all of those things in its proper place and prioritize which is more important; that's God and family. Everything else is just secondary to that."



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RALEIGH EXHIBIT

The Beautiful Project exhibit begins Sept. 4, NC Museum of Art, 2110 Blue Ridge Rd. Visit ncartmuseum.org.

HOLLY SPRINGS VOLUNTEERS

Travis Manion Foundation will hold a volunteer drive filling backpacks with school supplies with Holly Springs Cadets at 750 Holly Springs Rd. Visit www.travismanion.org.

CARY FESTIVAL

Lazy Daze Arts & Crafts Festival is Aug. 28-29, Cary Town Hall Campus.

DURHAM SCHOOL

Another Back2School food and bookbag giveaway is Aug. 29, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Durham Central Park, 501 Foster St.

VACCINE

A vaccination clinic is Aug. 30, 9-11 a.m. and 1-4:30 p.m., Lincoln Health Center, 1301 Fayetteville St.

BLOOD

A blood drive is Aug. 31, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Durham Convention Center, 301 W. Morgan St. Register at www.redcrossblood.org.

BBQ BASH

Annual Bull City BBQ Bash is Sept. 4, noon to 5 p.m., 306 S. Driver St.

DANCE

STOMP returns Sept. 4-5 to the DPAC, 123 Vivian St. Tickets at (919) 680-2787.

Questions to be answered during CIAA football season

Why isn't CIAA football on any ESPN platforms? The SWAC, the MEAC and even the SIAC have contracts with the ESPN Family.

This is nothing against Aspire TV. It's a great network for African American entertainment and education programming. Better than BET, that's for sure.

But you're telling me, with HBCU sports being the "prettiest girl in the room" right now, that the conference can't get but five televised games? FIVE! And one is the CIAA Championship Game.

No Raleigh Classic between St. Augustine's and Shaw? No Shaw vs. Fayetteville State – the two teams picked to fight for the division crown? Heck, the Broncos are the three-time division champions and they're not even on the schedule, but St. Aug.'s at Johnson C. Smith is? When's the last time they've won a championship?

The SIAC – you know, that other DII HBCU conference – has 22 games on various ESPN platforms. There's a reason ESPN+ and ESPN3 is there – so conferences that normally get passed over can showcase their talented student-athletes. CIAA football coaches should feel shafted.

3 strikes, you're out?

Fayetteville State has lost three straight CIAA championship games: one to Virginia State in 2017 and back-to-back to Bowie State in 2018-19. To give them credit, the Broncos closed the margin of defeat from a minus-23 to minus-20 to minus-16. OK, maybe that's not something to brag about.

Former Elizabeth City State coach Waverly Tillar, who had some heartbreaking losses in the title games, once told me that he would rather coach in 20 championship games and lose rather than not get there at all.

FSU coach Robert Hayes Jr. may be saying the same thing a few years from now because no one has dethroned them yet. Let's be honest, outside of the FSU family, noooooooo-body wants to see the Broncos back in another championship game just to get beat like a rented mule – again.

But, hey, FSU fans can take heart. Bowie State lost twice to Winston-Salem State in 2015-16, didn't make it back the next season but returned in 2018 and '19, and came away champions both times.

Can we get four?

You know I'm going to ask this question every season until the streak ends.

Will this be the year Lincoln wins more than three games? The Lions haven't won over three since they rejoined the CIAA in 2008. They haven't even won three TOTAL games over the last four seasons.

* 2016: 1 win

* 2017: 0 wins

* 2018: 1 win

* 2019: 0 wins

* 2020: season canceled (thankfully)

Will the South rise again?

Yeah, uh huh.

It really hasn't been THAT long since a Southern team last won the championship; it just feels that way. Probably because the losses have been so lopsided.

The North's trio of Bowie State, Virginia State and Virginia Union (I'm not sold on Chowan) versus the South's FSU, Shaw and Winston-Salem State. Which three would you prefer to have?

How 'bout them Bears!

Everybody is talking about Shaw. On paper, the Bears should run away with the di-

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HBCU FOOTBALL



COURTESY

Can the Shaw Bears live up to the preseason hype – again?

St. Augustine's, Shaw ready to vie for championship

By Bonitta Best

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The CIAA football season begins next Thursday. While a few teams played an independent schedule in 2020, most opted out of the season. St. Augustine's opens the fall season with a new coach, while Shaw will try to live up to preseason hype – again.

Bowser gets his shot

After 20 years as an assistant/associate head coach at Fayetteville State, David Bowser finally gets his shot as the head man in charge. Bowser was hired after the 2019 season, but had his coaching debut delayed by COVID-19.

At FSU, Bowser was instrumental in leading the Bron-

cos to three CIAA championships in 2002, 2003 and 2009, and appearances in the last three championship games. He coached under three difference coaches: CIAA Hall of Famer and the late Kenny Phillips, Lawrence Kershaw and the current Richard Hayes Jr.

In addition to his coaching duties, Bowser had the interim tag removed and is now St. Aug.'s permanent athletic director.

CIAA coaches were not kind to Bowser and the Falcons. They were picked last overall after finishing the 2019 season 2-8.

Bowser has a full camp with 75 new players to mix with 50 returnees. SAU doesn't have its 2021 roster listed on the website, but one key returnee is quarter-



COURTESY

The Falcons are out to prove they are not a last place team.

back D'Ontre Gilliard who threw for almost 1,000 yards as a freshman. But Gilliard has plenty of competition with four additional quarterbacks in camp.

SAU will get battle tested early against nonconfer-

ence opponents Tusculum and Limestone – two tough DII powers – followed by Chowan on Sept. 25, in one of the earliest homecomings this season. The Hawks are predicted to challenge

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COLLEGE CORNER

NCCU volleyball begins this weekend

WOMEN

N.C. Central

The Eagles volleyball team begins its new season this weekend in the Wildcat Classic on Davidson's campus.

NCCU meets the host team on Day 1, followed by two matches against Western Carolina and Alcorn State. The team returns home to host archrival North Carolina A&T Tuesday night at 6.

The Eagles played just seven games during the spring after the fall season was delayed due to COVID. They finished 4-3 overall, 4-2 MEAC.

Shaw

The Bears open their volleyball season Sept. 2 at Barton College. Shaw last played in 2019. The team lost in the CIAA Tourna-



COURTESY

NCCU will meet rival N.C. A&T next Tuesday.



The SIAC has a new logo and branding.

ment championship to Fayetteville State 3-0.

In other news, Shaw suffered a major loss this month, and CC is not talking about a coach or player. Longtime sports information director Jolisa Williams left for Bowie State in the same capacity. She replaces Greg Goins, who retired.

"As she takes control of our media relations depart-

ment, I am extremely confident that Jolisa will elevate the image and brand of our growing athletic department to reflect the pillars of our great university; academic excellence, student success, and supporting the long-term viability of Bowie State University," said athletic director Clyde Doughty Jr.

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HBCU BASKETBALL

NCAT women release nonconference schedule

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North Carolina A&T women released their nonconference schedule last week.

The Aggies open the season Nov. 9 at UNC Chapel Hill before heading to Kansas for the preseason Women's NIT against Western Kentucky, Tennessee-Martin and Kansas State.

"Our nonconference presents a challenge for our pro-

gram that lines up with our expectations to compete at a level that produces success defined by wins and championships," coach Tarrell Robinson said. "Our theme this year is to 'Level Up,' meaning raising our standards as a program as we transition to a very competitive Big South Conference. This nonconference schedule is an example of that."

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Fayetteville State to induct eight into HOF

FAYETTEVILLE STATE SPORTS INFORMATION

FAYETTEVILLE – Eight individuals have been selected for induction into the 2021 Fayetteville State University Athletics Hall of Fame in November. The former student-athletes are Maggie Edwards-Johnson, Burnis Travis, Bonny McNeil, Concetha (Smith), Bryan Chapman, Wayman Westbrook, L'oreal (Price) Gamble and Akira Turner.

* As a freshman starting point guard, Edwards-Johnson (1972-76) averaged eight points per game to lead FSU to a 16-0 record under coach Lauretta Taylor. The

Broncos completed the following two seasons with identical 16-3 records.

* Travis (1975-78) was an immediate starter as an offensive tackle and earned three-time honors on the All-CIAA and All-NAIA teams. After starting in all 41 games, he was named to the Mutual Black Network All-American Football Team. In track & field, Travis garnered a silver medal in the discus throw at the 1978 NAIA National Outdoor Track & Field Championships.

* McNeil (1978-82) became the

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William "Bill" Hayes finally gets his due.

St. Augustine's, Shaw vie for CIAA football title

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Bowie State for the Northern crown.

Although he would love to be 2-0 early on, Bowser said he's interested in more than just W's.

"I'm looking at the first two games like the NFL preseason," he said at the bowtorow.com HBCU Football Media Day. "I want to win, but I'll be looking at the players and how they're playing their positions - who needs to be moved around and such. Some of these players haven't been on a field in almost two years, so conditioning is important."

St. Aug's hosts Tusculum Sept. 4 at 1 p.m. The theme is Donor Appreciation Day and Prostate Cancer Awareness Day.

Let the hype begin

Despite high expectations in 2019, Shaw coach Adrian Jones said they "weren't ready to be champs." Don't expect fans to accept any such excuse this season.

Shaw was picked to finish second in the Southern Division behind Fayetteville State - its highest preseason ranking in the Jones era.

The Bears won their final four games and finished 6-4 in 2019. If not for a three-point loss to the Broncos, they would have been in Salem, Virginia, vying for a championship. "It wasn't our time," Jones said at boxtorow media day. "Structure helped us with a year off. We watched a lot of football."

Despite coming up short for a title, a winning season does bring notice. Jones says recruiting went very well.

However well it went, no name strikes more fear in opposing coaches than linebacker Devon Hunt. The CIAA defensive rookie of the year and defensive player of the year barely played in three games in 2019 before going down



for the season.

Everybody but Hunt's mother thought he was gone, but he has enrolled in graduate school and has decided to use his extra year of eligibility. "He's healthy and better than what he was in 2019," Jones said.

All-CIAA defensive back Jaleel Scroggins, whose personal story should be made into a Hollywood movie, is also in graduate school at North Carolina State. Scroggins and teammate DB Kevin Sherman have started every game since freshmen.

On offense, running back Sidney Gibbs (1,024 yards) returns after a stellar freshman year, and senior QB Torrin Campbell provides veteran leadership.

The Bears appear to have the total package. Fans will start to find out when Shaw travels to DII power Wingate on Sept. 2.

N.C. Central vs. Alcorn State

What more can be said about this weekend's MEAC/SWAC Challenge in Atlanta? Nothing. It's time to put the talking on the field. The Eagles have a bye week next week before traveling to Marshall on Sept. 11.

Notes: Future MEAC/SWAC Challenge matchups: Alabama State vs. Howard in 2022, Jackson State vs. South Carolina State in 2023 and Florida A&M vs. Norfolk State in 2024.

Bill Hayes Field

Legendary football coach William "Bill" Hayes will have the football field at Bowman Gray Stadium

named in his honor.

Hayes coached at Winston-Salem State from 1976-88, and compiled an 89-40-2 CIAA record, three conference championships, seven division titles and two undefeated regular seasons in 1977 and '78. A dedication ceremony will be held during the football season.

Red Tails Classic

Boeing has been named the title sponsor of the inaugural Boeing Red Tails Classic between Tuskegee and Fort Valley State universities Sept. 5, 7 p.m., on ESPN.

Boeing's T-7A Red Hawk advanced pilot training system pays homage to the legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen.

"As ESPN honors the legacy and perseverance of the Tuskegee Airmen, we are proud to welcome Boeing as the title sponsor for this historic event," said Clint Overby, vice president of ESPN Events. "Boeing's pioneering history in aerospace makes them the perfect fit for this matchup, as we continue to highlight college football and the importance of HBCUs."

CIAA football

Aspire TV will broadcast five CIAA football games:

- * Oct. 16, 1 p.m. - Virginia State at Bowie State
- * Oct. 23, 1 p.m. - Livingstone at Winston-Salem State
- * Oct. 30, 1 p.m. - St. Aug's at Johnson C. Smith
- * Nov. 6, 1 p.m. - Virginia State at Virginia Union
- * Nov. 13, 1 p.m. - CIAA Football Championship, Salem, Virginia



N.C. A&T women's basketball coach Tarrell Robinson



Gawen DeAngelo "Bonzi" Wells

NCAT coach Robinson signs contract extension

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The remaining nonconference schedule:

- * Nov. 22: Elon
- * Nov. 29: South Carolina
- * Dec. 4: South Carolina State
- * Dec. 11: N.C. Central
- * Dec. 16: East Carolina
- * Dec. 19: Cincinnati

And speaking of Robinson, he recently signed a contract extension through the 2025-26 season. The nine-year coach

is 17 victories shy of becoming the Aggies all-time leader in wins.

"As much as we've accomplished in my nine years in leadership here, I can assure you the best is yet to come," said Robinson who has never won a MEAC Coach of the Year Award. "When you add talent with direction, you can have an abundance of success. I think our program is headed in that direction

as we enter a new journey in the Big South Conference."

LeMoyne hire

Another NBA star heads to an HBCU.

Gawen DeAngelo "Bonzi" Wells is LeMoyne-Owen College's new men's basketball coach. Wells played for the Portland Trailblazers, Sacramento Kings, Houston Rockets, New Orleans Hornets and the Memphis Grizzlies.



Fayetteville State to induct eight into hall of fame

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Broncos leading scorer, off the bench, during his junior season. He averaged over 21 points for coach Jake Ford and was named the CIAA co-player of year. The CIAA assist leader also earned All-NAIA and All-CIAA.

* Concetha (Smith) Davis (1979-83) was a three-time All-CIAA performer (1981-83) and two-time CIAA player of the year ('82 and '83). In 1983 she ranked third on Division II's all-time scoring list with 27.2 ppg. Davis averaged 20 PPG for multiple seasons, and was named to the 1982-83 Kodak All-District III Large College Division Basketball Team and

American Women's Sports Federation Fast Break All-Region All Mid-South First Team.

* Bryan Chapman (1999-03) earned All-CIAA honors three times in his basketball career. Chapman was named the 1999-2000 CIAA rookie of the year. He surpassed the 1000-point career plateau and finished with a total of 1,559 points.

* Wayman Westbrook (2001-04) was a three-year letterman that captained the football team to back-to-back CIAA championship titles (2002 & 2003). Westbrook returned to his alma mater to help coach the Broncos to the 2009 CIAA title. He was on

the staff from 2009 to 2012.

* L'oreal (Price) Gamble (2007-10) had a stellar collegiate basketball career that led to a nine-year professional journey. The former starting captain earned led FSU to a tournament title in 2010. Price played on the National USA D-II team in Barbados. Her professional career landed her in Serbia, Romania, and Germany.

* Akira Turner (2007-11) was a four-time All-CIAA bowler and earned two CIAA Player of the Year Awards in 2010 and 2011. Turner led the Broncos to two CIAA Bowling Championship titles in 2007 and 2011.



Jordan Thomas

N.C. Central volleyball season begins Saturday

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That's an understatement. Jolisa leaves some big shoes to fill. Not to mention she was one of a few people on campus CC liked.

MEN

Charley Pride recipient

Bethune-Cookman alumnus Jordan Thomas is one of five recipients of the Texas Rangers' Charley

Pride Fellowship. Pride had an ownership stake in the team until his death in 2020. The fellowship was founded to help diverse students gain baseball front office experience.

The 10-week internship will move the Fellows in a three-department rotation for 20 hours per week. "Sports bridges the gap between culture and beliefs," said Thomas, now a

graduate student at Temple University. "Charley being a part of ownership stuck out to me ... I want to be a part of ownership someday."

New brand

The SIAC - the other HBCU Division II conference - has a new logo and tagline. The new theme is "Leaders Rise Here."

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vision title. But there's a big difference between champions and champions-to-be. Despite the criticism, the Broncos are the three-time division champs. For three seasons, they have found a way to win when it counted. Until the Bears cross that threshold under coach Adrian Jones, that "talk" is just that.



The official ribbon cutting ceremony.

COURTESY

Center honors Orange Co.’s 1st Black agricultural agent

STAFF REPORTS

Orange County recently celebrated the life and legacy of Bonnie B. Davis at a special ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Bonnie B. Davis Environment and Agricultural Center.

Family members, friends and community leaders gathered to honor a woman who served the county as an extension agent for 40 years. Davis was Orange County’s first Black agricultural extension agent, but her impact went well beyond her duties for Cooperative Extension. She died in 2018 at the age of 92.

“Today, we are remem-

bering, honoring and celebrating a remarkable and beautiful woman, the late Bonnie B. Davis,” said Orange County Chair Renee Price. “Oftentimes buildings are named for individuals who have donated a sum of money to an institution. Ms. Bonnie B. Davis gave something of greater value. She gave us her heart, her soul and her love to the family, friends and community of Orange County.”

Price said the center is the first building to be named for a Black woman in Orange County, a fitting tribute to a person who dedicated her professional

and personal life to improving the lives of others. After retiring, she remained active in the county, serving as one of the founding members of the Friends of Orange County DSS and winning the Pauli Murray Award for her service in pursuit of justice, equality and human rights for all citizens.

“She was a trailblazer, breaking barriers and making our world more just and equitable,” said Price. “Naming this building in honor of Mrs. Davis is but one way we can keep her spirit alive.”

BUSINESS BRIEFS

JOB FAIR
The next Durham Hospitality Job Fair is Aug. 31, 2 p.m., Durham Convention Center. Visit www.discoverdurham.com.

MARKET
Black Flea Market is every Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m., at The Union Station, 510 W. Martin St.

HIRING
The OurStopShop Buy Black Market is hiring labor and event staff. Apply at ourstopshop.com/bbmhiring.

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organization, has changed its name to HonorBridge, which means a commitment to honor the decision of organ and tissue donors. Visit HonorBridge.org.

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Researching your family history is one of the most popular hobbies in the United States. But for many African Americans, the search ends when they hit Colonial times. That’s because in those times, slaves didn’t get birth certificates, marriage licenses or death certificates...their lives were documented instead in property deeds. And now there is a project to catalog and make them available to the public.

The Enslaved Persons Project is a collaborative endeavor between the UNC Greensboro Libraries, North Carolina Division of Archives and Records, Wake County Register of Deeds and Shaw University. The goal is to create a centralized database of information about slaves contained in bills of sale from Wake County. Once complete, the community will have access to search these historic documents and high-resolution images.

Slave deeds are bills of sale, deeds of gift, wills, and other documents that

record the transfer of ownership of enslaved people. For the purposes of this project, we are considering those documents included in deed books at the Wake County Register of Deeds office. Later phases may expand to include documents from other sources. These documents sometimes contain very little information, referring to the enslaved people only as “slaves” or “negroes.” Other deeds, however, include the names, ages, and even occupations or special skills. Because slaves were excluded from the kinds of historical records that are used in historical and genealogical research (such as birth and death certificates, marriage licenses, and detailed census information), these documents are some of the only written records of their lives. Transcribing and indexing these thousands of documents will make it much easier for historians and genealogists to find this information.

The North Carolina Slave Deeds will form one part of the larger Digital Library on

American Slavery. The DLAS is an expanding resource of various independent online collections related to race and slavery in the United States, made searchable through a single, simple interface. Although the current focus of DLAS is sources associated with North Carolina, it contains considerable data related to all 15 slave states and Washington, D.C., including detailed personal information about slaves, slaveholders, and free people of color. The other components of the DLAS are the Race and Slavery Petitions Project, the North Carolina Runaway Slave Advertisements Project, and the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade Database.

There are several things volunteers can do to contribute to this project, and most of them can be done from any computer with an internet connection. When you sign up as a volunteer, you have the option of locating and labeling deeds or indexing them. Visit shawu.edu for more information.

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SOUL FOOD SHEET

Hi Everyone! It's supertime where I am! What time is it where you are? Well, I'm hungry for a SOUL FOOD meal! This activity will make you hungry, because it's all about SOUL FOOD!

A LITTLE FOOD HISTORY FOR YOUR SOUL


Enslaved Africans helped to shape what Black Americans eat today. Slaves were mostly left the scraps to eat and a typical breakfast consisted of cornbread and pork. Certain African foods made their way through the Middle Passage, such as, yams, black-eyed peas and kola (which gives us coca cola soda). Soul food started in the deep south (specifically in Georgia, Mississippi, and Alabama). African recipes were used to enhance deficient food rations enslaved people were given. Black Americans have a direct link to certain foods from Africa, for example, "jambalaya", a rice dish is similar to "jollof" from Africa. A greens and pork dish called "hoppin john", resembles Ghana's "waakye" and Senegal's "thiebouniebe". Okra, with roots from Ethiopia, is also a main staple in Black homes.



THE SOUL OF A MAN

Featuring **THOMAS DOWNING**

Thomas Downing, a free Black man, noticed how much White people loved oysters. He opened an upscale restaurant where he was allowed to serve whites only, primarily, attorneys, bankers and politicians. While he fed the White people UPSTAIRS, he harbored runaway slaves BELOW in his ritzy restaurant!



ONE MINUTE MADNESS! BACKWORDS

In one minute, rewrite the words spelled backwards to identify the soul foods:

smay deidnac - _____

egabbac - _____

gniddup ananab - _____


nekihc deirf - _____



eip otatop teews - _____

DID YOU KNOW...? FOOD PIONEERS

Research to see why each person is revered as a "Food Pioneer" and match each with their achievement.

Invented a corn planter/cotton planter _____	A Shirley Chisholm	B Henry Blair
Created the potato chip _____	C George Washington Carver	D George Crum
Brought from France the french fries _____	E Black Panther Party	F James Hemings
Developed 300 uses for the peanut _____		
Started free breakfast for children _____		
Instrumental in creating WIC (Nutritional Prog. for women, infants and children) _____		





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DO YOU KNOW... FOOD PIONEERS ANSWERS


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C George Washington Carver **D** George Crum
E Black Panther Party **F** James Hemings

ONE MINUTE MADNESS! BACKWORDS ANSWERS

A smay deidnac - smay deidnac
B egabbac - bacgabeg
C gniddup ananab - bananadupnig
D nekihc deirf - firdehkinen
E eip otatop teews - sweet potato pie

Celebrate Family and Food





Baked Stuffed Pasta Shells

FAMILY FEATURES

Family traditions and in-person connections are important parts of gatherings of loved ones, and many of those get-togethers are centered on food. The entire family coming together around a table covered with warm, delicious food to share stories and create new memories is what makes mealtime special. Forty chefs from around the nation came together to create "Come to the Table," which offers a delicious mix of cuisines from a variety of cultures, including this sampling of classic family favorites, sweet indulgences and family-style creations all inspired by what family means to each chef.

"Sales from this book will directly benefit the families we serve, so we are so grateful for each and every chef that has offered their time and talent to this cookbook," said Jill Cumnock, CEO of Ronald McDonald House of Dallas. "The way 'Come to the Table' has been created reminds me of a recipe that culminates in a feast for the senses. We can't think of a better way to celebrate our 40th anniversary, particularly at a time when families are starting to reunite after the pandemic forced so many apart."

Visit rmhdallas.org for more information and to order the cookbook.

Baked Stuffed Pasta Shells

Recipe courtesy of chef Kevin Curry
Servings: 6-8

- 6 ounces jumbo pasta shells
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon fresh garlic
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 5 portobello mushroom caps, gills removed then diced
- 1 pinch sea salt, plus additional, to taste
- 1 pinch pepper, plus additional, to taste
- 2 cups shredded kale
- 3 tablespoons water
- 15 ounces skim milk ricotta cheese
- 4 tablespoons pesto
- 1 tablespoon The Fit Cook Land spice blend
- 1 1/2 cups reduced-fat marinara, divided
- 1 1/2 cups reduced-fat mozzarella
- fresh herbs, for garnish

Preheat oven to 420 F.

Bring pot of salted water to boil. Cook pasta shells according to package instructions. Drain then set aside.

Heat pot or cast-iron casserole dish over medium heat. Once hot, add oil, garlic, onion and mushrooms. Add pinch of sea salt and pepper as it cooks. Cook until onions turn brown and mushrooms shrink in size, about 3-5 minutes. Empty contents and set aside.

Place pot back over heat. Add shredded kale and water to create steam. Toss kale in pot until it turns vibrant green; set aside to cool.

In large bowl, mix ricotta cheese with mushroom mixture, kale, pesto and spice blend.

In casserole dish, spread about 1/2 cup marinara on bottom. Then one-by-one, stuff each pasta shell with approximately 2 tablespoons ricotta mixture and add to casserole dish. Repeat with remaining shells.

Cover shells with remaining marinara and mozzarella cheese. Cover casserole dish with foil and bake 20 minutes. During final 5 minutes, remove foil so mozzarella can brown.

Garnish with fresh herbs and salt and pepper, to taste.

Green Curry

Recipe courtesy of chef Nikky Phinyawatana
Servings: 2

- 2 cups fresh spinach
- 1 cup water
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 2 tablespoons green curry paste
- 8 ounces skinless, boneless chicken, beef or pork, sliced thin
- 1 small Japanese purple eggplant
- 2 cups coconut milk
- 4 teaspoons granulated sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup bamboo shoots, sliced
- 1/4 medium red bell pepper, sliced thin

8-10 Thai basil leaves, plus additional, for garnish, divided

2 cups cooked jasmine rice

In blender, blend spinach and water until mixture turns green and no leaves are visible.

In medium saucepan over medium-high heat, heat oil. Add green curry paste and stir to release fragrance, about 10 seconds.

Add protein and cook 3-5 minutes.

Add blended spinach water, purple eggplant, coconut milk, sugar and salt. Bring to boil. Add bamboo shoots and red bell pepper. Simmer 10 minutes.

Stir in basil leaves and turn off heat.

Serve with jasmine rice and garnish with additional basil leaves.