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1. Hail to our new Chair! Last week we installed **Courtney Reynolds** of the Louisiana African American Chamber of Commerce as our Chair of the Board of Directors. At the same time, we applaud JR Jones of Mississippi, who was an excellent Chair during his tenure. We expect big things out of Courtney (Bio).

2. The Dorothy Leavell Story: NBCC Board Member recently celebrated her 50 years as Publisher of the two (Chicago and Gary) Crusader newspapers. This is the "stuff" movies are made of. Congratulations Dorothy!

3. World Series for 5-G Deployment: Right now, China leads the world in the deployment of 5-G (fifth generation internet). We, the United States, come in as a close 2nd with South Korea and Japan rounding out the top 4 nations. Certainly, the normal resolve and diligence of the Great USA will eventually overtake China and become the perennial leader. Our telecoms and the FCC will make it happen.

4. The Transition of a NBCC Hero: With a heavy heart we announce the passing of Eric Vickers (April 14, 2018). Eric was a true Black Business Development Warrior. A devoted student of the late Parren J. Mitchell, we would marvel at his courage, intelligence, and courtroom charisma. Parren gave him the nickname "Rambo" for

his aggressiveness. We learned a lot from Eric. He taught me to be brave and the importance of protecting your principles. A memorial celebrating and reflecting the life of Eric Vickers will be held in St. Louis on May 6, 2018 at the Omega Center, 3900 Goodfellow Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63120-1531, tel. 314-385-4100. I look forward to seeing all the gang there.



5. KUDOS from the Georgia State Legislature: Congratulations to Shelley "Butch" Anthony, owner of "This is It" bar-b-que restaurants and franchises. A proud Christian, philanthropist and entrepreneur Mr. Butch is rising like a shooting star. He is also a proud Board Member of the Georgia Greater Black Chamber of Commerce. The Georgia legislature recently recognized his accomplishments. His book has just been released!

6. Meet the "Top CEO of Western Pennsylvania": The African American Chamber of Commerce of Western Pennsylvania (Pittsburgh) is celebrating the recognition of one of its members. Congratulations are in store for Emma Alaquiva for winning this distinction.

7. Changes coming to Department of Agriculture: We have been recently working with the staff of Congressman Mike Conaway, Chair of the House Agriculture Committee. Standby for a big development soon.

8. Shake it Up! The NBCC is joining other industry leaders to encourage the restructure of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. This is overdue.

9. COX presents GSLBCC 18th Annual Banquet: It seems like yesterday when I visited the Greater Southwest Louisiana Black Chamber of Commerce's first initial event. But here we are looking

at the 18th year of serving the greater Lafayette, Louisiana business infrastructure. Congratulations!

10. Part III of my OP-ED: My account of the evolution of Black business policy on Capitol Hill.

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