



Islam being celebrated this month

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As part of Islamic Heritage Month Celebration, The International Museum of Muslim Cultures presented Islam 101 Presentation and Dialogue at the Arts Center of Mississippi on April 14. Panelists included Imam Shaheed, Khalid Hudson and Lamees El-Sadek. The session, designed to enlighten the public about Islamic practices and to dispel misconceptions, was moderated by Emad Al-Turk, president of

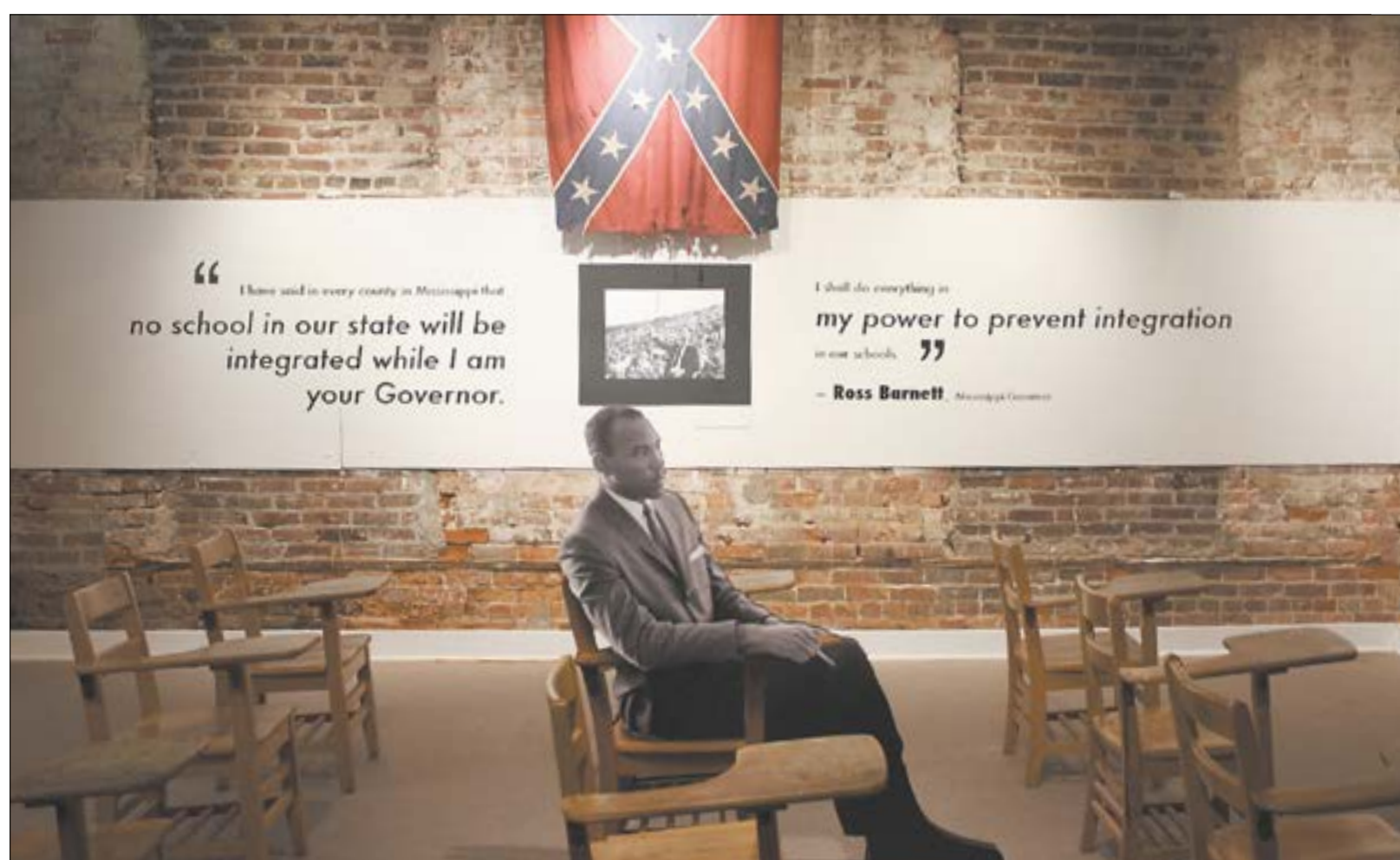


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50 years after Meredith's 'Walk Against Fear'

Institute planning to commemorate 1966 events

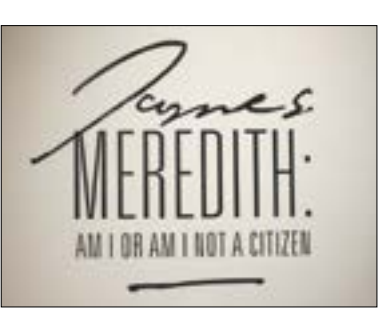


An exhibit at the Smith Robertson Museum and Cultural Center depicts James Meredith as a student at Ole Miss in 1962. PHOTO BY SHANDERIA K. POSEY

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June 5, will mark 50 years since James Meredith, who integrated the University of Mississippi in 1962, began a walk from Memphis to Jackson to make a positive difference in the world.

Despite countless reports referring to Meredith's endeavor as the "March Against Fear," the civil rights icon has always considered the event his personal "Walk



Against Fear" as a citizen. "I never participated in a March (Against Fear)," Meredith said

Wednesday morning. "A few people use my language (in describing the 1966 event). I was a soldier."

One day after he began his walk, Meredith was shot during the walk. Following the shooting, leaders of the Civil Rights Movement came to Mississippi to complete his walk. Those leaders protested and called their efforts the "March Against Fear." It became the biggest civil rights march in Mississippi. After being released from the hospital,

Meredith completed his walk in Jackson on June 26, 1966.

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the event, a "Walk for Good and Right" is being planned by the James Meredith Institute from June 5-26 to retrace his earlier path. The event is not a literal walk. A release from the institute reports the goals of the commemo-

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Tubman will go on \$20 bill

By Martin Crutsinger
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON – Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew has decided to put Harriet Tubman on the \$20 bill, making her the first woman on U.S. paper currency in 100 years, a Treasury official said Wednesday.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity in advance of Lew's official announcement, said that the 19th century abolitionist and a leader of the Underground Railroad, would replace the portrait of Andrew Jackson, the nation's seventh president.

Lew's announcement is expected to provide details on other changes being made to the \$20, \$10 and \$5

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Reeves: Confederate emblem 'anti-American'

By Emily Wagster Pettus
Associated Press

A federal judge said April 12, that the Confederate emblem on the Mississippi flag is "anti-American" because it represents those who fought to leave the United States.

But U.S. District Judge Carlton Reeves is not yet saying whether he will fully consider a lawsuit that seeks to eliminate the



Reeves



Moore

Reeves heard more than three hours of arguments about motions in the lawsuit that Carlos Moore, an African-American at-

torney from Grenada, Miss., filed against the state. Moore is asking Reeves to declare the flag an unconstitutional relic of slavery.

Moore argued that under the U.S. Supreme Court decision last summer that effectively legalized same-sex marriage nationwide, a majority of justices found the

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Eubanks links Welty's work to his courses

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Mount Olive, Miss. native Ralph Eubanks joined gatherers at the William F. Winter Archives and History Building in Jackson at noon April 13, in the History Is Lunch Series and presented On Welty, Photography and Civil Rights.

The Mississippi literary icon, Eudora Welty, believed that a

frame was fundamental to photography and writing fiction. In that regard Eubanks reflected on Welty's comment, "A novelist can contribute to social change." Further, a person's point of view and perspective are crucial for social change to occur.

Eubanks posed these matters

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Eubanks PHOTO BY JANICE K. NEAL-VINCENT

Clinton close to nomination prize; Trump strengthens hand

By Ken Thomas and Julie Pace
Associated Press

WASHINGTON – Hillary Clinton, the nearly unstoppable Democrat and Republican front-runner Donald Trump accelerated Wednesday toward Northeast primaries on an increasingly direct path to presidential nominations after trouncing party challengers in New York.

Clinton, now 81 percent of the

way toward clinching the Democratic nomination that eluded her eight years ago, can lose every remaining contest and still prevail. Her sweeping victory in the New York primary called into question the durability of Bernie Sanders' rival campaign and left him with severely limited options for overtaking her.

While Trump strengthened his hand, he is still far from in the clear.

Trump is focused heavily on clinching the Republican nomination through voters' balloting in state primaries, thus avoiding a contested national convention in Cleveland in July. The businessman's win in his home state keeps him on a path to securing the 1,237 delegates he needs, though he'll have to perform well in the round of primaries in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Del-

aware on Tuesday and in California's huge contest on June 7.

His chief rival, Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, has no mathematical path to getting the nomination through primary voting. But he sees a window to snatch the nomination from Trump at the convention, and his campaign is working feverishly to line up delegates who would support him if Trump fails to prevail on a first ballot.

The side-by-side GOP efforts at this late stage – with Trump amassing primary victories while Cruz digs for the support of delegates who could settle the nomination – are unprecedented in recent presidential campaigns and add to the deeply uncertain nature of the race.

Trump was rallying in Indiana and Maryland on Wednesday while Cruz campaigned in Hershey, Pa., trying to brush off

his Tuesday shellacking in New York where he failed to pick up a single delegate. With trademark sarcasm, he played down Trump's win, saying the mogul hoped to convince people that "Pennsylvania is a suburb of Manhattan."

"Donald, with a characteristic display of humility, declared

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