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# THE CHRONICLE

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## LOC: End gun violence, gang activity

BY TEVIN STINSON  
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Less than 24 hours after four people were shot in the 2000 block of Patria Street, more than a dozen people took to the streets to call for an end to all gun violence and gang activity in the community. Just after midnight on Saturday, July 1,

police responded to a pair of shootings at 2824 and 2830 Partia St. At the scene, police found Darnell Ruth, Candice Venable, Dalton Valentine and Jamie Blackmon suffering from gunshot wounds.

All four victims were treated for non-life threatening injuries and released from a local hospital.



Photo by Alphonso Abbott Jr.

Members of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) connect with Damon Davis on Rich Avenue during the citywide gun violence and gang truce started by the LOC on Saturday, July 1.

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Photo by Alphonso Abbott Jr.

Frank Seator, in the forefront with dreadlocks, is among the new citizens who recite the Oath of Allegiance at the Independence Day Naturalization Ceremony held at Old Salem Museum & Gardens.

## Immigrants celebrate July 4th by becoming citizens

BY TODD LUCK  
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The United States welcomed 50 new citizens from 26 countries at the Independence Day Naturalization Ceremony held at Old Salem Museum & Gardens on July 4th.

The possibility of rain caused the service to move indoors, where a packed audience of friends, family members and onlookers filled the seats, lined the walls and spilled out the door of the Gray Auditorium.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) regularly holds naturalization ceremonies year round, but they're more numerous around Independence Day.

The ceremony's speaker, Luis Lobo, a native of Costa Rica and executive vice president and manager of multicultural banking at BB&T, congratulated the new citizens.

"Today you have accomplished one of the greatest goals of your life," he said "You have become an American citizen."

The immigrants, who took the Oath of Allegiance and received their Certificate of Citizenship, hailed from all over the world. The countries included Mexico, Sudan, Ghana, South Africa, Germany, Vietnam, Colombia and India.

Though their citizenship was new, they had been longtime residents of the country. Frank Seator came from Liberia with his family in 2003 to find a better life in the United States and now resides in Greensboro. He's attending

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## Commissioners to vote on health provider for jail

BY TODD LUCK  
THE CHRONICLE

County commissioners are scheduled to vote on renewing Correct Care Solutions LLC's contract to provide health services at the Forsyth County Detention Center in their next formal meeting on July 13.

The commissioners have eliminated their traditional Monday meetings to instead hold votes twice a month during their weekly 2 p.m. Thursday briefings. There's already opposition on an item for their Thursday, July 13, meeting as Commissioner Everette Witherspoon said during last week's briefing he won't be voting to renew Correct Care's contract because of local inmate deaths.

"Correct Care Solutions makes the Sheriff's Office look bad, makes the county look bad, it makes the Department of Health look bad and it makes the commissioners look bad," he said.

Witherspoon said he's gotten many phone calls from constituents on the recent deaths of inmates receiving medical care, which constituents blame the county and Sheriff's Office for. He also said there's too many lawsuits over inmate care both locally and nationally against Correct Care.

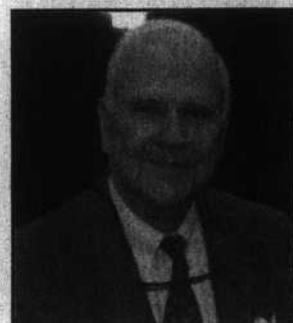
Sheriff Bill Schatzman said that there is an investigation ongoing to determine the facts around the latest deaths of inmates at the Detention Center in May. He also said any deaths were unacceptable and that he understood the concerns.

"I understand what you're hearing, because I'm hearing it as well," said Schatzman.

Correct Care's contract runs out at the end of August. There was a Request for Proposals distributed to 12 vendors and then requested by 19 additional vendors. Five vendors attended a pre-bid meeting. Only Correct Care



Witherspoon



Schatzman

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## GOP won't answer why monument cut from budget

BY CASH MICHAELS  
FOR THE CHRONICLE

Before the N.C. General Assembly adjourned its long session last Friday, Republican legislative leaders House Speaker Tim Moore and Senate

Pro-tem Phil Berger were asked in writing why they cut a proposed \$200,000 from the compromise \$23 billion budget for the African-American "Freedom Monument" project slated for the state Capitol grounds,

and instead earmarked \$5 million - 25 times as much - to a new \$65 million N.C. Civil War Museum in Fayetteville, scheduled to open in 2020.

Neither Moore or Berger responded to the written requests for

comment sent to their offices one day before both houses of the legislature adjourned.

The only Republican lawmaker who did respond to the press inquiry was one of the budget-writers, state Rep. Donny

Lambeth [R-Forsyth], but that was to say that only Moore or Berger could answer.

"This was negotiated after the full [committee] chairs finished all the budget work that was asked of us. I can see if I can get you a

statement from the Speaker," Lambeth emailed back to The Chronicle, but no statement from Speaker Moore was forthcoming.

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