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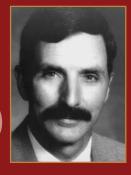


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#### Virginia Gets Older: How Goes the Vote? By BILL KALLIO

There is a major demographic shift going on across the Commonwealth of Virginia—the Old Dominion is getting older.

Today, about 14 percent of our population is 65 or older. By the year 2020 that will increase to almost 20 percent, and by the year 2030 Virginia's retirement population will look much like Florida's population looks today. The graying of the Commonwealth also means that the 50+ population will have even more power in elections, as older voters are more engaged and more likely to vote in every election.

The way we age today will be very different from the way we age in the future. At American Association of Retired Persons, we ask the question "Will we be ready for the age wave?" Will Virginians have saved enough to live 20 to 30 years past normal retirement age? Will people work longer and will there be jobs for an aging workforce? How will we stretch our health care dollars and health care workforce to meet a growing demand? Will our communities be livable for the vast majority of older citizens who choose to stay in their homes and communities as long as possible? Will today's services and methods of delivery be what an aging population wants in the future?

As state director of AARP Virginia, I am proud to be part of the Older Dominion Partnership. The Older Dominion Partnership is a non-profit initiative by Virginia business, government, foundations

and non-profits to help Virginia prepare for the age wave—the doubling of the Commonwealth's 65+ year old population from about 900,000 today to over 1.8 million by 2030.

A few years ago, AARP looked at this aging tsunami and focused on two areas where more work needs to be done if we want to be sure that all citizens age with dignity and respect now and into the future. Those areas are health and financial security.

We know that retirement security is built on a three-legged stool: Social Security, pensions, and savings or investments. Each of the legs on the stool has become wobbly over the years. Many believe there is now a fourth leg on that stool—work. More people are working past traditional retirement age. Moreover, with savings at an all time low and investments declining in value, Social Security will become even more important to future retirees.

In the Commonwealth, nearly 1.2 million people receive Social Security benefits. Half of those 65 and older rely on Social Security for one half or more of their income. For one-quarter of Virginia Social Security recipients, Social Security is their only source of income. Making sure Social Security is secure for future generations is a top priority.

While older citizens are the only members of our society who have guaranteed access to health insurance through Medicare, the problems of the entire health care system also threaten the financial stability and viability of Medicare as we move into the future.

Our staff and volunteers in the Commonwealth of Virginia carry out AARP's mission of enhancing the quality of life for all as we age. We lead positive social change and deliver value to members through information, advocacy and service. We envision a society in which everyone ages with dignity and purpose, and in which AARP helps people fulfill their goals and dreams.

AARP has worked hard in the Commonwealth of Virginia to help make it possible for people to age in place – to receive long-term care in their homes instead of in costly institutions. For the past five years, AARP's efforts have been directed at making a consumer-friendly long-term care system in Virginia. We have advocated for choice and access, as well as information about funding and planning for long-term care and quality of care. We are very proud of the new consumer and provider portals that offer consumers information about where and how to get long-term care in home and community-based settings. We also had a representative serve on the long-term care work group of the Governor's Commission on Health Care Reform in 2007.

In Virginia, more than one million people age 50+ are members of AARP – nearly half of the Commonwealth's 50+ population. A remarkable woman named Ethel Percy Andrus founded AARP 51 years ago. Dr. Andrus was a retired teacher and principal. One day she found a retired teacher literally living in a chicken coop. It turns out that teacher had lost her savings and after paying for food and medicine for a chronic condition, she could not manage on her \$40 a month pension.

Coming face-to-face with her colleague's plight, Dr. Andrus did not just get angry. She got active. She was an engaged older citizen who became an extraordinary advocate. She created the National Retired Teachers Association and went to 42 different companies and brokers before she finally found someone willing to provide group health insurance for the Association's members. Later, she expanded the organization's reach by creating AARP for all retired Americans. Today, more than half of our 40 million members nationwide work at least part-time.

Dr. Andrus' mantra "To serve and not be served" became AARP's motto. It is that attitude that fuels AARP's commitment to community service, which is carried out by more than 250 volunteers in Virginia.

The collective power of people age 50+ has made a difference

in our nation as well as the Commonwealth. In 2008, over 51 million 50+ Americans participated in the Presidential election, with 50+ voters having the highest turnout rate of any age group. Voters age 50+ also made up 43 percent of the total electorate. Additionally, 50+ voters exceeded the total number of voters under 40 by over 8 million. As a bloc, 50+

voters were nearly 2.4 times larger than the number of voters ages 18-29. In Virginia, 50+ voters accounted for 37 percent of the entire electorate, making up 36 percent of the Virginians who voted for the President.

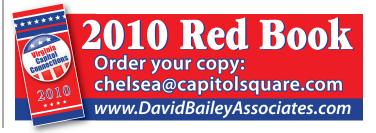
AARP is committed to giving our members the tools they need to get the facts so they can use their power and vote. We host candidate debates and produce a voter guide. The voter guide has the candidates' answers to the most pressing questions facing current and future generations. The voter guide for the upcoming gubernatorial race can be found at <a href="https://www.aarp.org/va.">www.aarp.org/va</a>.

We outline where we stand on issues in the voter guide so that readers can make informed choices. AARP educates and mobilizes voters on issues of concern to older Americans and their families. AARP has not established a political action committee. We do not support or oppose candidates for public office, and we do not contribute money to their campaigns or political parties.

AARP does not tell people who to vote for, but we do encourage them to vote. We are a nonprofit, nonpartisan membership organization that helps people 50+ have independence, choice and control in ways that are beneficial and affordable to them and society as a whole.

The goal of our voter education campaign is to remind 50+ voters that they have the power to determine who represents them. We are all riding the age wave together, and we have the power to make it better.

Bill Kallio is AARP Virginia State Director.



Virginia

## The Candidate Who Shakes the Most Hands

By LASHARI CELISTAN

On the heels of the 2008 presidential election the question lingers: are the youth who came out in record numbers to elect the first African-American President, Barack Obama, still as excited to vote when it comes down to their local and state elections or has the excitement faded away until the next presidential election?

Dominique Holloway, a senior at Virginia State University said, "I definitely think that the excitement from the youth has died down. A lot of times we only focus on



national elections because we think that they're the most important." She said, "But our local elections actually have more impact on our daily lives."

Many of the students interviewed feel that the momentum displayed in the 2008 elections has cooled off due in part to the lack of knowledge of those candidates running. Holloway said, "I think state elections aren't advertised enough where youth pay attention and get involved. State elections seem to target older voters." Students recalled the days when volunteers had taken over campuses trying to get students to register to vote; everywhere you looked there was a reminder that the election was taking place. That same drive to reach out to the young people is not being displayed as it was in the 2008 election.

Lamont Edwards, also a senior at VSU said, "We know the major elections because they're all over the media. The presidential elections are everywhere. The smaller elections you might see on the local news but that's about it. And these are the people who govern us."

Many young people tend to overlook statewide elections because they don't realize the direct impact that they have on their everyday lives. They think that simply voting for the president is enough.

Edwards said, "A lot of people neglect those elections on a lower scale. The 2008 election was very historic so a lot of people had the motivation to get out and vote."

It appears that to keep the youth vote strong in state and local elections, candidates will have to use some of the same approaches that Obama did. Obama appealed to young voters because he successfully used new media to reach out to them. As far as visiting local campuses and using the media that appeals to young voters (texting, facebook, twitter, etc.) as Edwards put it, "Obama did his thing."

When asked what advice he would give to the candidates that are running Edwards said, "Go where the young people are, the people in the neglected communities that no one else reaches out to, that's where you get your feedback from...your support from."

On the campus of Virginia Union University on September 22nd, a moderate number of citizens and students turned out for the Gubernatorial debate between Republican Bob McDonnell and Democrat Creigh Deeds. The crowd was filled with people of all ages and diverse backgrounds. Many of the attendees were campaign workers, young professionals and supporters of the candidates. Both were well received by the crowd. LC

Cassandra Campbell, a senior at VSU agrees. Campbell said, "I was once told that the person that shakes the most hands and looks people in the eyes wins the election. The TV ads and signs all over—to me that's all 'fluff', it's not content. I want you to come here and tell us what you're going to do for our institution." She added, "I've yet to see someone come on my campus. I'd love to see both candidates come."

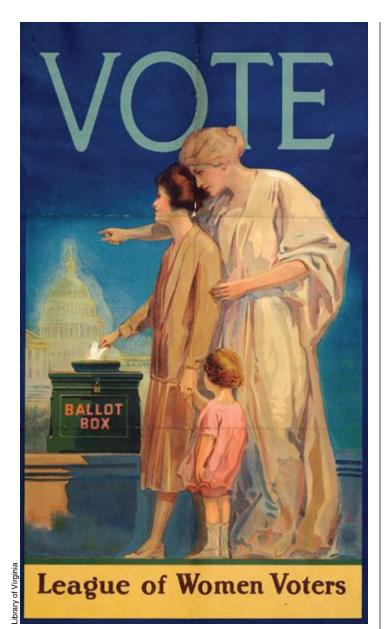
The biggest concern among the young people interviewed was education as well as the creation of new jobs in order to sustain our economy. Campbell said, "My biggest concern would have to be where either candidate stands on jobs and education. At VSU we're a smaller institution and most of the money we receive is dependent on the General Assembly and whether or not they're funding us. It affects us adversely compared to the larger institutions. It's critical that we focus on the future of higher education."

It is clear that young people are realizing the strength of their voices and eager to be heard, however they need to feel as though the candidates are invested in them on a personal level in order to do so. State and local elections have the most impact on individuals' daily lives and it is important that we stay proactive in our efforts to continue the movement of young people taking a stand and going out to vote. Marquis Brand said, "The [2008] election has definitely made the youth more aware of what's going on in politics but there is still much to be done."

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Why Women Should Vote

Editor's note: This passage was circulated among women's groups about a year ago. Some of the words are from the records at the Library of Congress. The author of the rest of the commentary is unknown, but the message rings true.

This is the story of our Grandmothers and Great-grandmothers; they lived only 90 years ago.

Remember, it was not until 1920 that women were granted the right to go to the polls and vote.

The women were innocent and defenseless, but they were jailed nonetheless for picketing the White House, carrying signs asking for the vote.

And by the end of the night, they were barely alive.

Forty prison guards wielding clubs and their warden's blessing went on a rampage against the 33 women wrongly convicted of 'obstructing sidewalk traffic.'

[The following is taken from the Library of Congress website "American Memory"]

#### (Lucy Burns)

They beat Lucy Burns, chained her hands to the cell bars above her head and left her hanging for the night, bleeding and gasping for air.

#### (Dora Lewis)

They hurled Dora Lewis into a dark cell, smashed her head against an iron bed and knocked her out cold. Her cellmate, Alice Cosu, thought Lewis was dead and suffered a heart attack. Additional affidavits describe the guards grabbing, dragging, beating, choking, slamming, pinching, twisting and kicking the women.

Thus unfolded the 'Night of Terror' on Nov. 15, 1917, when the warden at the Occoquan Workhouse in Virginia ordered his guards to teach a lesson to the suffragists imprisoned there because they dared to picket Woodrow Wilson's White House for the right to vote. For weeks, the women's only water came from an open pail. Their food—all of it colorless slop—was infested with worms.

#### (Alice Paul)

When one of the leaders, Alice Paul, embarked on a hunger strike, they tied her to a chair, forced a tube down her throat and poured liquid into her until she vomited. She was tortured like this for weeks until word was smuggled out to the press.

#### **From:** <a href="http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/suffrage/nwp/prisoners.pdf">http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/suffrage/nwp/prisoners.pdf</a>

So, refresh my memory. Some women won't vote this year because—why, exactly? We have carpool duties? We have to get to work? Our vote doesn't matter? It's raining?

Last week, I went to a sparsely attended screening of HBO's new movie 'Iron Jawed Angels.' It is a graphic depiction of the battle these women waged so that I could pull the curtain at the polling booth and have my say. I am ashamed to say I needed the reminder.

All these years later, voter registration is still my passion. But the actual act of voting had become less personal for me, more rote. Frankly, voting often felt more like an obligation than a privilege. Sometimes it was inconvenient.

My friend Wendy, who is my age and studied women's history, saw the HBO movie, too. When she stopped by my desk to talk about it, she looked angry. She was—with herself. 'One thought kept coming back to me as I watched that movie,' she said. 'What would those women think of the way I use, or don't use, my right to vote? All of us take it for granted now, not just younger women, but those of us who did seek to learn.' The right to vote, she said, had become valuable to her 'all over again.'

HBO released the movie on video and DVD. I wish all history, social studies and government teachers would include the movie in their curriculum I want it shown on Bunco night, too, and anywhere else women gather. I realize this isn't our usual idea of socializing, but we are not voting in the numbers that we should be, and I think a little shock therapy is in order.

It is jarring to watch Woodrow Wilson and his cronies try to persuade a psychiatrist to declare Alice Paul insane so that she could be permanently institutionalized. And it is inspiring to watch the doctor refuse. Alice Paul was strong, he said, and brave. That didn't make her crazy.

The doctor admonished the men: 'Courage in women is often mistaken for insanity.'

Please, if you are so inclined, pass this on to all the women you know.

We need to get out and vote and use this right that was fought so hard for by these very courageous women. Whether you vote democratic, republican or independent party—remember to vote.

#### History is being made.

To learn more about women's suffrage go to:

http://www.lva.virginia.gov/exhibits/treasures/perog/porg-g6.htm http://www.vahistorical.org/sva2003/equal.htm

http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Voter\_Information/Election

Connection/9 - 12/Womens Suffrage Movement.html

#### In Perspective: Voter Residency by Ryan enright and James alcorn

The method for defining voter residency has been an issue of contention in the Commonwealth since the Colonial Period. In 1776, the Constitution of Virginia gave the right to vote to those individuals who owned land. Certainly, this method provides little assistance in the modern definition of voter residency.

In 1830, the residency requirement was expanded to any white male, older than 21 years of age, who remained in his voting locality for a period of at least 12 months and was the head of his household. In 1901, any male older than 21 years of age who had resided in his locality for a period of at least one year and had paid his poll tax was eligible to cast a vote. Through the generations, the Commonwealth has attempted to restrict suffrage only to those people with a connection to their locality. In 1970, voter residency was expanded to anyone residing in the precinct in which he or she wished to vote.





The end of the Twentieth Century had two large issues that impacted voter residency. First, the voting age was lowered from 21 to 18. This immediately extended suffrage to most college students, who were previously ineligible to vote because of their age. Second, this era is marked by a rise in mobility. Residency in 1970 was defined as having domicile and abode-that is, both a physical home and an intent to remain in that location. While it is relatively easy to locate a physical home, it is more difficult and subjective to determine a person's intent.

Never was this difficulty more publicized than the fall of 2008. For the first time in many years, Virginia was considered a swing state in last November's Presidential General Election. With the increased notoriety also came increased scrutiny on election practices and pressure on campaigns to perform. Under this microscope, the issue of residency once again reared its head. Voters, candidates, media outlets and election officials alike had concerns about the method for establishing residency. Should students wishing to vote in their college towns claim residence at a temporary dorm address or should they vote in their "hometown" where they reside for a few months or weeks out of the year? Also, could military personnel who hail from another state yet currently serve in Virginia vote in local elections? Such questions were asked throughout the election process and the issue caught the interest of the General Assembly in early 2009.

The General Assembly, by law, tasked the State Board of Elections to create voter residency regulations. Under the direction of the State Board of Elections, a taskforce was assembled of individuals from organizations with a vested interest in the topic and was chaired by the honorable Jean Cunningham, the chair of the State Board of Elections. Among those represented on the taskforce were: The Republican and Democratic Parties of Virginia, Virginia 21, League of Women Voters, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights, ACLU of Virginia, Voter Registrars Association of Virginia, and the Virginia Electoral Board Association.

Shortly after the taskforce was announced, SBE received proposals, formal correspondence and countless suggestions regarding the residency issue and the regulations that would result from the taskforce's efforts. Jean Cunningham made a concerted effort to publicize taskforce meetings and to make materials available on the agency website (<a href="www.sbe.virginia.gov">www.sbe.virginia.gov</a>). James Hopper, of the Office of the Attorney General, presented an overview of the topic in the first meeting that included a historical review of voter residency in Virginia and outlined the factors typically used to define a residence.

It was at this point that the formal debate began.

The taskforce's public meetings served as the venue for this debate and allowed for in-depth discussion regarding the most importantand often polarizing-parts of the voter residency issue.

"We made every effort to include input from a variety of groups and organizations to ensure that this taskforce reached a fair and practical conclusion about voter residency requirements. The SBE was charged by the General Assembly to promulgate uniform regulations as quickly as possible," said Jean Cunningham.

On August 29 and 30, the State Board of Elections met to review the taskforce's proposed regulations. The Board took public comment and amended to draft regulations. Following a unanimous vote in favor of the amended proposal, SBE sent the draft regulations to the U.S. Department of Justice for approval (still pending).

The regulations are one of the most concerted attempts to detail the rules regarding voter residency in Virginia. From the beginning of the process, all parties agreed to several principles. 1) While there are multiple definitions of residency used for multiple different purposes, the State Board of Elections has authority only to issue regulations concerning residency for voting purposes. 2) While a person can have more than one physical place of abode, he or she must have and can have only one residence at a time. 3) General registrars can and must ask reasonable questions of applicants when appropriate. 4) These regulations must apply uniformly to all Virginia citizens.

Most of the discussion focused on the issue of intent. The extreme situations are easy: a person with the intent to stay forever has residency, whereas a person who never had any intent to stay and always intends to return to his or her previous home does not have residency. In practice, very few people know for certain what will happen in the future. Most anybody will move if they receive a better job in another community or a family emergency pulls them away. Therefore, the regulations make clear that the mere possibility of a future event cannot be held against an applicant.

The taskforce and Board of Elections took this legislative mandate knowing the importance of its implications and its place in history. With these regulations, the election community intends to apply uniformly the laws that govern elections in the Commonwealth and to maintain fairness in the determination of one's voting residence.

The State Board of Elections' (SBE) mission is to ensure the legality, uniformity, purity and accuracy of all elections in the Commonwealth of Virginia. SBE serves as an administrative and regulatory agency to the 134 localities in Virginia that directly implement election laws and facilitate elections. That is, SBE provides support and guidance to local registrars and electoral boards in order to ensure the integrity of the election process in Virginia.

Ryan Enright is an intern at State Board of Elections, and James Alcorn is a Deputy Secretary at State Board of Elections. For more information on the residency taskforce (and all things about Virginia Elections), please visit SBE at <a href="https://www.sbe.virginia.gov">www.sbe.virginia.gov</a>. \square



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#### College-Town Registration: Does it Matter? By JESSE RICHMAN

College students who live away from their parent's home present unique challenges for registrars because they have some characteristics associated with residence in two places. Students spend the majority of their year on campus in their college town. At the same time, many retain some connection with their pre-college home. Whether students should be able to vote in their college town has been controversial across the country.



Historically, Virginia allowed local governments to decide. Registrars had the option to consider a range of criteria when determining whether a student (or anyone else) was a resident for voting purposes. The mobilization efforts associated with the 2008 presidential campaign highlighted Virginia's disparate practices. Registrars in some cities and counties have long allowed most students to register if they choose to do so, including students living in dormitories. Other registrars, however, have applied criteria that make it difficult for students to register and vote in their college town. Students attending school in Charlottesville had an easier time registering than students attending in Norfolk. New State Board of Elections draft rules attempt to establish a more uniform standard that will allow Virginia students to choose to register in their pre-college hometown or in their college town.

As it drafts final rules, the Virginia State Board of Elections should keep in mind that where students can vote influences whether students do vote. In a forthcoming article in *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* (10:1), a coauthor and I investigate the consequences of college-town registration rules for voter turnout among college students. The key finding is that policies allowing students to choose whether to register in their pre-college hometown or in their college

town are associated with a significant increase in the portion of students who vote. Students who move away from home to attend college are roughly 11 percent more likely to vote when they have the option of voting in their college town. The students most strongly discouraged from voting by college-town restrictions are those who would otherwise be equally likely to vote or not vote. Because voting tends to be habit forming, college-town registration rules may depress participation beyond the college years.

If Virginia would like to encourage political participation by college students, policies that explicitly allow most students to vote in their college town make sense. Because college students' residency status is relatively unique, approaches that specifically allow students to choose where to vote may be warranted. A variety of specific approaches are possible. In North Carolina, for example, college students are **directly addressed** in state law. So long as a student does not intend to return to his or her pre-college town after graduation, the student "...may claim the college community as his domicile. He need not also intend to stay in the college community beyond graduation in order to establish his domicile there."

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#### **The Trible Years**

#### By ATTORNEY GENERAL BILL MIMS

Working for Paul Trible was my first job after college. As a graduate student at William & Mary in 1979, I interviewed with several congressional offices including Congressman Trible's. The only job offer was a patronage position as an elevator operator in the Capitol. I turned it down and went back to Williamsburg for law school. But a year later I was called by Congressman Trible's Chief of Staff. A Legislative Assistant position was open. I was offered the position, but on a provisional basis.



I started in June 1981 and was not promised that my employment would continue beyond September 1. When September 2 dawned no one told me to leave so I just continued to work.

It was an ideal office for a young policy wonk. Paul had earned a reputation as a thoughtful, hard-working, pragmatic conservative. And his interest in running for the U.S. Senate was well known. So his was an office where someone with interests in politics and government would want to work.

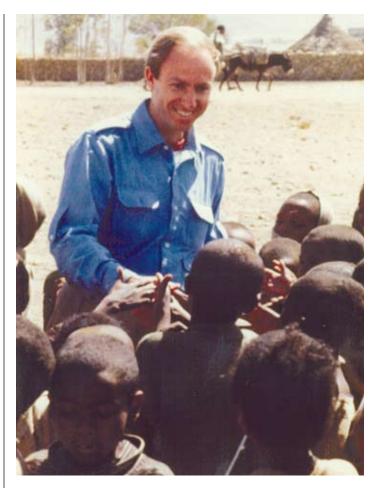
I joined Paul's 1982 campaign for Senate and spent three months traveling with him. I wrote speeches, made sure that we stayed on schedule, did trouble-shooting, and really got to know Paul Trible as a person. That is what happens when you spend 16 hours a day together. This is when I developed a lasting friendship with and significant admiration for him.

Two of my favorite campaign memories occurred during the final days before Election Day. Both Republican and Democratic campaigns traditionally wound down with simultaneous rallies in the far southwest, in the little town of Clintwood. I was advancing that event. To my horror, the helicopter carrying Paul Trible and Sen. John Warner landed at the Democratic rally instead of the Republican rally. I raced across town by car and ran across a football field to try to extricate them. It was very difficult to convince Senator Warner to leave. He said he was going to 'get some converts' as he shook hands with the surprised and amused crowd. I literally was tugging at his coat tails and pleading.

The following afternoon the campaign ended in Newport News, when Paul shook hands with Newport News Shipyard workers one final time. They were his touchstone. Then we went to a church in downtown Newport News near the shipyard gates. Paul went into the church alone—no staff, just Paul. He is a man of strong faith. He stayed in there by himself for a time of prayer and reflection. When he came out, that was it. He had finished the marathon, done all he could do.

I spent three years as the Deputy Legislative Director to Senator Paul Trible. One of the most meaningful memories was his humanitarian work in Africa, particularly working with the human relief agency World Vision during the terrible Ethiopian famine. He sponsored a fundraising concert at the Kennedy Center, a performance of Verdi's Requiem, complete with Art Linkletter as the master of ceremonies and dozens of children from various embassies singing 'It's a Small World.' That concert raised close to \$1 million for famine relief. To my surprise I wound up being the producer, which certainly was beyond any skill set I had then or have had since. It was during that work with World Vision when I met David Bailey, publisher of Capitol Connections magazine. We have been good friends ever since.

We went to Ethiopia—Paul Trible, his wife Rosemary and I—as part of a small congressional delegation. It was one of the most moving experiences I ever will have. The land was parched beyond description. As we flew over what had been a fertile farming area, everything was brown. Everything. There was no green plant life and no water as far as the eye could see. We saw the devastation and death the drought had wrought. But we also saw the hope provided by

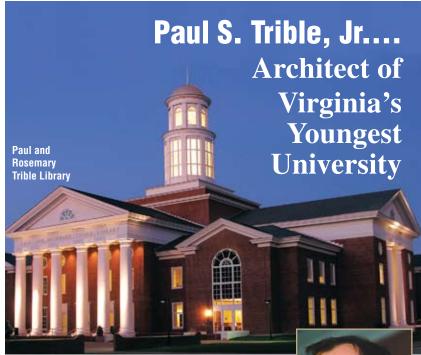


our government and humanitarian organizations. Paul often remarked that America is great because America is good. As I saw thousands of tons of American food giving life to starving Ethiopians I knew what he meant.

We spent time in a feeding camp in northern Ethiopia, operated jointly by World Vision and Mother Teresa's Sisters of Charity. Ethiopia had been an Italian colony in the early 20th century and there still was a significant Italian influence. Many of the children were familiar with the Sisters of Charity, so they called any non-Ethiopian in the camp 'sister.' I was at a loss for words when children greeted me with shouts of 'Ciao Sister!'

As a second-year Senator, Paul Trible was tasked with managing the nomination of J. Harvey Wilkinson III to be a judge on the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge Wilkinson had been Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights in the Reagan Administration. The nomination was controversial, and was filibustered by a group of liberal Democrats led by Howard Metzenbaum. Senator Trible did an outstanding job answering the criticism and breaking the filibuster by convincing moderate Democrats to support Judge Wilkinson. Those efforts have been rewarded as Judge Wilkinson has had a distinguished career on the federal appeals bench that is unparalleled by a Virginian in this generation.

Paul Trible is a man of strong will, deep faith and clear vision. All have been apparent during his tenure at Christopher Newport University. He has served the Commonwealth in so many ways, beginning as a law clerk to a legendary judge, Albert Bryan, Jr., then a Commonwealth's Attorney, Congressman and Senator. But the capstone of his career is the presidency of Christopher Newport University. He is the architect of an amazing transformation. He has found his calling.



By CHARLES TODD

"Our freshmen will perform a day of public service before they take their first class," said Paul S. Trible, Jr., President of Christopher Newport University, when David Bailey and I visited the Newport News campus in early September. "Because service and leadership are so important at CNU, this past August Rosemary and I joined over 400 of our students to volunteer for more than 35 nonprofit organizations during our 2009 Day of

Service. We believe that opportunities like this develop the hearts and minds of our students and teach them the importance of giving back to their communities."

President Trible referred frequently to his wife Rosemary's many contributions to the development of the university. "She is my full-time, unpaid co-conspirator, and she has been a part of everything. This year, we have entertained our 1200 freshmen at seven dessert receptions in our home so that we can get to know them and welcome them appropriately. Rosemary and I attend musical performances and athletic events with students and each week she leads three Bible studies for young women on our campus.

"Rosemary couldn't do this sort of thing when I was in Congress because we had two young children at home" Trible said. That was one of the two reasons Paul gave up a political life which he loved, to do something that he loves even more. The other reason for leaving Congress was his "increasing frustration with the glacial pace of legislation." The soft-spoken President of CNU has demonstrated in the last 13 years that he likes to work with his family and he likes action.

Trible graduated from Hampden-Sydney College where he received his Bachelor of Arts in History in 1968. In 1971, he received a Juris Doctor degree from Washington and Lee University School of Law and was admitted to the Virginia Bar. He became Commonwealth's Attorney for Essex County before winning election to the U. S. House of Representatives at the age of 29. After 3 terms he received the Republican nomination for the U. S. Senate and in 1982 edged out Virginia Lt. Governor Richard Davis to win the Senate seat.

When he left the Senate at age 41, he served as a member of the U. S. delegation to the United Nations, was a Teaching Fellow at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and was a member of the Jefferson Group, a consulting firm in D.C. In 1996, he became President of Christopher Newport University, and under his leadership, CNU has grown in reputation and popularity.

"Our purpose is not to get bigger but to get better," said the President. "Applications have increased a thousand a year. This year we had over 8,400 applications for a freshman class of 1200; next year we expect 10,000." Total enrollment is just under 5,000.

"Few schools in America have accomplished so much in such a short period of time. Our SAT scores are up 240 points and CNU has become a university of choice for high-ability students from across the country. Adding over 100 Ph. D. level professors in the last 5 years,

CNU provides a wonderful combination of personal attention, small classes and a marvelous sense of community. We attract a different kind of professor. We require our faculty to be intellectually alive and they must have a passion for teaching and engaging students. Our average class size is 22 and will become lower; our goal is to cut this in half. At CNU we want our students to be taught by distinguished faculty of outstanding quality—gifted professors who know their students' names."

Trible spoke passionately about his years at CNU. "I've never enjoyed anything more. What has been so special has been the opportunity to build a great university for the future. We are the youngest of the colleges in Virginia and have

completed over a half-billion dollars' worth of capital construction in a decade. Our emphasis is on undergraduate education, preparation in the arts and sciences, and producing good citizens and leaders, which includes leadership, honor, and civic engagement."

"I have been blessed in my life with many great opportunities but I have never enjoyed anything more than leading this young and vibrant university." Trible pointed out that "while many other states have a highly centralized system of higher education, Virginia has 15 four-year colleges and universities—each governed by Boards, each able to shape its own destiny and achieve excellence. At CNU,





we have created a private school experience at an affordable public school cost." The price of a year at CNU is \$17,500. In Virginia, our peer private institutions are Washington & Lee and the University of Richmond, and they are much more costly.

"Our beautiful, friendly campus allows us to know our students and you can feel their infectious energy and enthusiasm. Many of my experiences at Hampden-Sydney and Washington & Lee are reflected at CNU. It is a tradition here to speak to others on our campus. If you ignore someone you are essentially saying, 'You don't matter.' Well, everyone matters and we must respect and honor other people. It is the only way to build a great university, state, and nation."

We walked across the vibrant campus where construction continues. "The signature CNU architecture is neo-Georgian in style and absolutely gorgeous. We want to instruct and inspire our students and nothing does that more powerfully than great art and great architecture."

In our walk, the President greeted students by name, hugged a faculty member who had recently lost her spouse, and complimented a cheerleader about an article in the most recent *Captain's Log*, the campus newspaper. We toured the library named the **Paul and Rosemary Trible Library** when it was dedicated in 2008, honoring both the President and his wife for their tireless work

The Trible Library is a dynamic 21st century teaching and learning space filled night and day with students, faculty and staff. There are wonderful collections of books and periodicals, a computer room which is open 24 hours every day, a coffee shop serving Starbuck's coffee, an impressive rotunda, numerous comfortable meeting rooms, and quiet study rooms and classrooms.

In 2007, CNU announced a unique partnership that incorporated the Mariners' Museum's world-renowned maritime collection—the largest in the western hemisphere—under the roof of the Trible Library. With its rich collections and international scope, the Library is now a premier resource for maritime research and an intellectual center for a world community of scholars.

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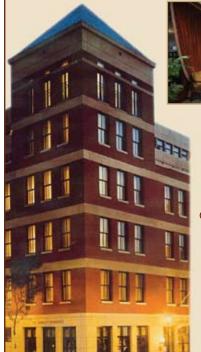
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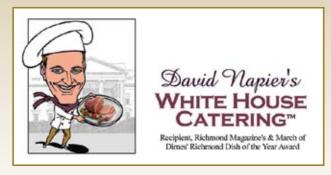
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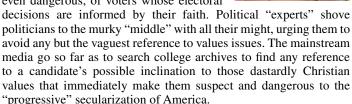
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## Do Social Conservatives Make the Difference in Elections?

BY VICTORIA COBB

It has become an annual occurrence, engrained in the national and Virginia election cycles like attack ads and robo-calls.

It is the pronouncement by pundits and politicians of the death of conservative values and the dismissal as irrelevant, or even dangerous, of voters whose electoral



Meanwhile, literally tens of millions of Americans, and hundreds of thousands of Virginians, wait anxiously for that candidate who will boldly, effectively and persuasively articulate their values in a way that motivates them to not just vote, but carry that candidates banner to friends, family and neighbors.

Tragically, those candidates who choose to shun the very voters that make the difference in every election cycle often end up on the losing end. It is estimated that anywhere from one quarter to one third of eligible voters are so-called "social conservative" or "values voters." When motivated, as they were in 2004 for then President George Bush, they can push a candidate over the top simply by showing up. Encouraged by Bush's strong stand on judges and marriage, they turned the election. How quickly the media forgets how stunned they were to wake up the day after Bush's 2004 reelection to find exit polls showing "values voters" transformed that election. Ignored and dismissed by pundits prior to Election Day, they turned out in droves for a candidate they believed at the time would carry their banner.

When not motivated, as in 2008, they can usher in a candidate's demise, as they did with Senator John McCain. It is estimated that at least eight million values voters who voted for Bush in 2004 didn't bother to vote in 2008.

Once a most trusted ally of the Republican party, values voters have become extraordinarily disillusioned with a party that claims to share many of their values, only too often run from them during campaigns and if elected, as with Bush, fail to live up to many of their promises. No longer willing to accept "a seat at the table" or a wink and a nod promise that "I can't talk about it now but once elected I'll be your guy," social conservatives expect more. Weary of tirelessly working for candidates only to be let down, a segment of social conservatives are even willing to sit on the sidelines and watch candidate after candidate lose elections that they could help win.

Social conservatives are perhaps the most misunderstood voters in the nation. Some go so far as to claim that these Americans don't have the right to apply their faith to their voting decisions. They insidiously attack as "uneducated" or "unsophisticated" American citizens who go to work every day, contribute vastly to America's economic engine, give philanthropically in far greater numbers than their "progressive" critics, raise families, volunteer time in their communities, and generally contribute to the good of society.

Their crime? They believe in transcendental values and principles and deem those values, when applied fairly and equally, the best hope for our culture. Sure, they are pro-life and pro-marriage, but they are so much more.

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#### **God and Politics:**

## Is the Winning Power of the Black Pastor Reality or Myth?

By TYLER C. MILLNER

"How will black suffering speak publicly? Wherever power is operating, there is a role for a prophetic voice, but it's going to be complicated because a black man is running the empire."

That is an observation made Dr. Eddie S. Glaude Jr. Professor of Religion and African-American Studies at Princeton, discussing "The Black Church and Politics in an Obama Era."

Professor Glaude's statement is a good jumping off point to doing a rigorous and critical reflection of present day practices of the Black Church vis-à-vis the Black Pastor in the political process, as compared to the golden era of Civil Rights.

The professor's statement captures several keys issues a critical review should address. They include:

- Black suffering speak publicly (What is the Black agenda?)
- Power (Leveraging of the Black vote)
- Role for a Prophetic Voice (Black Pastor)
- Black Man in Charge (No Longer Just Whites as Leaders)
- Complications (New realities)

It is a fact of record that the role of the Black Church vis-à-vis the voice and action of the Black Pastor has been a significant factor of a winning strategy, particularly in a bi-racial community. (As an historical note, the first political leader for black folks was the black pastor. And the same is true for the first generation of elected political leaders).

In the last election of Chuck Robb, for example, his success can be credited to the leadership of black pastors and support of the African-American vote.

A further testament to the power bloc of the black vote would be—any candidate worth his salt should pay a visit to a Black church worship service. And he or she must visit the church of the kingpin pastor—a position without an official vote, but who is known in the community. Some names in Virginia which come to mind are: Bishop Willis, Bishop Green of the Tidewater Area, Bishop Campbell of Danville, Dr. Nora Taylor of Roanoke, and Dr. Robert Taylor, and Dr. B.S. Giles of Richmond.

Some of the complementing factors playing a crucial part in the winning strategy were:

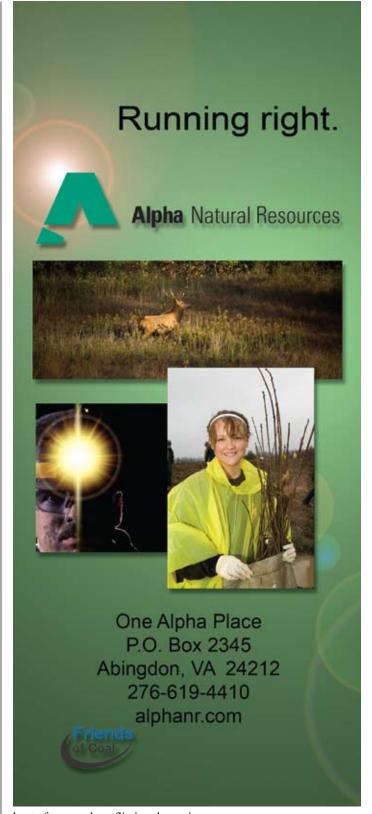
- 1. the active participation of the pastor in campaigns,
- 2. voter registration & mobilization,
- Agenda—three to five issues crucial to the well being of black voters,
- 4. An active NAACP, Clergy Association Social Action Committee & Voters Civic League, and
- 5. The exercise of a "prophetic voice" through sermons, individual pastor statements and press conferences, calling attention to the "misguided behavior, failed leadership of white politicians, and the poor services of government to address properly the concern black voters."

And you can't leave out the media.

This very aggressive and unapologetic stance of the Black pastor as in present day election politics is hardly anywhere to be found. Anyone saying otherwise is not facing reality.

Again, if I may quote the professor: "There is an extraordinary transformation taking place within African American churches."

Key elements making a comparative assessment between the golden era of historic leadership and the present day must address a



host of new and conflicting dynamics:

- emergence of the mega-churches
- incorporating into Black worship life the "Pentecostal—free style shouting praise model"
- outreach for non-African American members
- transfer Black pastor role as "political voice" by black elected officials
- demonizing of the prophetic voice by majority media & Right wing—Moral Christians—Republican "political voices"

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These voters dare to believe that the nuclear family—a home with a mom and dad in a loving, stable, committed marriage—is the best place to raise children. While they recognize the reality of single-parent families and the wonderful job many of those parents are doing, they also recognize what social science clearly demonstrates, that a stable two-parent home is the safest and healthiest place for men, women and children. They dare believe that the only permanent answer to poverty is rebuilding the family, not the welfare state.

They believe in providing better educational opportunities for all children so they can rise above circumstances, and that a quality education, public or private, whatever a parent chooses, is the first step toward real success in America. Often supportive of their local public school and members of the PTA, they care about all children and want the best outcomes for them.

They believe that standing up for the Constitutional government of our founding fathers is not being anti-government. They understand that government has a place—a place to provide for a safe community, a place to protect the values we share so that we as citizens can have the freedom to raise our families, teach our children our values, worship freely, and prosper to the degree that our gifts allow. They believe that lower taxes for families and business is not anti-tax—it is pro-freedom. They are becoming more and more concerned over the exponential growth of government into their private decisions—like what doctor they choose or health care they receive.

They also care immensely about the economy and jobs; after all, they do work to provide for their families. Many are unemployed because of the current government induced recession. But they understand that no governor, no legislature, can do what the entrepreneurial spirit of Americans can do. They know that the last thing a government that spends \$9,000 on laptops is—is innovative.

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Unlike the labels assigned them, they generally are not oneissue voters. They care about the same things that their friends and neighbors care about. But they also know that there are values that must be upheld for a society to function freely and prosperously.

While no candidate is perfect, most social conservatives are simply looking for those candidates who know what they believe and can be persuasive when confronted with unavoidable questions about their beliefs. They want representatives who can effectively articulate those principles in a way—like Reagan—that brought people together. Reagan's strength was that he persuaded people that they were conservatives—even if they didn't know it. Few politicians today seek to persuade—they seem only to avoid.

We have reached a point where social conservative voters are no longer a loyal Republican vote. Quite frankly, their vote is up for grabs. They have proven that they are more than willing to sit home on Election Day if their preferred candidate doesn't have the courage or persuasiveness to articulate their values. They have proven that they are looking for more than access—they want results.

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 demise of the black press and ineffectiveness of major civil rights organizations e.g. Urban League, NAACP, Voter Leagues

You cannot overlook the evolutionary developments, which, for the positive ones, the prophetic pastor has to his credit.

They include:

- election of blacks to political office
- the impact of white church evangelism thinking on black church understanding
- growing number and power of other minority groups
- the de-racializing of issues and politics Obama style
- the acceptable by major companies and institutions i.e. universities of diversity as good public policy.

Each of these could be another paper, but permit me to make a couple of summary observations. The election of black political leaders and their execution of leadership on Black Agenda issues do not match the intensity and confrontation exhibited when Black pastors carried the primary responsibility. Secondly, the Black pastor had an independence and showed respect for moral accountability to the people he represented and gave voice to their concerns. One is hard pressed today to find a corresponding display of moral and political duty among black elected officials.

Since politics is about power, money, control of information, good press, and receiving sufficient votes to win—once elected, the task is to make government serve your interest as it does the majority.

So then we ask, what will become of the power bloc of the Black vote? What new role, if any, should or will be exercised by the church and the Black pastor?

What do we make of the absence of the poor and pressure of traditional civil rights groups?

How will the community hold its leaders accountable-- including President Obama? What can be expected?

What are the challenges posed by the ascending to power of other minorities?

What do we make of the "political mess" brought on by an admixture of mega-church religion, prosperity gospel and the growing disinterest of black churchgoers in political action?

To all of this, add the mistaken notice that we now live in a postracism era.

These are the issues for a future part two article.

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#### In Defense of the Separation of Church and State By SHELTON MILES

A bill to compel daily Bible reading in the public schools of Virginia was advancing through the Virginia General Assembly, and it had "momentum," at least until Dr. George W. McDaniel strode to the witness podium in the Senate committee hearing. Invoking the principles of religious liberty for all and the separation of church and state, McDaniel turned the tide and the bill died then and there. So who was George W. McDaniel? An eminent constitutional lawyer? Perhaps a founding



member of the ACLU? Or maybe a prominent atheist? The correct answer would be "None of the above." In February, 1926, when the aforementioned testimony was offered, McDaniel was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Richmond, a past president of the Baptist General Association of Virginia, and the sitting president of the Southern Baptist Convention. And he was on no lonely personal crusade. Instead, he was articulating principles that had been shared by Baptists since Baptists began, principles that Baptists had fought and lobbied for repeatedly over time until they had been codified into law, principles that until this very day Baptists regard as among their short list of distinctives.

The principle of the separation of church and state is frequently assaulted today as the invention of modern secularists, or alternatively, as the singular aberration of only one of the Founding Fathers who was himself religiously suspect. Nothing could be further from the truth. While the phrase "separation of church and state" cannot be found in the U.S. Constitution (by the way neither can the phrases "division of powers" or "the right to a fair and speedy trial"), it does crop up in a letter which then President Thomas Jefferson in 1802 wrote to the Danbury (Conn.) Baptist Association, in response to its petition for relief from the persecution inflicted upon them by a state establishment of religion. (At that time the federal courts had not applied all the liberties enshrined in the Bill of Rights to state governments.) He uses the phrase "wall of separation between church and state" to interpret the application of the First Amendment's "non-establishment" and "free exercise" clauses. While it can be properly noted that this letter is not a legal document, it must also be observed that it came from a Founding Father, a sitting president, the author of the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom (1786), and the closest political associate of the author of the First Amendment (James Madison, 1789).

Moreover, it should be observed that Jefferson's views on this matter were influenced by his frequent contact with his Baptist constituents, who were galvanized by Virginia's previous lack of religious liberty into organizing on a statewide basis mainly for the purpose of lobbying the General Assembly on this one issue. Baptists in Virginia under the establishment had been persecuted, being jailed for preaching without a license since 1768, disturbing the peace (in their exercise of public evangelism), forbidden to perform marriages, and forced to pay a tax assessment for the support of a church whose creed and practice they did not accept. Moreover, the language of a "wall of separation" can be traced back in Baptist thought to Roger Williams, founder of the Rhode Island colony and one time pastor of the First Baptist Church of Providence. And the concept in Baptist thought is even older, hearkening back to Thomas Helwys' *A Short Declaration of the Mystery of Iniquity* (1612).

And lest one be tempted to argue that the First Amendment was intended to prohibit only preferential treatment for one denomination over another, while still allowing for general preference to be given to various forms of the Christian faith, one need only read of the various attempts to amend the language regarding the establishment clause during the First Congress, attempts which were successively

defeated. In fact, the Baptist proponents for religious liberty from the very first in England (1612) argued not just for religious liberty for themselves, but for all men, whether Protestant or Catholic, Jew, Muslim, or infidel (a.k.a. "atheist"). For Baptists, the prevailing idea has always been liberty, the right and responsibility of every person to make voluntary choices in matters of conscience and religious practice, freed from the coercion, compulsion, or influence of the state, accompanied by the idea that involuntary or coerced religion is inauthentic. It has been said that a Baptist would move heaven and earth to persuade one convert, but would not lift even one little finger to coerce, and would oppose with force any who would. Yet through its magisterial and taxing powers, the state's actions are invariably coercive, and hence inappropriate in the realm of religion.

However, separation of church and state should not be construed to mean that religion is to be stripped from the public square, or that the state cannot accommodate religious expression, or that people of faith cannot or should not participate in public discourse. The establishment clause is always to be balanced by the free exercise clause. Rather, what Jefferson envisioned was robust public debate, with full freedom of expression for all, but without the state deferring to religion or allowing a religious (or irreligious) majority to enforce its purely religious agenda upon a minority. As a practical matter, people of faith may have religious motivation (i.e., sanctity of life, care of creation, prophetic justice, compassion for the poor, the ill, or dispossessed, et.al.) for their political activity, but their efforts are the most appropriate, effective, and enduring when they state their case in terms that secular advocates or differing faith traditions can also embrace.

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Steve Nickerson of CMC Sheet Metal, Sunny Vargas with VARCO/MAC Electrical, and Senator George Barker also enjoyed the evening at the Tower Club.



The Capitol Press Corps listens with suspense as Governor Timothy M. Kaine delivers more news about budget cuts.



Delegate Joe Morrissey holds the audience spellbound as he tells the Richmond American Irish Society what it's like to live in the old country. The meeting was held at St. Patrick's Catholic Church on Church Hill in Richmond.

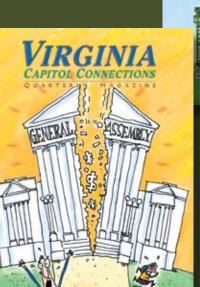


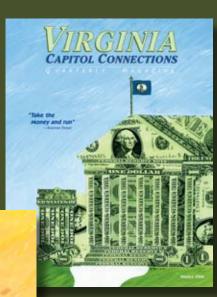
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Girls Scouts recognize Lillie Branch at her retirement celebration, after 40 years of leadership. Pictured are, left to right: Tracy Keller, CEO of Girls Scouts of Colonial Coast; Linda P. Foreman, Second Vice President of the National Girl Scout Board of Directors; and Lillie C. Branch, former Girl Scout CEO of Girl Scout Commonwealth Council of Virginia.







5 Years Ago

## Commemorating the Fiftieth Anniversary of Public School Closings in Virginia by SENATOR HENRY L. MARSH, III

Fifty years ago, in an act of defiance to the landmark Supreme Court decision in Brown v. Board of Education (May 17, 1954) that desegregated the public schools throughout the land, Virginia, followed by other Southern states, enacted numerous laws designed to deliberately nullify, obfuscate and delay the ruling and to minimize desegregation wherever it occurred. Virginia embarked upon a course of Massive Resistance to public school desegregation and had the dubious



distinction of establishing a public policy that deprived thousands of African Americans and white students of an education.

In Virginia and across the South, African American students were educated in a dual school system, one Black and one white, in abysmal school conditions. The curricula, textbooks, equipment, and school buildings were substandard. African American schools were without gymnasiums, restrooms, cafeterias, lockers, or auditoriums with fixed seating, and students were issued textbooks that were in utter disrepair and discarded by white schools.

Students of Robert Russa Moton High School in Farmville, in April 1951, were led by 16 year-old Barbara Johns to protest the longstanding unequal conditions at the school. The students, mentored by Reverend L. Francis Griffin, called upon Oliver W. Hill, Sr. and Samuel F. Tucker, members of the Hill, Tucker and Marsh law firm in Richmond, to represent them in the lawsuit against the Prince Edward County School Board. The protest undertaken by these students led to the federal court case, Davis v. County School Board of Prince Edward County, 103 F. Supp. 337 (1952), which was eventually consolidated with four other cases from Delaware (Belton v. Gebhart), South Carolina (Briggs v. Elliott), Kansas (Brown v. Board of Education), and the District of Columbia (Bolling v. Sharpe). The merits of the Virginia case constituted the basis of the argument before the Court, and the five consolidated class action lawsuits culminated in one of the most pivotal decisions ever rendered by the United States Supreme Court, as Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, 347 U.S. 483 (1954). This landmark decision was the catalyst for the Civil Rights Movement and subsequent events in Virginia that influenced the evolution of civil rights in both the Commonwealth and the nation.

Response to the Brown decision came quickly in the General Assembly of Virginia. On August 30, 1954, Governor Thomas B. Stanley appointed 32 legislators to the Commission on Public Education, which was charged with examining the effect of the decision on the Commonwealth and making recommendations. The Commission issued a report on November 11, 1955, stating emphatically "separate facilities in our public schools are in the best interest of both races, educationally and otherwise, and that compulsory integration should be resisted by all proper means in our power." The recommendations of the Commission on Public Education became law and the Pupil Placement Board was created for the purpose of assigning students to particular public schools. Tuition grants were to be provided to students who opposed integrated schools.

Massive Resistance was a clarion call across the South to resist and prevent the integration of the races at any cost. In fact, all levels of Virginia government demonstrated intense resistance to compliance with the Brown decision, as the state exhausted every possible means to avoid desegregation. The system of laws put into place formed the legal infrastructure for the resistance movement, which included the diversion of public education funds to support private segregated academies, denial of state funds any public school that agreed to integrate, and the closing of public schools. In 1959, Virginia abandoned the "Massive Resistance" approach for "Freedom of Choice," a new tuition grant/scholarship program enacted for white children attending non-sectarian private schools or public schools outside of the locality in which they resided. Legislation was also passed giving tax credits for donations to private schools, and repealing compulsory attendance laws, making the operating of public schools a matter of local choice

The resistance lasted 10 years, during which time schools were closed in several localities including Warren County, Charlottesville and Norfolk, for various periods of time, and military enforcement of the law to integrate schools that did stay open was necessary. Prince Edward County closed its public schools for five years, from 1959 to 1964. Thousands of African American students and hundreds of white students could not graduate and were denied education. In other parts of the Commonwealth, African American students, and there were very few, attending white schools were harassed, threatened, isolated, humiliated, and treated with contempt. In 1964, almost 10 years to the date after Brown, the United States Supreme Court ruled *Continued on next page* 

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#### The Process Works By KEN JESSUP

As I write this, it's a very warm (80+ degrees) October Saturday. Today's mail brought my copy of *Elect No Strangers!* Normally, I flip through the pages to find my advertisement, then the book somehow disappears! Well, today I had one of those moments where growth takes place, I decided to read every name listed; the Executive Branch of the Commonwealth, the U.S. Senators and Representatives and most importantly, the State incumbent Delegates and their challengers. Over the last few years, I have given presentations to various organizations on the art of advocacy. Many groups just don't want a lobbyist, yet they need to present their concerns to elected officials as well as the law making body of their respective states (I work throughout the mid-Atlantic). I train these groups in basic "How-to's" of lobbying.

How do these two activities relate? As a teacher of the legislative system, I incorporate the fact that no matter what political party a person associates with, after an election when the winner walks into the office, maybe for the first time, the work that was on the desk is still there. I believe each elected official, no matter what level of

government they serve, is there because they have an inherent desire to improve the conditions in which their constituency lives and works.

Often I'm asked if I am a Republican lobbyist or am I a Democratic lobbyist...I'm neither! I have friends in both parties and I believe it's made me more effective as well as giving me an unbiased view of hard working men and women striving to do what's right.

All of this brings me back to my copy of *Elect No Strangers!* As citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia, we should appreciate those who are in an elected office and also the men and women willing to step up and put themselves in the public realm, knowing that everything thing about them may come to light during a campaign.

I have had the good fortune to work around the General Assembly since 1995. I've seen many seasoned politicians, some still here, some now in other endeavors, I always have the feeling that with newly elected Delegates and Senators there may be bumps along the way and there are, but Virginia is better for the process. I say "Thank you" to each one willing to put himself or herself in the public light. I will welcome both the old and new legislators and miss those who move on to new careers. The process works.

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#### **Commemorating the Fiftieth Anniversary from previous page** –

in Griffin v. School Board of Prince Edward County, requiring the reopening of Prince Edward County schools. The General Assembly responded by repealing the laws it had enacted to protect segregated schools. Piece by piece, the legislative architecture of Massive Resistance was dismantled.

I joined the legal battle to destroy Massive Resistance in May 1961 during my first month as an attorney with the law firm. During the next 20 years, a significant portion of my time was devoted to the fight to end Massive Resistance. I argued numerous cases in state and federal courts to enjoin school boards from operating segregated schools, to enjoin the payment of tuition payments for students attending racially segregated schools, to protect the membership list of the NAACP, to represent citizens subpoenaed to appear before a legislative committee of the Virginia general assembly, and to represent citizens seeking to protect their constitutional rights.

Notwithstanding the formal end of Virginia's Massive Resistance, desegregation cases continued to be heard in federal courts until 1984, and the last case was finally dismissed in 2001.

In 2003, the General Assembly of Virginia passed a resolution expressing profound regret over the closing of the Prince Edward schools, and in 2004, in addition to several other related measures designed to seize and maximize Virginia's Redemptive Moment, established the Brown v. Board of Education Scholarship Program to provide educational opportunities to persons throughout the Commonwealth who were affected by the school closings.

In 2004, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Commission, of which I am Chairman, was directed by the General Assembly to lead and coordinate the two-year commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Brown decision, and to follow through on subsequent initiatives and outcomes of the observance. This year marks the convergence of the anniversary of several historic events and milestones in Virginia and United States history, including the 50th anniversary of the closing of public schools in Virginia and the 55th anniversary of the 1954 Supreme Court decision in Brown v. Board of Education. The public school closings in Virginia and the national commemoration of the landmark decision in Brown will be recognized statewide and nationally. Therefore, in adherence to its duties and mission, the Commission, together with the Brown v. Board of Education Scholarship Committee, has appointed the Special Subcommittee on the Fiftieth Anniversary of Public School Closings in Virginia to assist the Commission in planning and leading the Commonwealth to commemorate these historic events. The Special Subcommittee is composed of members of the Commission, the Brown v. Board of Education Scholarship Committee, and representatives of the legal, business and corporate communities, the state and federal court systems, professional education organizations, public and higher education officials, teachers, historians, relevant state agencies and local governing bodies, community organizations, recent Brown scholars, and localities in which public schools were closed to avoid desegregation.

The significance of Brown is best understood by examining the past, the present, and the implications of the decision for the future. The Brown decision was the first step in striking down long-standing laws that denied equal rights to African American citizens and was the advent of the modern Civil Rights Movement. The road to Brown and the Civil Rights Movement is a story of a people—individuals who tapped into an inner courage and strength that has sustained them for centuries of injustice, indignities, and discrimination to right social inequities and injustice, claim their inalienable rights, and make the future better for generations to come.

Planning for the commemoration of these events is in progress, and an array of activities are being developed to promote the participation of all Virginians.

Persons interested in the commemoration should contact Brenda Edwards, Division of Legislative Services, (804) 786-3591 or <u>bedwards@dls.virginia.gov</u>.

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Faith communities should also encourage participation, emphasizing civility, in the political arena. Both WHAT we say and HOW we say it are important. Humility, recognizing that for now "we all see through a glass darkly," is an obligation upon us all, in the recognition that even our opponent may be partially or completely correct.

The ideas promulgated in the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom in 1786 continue to be among Virginia's greatest contributions to human civilization: "...Almighty God hath created the mind free...truth is great and will prevail if left to herself." In short, it is not the proper function of government to tell anyone who, what, when, where, how, or even whether to worship. For the state to intrude into these areas is tyranny. When the establishment & free exercise clauses of the First Amendment are properly balanced, separation of church and state is the method by which religious liberty is usually best achieved, with the state attempting neither to foster nor to constrain religion. These principles are not just Jeffersonian ideas; they are Baptist ideas, and since 1786, they have been Virginia ideals, proven by time to be good for both church and state.

Shelton Miles is a Baptist pastor and the owner/operator of a Virginia Century Farm. He is also the President of the Board of Trustees of The Religious Herald and the Chairman of the Virginia State Water Control Board.



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## **Leadership Programs Are Good for Virginia**

By JOHN H. HAGER

Leadership programs are alive and well in the Commonwealth of Virginia and they are annually turning out many talented individuals who are better equipped to meet the challenges ahead. From community and regional programs to business sponsored programs and political programs, there are many unique organizations that function well and whose results have stood the test of time.



One such organization is LEAD VIRGINIA, which is a leadership

development class. LEAD VIRGINIA states, "Effective leadership requires knowledge and perspective, Accordingly, knowledge incubates fresh ideas and new solutions. Perspective then informs problem-solving and decision-making. Leaders must have a broad perspective. They must understand how events in the past have shaped the Commonwealth and recognize how emerging trends and realities will shape future challenges and opportunities."

Coy Barefoot is a best selling author and Director of Communications and Alumni Relations for the Sorensen Institute. His books include *Thomas Jefferson on Leadership*. Barefoot says, "The first and most important lesson about leadership is that it can be learned. Born leaders are few and far between. For most of us, leadership is an acquired skill. It is something you study and practice, like learning a musical instrument. If you are simply willing to be bad at first and patient with yourself and dedicated to practicing, you can and will be a great leader. We are so fortunate in Virginia to have a number of leadership organizations that recognize this fact and help people who are dedicated to public service learn the skills that will make them more effective."

The oldest contemporary programs in Virginia are community or regional based like Leadership Metro Richmond which is celebrating its 30th Anniversary. Similar programs exist far and wide in the Commonwealth from Fairfax to the Peninsula to Roanoke.

The LMR leadership development and community engagement model engages a diverse alliance of Richmond's emerging leaders annually to take on a variety of complex local issues. Over the course of the year the "Leadership Quest" class members will work

to "develop multiple perspectives, build connections and embrace community engagement." After the program year, participants are encouraged to stay involved with the organizations 1700+ members through in-depth programs, networking activities and other special events. Most in Richmond would say LMR has been a real success.

LEAD VIRGINIA was born to meet the needs of business for their rising leaders. LEAD VIRGINIA's curriculum differs dramatically from many community and other leadership programs by focusing exclusively on substantive issue-related content, rather than skill development. LEAD VIRGINIA's goal is to enhance the already proven and recognized leader's capacity for civic engagement through developing a broader and deeper understanding of key issues facing the Commonwealth and to develop a network of relationships with other leaders statewide.

In the political leadership arena, the Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership has become an inspiring model for the nation. The Institute was founded in 1993 by a group of Virginian's who were concerned that a growing cynicism about politics was keeping capable and promising leaders from entering public life. They envisioned a political leadership program that would reach out to emerging leaders and provide them with the training necessary to succeed in politics and public service. A rigorously non-partisan organization, Sorensen identifies, educates and trains Virginians with a mission to improve political leadership and thereby strengthen the quality of governance at all levels of government.

At the heart of every Sorenson program are three central themes: "ethics in public services, the power of working together and a concentrated study of public policy issues." Most programs take students around the Commonwealth to see for themselves. Leadership from both sides of the aisle agrees that Sorenson's some one thousand graduates from its four programs have made a huge difference.

So, whether it is for the community, business or politics these organizations mentioned and many others do a vital service both for their participants and the Commonwealth.

Thomas Jefferson wrote "come forward then, and give us the aid of your talents and the weight of your character." This is Jefferson's greatest challenge to each one of us, especially we Virginians. Many organizations in Virginia are part of that tradition that calls us not only to participate but also to make this a better place. Leadership organizations are good for Virginia!

The Honorable John H. Hager is a former Lieutenant Governor and is currently Chairman of the Sorenson Institute for Political Leadership at the University of Virginia.



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#### **Virginia's Pandemic Flu Planning:**

#### One Aspect of "All Hazards" Preparedness ву вов споисн

Virginia has long taken an "all hazards" approach to its preparedness efforts. The Commonwealth, through both Democratic and Republican Administrations, has recognized that the potential threats to the safety and health of its citizens can take many forms, including natural disasters, the violent acts of those with evil intent, accidents caused by human mistake, and disease. All of our efforts require coordination and collaboration among many partners in state, local and federal government, with business



and industry, and with the support of nonprofit, community and faith based organizations.

Wherever we can, we seek to prevent events from happening and to respond to and recover from disasters that cannot be prevented. Events such as the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, Hurricane Isabel in our own state, and Hurricane Katrina in the Gulf Coast states, have focused our attention on the identification of gaps in our planning. In many areas of preparedness, including the expansion of interoperable communications for our first responders, evacuation planning, increased shelter capacity for disaster victims, development of the Virginia Fusion Center, protection of Virginia's critical infrastructure, and the ability of state agencies to continue in operation during and following a disaster, substantial progress has been made during the four years of Governor Timothy M. Kaine's Administration.

An area that has been given particular attention has been preparing for a pandemic influenza outbreak. Now, in the autumn of 2009, we are engaged in the implementation of plans that have been developed over several years. The Virginia Department of Health, under the leadership of its Commissioner Dr. Karen Remley and Health and Human Resources Secretary Marilyn Tavenner, has been a leader within the nation in preparing for health and medical emergencies and disasters and is consistently ranked high by the federal Centers for Disease Control and other monitoring organizations for its levels of preparedness. The annual training and exercises led by the Virginia Department of Health since 2003 are an example of that effort. Engaging local health and medical, first responder, emergency management and law enforcement partners, these exercise have focused on scenarios involving bioterrorism and chemical and toxic spills, and, since 2006, an annual FLUEX, focused specifically on pandemic flu. Governor Kaine has conducted an annual Cabinet level exercise each year of his Administration to test planning for the continuity of government operations in emergencies and in 2007 that exercise focused on a pandemic flu scenario.

The Virginia Department of Health, both under Commissioner Remley and under her predecessor, Dr. Robert Stroube, has been proactive in making sure Virginia's healthcare professionals, whether in the public health arena, private medical practice, hospitals and other institutions, have the information, plans, and training to deal with a pandemic flu event. Virginia's efforts, as with other states and the federal government, have heretofore been focused on the potential development of another avian flu (H5N1) event, following the outbreaks of human infection from that flu strain in the 1990s. However, the lessons learned from that preparation have been quickly adapted to the more recent emergence of Novel H1N1. frequently referred to as "swine" flu. Novel H1N1 first appeared in Virginia during the spring, following outbreaks in Mexico. The spring experience with H1N1 was filled with uncertainty, as medical professionals, school administrators and other public policymakers monitored the spread of the virus and sought to gauge its severity.

The Novel H1N1 virus has subsequently been experienced in the Southern Hemisphere during the annual flu season in countries there. This body of experience has provided valuable information regarding the potential impact of Novel H1N1 during our flu season this fall and winter. The summer of 2009 has been used effectively by Virginia health officials to share information and prepare for the H1N1 impact while, during the same period, a vaccine has been developed and tested and is expected to be available in ample supply for distribution in mid October.

The Virginia Department of Health, which contributed to this article, continues to track H1N1. This tracking involves reporting from hospital emergency departments, infectious disease practitioners, private physician's offices, and other healthcare venues such as labs and pharmacies. The Virginia Department of Health has engaged in direct communication with state and local government agencies, clinicians, hospitals and other healthcare facilities, schools, colleges and universities, the business community and military facilities in the Commonwealth.

A statewide public information campaign will begin in October when the H1N1 vaccine becomes available. Several memoranda have already been circulated providing guidance for the workplace and schools on how best to minimize the impact of influenza. The impact of a flu outbreak was a major focus of Governor Kaine's third annual Campus Preparedness Conference in August, which attracted participants from over sixty Virginia colleges and universities. The Virginia Department of Health has been working with Virginia's hospitals and healthcare facilities to prepare for a potential surge in patients and has partnered with the thirty local and regional Medical Reserve Corps throughout the Commonwealth. These healthcare professionals and laypersons augment public health response preparations and are an integral part of preparedness planning and response.

Approximately 3,000 private vaccinators have been preregistered to partner in the administration of the vaccine. The Virginia Department of Health is working to assure that all those in priority H1N1 vaccination groups (pregnant women, individuals with underlying chronic health conditions, children and young adults to age 24, caregivers to children younger than six months and healthcare workers and emergency medical services personnel) are aware that they should be vaccinated as soon as the vaccine becomes available.

Meeting in early September, Governor Kaine, Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley, District of Columbia Mayor Adrian Fenty, and Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano reiterated their commitment to mutual support as H1N1's impact on the National Capital Region unfolds. Subsequent to that meeting, public health officials and school superintendents from Virginia, Maryland and D.C. have met to coordinate their planning. Dialogue and shared planning between officials across those and other jurisdictional lines is occurring on a regular and frequent basis and, because residents of the region frequently travel across jurisdictional lines for work, school and recreation, agreement has been reached to vaccinate citizens across jurisdiction lines.

During the Kaine Administration, Virginia has continued to promote the concept of a "Culture of Preparedness." This is not a culture of paranoia, nor a culture of fatalism. It is a common sense acknowledgment that we all have a responsibility to be as prepared as reasonably possible for emergencies and disasters that happen every year in the communities of our Commonwealth. This responsibility applies to government, but government cannot do it all. First responders are dedicated to helping their fellow citizens who are in danger or who have suffered injury. They frequently put

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#### **Internships Flourish in D.C.**

By CHELSEA MOODY

Every summer, hundreds of college students from around the world come to the United States capitol in order to have the experience of a lifetime. "Live. Learn. Intern" is the slogan of The Fund for American Studies's summer internship program, and I had the distinct pleasure of living, learning and interning this past summer in Washington, DC.

The Fund for American Studies began in 1967, and has grown into four individual institutes, plus a fall and spring capitol



semester and summer international institutes in Praque, Hong Kong and Greece. The different summer institutes include the Engalitcheff Institute on Comparative Political and Economic Systems (ICPES), the Institute on Political Journalism (IPJ), the Institute on Business and Government Affairs (IBGA), and the Institute on Philanthropy and Voluntary Service (IPVS). Partnered with Georgetown University, students take courses relevant to their particular institute as well as the internship, which the students are placed in prior to arriving in Washington. Students live in the residential dormitories on Georgetown's campus, and have access to everything that full-time Georgetown University students do. As well as the internship and courses, some students may also participate in volunteer events, such as working a few Saturday mornings at local food banks or cleaning local recreational parks.

As a student attending TFAS, I lived on Gerogetown's campus and took three courses, which included an ethics course, a journalism course and an economics course. My internship was with the National Association of Corporate Directors, which is a non-profit organization dedicated to the education of corporate business structure and governance. I learned a great deal about corporate governance, including how even Fortune 500 and even 100 companies establish functioning corporate boards. The classes and internship were a great experience, but the best part about my summer was actually living in Washington, DC. Georgetown is a great institution and the campus is beautiful. I thoroughly enjoyed being in Georgetown, one of the oldest and most historic parts of the nation's capitol. On the weekends, TFAS students could see the historic landmarks around the city, go to museums, and do a variety of different events planned

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themselves in harm's way to serve others and each year there are those among their ranks who give their lives in that service. But they cannot be everywhere at once and, in a catastrophic event, they are often prevented from reaching a disaster scene quickly. It is the responsibility of the individual citizen to be prepared in his or her home and workplace. Two useful websites for information on how to prepare for the H1N1 flu are <a href="https://www.flu.gov">www.ydh.virginia.gov</a>. Those who would prefer to call may contact the Virginia Department of Health public inquiry center toll free at 1-877-275-8343 (or 1-877-ASK-VDH3). More general preparedness tips for individuals, families and businesses can be found at <a href="https://www.readyvirginia.gov">www.readyvirginia.gov</a> and information on Virginia's all hazards preparedness initiatives can be found at <a href="https://www.ccp.virginia.gov">www.ccp.virginia.gov</a>.

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by TFAS, including a trip to Mt. Vernon and to the Newseum (which were this reporter's favorite excursions).

The experience I gained from living and interning in Washington, DC, this past summer is the most valuable I believe because it taught me a great deal about life after college. I was exposed to new places and people, and was able to live on my own in such an influential and important city. I strongly recommend The Fund for American Studies for any college student, as it is a very influential experience that certainly prepared me for the next step following graduation in May.

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#### The Way I See It by DAVID L. BAILEY

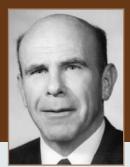
As the ancient one wrote, *To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.* To paraphrase this writing, there's a time for *hello* and a time for *goodbye*. This is the season for both.

When the 2010 Session of the General Assembly convenes we know that we shall miss 11 members of the House of Delegates. These 11 delegates are 'moving on' and will not be on the ballot in November. Each of them has contributed to the common good, representing their districts and serving the citizens of the Commonwealth.

Among those departing the General Assembly stand three who have served a total of 86 years:



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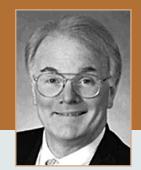


The Honorable Frank Hargrove, 1982-



The Honorable Ken Melvin, 1986-

#### In addition to these three senior members, we say our goodbyes to these:



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#### From the class of 2004:



The Honorable Al Eisenberg



The Honorable Jeff Frederick



The Honorable Steve Shannon

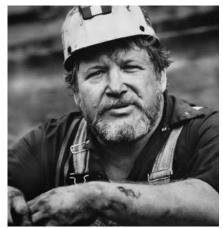


The Honorable William Fralin

We salute you all for your combined 150+ years of service. *Goodbye*.

#### Samuel Morgan Church, Jr.

By TOM HYLAND



Samuel Morgan "Sam" Church, Jr., a resident of Pennington Gap, long-time state legislative representative of the United Mine Workers of America (UMWA) union to the Virginia General Assembly, and coordinator of the Virginia Coal Miners' Political Action Committee, passed away after an extended illness and complications from surgery on July 14, in Bristol, Va. Sam was 72 years of age.

Sam, the son and grandson of coal miners, was born in Matewan, W. Va. (the scene of a famous labor/management confrontation between coal miners and company strike-breakers in 1920, widely known as the "Matewan Massacre") on September 20, 1936. The Church family moved to Virginia in 1944 where Sam worked first as a shoeshine boy and pinsetter at a local bowling alley. At the age of 20 in 1950, Sam moved to Baltimore, Md., where he was employed in a sugar plant. He returned to Virginia in 1965 where he worked as an electrician and mechanic and became active in the local mine workers union organization. In 1973, Sam was elected as the field representative for District 28 of the UMWA.

Sam soon became active in a group attempting to reform the policies and practices of the UMWA in 1972; upon the election of Arnold Miller as the UMWA International President in 1973, Sam became an international field representative and a member of Miller's staff and began a rapid rise through leadership ranks of the UMWA. In 1976, Sam was named as deputy director of the UMWA's collective bargaining division and also executive assistant to UMWA International President Miller. By 1977, Sam became the vice-president of the UMWA and upon Miller's death in 1979, Sam was elected to succeed Miller as UMWA International President.

During Sam Church's tenure as president of the UMWA, the union was adversely affected by automation of the mining industry and a series of wildcat strikes (the latter a common problem throughout the coal mining industry), both of which reduced severely the union's membership and revenues. As a consequence, when Sam ran for reelection as UMWA president in 1982, he was defeated by the leader of another reform group.

After he left the UMWA's leadership, Sam returned to Virginia where he not only actively participate in local UMWA activities, but became a member of the Town Council of the Town of Appalachia and later the Board of Supervisors of Wise County.

Sam is survived by his wife, Patti Page and their son, Nathaniel, as well as three children from a prior marriage: Samuel III, Melissa, and Suzanne.

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#### **Dr. Manley Elliott Banks**

BY ANDREA Y. SIMPSON

Dr. Manley Elliott Banks, Associate Professor of Political Science at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) died at his residence Friday, August 21, 2009. Banks was 56 years of age. He was surrounded by his loving family—his wife, Donna, his son, Micah, and his motherin-law, Mrs. Vivian Patton. A long-time friend and colleague to me, Dr. Banks was a dedicated scholar and teacher of politics. He specialized in urban politics and United States government in the L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs.



His work on the pro-growth policies of large southern cities, and their incompatibility with egalitarian values, was a significant contribution to the literature on city politics. Professor Banks earned his undergraduate degree from Morehouse College in Atlanta in 1975. He went on to earn a Ph.D. at the University of Texas at Austin.

In a feature article in the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, Banks was described as an exceptional mentor and teacher. In one of his courses, some 200 students lined up to express their sentiments when he announced his pending medical leave (Jones, 2009). In an email message to me on September 14, Dietra Y. Trent, Ph.D., a student of Banks, recalls the time she dropped by Professor Banks's office to make an appointment with him. She did not have to wait for the advice she was seeking. Banks invited her in and proceeded to discuss her project for two hours. She writes, "From that day on, he was very engaged in my writing. His initial suggestions helped me to narrow my focus...I still have emails [from Banks] encouraging me through the process" (Simpson, 2009).

At VCU Banks served as the Honor Code Coordinator for the College of Humanities and Sciences. He also served on numerous university committees, which is always a labor of love for professors. He was affiliated with national and regional professional organizations such as the American Political Science Association, the Southern Political Science Association, the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, the minority Scholars Concerned about Voting Rights Issues. Locally, he was a member of the Black Education Association at VCU.

I first met Professor Banks via telephone some 16 years ago. I was a newly-minted Ph.D., and in need of help in completing my research. Elliott Banks was in a unique position to help me, and he enthusiastically agreed to do so. I was amazed. We had never met each other, but he answered my call for assistance without hesitation. During my research trip, he went far beyond the call of duty as he helped me sort through the theoretical premise of my project. Banks was sensitive—he knew I was a poorly paid assistant professor, so he also fed me while I was in Richmond. He was brilliant. Never one to follow the intellectual crowd, he forged his own explanations of big city politics by keen observation, meticulous data analysis, and common sense. His work on the progressive regime politics of large southern cities informed my work on identity and political behavior.

Manley Elliott Banks possessed a noble name. I have always admired his name, and in thinking about him after his death, decided to find out what his names meant. "Manley" is of Old English origin. It means "shared land, man's meadow." Elliott shared everything—his

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#### In Memoriam continued

#### Ed Lane by Gary O'NEAL

The news of former Richmond Delegate Edward E. Lane's death came to me at my home in Natchez, Mississippi, a thousand miles and almost four decades away from a cold February day in 1972 when I first saw this lithe, athletic, handsome man spring to the rostrum to address a meeting of the House Democratic Caucus at the state capitol. At that time he was chairman of the House Committee on Corporations, Insurance and Banking but in little more than a year he would assume the chairmanship of the powerful House Appropriations Committee. By then I had signed on for four tumultuous years as his legislative aide and chief political confidant.

For those that knew Ed Lane as I did it is somewhat puzzling that he has been so profoundly forgotten in the town where he was once as well known and powerful as his legislative colleague, the late Senator Edward E. Willey, a man who years after his death remains still fresh in the public mind. That no street, school or bridge is named after Ed Lane is a testament to the fickleness of fate and the changing public sentiment which, in 1977, after 24 years, upended and terminated his once brilliant political career.

Part of his loss of stature no doubt stems from his shy, reserved personality which despite his best efforts won him few close friends in a body of extreme extroverts, part lies in his unwillingness during his 1977 campaign for Attorney General to fully adapt to a changing Virginia which within a decade of his political demise would elect an African-American Lt. Governor and later Governor.

Still, in many respects, Ed Lane was progressive and a man of vision. In conceiving and setting up the House Appropriations Committee Staff and overseeing the establishment of the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission this quiet but resolute man had as significant an impact on the legislative process as any legislator in the second half of the twentieth century. The executive budget office as it exists today is a direct reaction to the efforts of Ed Lane to strengthen the power of the Virginia legislature in fashioning the state budget.

Just as important as Ed Lane's organizational skills was his uncanny ability to evaluate people and to lure to Virginia from other states two of the most talented public servants of the modern era, Ray D. Pethtel, the first director of JLARC and later head of the state Department of Transportation and Andrew B. Fogarty, the first staff director of the Appropriations Committee and later Secretary of Transportation and Chief of Staff to Governor Jerry Baliles.

As valuable as these accomplishments were, what I remember best about Ed Lane was that when it came to the City of Richmond, its government and educational and benevolent organizations he was "the go-to guy," the one that could be counted upon to listen patiently to a plea for assistance and get the job done. On far too many Saturday mornings the phone would ring and we were on our way to a meeting with the city manager, a city councilman or a member of a downtown civic organization.

Although Ed Lane was often referred to as a staunch conservative and former member of the Byrd machine, these epithets do not really capture the man I knew. That's because whether it was helping to found educational television in Virginia, rounding up votes for funding Virginia's share of the D.C. metro, expanding the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, or helping to raise the minimum wage, he was in contrast to many other conservative Democrats of his era much more a "Mister Yes" than a "Doctor No."

As a measure of the man, I remember his response to a speech against the death penalty made by liberal Arlington Delegate Ira Lechner on the floor of the House. When Ed got back to the off ice he asked me whether I'd heard it. I replied that I had and that I thought I agreed with it. He said, "Well, you know, I think it was

#### **Letter to the Editor**

September 21, 2009

Dear Editor:

Thank you for sending me additional copies of the Summer 2009 *Virginia Capitol Connections Quarterly Magazine*, in which you featured my article concerning unemployment compensation. I appreciate the hard work of your organization to compile such a fine publication. You consistently highlight and discuss well the most significant issues.

James P. "Jimmie" Massie, III

Member, Virginia House of Delegates

## Save the Date for Capitol Square Classic

Start practicing for the annual Capitol Square Classic! This "legislative basketball game," will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 23. This year's proceeds will benefit the Massey Cancer Center.

Two games are held—one between members of the General Assembly and the Office of the Governor; the other between the House and the Senate. The event will begin at 6 p.m. at the Siegel Center (corner of Broad and Harrison Streets) at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond.

Bring your skills, bring your pom-poms, bring your donations! Contact: Mark E. Smith, Associate Vice President for Government Relations, mesmith@vcu.edu.

the finest speech I've ever heard. Toward the end of it he almost had me too."

On another occasion during his race for Attorney General we were getting ready to release a previously approved statement comparing his Republican opponent to Jesus Christ walking on water when we got a panicked phone call from him to kill it. "Boys, as a former Sunday school teacher I just don't think I can say it," he said, overriding our protests. Old-fashioned perhaps, but that's the kind of man Ed Lane was.

Gary O'Neal is a former Virginian who now lives in Natchez, Mississippi. ✓

#### Dr. Manley Elliott Banks from page 23

mind, his ideas, his home, and his lovely family. "Elliott" is Greek and Hebrew. It means "The Lord is my God." How appropriate for the devout and spiritually evolved man that I knew. Living an ethical and loving life came easily for Manley Elliott Banks. Wise, compassionate, and non-judgmental, he would carefully listen to your dilemma or problem; he would then offer a soothing, but logical, response. Insightful and analytical, Elliott Banks left us too soon. All of us—colleagues, friends, and family, miss him already. We are all the better for having known him.

Citations:

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Andrea Y. Simpson is an Associate Professor at the University of Richmond.

#### **Short Takes**

#### **Postmaster Celebrates Milestone**

Postmaster Floyd Mann will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of working with the state of Virginia on January 1, 2010. Mann spent 31 years working with the police force and 18 years working with the House of Delegates. Mann is a native of Richmond, Va.





#### Obama Appoints Bryant to National Capital Planning Commission

Governor Timothy M. Kaine has announced that L. Preston Bryant Jr., Virginia Secretary of Natural Resources, has been appointed by President Obama to serve as a member and chairman of the National Capital Planning Commission.



#### Delegate Announces Engagement

Congratulations to Todd Gilbert, member of the Virginia House of Delegates representing the 15th district, on his engagement to Jennifer Ann Wishon. Wishon is a correspondent on Capitol Hill for the Christian Broadcasting Network.

#### **Capitol Meetings**

11/16/09 • 2:00 p.m.

Joint Meeting of the House Committee on General Laws and the Senate Committee on General Laws and Technology— Special Subcommittees Studying Charitable Gaming Laws; House Room C, General Assembly Building

11/17/09 • 10:00 a.m.

House Appropriations Committee–Committee Retreat; House Room D, General Assembly Building

11/18/09 • 9:00 a.m.

House Appropriations Committee–Committee Retreat; House Room D, General Assembly Building

11/19/09 • 12:30 p.m.

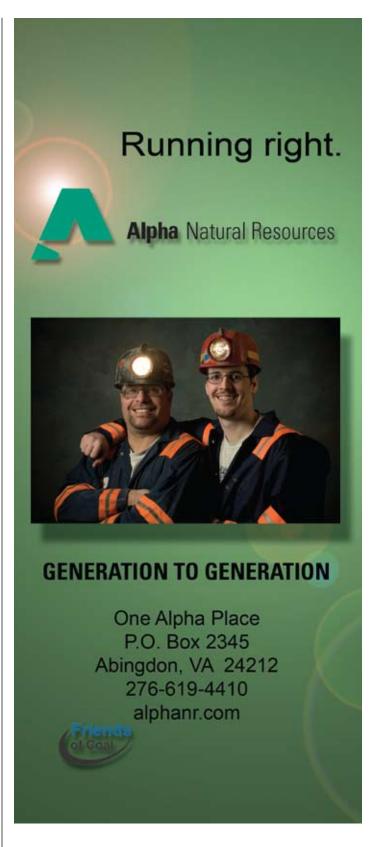
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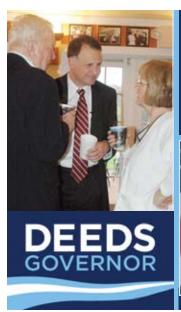
12/18/09 • 9:30 a.m.

Joint Meeting of Senate Finance Committee, House Appropriations Committee and House Finance Committee; House Room D, General Assembly Building



#### **Roy Named Newsmaker of the Year**

Lucinda Roy, a professor of English at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, has been selected as Virginia Press Women's 2009 Newsmaker of the Year. A poet and novelist, she would qualify as a Newsmaker on those achievements alone. But what makes her a newsmaker in 2009 is the publication of the nonfiction book, *No Right to Remain Silent: The Tragedy at Virginia Tech.* 



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Shannon helped create Northern Virginia's AMBER Alert System and served on the Governor's Commission on Sexual Violence.

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#### **New Capitol Square Group associates**

David Bailey Associates welcomes Linda F. Wyatt as a new affiliated consultant. Wyatt once served as a City councilwoman in the city of Roanoke. She has ties to the education field, serving as President of the Roanoke Education Association and working as an elementary school teacher for over thirty years in the Roanoke city public school system.



Wyatt also served on the Board of Directors of Brain Injury Services of

Southwest Virginia. She also volunteered as a drug counselor at a long-term residential drug facility, Hegira House. She serves as a fellow of the Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership. One of her many current activities include her service on the State Housing Task force which assists people with disabilities. She is co-chairperson of the Transformation Leadership Team for the Commonwealth of Virginia. The team has oversight of three grants: State Profile Tool, State Transformation Grant; and No Wrong Door. She is dedicated to getting services to those who need them, especially giving support needed to be in the community.

Wyatt has degrees from Radford University and Bluefield College.



Chelsea Moody, originally from Roanoke, is assisting David Bailey Associates as she completes her work as a senior at Randolph-Macon College. She is majoring in Political Science and Philosophy. She expects to graduate in May, 2010, Moody said she will pursue either graduate work, or seek work in public relations. Please see her story about her internship in Washington, D.C.

And from the Beach area, David Bailey also welcomes two associates from ACT Consulting, based in Norfolk. They are...

**Chris Woodfin**, who traces his connection to the Commonwealth all the way back to Jamestown. The Chesterfield native has nearly 20 years experience in the political arena.

Woodfin has extensive lobbying experience. As a campaigner, Woodfin has

consulted on races at nearly every level, from local races to statewide. Woodfin has earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from The College of William and Mary, and a Master of Arts in Government from Regent University.



....And **Aaron Gulbransen**, who brings much experience in lobbying and government. He has worked on political campaigns at all levels of government, from City Council to Congressional to Presidential. He has also hosted a radio show in Long Island, N.Y., the 11th biggest market in the country.

Gulbransen has worked closely with many of the elected officials in the Hampton Roads area. He has earned a Bachelor of Science in

Business, Management and Economics from The State University of New York Empire State.

He plays golf and ice hockey.

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