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City Shouldn't be Nanny

Later this month, the city will begin hosting a series of Friday evening activities at the Dixie Classic Fairgrounds designed to keep teenagers from becoming desultory this summer. Idle time is, indeed, the devil's pal; throw in summer and teenagers and you potentially have a powder keg.

We hope last Friday evening – when teens, presumably excited about the last day of school, made a beeline downtown and began actin' a-fool – isn't a harbinger of the next three months. As is always the case, a few bad apples ruined what would have likely been an uneventful outing, but when it comes to black youth, that's all it takes. If one knucklehead acts out, the whole lot is labeled thugs and every black teen on Fourth Street on Friday night is viewed as kase.

Parents and teenagers often complain that a lack of positive outlets begets the violence. The city can't be accused of ignoring such concerns. For the past several years, it has offered diverse, teenagers-only summertime programs, like this summer's offering, "Fairground Fridays," which will include a free indoor skateboard park.

But parents have a greater role to play than the city, the police or any other entity. If your 13-14-15-year-old is on a downtown street corner – or any street corner, for that matter – at midnight, and you are at home asleep or God knows where, you have a problem!

While summer means a break from school for kids, it doesn't mean a break from parenting for adults.

The city is providing a courtesy to its young residents with its summer programming, but is not ultimately responsible for ensuring that your kids are positively engaged and well-behaved; that's all on you, parents.

Good Ol' "Traditional" White Folks

N.C. House Speaker Thom Tillis made national headlines this week over comments he made in 2012, when he essentially stated that black and brown people are scaring the bejesus out of white people, or "traditional" North Carolinians, with their adroitness at pro-creating.

In an interview with Carolina Business Review, Tillis, in one breath, talked of how the GOP needs to extend its reach to African Americans and Hispanics; in the next breath, he shows why people of color have such an aversion to his party.



Tillis

Comparing the birth rates of blacks and Hispanics to that of white folks, he opined that the "traditional population of North Carolina and the United States is more or less stable. It's not growing."

How white skin translates to "traditional" has us bemused. A traditional North Carolinian would be a Lumbee or Cherokee, would it not?

Tillis is like many "traditional" Americans, concerned to the point of paranoia that the brown people are coming and plotting to take over. Their obsession to halt this feared take-over is evident in their obstinacy to immigration reform and their hostility to even the mere mention of the word "amnesty."

Does Tillis' bad choice of words mean that he is a racist? No, but this – taken along with his hostility toward the N.C. NAACP and his actions to silence the civil rights' organization's Moral Monday events – shows that Tillis has little patience or concern for folks who aren't "traditional."

Chief Honored by Colleagues

Photo by Officer Latrina Leak

The North State Law Enforcement Officers Association, a more than 60-year-old organization made up of law enforcement officers of color from throughout North Carolina, honored Winston-Salem Police Chief Barry Rountree on Saturday, June 14 during its annual conference in Gastonia. Rountree, a more than 25-year veteran of the Winston-Salem police force, received the John Marable Award, which is named for a trail-blazing former Guilford County Sheriff's Department official and former NSLEOA president. The chief was feted for his years of dedicated service to the law enforcement profession and the Winston-Salem NSLEOA chapter – one of 11 chapters in the state.



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Goktepe, both of whom are now at Qatar University.

"Treated peanuts can be used as whole peanuts, in pieces or as flour to make foods containing peanuts safer for many people who are allergic," Dr. Yu said. "Treated peanuts also can be used in immunotherapy. Under a doctor's supervision, the hypoallergenic peanuts can build up a patient's resistance to the allergens."

Research funding was provided by the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative of the U.S. Department of

Agriculture. The process treats roasted peanuts, removed from the shell and skin, with food-grade enzymes commonly used in food processing. The treatment consists of soaking the peanuts in an enzymatic solution.

The treatment reduces two key allergens, Ara h 1 to undetectable levels and Ara h 2 by up to 98 percent. The resulting peanuts look and taste like roasted peanuts; they are not genetically modified.

The effectiveness of the process was demonstrated in human clinical trials at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, using skin-prick tests.

In contrast to various

other approaches to eliminating peanut allergens, the N.C. A&T process doesn't involve chemicals or irradiation, and uses commonly available food-processing equipment.

In collaboration with Xemerge, Dr. Yu is continuing to refine the process by testing the effectiveness of additional food-grade enzymes.

Peanuts cause serious allergic reactions in an estimated 0.9 percent of the U.S. population, about 2.8 million people. Highly sensitive children and adults can develop anaphylaxis, a severe allergic reaction, in as little as a few seconds from ingesting extremely small amounts.

Origins of Freedom



English Bradshaw
Guest Columnist

Independence and Freedom.

What's the difference?

Simple – because you are independent, are you free? Are you free to command your own self-worthiness and proclaim who you really are? Are you free to truly enjoy the experiences of the liberated? Are you free from legal, social and political restrictions?

We, as citizens of this nation celebrate the Fourth of July as Independence Day, which commemorates our liberation from the British. Yet, are we as citizens truly free to exercise unrestricted constraints upon our innermost impulses as human beings: freedom from hunger, to worship a God of our choice, or to love whom we wish? Do we have the satisfaction of meeting an old master on equal terms?

Since before Plymouth, inhabitants of this land which – included the newly-minted Native Americans – wished to share in a common love of and respect for freedom, as well as a determination to protect our right to freedom by which the tenets of freedom are guaranteed and protected. Sadly, the tenets of freedom did not extend to the forceful arrival of citizens from Africa and beyond the land of Chaldea and Ur, sparking

200 years of brutality to the human spirit and man's inhumanity to man.

Following the flood-gates of overflowing bloodshed and thousands of massacred human combatants in a war trying to secure a life of privilege and the determination of a nation to extend that privilege to all of its citizens, the following event occurred in the course of human events:

"Now, therefore, I Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States by virtue of the power in me vested as Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States in time of actual armed rebellion against the authority and Government of the United States, and as fit and necessary war measure for suppressing this rebellion, do on this 1st day of January A.D. 1863 . . . order and designate as the States and parts of States wherein the people thereof respectively are this day in rebellion against the United States . . . I do order and declare that all persons held as slaves within said designated States and parts of States are and hence forward shall be free . . ."

On June 19th, 1865, two and a half years after the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation, Union Army General Gordon Granger stood on the balcony of the Ashton Villa in Galveston, Texas and gave this address:

"The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are

free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them become that between employer and hired labor. The freedmen are advised to remain quietly at their present homes and work for wages. They are informed that they will not be allowed to collect at military posts and that they will not be supported in idleness either there or elsewhere."

Contrary to popular belief Lincoln, by issuing the Emancipation Proclamation, did not free the slaves completely. The Proclamation provided freedom specifically to slaves in those states that remained loyal to the Confederacy. The 13th Amendment to the Constitution, ratified on December 18, 1865, actually freed the slaves including those held in the four Confederate States that did not secede from the Union.

In an attempt to reconcile the gap between Liberation and Freedom, Juneteenth will be recognized on June 19 in order to complete the cycle of Freedom – July 4th and June 19.

On this coming Thursday and Saturday as we celebrate Juneteenth, say "Happy Juneteenth" to a family member, friend, neighbor or co-worker. If they don't know what Juneteenth is – you can now teach them.

Dr. English Bradshaw is a well-known local educator and community servant.

Redmon

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ing such a talented and dedicated individual on our team. We wish her the best as she moves forward with her career," Wood said.

Her efforts have been recognized by not only housing authorities and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), but also the Piedmont Triad Apartment Association (PTAA), which named her the 2012 Corporate Professional of the Year and honored her with a Diamond Award at their annual Diamond Awards Ceremony in 2013.

"I am so honored to have had the opportunity



File Photo

Winston-Salem Housing Authority's Larry Woods.

to grow with the Housing Authority of Winston-Salem, and I look forward to going to the Wilmington Housing Authority," said Redmon. "I have truly enjoyed my experience with the

Housing Authority of Winston-Salem. There are a lot of innovative, creative and hard working staff here and I appreciate what I have experienced with them over the years."

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been called on repeatedly to participate in research-gathering efforts by local groups and universities who wish to hear his firsthand accounts of historic events that occurred in Durham and across North Carolina over the past half century.

Long, a highly regarded businessman in the Greater Charlotte Area, established his business, Long & Son Mortuary Services over 67 years ago, and today it is among the most successful and respected family-owned businesses in the region. He helped M&F Bank generate business when the institution expanded to Charlotte in the early 1960s, and has supported them from that time on, serving on their City Advisory Board for Charlotte since its inception.

Canty is a Baltimore Ravens defensive end who puts into practice his philosophy of "planting good seeds in good soil" through the work of the Chris Canty Foundation, which is dedicated to enhancing the total development of youth, using the platform of sports to effect positive change. The Foundation's core principles are Hope, Service, Respect, Justice and Compassion, and their ultimate goal is "to mold and develop well-rounded, character-driven individuals possessing the mental, physical, and emotional strength to win

Correction

The story "Original Play Shines Light on the Five Row Community" in the Thursday, June 12 issue contained the wrong venue for the play's staging. The play is being staged in Reynolda House's Babcock Auditorium. Admission to the play is \$5 at the door. Tickets are also available in advance at <http://www.reynoldahouse.org/calendar>. The Chronicle apologizes for the error.



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