

Warren Bolton

Warren Bolton's insightful, fair and balanced commentary has been a catalyst for progressive and positive change in the community for almost a decade as associate editor at *The State* newspaper. He is among a small percentage of African Americans in similar roles at daily newspapers in the country.

Bolton began his distinguished journalism career in 1986 as a reporter with the *Columbia Record*. In 1988, he joined *The State* and covered county government for six years, and in more than nine years as a reporter, covered education, police, courts and the Legislature. He served as assistant night news editor as well as an assistant assigning editor before becoming an assigning editor in 1996. He became education editor in April 1997, and a month later, joined *The State's* Editorial Board, its first ever African-American member. He was promoted to associate editor in January 2000.

He has received numerous awards recognizing his accomplishments including the Columbia Urban League's Lincoln C. Jenkins Jr. award for community service and the Community Service Award from the Midlands Association of Black Journalists in 1998, the top column writing award from the S.C. Press Association as well as the Ambrose E. Gonzales Award for excellence in journalism, given by *The State* in 2000, and the 2008 Press Association's E.A. Ramsaur award, given to the top editorial writer in South Carolina.

Bolton is also an associate minister and member at Bethel AME Church in Columbia, where he and his wife, Tanya, co-chair the church's Married Couples Ministry. The Boltons are proud parents of two sons, Alexander and Christopher. Active in the community, he has volunteered at the Department of Juvenile Justice, the United Way and the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Midlands. A Columbia native and University of South Carolina graduate, he is the youngest of 11 children born to the late Bertha Mae Bolton.



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South Carolina African American History Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 April Fool's Day	2 Good Friday	3
				Hampton Institute opened in 1868.	John Thompson became the first African American coach to win NCAA basketball tournament, 1984.	Carter G. Woodson, the father of African American history, died in 1950.
4 Easter Sunday	5	6	7	8	9	10
Maya Angelou, author and poet, was born in 1928.	Colin Powell was born in 1937.	Robert E. Perry and Matthew Henson reached the North Pole in 1909.	Billie Holliday, blues singer, was born in 1917.	Hank Aaron hit his 715th home run in 1974.	Civil Rights Bill granting citizenship passed in 1866.	Richard Allen was made Bishop of the AME Church in 1916.
11	12	13	14	15 Tax Day	16	17
Spelman College was founded in 1881.	Free African Society organized in 1787.	Thomas Jefferson's birthday	The first abolition society in the U.S. was founded in Pennsylvania, 1775.	Jackie Robinson made his Major League debut with the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947.	Founding of Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee in 1960.	Rev. Ralph David Abernathy died in 1990.
18	19	20	21	22 Earth Day	23	24
Alex Haley won the Pulitzer Prize for Roots, 1977.	Cheyney State College, one of the oldest Black colleges in the U.S., was founded in 1837.	Harriet Tubman started working on the Underground Railroad, 1853.	Pvt. Milton L. Olive, III, was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor in 1966.	Charles Mingus, bassist, composer, pianist and bandleader, was born in 1922.	Granville T. Woods, inventor of over 40 products, was born in 1856.	The United Negro College Fund was established in 1944.
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Ella Fitzgerald, singer, was born in 1917.	William "Count" Basie, jazz pianist and musician, died in 1984.	Coretta Scott King, activist and wife of Martin Luther King, was born in 1927.	Samuel L. Gravely became first African American admiral in the U.S. Navy in 1962.	"Duke" Ellington, musician and composer, was born in 1899.	Wallace Saunders wrote the song "Casey Jones" in 1900.	