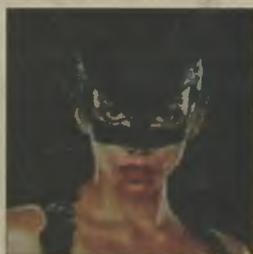


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The United House of Prayer for All People bought the former Travelodge hotel and turned it into housing for seniors (left) On the right, single-family construction is booming in the Cindy Lane neighborhood.

## Revitalizing the spirit of Brooklyn



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Bernetta Powell, owner of West End Fresh Seafood Market, unpacks fish with husband Clarence. Powell is part of a small but growing group of entrepreneurs and developers who are revitalizing northwest Charlotte.

## Initiative boosts northwest communities

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Bernetta Powell sees the potential in Beatties Ford Road.

Powell, owner of West End Fresh Seafood Market, is part of a small but growing class of entrepreneurs and developers bringing jobs and amenities to

northwest Charlotte. There's still room for improvement.

"On the whole, everyone's interested in improving the area," Powell said. "I grew up over there. It is home to me. Everybody has goals in mind and we may have different ways of getting there, but we're all interested."

The New Brooklyn Initiative

is trying to help the area meet those goals. Named after the all-black community that was wiped out by 1960s urban renewal, the initiative is bringing community development organizations and neighborhood groups together to share ideas and projects. NBI's target area, which encompasses Beatties Ford Road, LaSalle

Street and Cindy Lane, next meets May 20 at Memorial Presbyterian Church at 7 p.m.

"There has been a lot of growth in Charlotte's corridors over the last few years, but one area that has not benefitted from it is the Beatties Ford Road corridor," said Kelly Alexander, president of the

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## Mending fences after Brown

### Community builds bridges after decision

By Hazel Trice Edney and George E. Curry  
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The *Brown v. Board of Education* landmark Supreme Court ruling encompassed five lawsuits. In addition to *Topeka, Kan.*, the lead case, other suits were pending against school systems in South Carolina, Delaware, the District of Columbia and Virginia. The strongest resistance to 'Brown' was in Prince Edward County, Va. Below is a recounting of what happened prior to, during and after the 'Brown' ruling. </I>

WASHINGTON - On April 23, 1951 - three years before the landmark *Brown* ruling - Barbara Johns, a 16-year-old junior at Robert R. Moton High School in Farmville, Va., led a walk-out of 450 students to protest deplorable conditions at the all-Black school.

Unlike the school built across town for Whites, Moton High had no cafeteria, no gymnasium, no infirmary and no toilets for teachers. Built in 1939 for 189 students, by 1951, more than twice that many students were packed into the facility. Rather than construct a new black high school, the county school board authorized the construction of three large plywood buildings. They were

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## Brown legacy marked by forum, documentaries

By Herbert L. White  
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Charlotte will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision that outlawed segregation in public schools this week.

Levine Museum of the New South will host a community day as part of its ongoing "Courage: The Carolina Story That Changed America" exhibit Sunday at 1 p.m.

Students will celebrate the *Brown v. Board* decision through dance, music and film and everyone can participate in activities centered on community, education and courage.

Admission is free for museum members; non-members can get in for \$6 (adults) and \$5 (students and seniors).

Among the guests will be Joseph DeLaine Jr.,  
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## Toughest obstacles helps graduate appreciate gifts

By Cheris F. Hodges  
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Tiffany Hollis isn't your average college student.

While her peers worried about getting money from mom and career packages, Hollis was sending money home to her mother and younger brother and sister. She was holding down three jobs as well as maintaining a B average at Davidson College.

"She doesn't have the money that other people have," said Ruth Pittard, Davidson College dean of

community service.

For Hollis to make it through college, she had to work in addition to studying and the community service necessary to keep her Bonner scholarship.

So, when 22-year-old Hollis receives her degree in history Saturday, beating the odds and becoming a role model for her family will have a special meaning.

"When I was in school, people told me I wouldn't amount to anything," she said.

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Davidson College senior Tiffany Hollis supported her family while becoming an activist for Davidson's West Side community.

## the box NEWS, NOTES & TRENDS

Mothers of Murdered Offspring will host violence prevention and awareness events this weekend.

On Friday, MOM-O will host a Late Nite Lockup from 8 p.m.-8 a.m. at Carole Hoefener Center, 610 E. 7th St. The event is a combination slumber party/camp adventure.

On Sunday, Praise in the Park will be held at Marshall Park from 4-7 p.m. It's a celebration of life, remembrance and hope.

For information on either event, call (704) 336-3515.

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