

Hinds County District Attorney Robert Shuler Smith FOUND NOT GUILTY

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COUNSELING A DEFENDANT

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Wanda Smith grabs hand of husband
Hinds County District Attorney Robert
Shuler Smith after he was acquitted on
two counts of conspiracy and one count
of aiding or counseling a defendant.

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By Othor Cain
Editor

It took the jury nearly four hours to render a unanimous decision in the second trial of Hinds County District Attorney Robert Shuler Smith, that lasted for seven days.

Smith, who was tried for the same crimes in 2016, relied on his faith in God, to get him through this ordeal. “We had so many people praying for us, my faith never wavered,” Smith said in his office on Valley Street in Jackson Wednesday afternoon. “I’m here to tell you that God is real and when the rubber meets the road, that’s when you have to rely on faith.”

Smith was acquitted of two counts of conspiracy to hinder the Attorney General’s prosecution of drug defendant Christopher Butler and one count for aiding or counseling a defendant. He could have faced up to 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine had he been found guilty.

The jurors returned to the courtroom around 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and handed Special Judge Larry Roberts a hand written note of their findings. Smith sat and waited with much anticipation as Roberts read the verdict.

“Yesterday was a blessing, it was a culmination of a lot of hard work and belief in that when you do the right thing, right will follow you,” Smith said. “As the verdict was being read, all I could think about was my mother and father and the rest of my family; this has been a stressful situation that has affected my entire family.”

After an hour and a half of deliberating, the jury made up of five black females, five black males and two white females sent Roberts a note saying, “they were split 10-2,” in their verdict. Roberts sent word back to them to continue deliberating until a unanimous decision was reached.

Smith began serving as the district attorney for Hinds County in 2008 and is now in his third elected term. “I am appalled that another elected official would accuse me of trying to hinder a prosecution or do something outside of the scope of my job,” he said very firmly. “I always speak with lawyers before visiting an inmate, this isn’t anything new...I’m a prosecutor.”

Smith hired Atlanta based attorney Michael T. Sterling to help with his defense. “Through a connection with a local attorney, I was introduced to Michael,” Smith said. “I wanted someone sharp, like-minded, who could really articulate the facts of this case in simple language so that everybody could understand...Michael did that.”

In his opening statement, Sterling told the jury this case was

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Special Judge
Larry Roberts
confers with
prosecution and
defense teams.



Defense
Attorney Michael T.
Sterling and Smith
share an embrace
after the verdict
was read.



Sterling addresses
media as Smith
and his wife look
on after court was
adjourned.



Smith, wife Wanda
and Sterling show
signs of relief after
the jury delivered
their verdict of
'not guilty' on all
counts.

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Tougaloo Nine to unveil Freedom Trail Marker August 17 at Old Municipal Library

The Mississippi Link Newswire

When nine determined African-American students from Tougaloo College held a sit-in in the old Jackson Municipal Library March 27, 1961, both the police and the all-white library staff reportedly told the students that they were not welcome and did not belong in the library.

Fifty-six years later, the Jackson Hinds Library Board of Trustees has chosen to honor the Tougaloo Nine by funding a Freedom Trail Marker in their honor, which will be unveiled

Thursday, August 17 at 10 a.m. in front of the old Jackson Municipal Library in the 300 block of State Street.

The Library Board of Trustees funded the marker in the hope that it will remind everyone about their historic sit-in, their role in the subsequent desegregation of the Jackson Municipal Library about a month later, and their place in Civil Rights history.

Tougaloo Nine members include: Joseph Jackson Jr., Albert Lassiter, Alfred Cook, Ethel

Sawyer, Geraldine Edwards Hollis, Evelyn Pierce (deceased), Janice Jackson, James “Sammy” Bradford and Meredith Anding Jr. Beverly Hogan, president of Tougaloo College, will speak at the marker dedication, as well as a representative of the library system and several other dignitaries.

After the unveiling, a special reception for the Tougaloo Nine will be held directly across the street from the new marker at the Eudora Welty Public Library at 300 State Street. During the

reception, members of the Tougaloo Nine will be given an opportunity to reminisce about the sit-in, the effect it had on their subsequent lives and their place in Civil Rights history.

The library system has received word from most of the living Tougaloo Nine members that they have plans to return to Jackson to be present at the ceremony, and many have family members who will also be present for the event as well. Family members of Evelyn Pierce, the only deceased member of the Tougaloo Nine,

will be present on her behalf.

Jackson State University protestors and their families are also welcome to attend and will be recognized during the reception.

Jackson Hinds Library System Executive Director Patty Furr said, “We are so proud of the Tougaloo Nine and their historic role in the desegregation of all public libraries in the South.”

“Their efforts were recently recognized in an article in the June issue of American Libraries, as being one of three groups whose sit-ins in a public library

were influential in the subsequent integration of all public libraries in the South.”

A recently published book by Wayne Wiegard, titled, Desegregating Libraries in the American South: Forgotten Heroes of the Civil Rights History, also features the Tougaloo Nine prominently and gives them a great deal of credit for leading the way in the desegregation of other public libraries in the South.

For more information about the event, call Patty Furr at 601-968-5825.

Empowering Progressive Women’s Association announces the EPWA honorees of 2017

EPWA honorary conference luncheon celebrating its 3rd year anniversary

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Empowering Progressive Women’s Association (EPWA), Canton and Jackson chapters is proud to announce the honorees for 2017. Twelve phenomenal women, nominated and recognized by the EPWA members and board of governors, will receive honors and recognition from EPWA, Mayor William Truly Jr., City of Canton and Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba, City of Jackson.

The honorees are: Dr. Linda Duniagan, Jontea’ Nuhsor Luckett, Bessie M. Archie, Evangelist Silbrina Wright, all of Canton, Miss.; Judge Staci O’Neal, Madison, Miss.; First Lady, Ebony Lumumba, Judge Linda Anderson, Pastor Tonya Ware, Apostolic Lady Wanda

Pitts, Jannelle Griffin, Pastor Susan Hairston and Tameka Garrett all of Jackson, Miss. These women have pioneered and trailblazed our communities, making a significant contribution and impact. Our cities are fortunate to have these honorees as leading ladies and difference makers.

Saturday, August 26, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., we will celebrate and honor these phenomenal women at the EPWA Honorary Conference Luncheon at The Rickhouse, 717 Poplar Blvd., Jackson, MS 39202.

Pamela Confer of Speak BIG and Dr. Timothy Quinn are guest speakers.

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JPS starts new year with tightest budget in history

Nina Brown
Student Intern

Students, faculty, and the administration are ready for the 2017-2018 academic school year. This past July, Jackson Public School District’s Board of Trustees finalized and released their budget plan for the new school year. With reduced MAEP funding, a decline in student enrollment, aging infrastructure and transportation woes, this has been one of the tightest budgets in the district’s history. Outlined in the plan, JPS has three goals for the academic school year including increasing academic performance and achievement, providing a safe school climate and to maintain fiscal integrity and accountability. For the 2017-2018 budget, the total district maintenance budget shows the complete breakdown of sources where monies will come from: 50 percent of total funds will come from the Mississippi Adequate Education Program (MAEP) while 31 percent of funds will come from state taxes. The remaining portion will come from local and federal revenue, tax anticipation note and other revenue streams. In the plan’s details, JPS has enclosed four revenue highlights; two of the highlights are one time funding sources. Highlights include \$1.9 million from E-Rate Revenue to support technology, \$1.3 million from 16th Section Revenue. The \$1.3 million coming from the Unrestricted Fund Balance and \$2.0 million from the Hail Storm settlement funds are both one time funding sources. Expenditure highlights in the budget plan include a high amount of \$2.0 million in textbooks for Grades K-8, technology purchases

to complete wireless projects in all elementary schools, also \$200,000 in additional funds for library books, are just a few of numerous ways the district plans to achieve the high academic performance. JPS has also requested additional funding to support improvements for the Forest Hill Football Field and Newell Field. Other highlights include the plan to support new structure for school administration and support and to fully utilize all federal funds to support academic achievement. In the past, parents have expressed concerns regarding the lack of bus transportation, saying there were not enough buses to accommodate their children. One expenditure highlight includes \$1.2 million additional support for transportation. JPS have purchased a total of 44 new buses fully equipped with GPS and cameras. Tuesday, August 8, began the first official day of the new school year and the district is starting out with a near 200 deficit with teachers. Officials say the number is manageable since there are about 3,000 employees in the district. JPS is offering a \$2,500 signing bonus to core subject teachers. The core subjects include math, science and history. The district is also seeking retired teachers. Retired core teachers will be paid \$225 daily and if they teach math, they could receive more. JPS is currently shifting the current core subject teachers to keep students focused and prepared for state testing. This is the official first week of school for the district. We are hoping students, faculty and administration have a successful school year.

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about his client’s pursuit of justice and the corruption that exists in the Attorney General’s office. “Had my client been able to see all of the video, we would not have had this trial,” Sterling said. “This was a prosecutor trying to do his job, trying to protect a person’s civil rights...sometimes prosecutors don’t always get it right.” Sterling, who is running for mayor of the city of Atlanta and is a former prosecutor, hasn’t tried a case in six years. “I’ve been focused on my work in government, so it meant a great deal for Robert to trust me with this case,” he said. “It is an enormous responsibility when someone essentially

puts their life in your hands.” Today, Smith is focused on doing the job he was elected to do. “I’m glad this is behind me, behind my family and frankly, behind the citizens of Hinds County,” Smith said. “I, like everyone else, want to see criminals off the streets, I want to see crime decrease, it affects me just as much as it does anyone else.” With a heart of gratitude, Smith thanked the jury for what they endured during this process. “I am grateful for their service and for delivering a fair and just verdict,” he said. “Yesterday was a blessing from the Most High.”

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100 Black Men planting for a harvest

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The 100 Black Men of Jackson has decided to teach its proteges how to work the soil.

The organization is partnering with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the National Baptist Convention USA to introduce area youth to growing fruits and vegetables at The Village.

The 100 plans to build a greenhouse at its headquarters on Highland Drive in northwest Jackson.

The program kicked off last week with a USDA seminar that focused on natural resources conservation, career preparation for the Natural Resource Conservation Service. The seminar, which targeted youths aged 6-18, also included demonstrations with a soil tunnel as well

as a soil health rainfall simulator.

More than 40 young people, some with their parents, attended the seminar.

"We think this is an excellent educational tool that could have multifaceted benefits," said Harvey Johnson Jr., president of 100 Black Men of Jackson. "This is a great way to introduce our boys to growing fresh produce and, through the partnership with USDA and the National Baptist Convention, a great way to introduce them to careers in agriculture and natural resource conservation."

"Since most of our boys are growing up in urban environments, this lifestyle and career track would not be on their radar. We are grateful to USDA and the National Baptist Convention for including us in this partnership,"

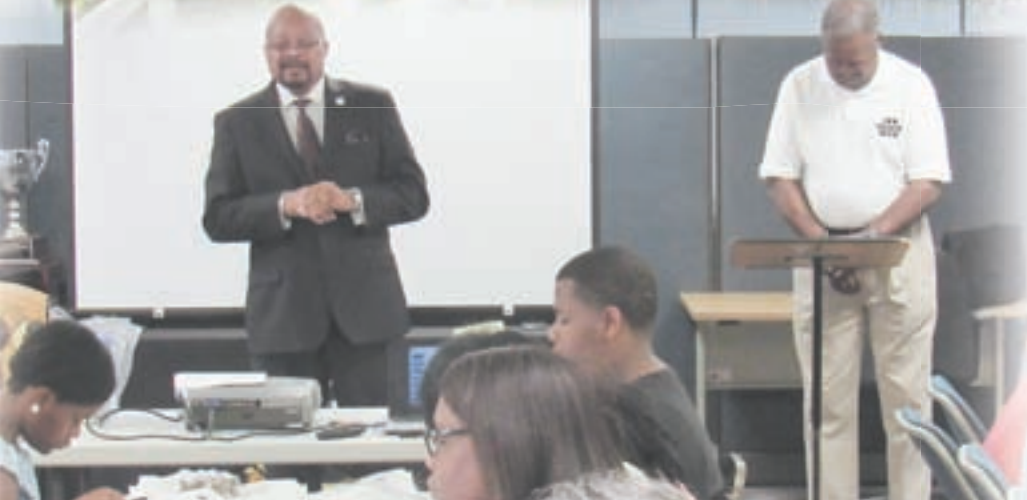
Johnson said.

Jerry Young, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church and National Baptist Convention president, said the effort was great for the community.

"Anytime you have an opportunity to introduce something positive career wise and healthy to our youth, its a good thing," Young said. "We hope we can grow this partnership and make it as effective and relevant as we can."

Sam Thompson of USDA said his organization is looking forward to working with the 100.

"First of all, we want to help the 100 Black Men of Jackson and its mentoring program. Second, we want to educate the public about USDA and the NRCS," Thompson said. "This is a great educational tool."

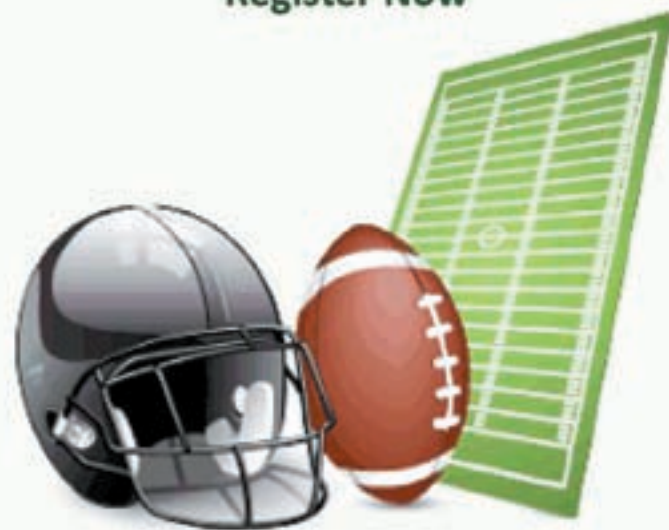


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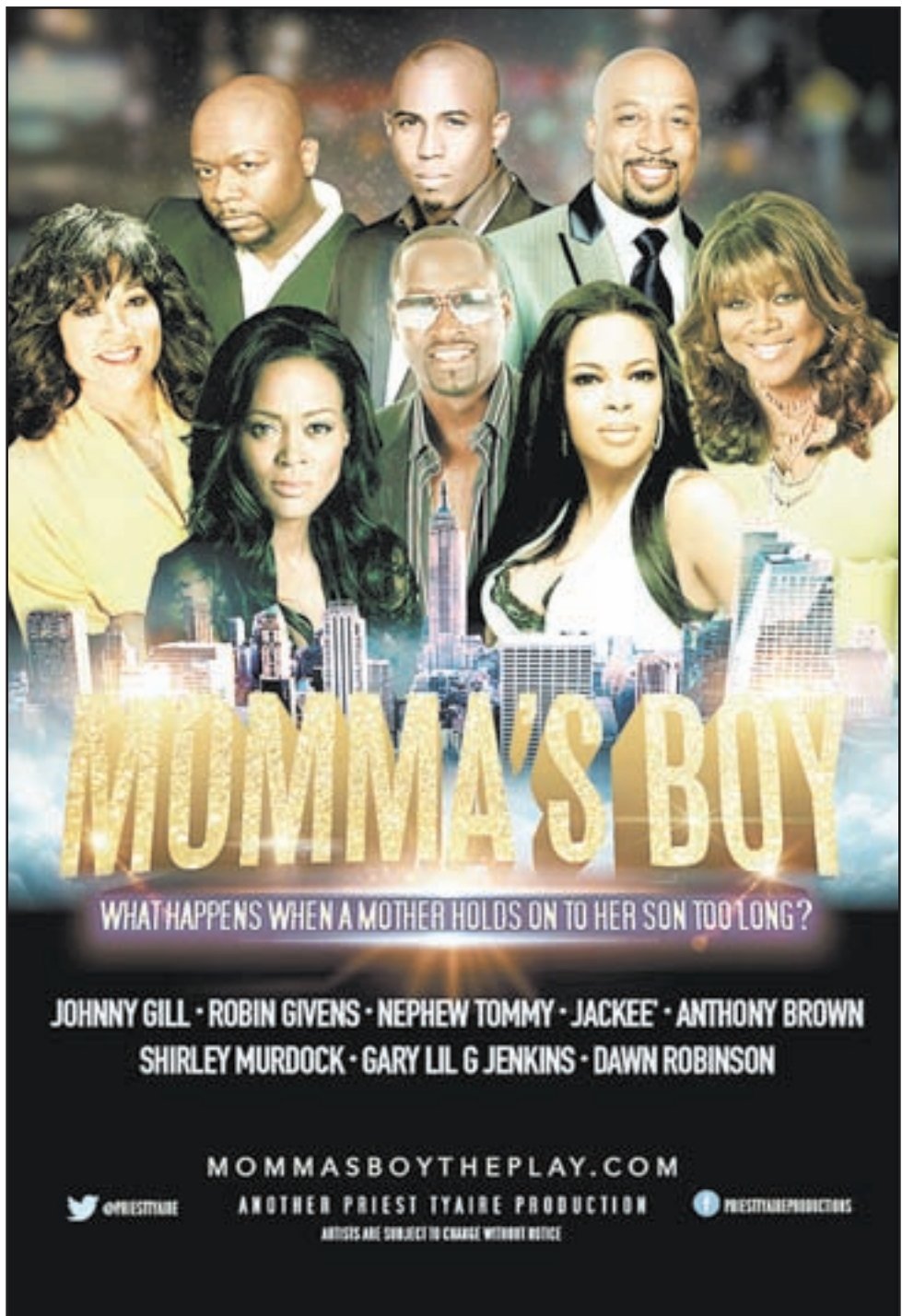
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The Jackson City Council voted unanimously to confirm Atty. Letitia Johnson to the Jackson Public Schools Board of Trustees.



Councilman Charles Tillman with Letitia, husband Derrick Johnson and their children.



Johnson answers questions during her cinfirmation hearing as Mayor Lumumba looks on.

Attorney Letitia Johnson takes oath of office to join JPS School Board

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Mayor Chokwe Lumumba’s appointment of Letitia Simmons Johnson to serve on the JPS School Board was approved by the City Council August 1. A Swearing-In Ceremony was held August 4 where she took the oath of office and began her term.

Johnson was appointed to fill the Ward 2 seat previously held by Kimberly Campbell who resigned from the Board in May.

Johnson’s appointment gives the board the four-member quorum necessary to carry out its business on behalf of the district. The School Board met August 8.

Johnson completed a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from Tougaloo College in 1996 and a Juris Doctorate degree from Mississippi College School of Law in 2006. She began her career in the financial services industry and earned several related licenses while working as a financial consultant. After starting a private practice, Letitia found her niche in bankruptcy and is now the staff attorney for Bankruptcy Trustee James L. Henley.



Mississippi Court of Appeals Judge Latrice Westbrook rendered the oath of office to Johnson.

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Husband Derrick Johnson holds the Bible as new JPS Board member Letitia Johnson takes the oath of office.

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In 2 separate books, JSU author-dean Azevedo explores health in Mississippi and Africa

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Dr. Mario J. Azevedo, dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Jackson State University, is an established author with two additional releases – one on health disparities in Mississippi and a more recent publication about failed strategies to curb preventable diseases in Africa.

“Health is a right of all people of the world. I want people to understand that health affects all facets of life through what the World Health Organization calls social determinants of health,” said Azevedo. These elements include income, poverty, environment, education, race, gender, policies, laws, resources, geography and many other factors.

Azevedo is a nearly 20-year JSU veteran with an academic background in health and history. He once served as interim dean of the College of Public Service, associate dean of the School of Health Sciences and chair of the Department of Epidemiology.

Azevedo exposed Mississippi’s unequal distribution of its scarce resources in a 2016 book, the “State of Health and Health Care in Mississippi” (University Press of Mississippi). For this body of work, he wrote five chapters and included contributions



Dr. Mario Azevedo, dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Jackson State University, said, “Health is a right of all people of the world.”

from 20 renowned health academicians and professionals.

He blamed discrimination and unfair access to quality care for health disparities among the Magnolia state’s indigent population.

Dr. Rick deShazo, professor of medicine at the University of Mississippi Medical Center and host of “Southern Remedy” at Mississippi Public

Broadcasting, said the book provides “opportunities and innovations for change ... to make health and healthcare better, right here, right now.”

And Jackson Medical Mall epidemiologist Jin Zhang describes the book as “the bible” of Mississippi healthcare.

This year, Azevedo turned his attention to problems of Africa. He was born in Mozambique – a former Portuguese colony in East Africa.

His recently released 12th book, “Historical Perspectives on Health and Health Systems in Africa” (Palgrave-MacMillan Publishers), spans from the Neolithic Age to the present.

The manuscript is published in two volumes and explores how Africa has overcome centuries of major hurdles, ranging from the rigors of tropical climate to the devastation of slavery.

Azevedo said if he did not spend valuable time writing on the history of health he would “feel empty because there is so much more to know about the world, particularly Africa.”

During the latter part of the 19th century, the continent even endured the partitioning of Africa by European powers. Its problems were compounded by a legacy of post-colonial dependency, selfish capitalism and the

political and cultural onslaught of globalization.

Azevedo conveys the following message about the world’s second-largest and second-most populated continent: “Africa can no longer focus its resources simply on infectious diseases known as “first disease burden” because such illnesses have been controlled or eradicated in other continents.”

Instead, he said, “Africans must now confront the “second disease burden” that is associated with Western opulence: diabetes, obesity, strokes and cardiovascular and pulmonary illnesses. Azevedo asserts that these maladies were “transplanted from the West through cultural graft.”

Nevertheless, whether problems for the geographical area have been self-inflicted or result from outside influences, Azevedo argues that Africans must now stop blaming the West for its crumbling health infrastructure and prevalence of infectious diseases and chronic illnesses.

Rather, he said, “blame is due to mismatched priorities, a lack of vision from many of its leaders and a deficiency in resourcefulness, not from a lack of resources.”

He especially wants readers to know

that “health is a right of all people of the world.”

Furthermore, he said, “Africa’s health crisis is blamed on a lack of priorities from leaders responsible for ministries of health. He said a more appropriate title would be ministries of disease because leaders spend very little to defend against pestilence in the early stages. Thus, the result is a surge in infant and maternal mortality in Africa’s dilapidated hospitals.

Azevedo said another culpable factor is a reliance on international handouts from people who think they know better than Africans what is good for their continent. Because disease is the mother of poverty, Azevedo advocates self-reliance and independence through free and compulsory education and infrastructure improvements to move the continent forward.

How to order both books:

“The State of Health and Health Care in Mississippi” can be purchased from the University of Mississippi Press, Marketing Department, 3825 Ridgewood Road in Jackson. The two volumes of “Historical Perspectives on Health and Health Systems in Africa” can be purchased from Springer Nature, 233 Spring Street, New York, N.Y., or by calling 212-460-1500.

Assistant superintendent tapped to lead Clinton’s public schools

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Tim Martin is the fifth superintendent of the Clinton Public School District.

The Clinton School Board announced his hire during the April board meeting. Martin began as superintendent July 1. He replaced Phil Burchfield who retired in June.

“I’ve been part of the tremendous successes in the Clinton Public School District as a principal and assistant superintendent under the leadership of two wonderful superintendents, Dr. (Tommie) Henderson and Dr. Burchfield,” he said. “Now I want to continue that success into the future.”

School Board President Derek Holmes said, “We are extremely excited to have Dr. Martin move into this role,” he said. “He knows this district and he’s well respected by our faculty, parents and community. Previous superintendents have built a solid foundation of excellence and he has a strong vision for the future.”

During his time as assistant superintendent, Martin was involved in leading CPSD through several major changes and initiatives, including the shift to the Mississippi College and Career Ready Standards, the 1:1 Technology Initiative (providing a Mac device to every student and teacher); and implementing the Career Academy Model at Clinton High School. He holds a doctorate degree in



Martin

curriculum and instruction from Mississippi College; an educational specialist degree in administration and supervision from Delta State University; a master’s degree in educational administration and a bachelor’s degree in elementary education, both from Mississippi College; and a bachelor’s degree in Bible and Christian education from Holmes College of the Bible in Greenville, S.C.

He began his career in 1986 as an associate pastor and youth minister at Congregational Fellowship Church. He began his education career in 1987 in Jackson Public Schools at Oak Forest Elementary School and Chastain Middle School, before being named assistant principal at Grenada Middle

School in 1995.

In 1996 he returned to JPS as assistant principal at Chastain, and he was named principal of Lovett Elementary School in Clinton in 1998.

He served as principal of Clinton Junior High School from 2000-03, and he has served as CPSD’s assistant superintendent since 2003.

“Clinton has maintained very high performance in student achievement in spite of changing demographics, increased accountability and changing state tests,” he said. “I firmly believe that if you set high expectations, students will rise to meet those expectations. We have done that in Clinton, and we will continue to do so.”

Martin has won numerous awards including Chastain Middle School Teacher of the Year (1994); CPSD Administrator of the Year (2000); Mississippi College Distinguished Alumnus Department of Teacher Education and Leadership (2011); and Education Resources LLC Excellence in Leadership award (2015).

“I would like to thank my wife and children for their support, throughout my career and during this process,” he said.

Martin is married to Cindy Martin and they have three children. He is a deacon and Sunday school teacher at First Baptist Church in Clinton.

Hinds CC names new vice presidents at Vicksburg-Warren, Utica campuses

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Hinds Community College has named two new vice presidents.

Marvin Moak has been named vice president of the Vicksburg-Warren Campus, while Tyrone Jackson has been named vice president of Utica Campus and Administrative Services. Both actions were approved Wednesday by the college’s Board of Trustees.

Moak, of Raymond, has been dean of the Highway 27 Campus since 2014. He began work at Hinds in 2000 as an electrical technology instructor and eventually moved to department chair/industrial service coordinator. In that role, he developed curriculum and courses for college-level students and administered courses for business and industry. He also worked with advisement, retention and job placement for students.

“I am humbled by being selected for Vicksburg vice president, I look forward to serving the college in this new role,” Moak said. “I will always be grateful for this opportunity to assist the college grow and develop. We will continue to grow the Vicksburg Campus and work through the district wherever needed.”

Jackson, of Clinton, has served as vice president for student services and dean of students for the Raymond Campus since July 1 after having been associate vice president of those areas since August 2013. He is also the Title IX coordinator for the Hinds district. Prior to his work at Hinds, the Rosedale, Miss. native spent two years at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College as dean of students for the Jefferson Davis Cam-



Jackson



Moak

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“I am eternally grateful that Dr. Muse has afforded me the opportunity to serve the Utica Campus in the capacity as vice president,” Jackson said. “The Utica Campus has a rich history and has maintained a strong presence as an HBCU.”

Moak is a Hinds CC alum (1993-2009) where he received his associate degrees in general studies and electronics technology, as well as his degree in electrical technology. He has his bachelor’s degree in technical and occupational education from the University of Southern Mississippi and his Master’s degree in technology education from Jackson State University. Jackson is a graduate of Delta State University, where he received his bachelor’s degree, master’s of education degree and doctor of education degree.

Both will report directly to Muse, as do all vice presidents at the college.

Since 2013, the vice presidency of the Vicksburg-Warren and Utica campuses was held by Debra Mays-Jackson, who has accepted a position as vice president and chief of staff at Jackson State University.

JSU’s online healthcare administration program ranks among top 20 in the country

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Jackson State University’s Healthcare Administration Online Degree Program was recently ranked No. 11 out of the top 20 best online bachelor’s programs offered in the country, based on the latest standings posted by College Choice – a leading authority in college and university rankings and resources.

College Choice developed its list by looking at academic quality, institutional reputation, program accreditation, along with “return on investment” or the differential between tuition costs and average early career earnings.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, a 17 percent employment growth through 2022 is projected for healthcare administrators which is higher than the national average of growth for other occupations.

“Pursuing a career in healthcare administration makes a lot of sense in this economy because of the steady growth in demand for health and medical services,” Christian Amondson, managing editor of College Choice, said of the ranking.

“A bachelor’s degree in healthcare administration can set you up nicely in the field, though if you

really want to advance, a master’s might be most advantageous. That’s why we created these lists – in order to help people interested in the field figure out if, and if so where, they need to expand their educational background,” he added.

At JSU, healthcare administration is one of the largest undergraduate programs in the School of Public Health.

When Program Director Clarence Johnson learned of the ranking, he said: “We have a commitment to our students to provide them a quality service and it’s certainly good news to learn that we

are in the top 20.”

College Choice is an independent online publication dedicated to helping students and their families find the right college.

The site publishes rankings and reviews that make finding the best colleges for different interests easier and more fun, as well as resources to help students get into, pay for, and thrive at the college of their choice.

The ranking may be viewed in its entirety at: <http://www.collegechoice.net/rankings/best-online-bachelors-in-healthcare-administration/>



NCS4 releases new safety and security best practices guides

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The National Center for Spectator Sports Safety and Security (NCS4) at The University of Southern Mississippi recognizes the need to make effective safety and best practices available to the sports safety and security industry.

Therefore, each year the NCS4 publishes new and updated versions of four best practices guides including the Marathon and Running Events Safety and Security Best Practices Guide, Intercollegiate Athletics Safety and Security Best Practices Guide, Interscholastic Athletics and After-School Safety and Security Best Practices Guide, and the Commercial Sport and Entertainment Facilities Best Practices Guide.

“This is the most current set of best practices developed by the industry for each of the four domain areas,” said NCS4 Director Lou Marciani. “These guides are intended to assist venue security and event management teams.”

The purpose of each of the Safety and Security Best Practices Guide is to recommend

polices, practices, and implementation procedures aimed at identifying vulnerabilities, mitigating risk, and protecting critical assets. It may be used as a reference for those responsible for the design and development of safety and security plans and procedures.

Each year, subsequent editions of the guide(s) are developed with input from practitioners, subject matter experts, and current academic research.

Elizabeth Voorhees, director of certification and compliance at NCS4, coordinates the development of best practices. She maintains that, “Each Best Practices Guide addresses core components and standard operating procedures in sports safety and security, including game/event day security operations, crowd dynamics/management, and emergency planning. The guides establish baseline safety and security standards in sport event management, and are tailored to meet the needs of each respective industry segment.”

The guides provide general guidance and serve as a template for creating safety and security related plans and pro-

cedures. They can also be used as an audit tool to evaluate and improve current processes.

The guides should be used in conjunction with other resources, as determined by each event venue and its operators to ensure the appropriate level of safety and security is reached based on their unique characteristics and specific needs.

To download your complimentary guide(s), visit <https://www.ncs4.com/about/best-practices>.

About NCS4
The National Center for Spectator Sports Safety and Security (NCS4) at the University of Southern Mississippi supports the advancement of sport safety and security through training, professional development, academic programs and research. NCS4 collaborates with professional leagues, open access events, intercollegiate and interscholastic athletics, along with professional associations, private sector firms, and government agencies. It is a critical resource for sport venue managers, event managers, first responders, and other key stakeholders.

New degree from Belhaven prepares students for public relations

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Students who want to pursue a career in public relations, journalism, sports broadcasting and electronic communication can now earn a Bachelor of Arts in Public Relations from Belhaven.

“Public relations is among the fastest-growing career fields, and we’re excited to be helping prepare the next generation of PR professionals,” said Bill Moak, chair and assistant professor of public relations.

Majors transition into careers that specialize in social media, television or radio management, marketing, advertising or journalism, and they handle communications for a wide

spectrum of companies and organizations.

“With our society’s current focus on the role of the media and discussions about authenticity and trustworthiness, the PR field needs people with a solid professional and ethical foundation,” Moak comments. “We believe that the best source of a professional and ethical framework in the communications field is a strong set of Christian values. With Belhaven’s focus on delivering a Christ-centered education, students will be uniquely prepared for a fulfilling and rewarding career.”

This program starts students with the basics and then builds a comprehensive understanding

of the profession that will then give them the opportunity to apply their skills and knowledge. Moak believes the learning opportunities, work experience, personalized instruction, career advisement and a network of communications professionals set Belhaven apart from other universities.

Additionally, internship experiences, networking events, special speakers and trips to media outlets and public relations agencies are some of the ways the department incorporates opportunities for students to grow in their studies at Belhaven.

Visit <http://www.belhaven.edu/communications>

JSU General Counsel Taylor accepts position out of state

By L.A. Warren
jsunews.com

Jackson State University announced recently that its general counsel, Matthew Taylor, has accepted a general counsel position out of state and tendered his resignation, effective Aug. 15.

Taylor has held his position at JSU for over four years and prior to joining the university he spent several years as a partner with Scott Sullivan Streetman & Fox and was a founding member of the firm Gladden, Ingram & Taylor.

President of Jackson State University, William B. Bynum Jr., said, “I am particularly thankful for Mr. Taylor’s assistance and insight during the transition of leadership and for his contributions to the university over the past few years. I am confident that his new employer will benefit from his expertise, and we wish him the best in his endeavors.”

Taylor has an extensive range of corporate and litigation experience and is a 2005 graduate of the International Association of Defense Counsel Trial Academy at Stanford University.



Taylor

“I am grateful for the opportunity to serve alongside the many adept people at Jackson State University. I would especially like to thank all who worked with me in the Division of General Counsel. Their hard work and commitment are unmatched. I wish them, President Bynum, the administration and the university continued success,” said Taylor.

Jackson State’s Associate General Counsel Edward O. Watson has been named interim general counsel and will assume Taylor’s duties beginning Aug. 16.

Watson has served JSU for

three years and graduated from Tougaloo College with a Bachelor of Arts in political science. He earned his Juris Doctor degree from Mississippi College School of Law.

Prior to joining the division of general counsel at Jackson State, Watson engaged in private practice as a founding member of the firm Alexander & Watson, P.A., representing various colleges and universities as outside litigation counsel. He spent several years as an assistant attorney for Hinds County and was the prosecutor and attorney for his hometown of Terry.

Watson has also provided representation and assisted public and private entities with the development of employment policies, practices, employee handbooks and employment liability. He also holds a comprehensive background of legal expertise in employment law, including Title VII matters, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, business formation, contracts, commercial, governmental, and general tort liability defense.

Clinton Public School District Key Communicator

Meet the Arrows

Aug. 10 is the first day of school, and it’s also the date for Meet the Arrows. At 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 10, join us at the Clinton High School football field for an introduction to players and coaches of all fall sports as well as the CHS band. The event is free and open to the public, and a great way to get a preview of all our fall sports. See you there!

School Traffic



With more than 5,000 students enrolled in Clinton’s public schools, arrival and dismissal times can be a challenging and stressful time. Patience is especially needed along Arrow Drive, home to four schools and more than 3,500 students. Here are several reminders from the Clinton Police Department and the Clinton Public School District to make drop off and pick up more efficient:

- Refrain from using your cell phone while driving. This is for the safety of staff, students and other drivers.

- Do not block fire lanes. Car riders at Northside, Eastside, and Clinton Park should note that the drop off line forms behind the red-painted curb fire lane.

- Do not block travel lanes on the road. Pull to the shoulder of the road when possible. Car riders at Lovett should allow buses to pass on Northside Drive to enter the school driveway. Do not park your vehicle in the drop-off lane to walk your child into the building or for them to walk into the building alone.

- Follow directions by school staff and crossing guards. Failure to comply with directions and traffic devices threatens the safety of children and staff.

- Make every effort to arrive at the school no later than 15-20 minutes before the tardy bell rings.

- DO NOT CUT IN LINE. Line cutting has caused serious issues in previous years and poses a significant threat to the safety and well-being of others.

- Always stop for school buses. State law requires that motorists stop for a school bus, regardless of their direction, whenever the bus is stopped and receiving or discharging children. Motorists may not proceed until all children have safely crossed the street. This rule applies to all pick-up/drop-off areas in the Clinton Public School District.

This is not a comprehensive list and not a replacement for common sense. Each school will provide specific tips and instructions regarding arrival and dismissal when you come for registration.

Back to School Nights

Don’t miss Back-to-School Night at your child’s school for an opportunity to hear about academic expectations, school policy/procedures and meet the faculty, staff and administration.

Dates and times are:

- Kindergarten: 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22
- First grade: 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24
- Second grade: 6 p.m. Monday Aug. 14
- Third grade: 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 15
- Fourth grade: 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 28
- Fifth grade: 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 29
- Sixth grade: 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31
- 7-8 grade: 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 21
- Ninth grade: 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7
- 10-12 grade: 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11

Track Team Tryouts

9th-12th grade girls and boys track tryouts will be Fri., Aug. 18, 2017, 4:15-until

7th-8th grade girls and boys track tryouts will be Wed., Sept. 13, 2017, 4:15-until

10th-12th grade pick up packet from coach Lockhart at Clinton High

9th grade pick up track packet from coach Tunberg at Sumner Hill

7th-8th grade pick up track packet from coach Prevost at Clinton Jr. High

Those interested in trying out must have an up to date physical and a signed parent consent form, available here: <https://www.clintonpublicschools.com/Page/6907>

Seven Tigers named to college sports madness preseason all-SWAC teams



The Mississippi Link Newswire

College Sports Madness released its All-Conference teams and seven members of the Jackson State football team who were named Preseason All-SWAC. Keontre Anderson (DL), Jordan Johnson (RB), Vincent Hunter (OL), Shawn Bishop (LB), Frank Carter (OL), Andre Lloyd (LB)

and Dario Robinson (DB) were all selected, by College Sports Madness, as All-SWAC members. The College Sports Madness staff selected Keontre Anderson as the SWAC Preseason Defensive Player of the Year as well as a first team All-SWAC member. Anderson led the FCS in tackles for loss (25.5) and was second on

the team in total tackles with 55. The second team is made up of Jordan Johnson, Vincent Hunter and Shawn Bishop. Johnson is the top returning rusher for the Tigers. Last season he rushed for a team high 477 yards and two touchdowns on 75 attempts. He averaged 6.4 yards per carry and 43.4 yards per game. Hunter was

a key member of the Tigers offensive line and he helped JSU record 3394 total offensive yards and 20 touchdowns. Bishop finished the 2016 season as the third leading tackler on the team with 51. Frank Carter, Andre Lloyd and Dario Robinson were named to the third team. Carter was another standout on the offensive line,

as he saw action in nine games. Lloyd finished the 2016 campaign as the fifth leading tackler on the team with 45 (25 solo tackles). Robinson was second on the team in pass breakups with five. He also had 36 tackles and a forced fumble. JSU opens the 2017 season Saturday, September 2, when the

Tigers travel to Fort Worth, Texas to take on TCU in non-conference action. 2017 JSU season tickets are on sale now. For more information call the JSU Athletics Ticket Office at 601-979-2420. JSU season tickets will be available until September 1.

Lady Braves picked ninth in SWAC preseason poll

The Mississippi Link Newswire

LORMAN, Miss. – With just over two weeks until the season begins, the Southwestern Athletic Conference released its 2017 Volleyball Preseason Poll, and Alcorn State University was predicted to finish ninth. “Being picked ninth works into our message of beginning a new era. In order to get results, we have to have the right work ethics and beliefs,” said head coach Chelsey Nicholas, who enters her second season. “Volleyball and education are very important to each individual in this program and we are in the process of building a new foundation.”

The Lady Braves will have a new look this year with 19 newcomers including 16 freshmen. Alcorn added a pair of junior college transfers in Alondra Rivera Modesto and Singryd Valadares that could be looked upon to make an immediate impact at the middle blocker position. Among returning student-athletes, lone senior Brittney Dumas will step into a leadership role after delivering 96 kills, 59 digs and 11 blocks in 2016. She enters her fourth year with the program. Sophomore Wanya Morris will also play a bigger role for Alcorn this year at out-



Dumas

side hitter after seeing action in 46 sets last year. Alcorn ended in ninth-place last season. It seeks its first winning season since 2002 when it finished 29-12 en route to its second consecutive SWAC East Division title. The Lady Braves will begin the 2017 regular season Friday, Aug. 25, when they travel to New Orleans for the UNO Invitational. Prior to that, Alcorn will host a Purple vs. Gold Scrimmage

Tuesday, Aug. 22, at 5:30 p.m. in the Davey L. Whitney Complex. **2017 Preseason Poll**
1. Alabama State, 194
2. Texas Southern, 176
3. Southern, 131
4. Alabama A&M, 118
5. Jackson State, 116
6. Prairie View A&M, 115
7. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 93
8. Grambling State, 69
9. Alcorn State, 47
10. Mississippi Valley State, 41
#FearTheBrave

Delta Devils start fall camp



Valley football team

The Mississippi Link Newswire

ITTA BENA, Miss. – It’s official, the Delta Devils have reported for duty. With an energetic group of young men reporting to campus and preparing for the upcoming season, the coaches and student-athletes are hard at work. On Saturday, Mississippi Valley’s football team attentively listened as their coaches

explained the offensive and defensive schemes for the 2017 campaign. With a host of fresh faces and the pride displayed on the faces of the veterans, the Delta Devils mean business. The first day of practice on Sunday was ideal, with overcast skies and a slight breeze. The players didn’t just go through the motions, they tackled the challenges head on.

“We have a great group of guys this year and I am excited to see the team come together,” stated head coach Rick Comegy. Camp may be just beginning, yet the display of athleticism proves each of the players have tuned into the philosophy of the team and are ready to face each opponent in the upcoming season.

Anderson named to Buck Buchanan Award Watch List



By Wesley Peterson
Jackson State Sports

STATS announced its annual Buck Buchanan Award Watch List recently and Jackson State’s senior defensive end Keontre Anderson has landed on the list. The Canton, Mississippi native is the second Tiger in consecutive years to receive the preseason honor. Heading into last season his teammate Javancy Jones found himself on the list. Anderson had an excellent 2016 campaign as he finished with 25.5 tack-

les for loss, which led the FCS. He also collected 55 tackles, nine sacks and six quarterback hurries. As a sophomore he posted eight sacks. In addition to being named to the Buchanan Award Watch List, Anderson was also selected as a Stats FCS All-American, SWAC Preseason Defensive Player of the Year and a preseason All-SWAC first team member. The Buchanan Award, first awarded in 1995, has sent past winners such as

Dexter Coakley, Rashean Mathis, Jared Allen, Arthur Moats and Kyle Emanuel on to the NFL. The watch list will have updates during the season. A national panel of over 150 sports information and media relations directors, broadcasters, writers and other dignitaries will vote on 25 finalist following the regular season. For ticket information call the JSU Athletics Ticket Office at 601-979-2420 or visit <http://www.ticketmaster.com>

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Health officials remind parents it’s time for back to school immunizations

msdh.ms.gov

With the start of a new school year, the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) reminds parents that state law requires kids to be immunized against childhood diseases to enter public or private school, Head Start or daycare.1.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately 95 percent of parents nationwide choose to vaccinate their children, protecting them against potentially deadly diseases.

“There are many options for where to get your vaccinations now, including private medical providers and retail stores,” said MSDH State Epidemiologist Dr. Paul Byers. “Regardless of where you go, it’s

incredibly important to make sure you’re up-to-date on your immunizations. Not only are certain vaccines required for school entry, they are also the best way to protect your child and those around them.”

Required vaccinations for children entering school in Mississippi for the first time include: diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (DTaP); polio (IPV); hepatitis B; measles, mumps and rubella (MMR); and varicella (chickenpox). There is also a requirement for children entering seventh grade to receive the Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) vaccination. In addition, human papilloma-virus vaccination (HPV) and a meningococ-cal vaccination (MCV4) are recommended for adolescents 11 to 15 years of age, and a

meningococcal vaccination (MCV4) is recommended at age 16 to 18 years.1.

Parents must provide the school with a Certificate of Immunization Compliance (Form 121) from their immunization provider prior to school entry.1.

You may check with your physician or county health department if you have questions about which immunizations your child will need and check with your local county health department about the best dates and times to bring children in for immuniza-tions.

For more information on immunization requirements or medical exemptions for school entry, visit www.HealthyMS.com/immunizations.

Mississippi reports first West Nile Virus death for 2017, nine new human cases

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Today the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) reports the first West Nile virus (WNV) death in a Mississippi resident for 2017. The resident was from Grenada County.

Additionally, MSDH is reporting nine new human cases in the last week (includes the reported death), bringing the state total to 19 for 2017.

The newly reported cases are in Forrest (2), Grenada, Hinds, Jones, Lincoln, Madison, Rankin and Scott counties.

So far this year cases have

been reported in Covington, Forrest (4), Grenada, Hinds (4), Humphreys, Jones, Le-flore, Lincoln, Madison, Perry, Rankin (2), and Scott coun-ties. The MSDH only reports laboratory-confirmed cases to the public.

In 2016, Mississippi had 43 WNV cases and two deaths.

“This sadly serves as a re-minder that the threat of West Nile virus should be taken very seriously,” said MSDH State Epidemiologist Dr. Paul Byers. “While many people may be infected with West Nile and not show symptoms, in a small

number of cases, the infection can cause very serious compli-cations, even death.”

Symptoms of WNV infec-tion are often mild and may in-clude fever, headache, nausea, vomiting, a rash, muscle weak-ness or swollen lymph nodes.

Peak WNV season in Mis-sissippi is July through Sep-tember, although cases can oc-cur at any time of the year.

The virus has been detected in mosquitoes throughout the state, so residents in all coun-ties should take the follow-ing precautions for protection against mosquito-borne ill-

nesses:

Use a mosquito repellent with an EPA-registered ingre-dient such as DEET while you are outdoors.

Remove all sources of stand-ing water around your home and yard to prevent mosquito breeding.

Wear loose, light-colored, long clothing to cover the arms and legs when outdoors.

Avoid areas where mosqui-toes are prevalent.

For more information on mosquito-borne illnesses, visit the MSDH website at HealthyMS/westnile.

Librarian of Congress to visit Mississippi Library Commission

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Mississippi Library Commission houses the Mississippi Center for the Book, the state affiliate for the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress. The Center for the Book is tasked with promoting books, reading, literacy, and libraries. The Mississippi Library Commission is proud to welcome Carla Hayden, Librarian of Congress to Mississippi.

WHAT: Carla Hayden, Librarian of Congress, to visit Mis-sissippi Library Commission accompanied by The Honorable Gregg Harper, congressman of Mississippi’s Third District

WHEN: Friday, August 18, 2017

SCHEDULE:

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (in at-tendance: Hayden, Harper, 1st & 2nd graders from the Mississippi School for the Deaf) Hayden and Harper will have “storytime” with children from Mis-sissippi School for the Deaf. The story they are reading is



The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister. A craft project will follow.

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (ticketed event) Harper will be present-ing a collection of books to the Mississippi Library Commission, followed by a one-hour question and answer time by Hayden with librarians from across the state.

WHERE: Mississippi Library Commission, 3881 Eastwood Drive, Jackson, MS 39211

Saturday, August 19, at 9:00 a.m, Hayden will unveil the new Mississippi Literary Map, created by the Mississippi Library Commission, at the Mississippi Book Festival which will be aired live on C-SPAN.

Mississippi Library Commission contact: Susan Liles, public relations director sliles@mlc.lib.ms.us – 601.432-4056

Library of Congress contact: Gayle Osterberg, director of Communications gosterberg@loc.gov – 202.707.0020

The Harper contact: Emerson W. George, director of Com-munications Emerson.george@mail.house.gov – 202.225-5031

Link to Harper’s website – <https://harper.house.gov/contact-gregg>

OSA director of Special Projects Atkinson honored as Top State Employee

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Samantha “Sam” Atkin-son from the Mississippi Office of the State Auditor (OSA) was the recipient of the 2017 Excellence in State Government Award August 3.

Former State Auditor and current Governor Phil Bry-ant presented the award at a ceremony in his office.

A resident of Brandon, Miss., Atkinson joined the Office of the State Auditor in July 2004 as director of the Performance Audit Di-vision.

She has overseen recent projects focusing on MAEP

calculations, Economic Development Bonding to create feedback for MDA initiatives, American Re-covery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) stimulus au-dits, and has identified more than \$100 million in cost savings.

Recently, she has transi-tioned into director of Spe-cial Projects and Audit Re-sponse, where she will be a part of a team committed to reducing Medicaid fraud throughout the State.

“Sam has been an inte-gral part of our office since before I was elected in 2008,” said State Auditor

Stacey Pickering.

“She has made a tremen-dous impact in the OSA to the benefit of all Mississip-pians, and I am grateful to have her in our office. This award is certainly a well-deserved testament to her dedication to the helping Mississippi.”

The Mississippi Ex-cellence in Government Awards program was estab-lished by the Mississippi State Personnel Board at the direction of the Missis-sippi Legislature in 2012. It awards the top State em-ployee and is presented an-nually by the governor.



Hinds County recognizes centenarians, citizens 100 years and older

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Hinds County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution earlier this year, to honor elderly citizens, who reside in Hinds County that have reached that well-deserved milestone of 100 years of age, as centenarians.

The Board of Supervisors, along with American Medical Response (AMR), will present each centenarian with a resolu-tion from Hinds County and a gift card, during the first board meet-ing of each month.

As of August 8, 2017, the fol-lowing centenarians have been recognized during the Hinds County Board of Supervisors meetings: Isabell Morris-107, District 3; Evelyn Little-100, District 1; Terlena Daniels-100, District 1; Magnolia Ander-

son-100, District 1; and Genora Tillman-100, District 5.

If you know a Hinds County citizen, who is 100 years and older, please visit the Hinds County Board of Supervisors website to complete the Centenarian Recog-nition Form and capture a list of the past centenarians. The form and list can be located under the Division of Human and Capital Development.

Upon approval, the centenar-ian, or their designated fam-ily member, will be notified by the Aging Services coordinator Pearlle Johnson, with the date and time of the board meeting. Should a centenarian need trans-portation assistance, Johnson will coordinate transportation services.

The Board of Supervisors

takes pride in recognizing these individuals and celebrate with those who have lived such a life of longevity.

About Hinds County

Hinds County has so much to offer approximately 250,000 residents and the hundreds of thousands of visitors we greet each year. Our county has many things to offer for everyone from the fast-paced, emerging, revitalized downtown district of the State’s capital city to the charming, peaceful, fields of the countryside. The county has a rich southern history with a bright, diverse future and is an outstanding place to live, work, play and raise your family. Ex-perience Hinds County and find out why we are “A Very Special Place!”



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The Gospel brings hope

By Pastor Simeon R. Green III
Special to The Mississippi Link



Man is comprised of spirit, soul and body. This Gospel fits the whole man. In Matthew 10:7-8, Jesus said: “And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.”

The Gospel today is that the Kingdom is still near. Jesus, the Messiah, has already begun His Kingdom on earth in the hearts of His followers. One day the Kingdom will be fully realized. Then, evil will be destroyed and all people will live in peace with one another.

Jesus gave the disciples a principle to guide their ac-

tions as they ministered to others: “Freely you have received, freely give.” Because God has showered us with His blessings, we should give generously to others of our time, love and possessions.

Speaking of the twelve that were sent out, Luke 9:6 reads, “And they departed, and went through the towns, preaching the gospel, and healing every where.” Healing is in the atonement (reconciliation), it belongs to the child of God, and healing is for us.

We read in James 5:13-15 these words: “Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms. Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the

Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.” The only way a person’s sins can be forgiven is for that person to ask God to forgive him.

Remember, “The Prayer of Faith” does not refer to the faith of the sick person, but to the faith of the people praying. God heals, faith doesn’t, and all prayers are subject to God’s Will. But our prayers are part of God’s healing process. That is why God often waits for our prayers of faith before intervening to heal a person.

Terrible vengeance is going to be taken against those who refuse to obey the Gospel. Disobeying the Gospel is not like disobeying your parents. If we continue to disobey the Gospel, we need to realize what we are going to face at the judgment.

When the Gospel is preached, it bears good news. Rejecting the Gospel is throwing away all hope of our salvation. We do not have any hope if we disobey the Gospel. We read in Colossians 1:23, “If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister.” The Gospel brings hope to a hopeless soul. The way to be free from sin is to trust Jesus Christ to take it away.

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P R E S E R V E D

From the inside out

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



“Wow Mama! You and Daddy have really hooked up the house.” I spoke these words to my mama a few years ago as she gave me the “tour” of their newly remodeled master bedroom suite. They’d been talking about knocking out one of the bedroom walls and making a large master bedroom suite for a few months. But I didn’t think they’d really do it. After all, they had four daughters, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Where would we all stay when we came to visit?

I oohed and ahed walking into the much larger bedroom area complete with a walk in closet and built in his/her custom designed shoe box shelves, dual ceiling fans, wood trim, flat screen tv swiveling from the wall mount and fire engine red chaise lounge. The room was just gorgeous and I was now happy they’d had it done. Even though it is just the two of them at the house, I also want them to be comfortable, and have as my mother says, “room for the wheelchairs” when they might need them.

As we stood in the doorway of the huge walk-in closet, I posed what I thought was a good question: “Now where will we (my three sisters and their kids/grand-kids) stay when we come visit?” My mama laughed and didn’t blink when she responded, “There’s the other bedroom, plus a sleeper sofa in the den and we’ll make space for people even if they have to sleep on the floor in sleeping bags.”

They’ve lived there for nearly

30 years and there is a new energy and excitement in the house. It was fun listening to my parents talk about curtain colors matching furniture for their new bedroom. The house was the same on the outside but had a new center of focus. In the past, the “center” of the house was the kitchen, but now the focus was the lovely and very comfortable master bedroom; on the inside it was a new place. And all it took was one change on the inside out.

Sometimes we get stuck in a routine in our lives. We go to work at the same time every day, we eat the same foods for breakfast, lunch and dinner and we hang out at the same places with the same friends. 2 Corinthians 4:16 points out that we shouldn’t lose heart because “inwardly we are being renewed day by day.” This inward renewal starts with us being willing to make small changes in our lives each day that bring us closer to God.

As we are drawn closer to God, his purpose and direction for our lives become clearer. For example, adding a daily time of prayer will lead to a stronger and more intimate connection with God. But that one change can lead to reading God’s word more which then leads to greater faith like Romans 10:17 reminds us. God doesn’t require us to make big changes on the outside because he wants the small changes to come from the inside out.

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Hypocrisy – Affirmative Action for wealthy immigrants, not students

By Julianne Malveaux
NNPA News Wire Columnist



In the same week that it was revealed that the Department of Injustice is spearheading attacks on affirmative action, our 45th President indicated his support for legislation that would drastically revive our nation's immigration policy. Instead of providing immigration opportunities to the families of people who are legal residents of our country, the pending legislation would create a "merit based" system for immigration.

According to legislation sponsored by Republican Senators Tom Cotton of Arkansas and David Perdue of Georgia, applicants for legal immigration earn points based on education, high-paying job offers, entrepreneurial ability (including the ability to invest in the U.S.), high-achievement – Nobel Prize winners are welcome, and age (bring on the young).

Presently, about a million people are granted green cards, but the Cotton-Perdue legislation would cut the number by half within a decade. And the "diversity lottery" that admits 50,000 people each year, would be eliminated. A significant number of African immigrants, among others, are admitted through the diversity lottery.

The Cotton-Perdue legislation provides affirmative action for wealthy immigrants. If you have a high-paying job offer, or money to invest, or entrepreneurial ability, you've got a



better chance of getting in than if you are a high-school grad who would be sponsored by her sibling.

Why is this affirmative action? Because affirmative action says that when all else is equal, you choose a preference for a certain group. In higher education, the preference – all else equal – is for those who have been historically excluded and systematically discriminated against. When affirmative action policies were initially developed they were designed to favor African Americans and other underrepresented minorities. In practical terms, white women have often been the primary beneficiaries of affirmative action, especially in the workplace.

45 and his posse support preferences in immigration, but oppose them when it comes to higher education and employment. The Administration's positions on both affirmative action and immigration are winks and nods to 45's base, the nativist white people who irrationally oppose immigration, and feel that whites experience

more discrimination than do African Americans. Their beliefs cannot be verified by economic data that indicate that African-American people experience more unemployment, have lower incomes, less wealth and less education. Equally educated African Americans take twice as long to find new jobs as whites do. Beyond economic matter, basic quality of life issues (such as police violence) are harsher for African Americans than for whites.

If 45 and his crew can state their preferences for immigration policy, why can't institutions of higher education state their preferences for admissions policy? The problem is that 45 has hired these inferior and aggrieved white people, like Candice Jackson, who works in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Education. While a Stanford student, Jackson was a staunch critic of affirmative action. She has also said, rather callously, that most accusations of campus rape are related to alcohol or the end of relationships. She is exactly the wrong type of

person to lead an office of civil rights. It is not clear why Jackson was hired, but she has the right ideological credentials – she wrote a book about "the women targeted by the Clinton machine," worked for the conservative Judicial Watch organization, and has an axe to grind against feminists, and those who support racial economic justice. Charging this woman with defending civil rights is the same as charging Scott Pruitt with protecting the environment.

45 and his colleagues would probably support the same kind of affirmative action in college admissions as they support for immigration. If you have money, are an entrepreneur, or have already achieved, then you deserve admission. If not, that's just too bad.

Are we facing the end of affirmative action and the end of immigration fairness? Most likely, unless we resist. Every day it becomes clearer that 45 will attempt to implement drastic structural change unless our legislative process is altered by the 2018 elections.

Meanwhile, 45 is throwing red meat at the braying dogs of racism and xenophobia. And the dogs are barking at those of us who believe in justice and fairness.

Julianne Malveaux is an economist, author, and Founder of Economic Education. Her podcast, "It's Personal with Dr. J" is available on iTunes. Her latest book "Are We Better Off: Race, Obama and public policy is available via amazon.com

Ferguson Empowerment Center, a tribute to social change after Michael Brown's death



Attendees applaud during the ribbon cutting ceremony at the grand opening of the Ferguson Community Empowerment Center in Ferguson, Missouri, on the first day of the 2017 National Urban League Conference, July 26, 2017. Sharon Farmer / National Urban League

By Marc H. Morial
President and CEO
National Urban League



"Ferguson was used by some of America's enemies and critics to deflect attention from their shortcomings overseas; to undermine our efforts to promote justice around the world ... But America is special not because we're perfect; America is special because we work to address our problems, to make our union more perfect. We fight for more justice. We fight to cure what ails us. We fight for our ideals, and we're willing to criticize ourselves when we fall short. And we address our differences in the open space of democracy – with respect for the rule of law; with a place for people of every race and religion; and with an unyielding belief that people who love their country can change it." – President Barack Obama

Three years ago this week, a police officer in Ferguson, Missouri, fatally shot an unarmed, black 18-year-old named Michael Brown. The anger and unrest sparked by that shooting came to be symbolized by the image of a burning convenience store on West Florissant Avenue. And it presented one of the greatest challenges of his career for Michael McMillan, who'd been appointed president and CEO of the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis just a year before.

Last week, hope rose from the ashes as McMillan and I opened the National Urban League Conference with the dedication of the Ferguson Community Empowerment Center, built upon the foundation of that convenience store.

I could not have imagined a more appropriate way to mark the opening of the National Urban League Conference, or an event more representative of the work of the Urban League Movement.

After Michael Brown's tragic death, activists and advocates from across the nation, activists and advocates converged upon Ferguson, rightly and justly bringing the eyes and ears of America to focus on a violent injustice. When the marchers and the protestors had moved on, it was the Urban League of Metropolitan

St. Louis, under McMillan's outstanding leadership, who went to work, literally building upon that foundation.

Where once the flames of righteous anger burned, lives will be transformed.

The building is shared by the Salvation Army and the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, and will house the Urban League's Save Our Sons program (one of the most successful job placement initiatives anywhere in the nation).

While in St. Louis, I had the pleasure to meet Willard Donlow Jr. A little over a year ago, 35-year-old Donlow Jr., found himself in a deep depression. A single father, newly divorced, he had lost his job. He was praying for a way out. And his prayer was answered. Through Save Our Sons, he learned new computer skills, how to craft a resume, how to network, how to present yourself in the right manner at an interview, how to find a job, and how to keep a job.

Just three days after completing the program, he was offered a job, and he's hard at work redeveloping abandoned buildings here in St. Louis. Join me in congratulating Willard Dunlow.

As part of the opening ceremonies last week, we dedicated a memorial to Michael Brown. The concrete slab into which a bench and plaque are set is flecked with pink, orange and yellow. These colors are the shreds of 100 stuffed animals, left as part of a makeshift memorial in the middle of the street where Brown died. The Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis kept the offerings in storage when the street had to be cleared.

The plaque reads, "This bench and decorative concrete base commemorate the social justice, change and movement towards a more just society that came about after his death. This base contains pieces of his memorial in the Canfield Green Apartments complex brought by people from all over the world."

The Ferguson Empowerment Center stands as a tribute to the Urban League Movement's mission to create a more just society, and the young men whose lives will be transformed there will be a testament to that mission.

What do you have to lose? Affirmative action!

By Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr.
Founder and president of
Rainbow PUSH Coalition



Elections have consequences. Following the election, polls showed that white people with racial fears and animus toward people of color made up a primary and sizeable portion of President Donald Trump's winning Electoral College coalition. And when fearful white people are elected, you they expect you to select people that will put forth policy positions that result in a political return. An internal memo at the Justice Department recently just revealed some of what that payback will entail – an attack on affirmative action.

First Trump appointed an Attorney General, Alabama Senator Jefferson Beauregard Sessions, a person who once filed a "fake lawsuit" against African Americans alleging they engaged in voter fraud and whose whole career has been opposed to the interests of African Americans and other people of color. He's a leading opponent of voting rights for African Americans and people of color and was the most anti-immigrant senator in Congress before his appointment as AG.

Second during the Trump administration political appointees, with a political

agenda not professionals with expertise in civil rights, will guide the Justice Department and its policies.

Third focus will be put on alleged discrimination against historically privileged white people not on the victims of historical discrimination – people of color, women and the disabled.

Fourth Trump's Injustice Department not only plans to attack affirmative action, but has already attacked voting rights, police department consent degrees to end police brutality and begin police/community reconciliation, equal rights for women and LGBTQ rights.

Fifth the Trump administration is attempting to threaten and intimidate the leaders of America's colleges and universities to force them to cut back on their diversity efforts and programs.

Sixth the Trump administration wants to more sharply put a single focus on test scores. Tests scores have been shown to have a cultural bias in favor of whites and whites often have better elementary and secondary preparation for higher education than people of color. Plus tests scores alone have not shown to be reliable predictors of success in the university or in life. More holistic approaches to admissions that most colleges use have shown to be a more reliable predictor of success.

Seventh the Trump admin-

istration is returning to the practice of deliberately miseducating the public about what affirmative action is and is not. In fighting for inclusion we've always had to fight fake news, false allegations and ideologically driven propaganda.

Affirmative action is equal opportunity. It's not reverse discrimination, not a requirement to hire unqualified people or companies, not against merit and not a quota system – just some of the stereotypes propagated by those against equal opportunity.

Unlike in the past, affirmative action requires that everyone – people of color, women and the disabled – be in the pool for consideration for a job, a promotion, a contract or admission to higher education. If everyone is in the pool – including white people and males – and no one is left out there is no reverse discrimination. However, if everyone's in the pool, but people of color, women and the disabled are never chosen, then we know that racial, gender and/or disability discrimination is in play. You must be qualified to be in the pool. It's illegal to hire an unqualified person or business, so affirmative action is not against merit, but the qualifications for the job or promotion must be job related.

If the presidency was based on affirmative action, Donald Trump couldn't be in the pool because he's not qualified for

the job.

Setting goals and timetables are not quotas even though if a company sets a timetable and reaches its goals on time it may look like a quota, but its not. Only a judge can impose quotas, after resistance to equal opportunity and continuing discrimination have been proven in a court of law. Race and gender may be taken into account if two people are equally qualified and there's a history of racial and/or gender discrimination, then race and/or gender may be a determining factor. That's just fair and rational.

The National Football League implemented an affirmative action policy of inclusion that said if a head-coaching job becomes available the team must interview or consider at least three people and one of the three must be a person of color. It didn't guarantee that the person of color would get the job. But it did guarantee that a person of color would at least be considered. As a result there's been a gradual increase in African-American head coaches.

If affirmative action is murky to anyone the role of the Justice Department should be to clarify what affirmative action is and is not; what can be done and what can't be done under affirmative action. It should not be to propagate white racism as the Trump administration appears to be planning to do.

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<div>REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR AIR SERVICE DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANT BY THE JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY JMAA PROJECT 8300-006-17 AUGUST 2, 2017</div> <div>The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority ("JMAA") requests Proposals ("Proposal") for an Air Service Development Consultant to assist JMAA with air service development for the JacksonMedgar Wiley Evers International Airport ("JAN"), and Hawkins Field ("HKS"), including monitoring of incumbent carrier performance metrics at JAN; continuously reviewing airlines and advocating with them for new air service options at JAN and retaining air service currently serving JAN; and consulting as to the development of new opportunities, businesses and facilities at HKS.</div> <div>JMAA will receive Proposals to perform the Services at the offices of JMAA, Suite 300, Main Terminal Building, Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39208, until 3:00 p.m. central time on September 6, 2017 (the "Deadline").</div> <div>JMAA will not consider any Proposals received after the Deadline for any reason whatsoever. Information for Respondents relating to this Request for Proposals ("RFP") is on file and open for public inspection at the offices of JMAA. The Information for Respondents contains a copy of the RFP, General Information for Respondents, Information Required from Respondents and Criteria for Selection. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the Information for Respondents from JMAA by contacting Ms. Karen Hatten, JMAA's Procurement Specialist, as follows:</div> <div>Jackson Municipal Airport Authority</div>	<div>100 International Drive, Suite 300 (39208) Post Office Box 98109 Jackson, Mississippi 39298-8109 Attention: Karen Hatten, Procurement Specialist Telephone No.: (601) 360-8610 Facsimile No.: (601) 939-3713 E-Mail: khatten@jmaa.com</div> <div>or from JMAA's website at www.jmaa.com/resources/rfpafb-center/</div> <div>Based on the Proposals received, JMAA will select a maximum of three (3) Respondents with whom to enter into negotiations to provide the Services. JMAA will initiate negotiations with the Respondent ranked first on the list. If such negotiations fail to produce an agreement in form and content, satisfactory to JMAA, within a reasonable period of time, then JMAA may reject the first-ranked Respondent and follow the same process with the other Respondents, in the order of their ranking, until a Respondent agrees to and enters into an agreement satisfactory to JMAA.</div> <div>JMAA reserves the right to reject any and all Proposals, for any reason, any time before execution of a contract with a Respondent selected by JMAA to perform the Services.</div> <div>JMAA has established a DBE participation goal of 20% for the Services solicited by this RFP.</div> <div>JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY</div> <div>8/3/2017 8/10/2017</div>	

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JMAA will hold a Pre-Bid Conference at 10:00 a.m. central time on August 17, 2017 in the Community Room, 3rd Floor Mezzanine Level, at the Main Terminal Building at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, MS 39208. Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference is highly encouraged for all those interested in submitting bids as a Prime Contractor for the Work and persons seeking opportunities to provide work as a Sub-Contractor. The benefits of attendance include networking opportunities between Prime Contractors and Sub-Contractors, as well as the opportunity to be on a list of contacts that will be published to interested parties as part of the minutes from the Pre-Bid Conference; review of the plans and specifications; and a site visit of the area covered in the scope of work. No site visits will be scheduled other than the one provided during the Pre-Bid conference.

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JMAA has established a DBE participation goal of 20% for the Work solicited by this RFB.

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BOOK REVIEW:

“THERE’S A DRAGON IN MY CLOSET”

BY DOROTHEA TAYLOR,
ILLUSTRATED BY CHARLY PALMER

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

You didn’t do it. Whatever it was, it wasn’t your fault. You didn’t do it – you weren’t even around when it happened. You don’t know who to blame. Maybe it was your dog, your mom, or maybe, as in the new book by Dorothea Taylor, illustrated by Charly Palmer, “There’s a Dragon in My Closet.”

The little boy was sure of lots of things: he had a soft, warm bed to sleep in. He had a dog he

played with every day. His daddy loved him, his mother took care of him. And there was a dragon in his closet.

No, seriously! It was “a kind and gentle dragon” but it was mischievous – which, of course, the boy got blamed for. But he wasn’t the cause of the mess in his room or the broken flower pot or the muddy footprints on the floor. It was the dragon’s fault.

The boy didn’t do any of those things. He was innocent and he tried to make his parents believe

him, but they didn’t.

The dragon ate an entire jar of cookies – for real! The dragon wiggled behind the bathroom door and made the boy spit toothpaste – honest! The dragon brought soup for the boy when he was sick... didn’t he? And that dollar when the boy lost his tooth – that had to be the dragon’s work, right?

Then one day, the boy’s mom got tired of listening to stories of a dragon in the closet. She told the boy they’d “get to the bottom

of this” and she dragged him up the stairs to his bedroom, where she opened the closet to find a bouncing ball. Then a shoe. A few toy odds and ends. A pair of pants draped over a bar in the closet. A boot, a bat and a belt. Together, maybe, possibly, if you squinted, it might look something like a dragon, kinda-sorta, a little bit.

It was all in his head, said the boy’s mother. There was no dragon in the closet. And she went downstairs, but not before the boy saw...

Much as I loved the idea behind “There’s a Dragon in My Closet” and its wonderful theme of imagination, there was one thing that I wondered: will kids understand it enough?

With a catchy rhyme that starts out fun. Author Dorothea Taylor tells the story of a boy and his dragon. Quite frankly, the story stays at a level of “fun” well enough, but some of the language seemed more adult-like than childish. Kids may not completely comprehend the story because

of it, and that may be a distraction for an out-loud reader.

But never mind – come for the imagination, and stay for the artwork by Charly Palmer. I can’t say enough about that part of this book: it’s colorful, in sweeping-blendy tones and bold marks. Just – wow.

Keep your eyes on the little boys’ t-shirts, by the way. You’ll be charmed, and so will your 3-to-6-year-old. He’ll love “There’s a Dragon in My Closet,” and who could blame him?

Cryptogram

A cryptogram is a puzzle where a sentence is encoded by substituting the actual letters of the sentence with different letters. The challenge of the puzzle is to ‘decode’ the sentence to reveal the original English sentence. We have provided a few of the decoded letters to help get you started.

Hint: Quote by Jimmy Buffett

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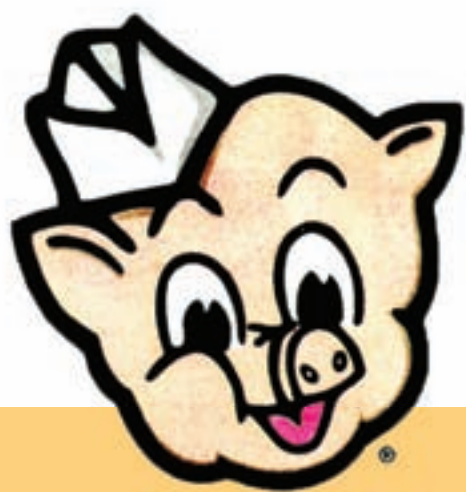
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