

Mayor introduces initiative that will assist JPS students



Constituent Services Manager Keyshia Sanders talks about the importance of the Stuff-The-Truck campaign and encourages citizens' support.

By Cianna Hope Reeves
JSU Student Intern

School is on the brink of returning, and back-to-school supplies are needed across the Jackson Public School District.

In a weekly press briefing, Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba announced an educational operation, Stuff-the-Truck, that will provide children across JPS with an abundance of learning resources to utilize inside the classroom.

“This campaign is very instrumental in making certain that our young people, as they start the school year, are prepared with the resources necessary for learning,” said Lumumba.

In an effort to help students acquire an effective learning environment, the City of Jackson, Jackson Resource Center, Mississippi Association of Educators and others have partnered together to improve the supply level of scholastic tools available for JPS students.

Teachers, educational leaders and partners have realized a great number of students within the school system suffer from receiving scarce amounts of needed materials – this lead to the formation of the program, Lumumba said.

“What we have learned over time is that there is such a gap between the resources that students have across our district...this campaign is being thoughtful about the fact that those efforts in the past, didn’t often find their way into the classrooms with those students, and by the time they arrived to school many of those supplies were not available to assist them in their education,” he said.

He added, “This is an effort we could work along with partners and teachers, so they can make certain they don’t have an interruption in the learning process because the student does not have their learning utensils.”

Keyshia Sanders, Stuff-the-Truck coordinator and Constituent Services manager, spoke more about the purpose of the initiative.

“The plan is to create a pantry that will give access to educators to help meet the academic needs for students in elementary and middle school, and we just want to be able to make sure that all of the students have the items they will need to

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Mayor slams down false claims of unsigned interlocal agreements



Mayor Lumumba addresses accusations of stalled street resurfacing contracts.

By Cianna Hope Reeves
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Street resurfacing and pavement issues are still ongoing battles in the city and patience is wearing thin with some after months of detours, one-lane usages and the sight of vacant bulldozers taking over byways and highways.

The citizens of Jackson are wanting answers after rumors that Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba is causing the hold-up of infrastructure projects coming to fruition; in a press briefing Wednesday afternoon, he attempted to clear the atmosphere by clarifying the issue.

Lumumba stated the accusations are not true; instead, issues of approving agreements have been a constant difficulty in previous administrations.

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“The process of which interlocal agreements have been handled has been historically inefficient. In fact, the total of interlocal agreements have been in purgatory since 2016 – many of which have never been delivered to the mayor’s office. This process, as it stands now, has played a major part in holding up the needed work in the city of Jackson,” expressed Lumumba.

He added, “I want to assure everyone that I do not have a stack of interlocal agreements sitting on my desk refusing to sign them, as it has been suggested by some. That claim could not be further from the truth, and it has been a ploy by some to gain political points.”

The interlocal agreements are written

contracts between Hinds County and the City of Jackson regarding projects waiting to be stamped for approval by different governmental entities before further initiating the projects.

Engineers, Public Works Department, Legal Department, City Council, Lumumba and Attorney General must provide signatures for all projects, and if one believes changes are needed to be made within the contract agreement, the cycle of approval repeats until majority representatives are satisfied.

In an effort to create a smoother and faster operation to approve infrastructure ordeals in the city, the administration announced The Standing Project

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Nissan appoints new VP to lead Canton, Mississippi facility

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Steve Marsh, vice president, Manufacturing, will return to Nissan Manufacturing United Kingdom (NMUK) as vice president. Marsh has served as vice president of the Canton facility since 2015 and was instrumental in leading new model launches of the Nissan Murano and Nissan TITAN.

“Steve’s extensive global knowledge and strong leadership have played important roles in advancing our Canton facility operations,” said Heath Holtz, senior vice president, Manufacturing,

Supply Chain Management and Purchasing, Nissan North America, Inc. “We are grateful for his contributions and wish him well in his next assignment.”

Succeeding Marsh will be Philip Calhoun, who was named vice president, Manufacturing. Calhoun currently is senior director, Manufacturing Operations, Canton Vehicle Assembly Plant, a position in which he has served since October 2017. He brings more than 25 years of broad experience in manufacturing and quality roles, including site management for assembly and powertrain plants with other automotive manufacturers.

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“Philip’s experience and adept background will be an asset to the Nissan Canton team. Canton is critically important to Nissan’s North American manufacturing footprint and is a key component to the success of the company’s midterm plan, M.O.V.E 2022,” said Holtz.

Calhoun will be based in Canton, Mississippi and report to Heath Holtz, senior vice president, Manufacturing, Supply Chain Management and Purchasing, Nissan North America, Inc.

All appointments are effective Sept. 1, 2018.

Nissan Canton

Nissan has grown the Canton Vehicle Assembly Plant from a regional manufacturing facility to a global one, investing \$3.4 billion in the facility since its opening in 2003. Nissan employs more than 6,400 at the Canton plant, with more than 1,500 jobs added since 2013. With an annual capacity of 450,000 vehicles, the plant currently builds the Nissan Altima, Murano, TITAN and TITAN XD,

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2018 Summer Jobs Initiative will prepare students for tomorrow's jobs

By Anthony Dean
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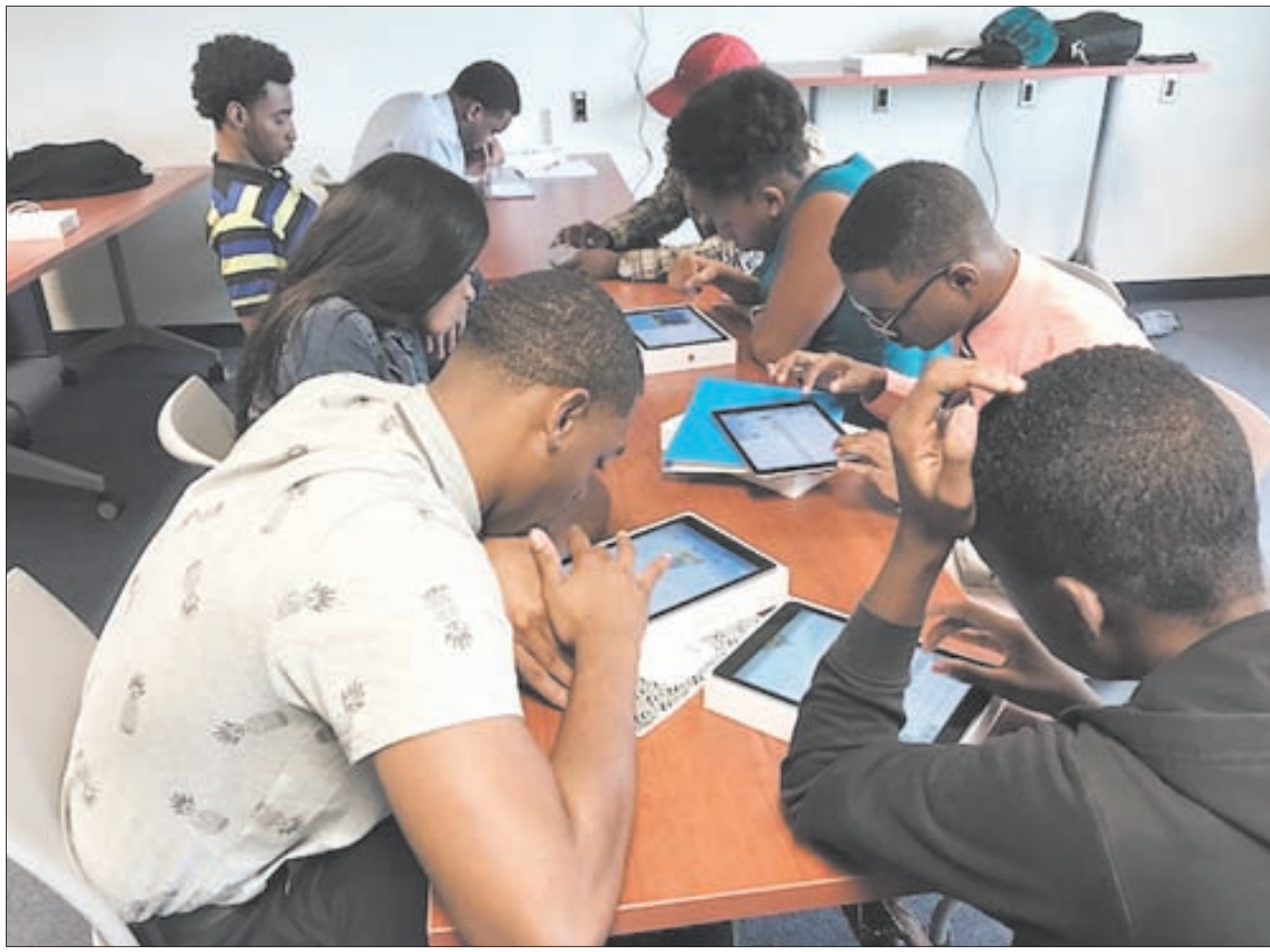
The city of Jackson has formed a partnership with Apple, Innovate Mississippi's Coding Academies, Jackson Public Schools, the Mississippi e-Center Foundation and six local businesses to infuse modern technologies into firms by teaching computer coding to high school students as part of the city's Summer Jobs Program.

Thirty students from Jackson Public Schools were selected from a pool of 150 applicants to participate in a public/private jobs partnership initiative which includes a month-long residency experience (the Swift coding class) and a month-long clinical experience (corporate employment). This Clinical/Residency Computer Coding (CRCC) model is designed to strengthen and grow the culture of innovation in Mississippi.

The instructors are from the Mississippi Coding Academy and are graduates of JPS who are trained as full-stack commercial coders and web developers.

"The instructors are using a curriculum that was developed by Apple," said Robert Blaine, CAO for the City of Jackson. "Apple has donated their Swift Playgrounds software curriculum, which is a gamified learning curriculum that teaches people how to code. Students play video games that teach them how to write computer codes. Once they have the fundamentals down in Swift Playgrounds, we shift them to XCode, so they can build full apps."

When students complete their



month-long training, they become consultants with one of the six local corporate partners. They identify challenges within the corporation and design apps to address those challenges.

This public/private job partnership utilizes two phases: Phase I – Residency where students learn computer coding and Phase II - Clinical where

students apply their newly acquired computer coding skills to real-world corporation challenges.

"I believe every student should have an opportunity to learn computer coding. It inspires innovation and equips students with skills needed to help industries become more competitive," said William McHenry, executive di-

rector of the Mississippi e-Center. "The city of Jackson should be applauded for making computer coding a part of their summer jobs program. Students should leave this class empowered, innovative and confident."

This CRCC model is a unique way to utilize Apple's Swift coding curriculum. To learn from this strategy, Apple

is sending a team from their corporate headquarters to study the CRCC model for possible replication. Apple wants to see firsthand the accomplishments of the Jackson project and note the best strategies for replicating the model.

The first week of the program focuses on learning "Playgrounds," an Apple application that helps students learn the basics of coding. After the students grasp coding, they are introduced to XCode and Swift. XCode is the software used to write the application and the parameters. Swift is the language that Apple created for its applications. When students complete this process, they will be ready to do coding for the city's six corporate partners.

"I believe jobs of the future will need all types of coders," said Raha Maxwell, a senior at Murrah High School. "We will take what we learn from this program and develop apps to be placed in the workforce."

Annanissah Rhodes, a recent high school graduate who will be attending Hinds Community College in the fall, says she is learning the basics of coding, starting with kiddy games, functions, moods and algorithms. Her primary goal is to become a medical social worker. According to Rhodes, this program will equip her with the necessary coding experience to achieve her goal of developing apps that can be used by medical social workers.

"The project will help develop a well-trained workforce which will not only meet but also exceed the expectations of today's high-tech companies," said Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant.



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start the year,” stated Sanders.

After the Stuff-the-Truck campaign is completed, teachers will be allowed to go to the Jackson Resource Center where the supplies will be housed and acquire items they may need for school children who attend on the first day.

Carol Redfield Mims, Uniserv director for the Mississippi Association of Educators and campaign organizer, recalled her struggle to obtain supplies while teaching at JPS and expressed how the initiative can academically improve children’s lives.

“When I needed something tangible in the classroom, it was hard for me to put my hands on it – the lack of resources is so great. Though JPS already has a system in place where schools can reach out to them for resources, we just want to add to that to make sure there is an abundance of it that gets equally distributed in the right place,” Mims said.

Lumumba said one method to solving the absence of sufficient school supplies is participating in the campaign – one that has his full support.

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Committee may be developed to eliminate the ongoing hassle of project delays.

Chief Administrative Officer Robert Blaine said the four-person committee will be a combined force of Public Works representatives and legal representatives from the City of Jackson and Hinds County.

“These four persons will determine the viability of each proposed interlocal infrastructure project before it reaches the Hinds County Board of Supervisors (HCBS). Once the project is approved by the committee, it would go before the HCBS for a vote, if it passes, the interlocal agreement would then be sent to Jackson’s Legal Department who will notify the county that we have received it. It will then be transferred to our Public Works Department for a quick and final review to go before the City Council, and upon their approval it would be sent to Lumumba’s office for signature,” said Blaine.

The process does not end there; once the mayor has signed for approval, the train of documents have to be sent back to HCBS and then to the Attorney General, which at that point, they have no control over its whereabouts.

With the development of the committee, the City of Jackson believes this method will ensure that critical infrastructure matters do not go unnoticed for an unnecessary and unreasonable amount of time and also hopes it will allow everyone to be aware of the paper trail regardless of who is in office.

Lumumba said the collaborative plan is not to disregard the approval of other departments who have cho-

“There are equity issues that exist across our school district, and we have to be mindful of the equity issues and do all that we can do to address those matters. We don’t want any child’s learning to be interrupted because they lack resources. I am grateful for the project, and I would like everyone to participate and Stuff-the-Truck,” he stated.

Desired items for students include: expo markers, highlighters, three-ring binders, wide-rule paper, crayons, two-pocket folders, backpacks, wide-rule spiral notebooks, pencils, composition notebooks, glue sticks, uniforms and more.

The citywide Back-to-School event will be held Saturday, July 28, from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Jackson Convention Complex.

Citizens can drop-off materials at Vision Unlimited, 5261 Greenway Drive and Valvoline, 4950 I-55 N. Frontage Road starting July 9 until July 28. Monetary donations are also accepted.

For more information about Stuff-the-Truck visit www.backtoschooljackson.org

sen roads to repair but to merely make sure Jackson assures citizens the strategy will be effective and operate in the best interest of the people.

“To date it has not been effective or organized and sometimes we have no clue where interlocal agreements are dropped off and we are unaware what happens after they leave us. To make certain we can address all issues that are within our power and to know who’s desk it is on at all times, we want to propose this method,” declared the mayor.

Lumumba also took time to address the status of the 11 contracts that have been initiated by Hinds County since taking office.

“They are now going through review, and they are now in the process of being returned to the council for approval. Once the council approves them, I will execute any interlocal agreement that is legal and any interlocal that supports the infrastructure of our citizens,” he explained.

Understanding that Jacksonians are becoming more hopeless about the repairing of street work, Lumumba promised an effective collaboration and encouraged them to remain patient and optimistic about road maintenances.

“I am well aware that citizens want their roads paved so there is nothing that gives me greater joy than to sign any document that will assure that another road will be paved in Jackson. We are serious about this process, and we are working to move all barriers out of the way to eliminate the drag that has plagued the city,” expressed Lumumba.

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Frontier, NV Cargo Van and NV Passenger Van.

In February, the facilities’ 4-millionth vehicle rolled off the line, marking 15 years of automotive manufacturing in Mississippi. Visit NissanCanton15.com for more.

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Dorothy Stewart Samuel was one of Jackson's most influential citizens until her untimely passing July 6, 2018. See obituary page 5.

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Crawling Leads To Walking, But To Walk One Must Stand!

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Now in paperback, Medgar Evers: “He Taught His Kids To Crawl So We Could Stand” (CreateSpace July 7, 2018) looks at moments in time – our history, racial past, even our current state of politics. It’s a riveting story, told in fittingly kid-friendly language, that explores how power and superiority corrupts everyone: those new to it and those resisting its loss.

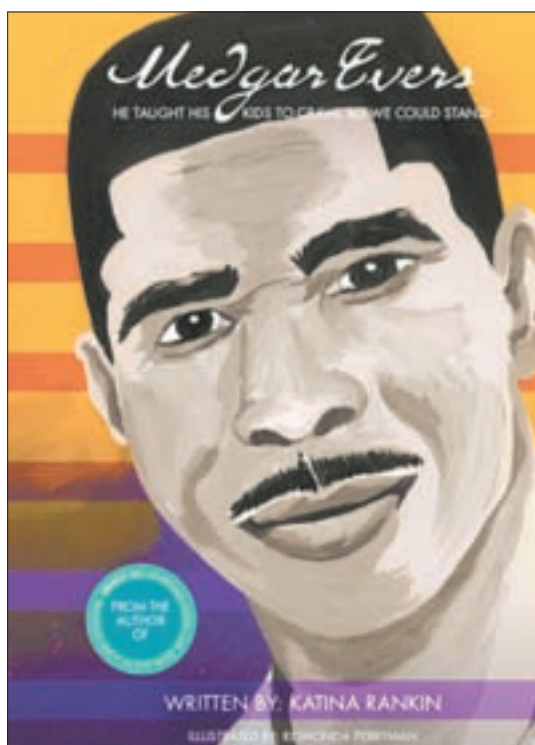
In Medgar Evers: “He Taught His Kids To Crawl So We Could Stand” – Katina Rankin teaches children that history’s mistakes can linger if we aren’t willing to stand up and tell the truth – that there will always be abuses of power, unless we jointly take a knee to prove a point, and that the arc of the universe doesn’t bend toward justice unless we’re willing to do the work even if it includes crawling to get the pendulum of justice to swing toward honesty.

Each page filled with words of its era, pictures and quotes intertwined into the conversational setting of a loving family’s home. The storytelling provides deeper insight for children than some history books. The author supplies an in-depth analysis of civil rights through a family’s dialogue of various aspects of the movement often glossed over in classroom school text books.

Medgar Evers: “He Taught His Kids To Crawl So We Could Stand” also teaches kids now is always the time to do what’s right. And it gives children hope teaching them justice delayed is not justice denied.

Selected praises for Medgar Evers: He Taught Our Kids To Crawl So We Could Stand:

“I am awed by how Ms. Rankin transformed a complex subject matter into a story of hope, equality and justice that will awaken the interest of students to want to know more about the life that Medgar lived.” -Pamela D. C. Junior, director, Mississippi Civil Rights Museum



“For years, I have searched for a children’s book about Medgar Evers. Now, Katina Rankin has authored one. The title, Medgar Evers: He Taught His Kids to Crawl So We Could Stand! is powerful. We should be grateful for his and his family’s sacrifices.”- Stacy Ladonna, executive director of Black Children’s Books and Authors

About the Author:

Katina Rankin is a journalist, whose many accolades include an Emmy-nomination for her reporting on Emmett Till, Mississippi Woman of the Year Award, Shero of the Year Award for her work with women and children and selection of Mississippi Women For Progress Achievement for pushing the limits and taking risks in her writing and journalism career.

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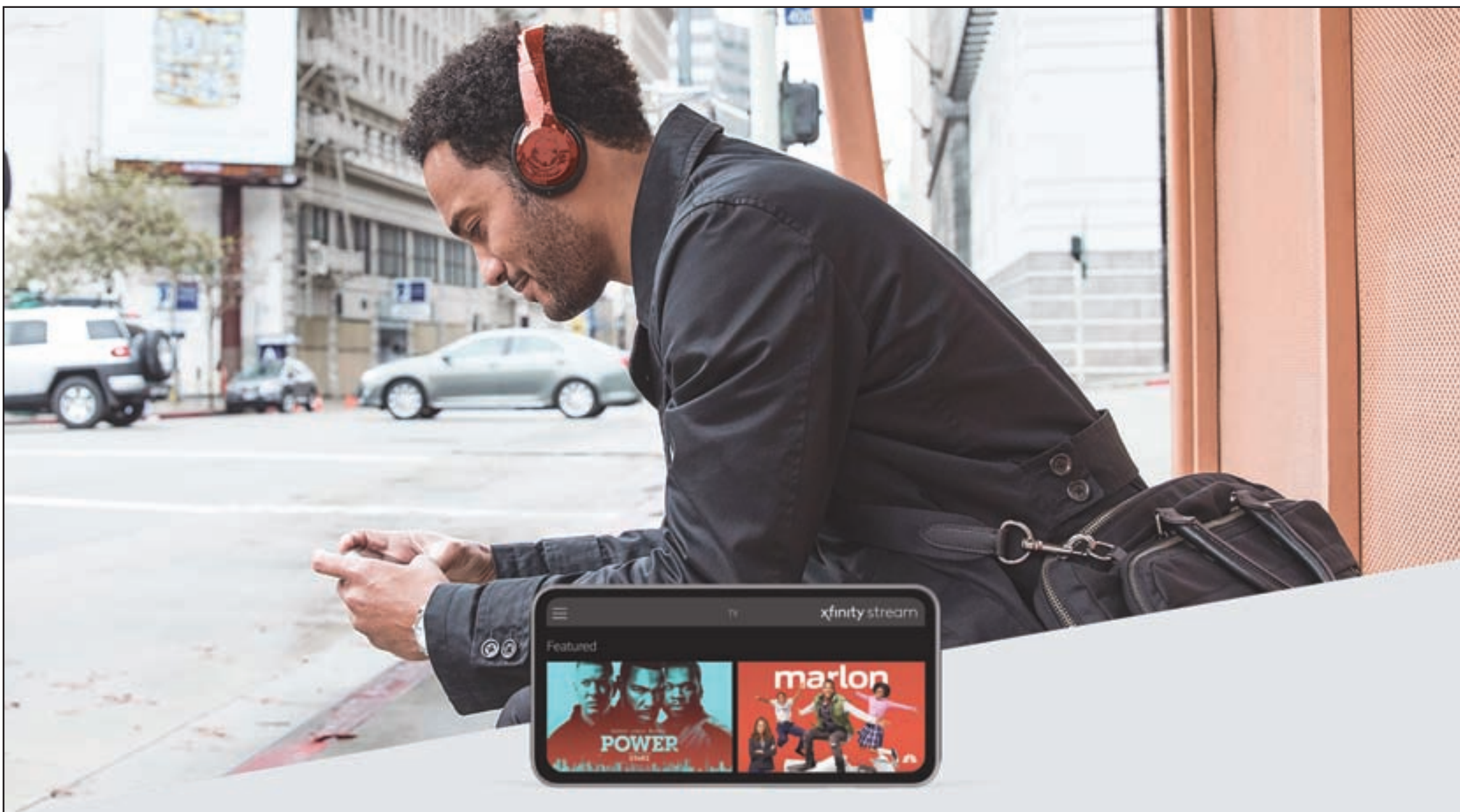
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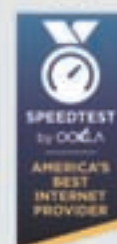
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Dorothy Thompson Stewart Samuel

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"Joy can be real only if people look on their life as a service and have a definite object in life outside themselves and their personal happiness." - Leo Tolstoy

Educator, historian, cultural activist, political organizer, advocate, consultant and special events coordinator:

Dorothy Thompson was born in Vicksburg, Mississippi January 25, 1938 to King David (KD) and Mable Woods Thompson. She grew up in Clinton, Mississippi and was an active member of Pleasant Green Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend Amos Peterson. She also was an active member of the Sunday School program at Holy Ghost Baptist Church in Clinton.

Dorothy Stewart Samuel's light of leadership was ignited by her parents, teachers and mentors

who believed that education and commitment to excellence were essential for success. Dorothy's parents believed that education was the backbone of success and thus they worked hard to see that she obtained the best education possible at that time. They made the sacrifices to send her to the Holy Ghost Catholic High School. At Holy Ghost she was an excellent student, graduating as the salutatorian, class president, yearbook editor and graduation speaker of her senior class. Her academic achievement brought her several offers of scholarships, but Dorothy chose the offer from Jackson State College for that would allow her to stay home and assist in the care of her disabled young brother, Carl.

Her teachers and mentors at Jackson College fueled the fires of learning and serving. She was an excellent student and leader; a member of the Dunbar Dramatics Guild, the Social Science Society, the Student Government Association, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and the Pan-Hellenic Council. She graduated as a magna cum laude honor student, Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society member and was listed in Who's Who Among College and Universities Students.

While a student at a Jackson State College she met her first husband Peter Stewart. They married on June 12, 1960 and to this union three children, Angela, Monica and Peter were born.

After graduating Jackson State College in 1960 she became an active member of Farish Street Baptist Church where she served as Centennial Celebration chair, E.B. Topp Circle leader, Black History Month Celebration chair, Woman's Missionary Society president and Girl Scout leader. Farish Street Baptist Church honored her as their Woman of the Year recipient and the Girl Scouts awarded her their Green Angel award.

Her pursuit for excellence in education and her profession led her to several universities. She participated in institutes and fellowships at the following institutions: The University of Mississippi in Oxford; Mississippi College in Clinton; Clark

University in Worcester, Massachusetts; and San Francisco State University in San Francisco, California. An award of distinction was her selection as a Fulbright Fellow by the Hays-Fulbright Foundation. As a Fulbright Fellow, she attended the Universidad de Nationale de Mexico to study the history and culture of Mexico.

She held two master's degrees: one in history and another in guidance/counseling (academic and vocational certification). She held the following Mississippi certifications: AAA certification in history and social studies and certification in academics and vocational counseling.

She taught in the Jackson Public Schools for over thirty years teaching at Lanier High School, Callaway High School, Enoch Junior High School, Provine High School and Bailey Magnet School. She touched the lives of her students and many became life-long friends.

She founded Women for Progress of Mississippi, Inc. in 1978 and her creative leadership helped to make the organization a major agent of change in the State of Mississippi. She has used her talents in many facets of the community. She was a founding board member on the Jackson Urban League Guild, the Smith Robertson Museum and Cultural Center, the New Hope Foundation and Mission Mississippi. She served on the board of the Margaret Walker Center and the Farish Street/Main Street Project. She was a charter/founding member of the Jackson Jewels Modeling Group. Along with Lavaree Jones and Dr. Josephine Kelly they formed LaDotJo Consulting Agency which kept them busy collaborating around Jackson.

Mrs. Samuel's honors and activities include: inclusion in the "Phenomenally She:" Women of Mississippi exhibit at Smith-Robertson Museum, National Council of Negro Women's Jessie Mosley Award, charter member of the Martin Luther King Birthday Commission, recipient of the Thelma Sanders Milestone Award. She also received the Fannie Lou Hamer Institute Humanitarian Award, Jackson Advocate's Woman of Year

Award and the New Hope Baptist Church Mississippi Living Legend Award.

Increasing cultural awareness in her community motivated Samuel, through Women for Progress, to initiate the observance of Kwanzaa in the State. The growth of this celebration and the African Marketplace of the African American Art Exhibition at Farish Street Baptist Church have been her most rewarding activities.

Samuel commented, "I have said 'yes' to most challenges and tasks assigned to me by my mentors and leaders, and I attribute my success to their support and confidence in me. I give honor to God, to my parents and to those wonderful mentors who have encouraged me to strive to be my best. Other than my parents I will thank my Aunt Claudia, Dr. Margaret Walker Alexander, Mrs. Claire Collins Harvey and Dr. Jessie B. Mosley, for saying 'Baby, you can do it'."

On October 5, 2017 she married her childhood sweetheart Eugene Samuel who comforted her and made her final months very happy. They celebrated their union at a reception December 28, 2017 where she shared her love for family and friends.

She was preceded death by her parents K.D. and Mable Thompson; her brothers, Clarence "Sonny" Thompson and Carl Milton Thompson.

She is proud to leave a legacy of service, commitment and love to her adoring husband, Eugene Samuel; her three children, Angela Daphne Stewart, Monica (Russel) Wilson, Peter Anthony Carl (Patti) Stewart; her grandchildren, Brandon Hines, Megan Dorothy Stewart, Amber Nichelle Stewart, David Russel Wilson, Grace Elisabeth Wilson, Rachel Camille Wilson, Paige Marie Angie Stewart, Paris Marie D'Ella Stewart, Stadford Mace (deceased) and Anthony Smith; and loving and supportive family and friends.

Funeral services will be held Friday, July 13, 2018, 1 p.m., at Farish Street Baptist Church, 619 Farish Street, Jackson, MS

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Read detailed information about the registration process: JPS Student Registration Procedures (PDF).

Get Help with Registration: Call the Office of Enrollment Services and Records at (601) 960-8852.

Types of Enrollment

The following types of enrollment should be reviewed before making an appointment for registration:

Traditional Enrollment: This enrollment refers to parents/legal guardians who reside at their own residence from one day to the next and can provide valid proof of their residence. This enrollment will occur at the school.

Shared Residency Enrollment: This enrollment refers to parents/legal guardians who consistently reside with someone else from one day to the next. This enrollment will occur at the Office of Enrollment Services & Records located at 1017 Robinson Street, Jackson, MS 39203.

Non-Parental Enrollment: This enrollment refers to custodians who are the present caregivers of a child, other than a parent or legal guardian of the child. This enrollment type is reviewed and approved by district personnel taking into account the unique circumstances that would require this kind of enrollment. This enrollment will also occur at the Office of Enrollment Services & Records located at 1017 Robinson Street, Jackson, MS 39203.

New Student Enrollment (Kindergarten & First Grade)

Registration for kindergarten and first grade students new to Jackson Public Schools for the 2018-2019 school year begins April 11, 2018.

Parents/legal guardians must schedule an appointment to complete registration using the Appointment Management System. Once the appointment has been scheduled, parents/legal guardians should report to the Office of Enrollment Services and Records at their scheduled time to complete registration. Parents/legal guardians may call (601) 960-8852 if they have any questions or concerns.

Students must be five years old on or before September 1 of the current school term to enter kindergarten and six years old on or before September 1 of the current school term to register for the first grade.

First-Time Advanced Learning Program Students

Registration for students admitted to Advanced Learning Programs (International Baccalaureate, Academic and Performing Arts, Montessori, and Arts Access) for the first time for the 2018-2019 school year begins April 11, 2018.

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Traditional Enrollment

Traditional enrollment will be held by appointment only from July 12–20, 2018. Parents/legal guardians can complete traditional enrollment by feeder pattern at the Office of Enrollment Services & Records located at 1017 Robinson Street, Jackson, MS 39203. Parents/legal guardians must schedule their appointment on the date designated for their feeder pattern registration.

Traditional enrollment applies to parents/legal guardians who reside at their own residence and can provide two valid proofs of residence. This does not include Shared Residency and Non-Parental enrollment.

To make your appointment, you will need to identify your child's feeder pattern.

Select the appropriate feeder pattern scheduler below. They are sorted by enrollment date. For help using the scheduler, follow the instructions for Scheduling an Appointment for Registration (PDF).

Forest Hill Feeder Scheduler (July 12, 2018)

Jim Hill Feeder Scheduler (July 13, 2018)

Provine Feeder Scheduler (July 16, 2018)

Murrah Feeder Scheduler (July 17, 2018)

Callaway Feeder Scheduler (July 18, 2018)

Lanier Feeder Scheduler (July 19, 2018)

Wingfield Feeder Scheduler (July 20, 2018)

Remember, shared residency and non-parental enrollment will not begin until July 23, 2018.

JPS superintendent search

Mississippi Link Newswire

Statement from JPS School Board President Jeanne Middleton Hairston regarding the status of the Superintendent Search:

“We are currently waiting for an Attorney General Opinion to confirm that the credentials of our candidates align

with the state superintendent law. This process typically takes up to 30 days and was initiated June 12. Interim Superintendent Murray remains in his position until a permanent superintendent is hired, at which time he will move into the position of deputy superintendent.”



Stuff the Bus school supply drive

Mississippi Link Newswire

Jackson Public Schools is partnering with the West Jackson District of United Methodist Church, Office Depot and Books-a-Million to stuff a school bus with school supplies. The event will take place Friday, July 13, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. in the parking lot near Office Depot located at 4950 Interstate 55 North Frontage Road in Jackson.

The purpose is to gather school supplies for teachers and scholars

in preparation for the 2018-2019 school year. Some of the items needed to be collected include:

- Backpacks
- Hand Sanitizer
- Tissue
- Wipes
- Pencils
- Crayons
- Glue Sticks
- Graph Paper
- Copy Paper
- Index Cards
- Notebooks (subject and com-

position)

- Dry Eraser Markers
- Paper (Loose Leaf)
- Markers
- Dictionaries

Items will be distributed through the Partners In Education store, which provides free supplies to all JPS teachers for classroom use. Volunteers will be on hand to receive donations.

For more information, please contact Thea Faulkner at 601-960-8905.



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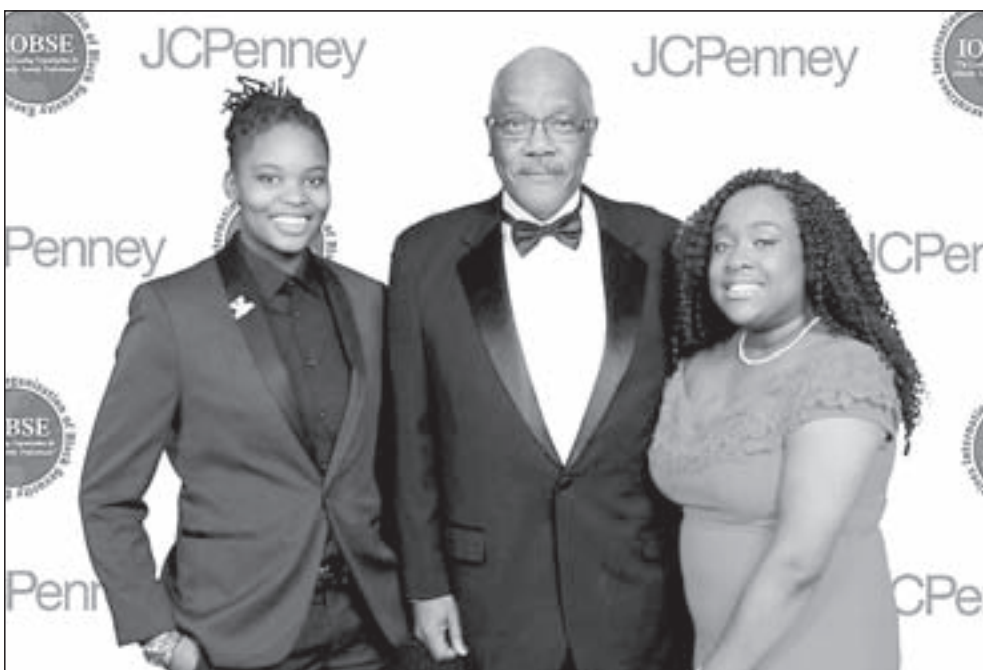
MVSU students attend IOBSE annual conference

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The continued partnership with Mississippi Valley State University's (MVSU) Career Services Center and the International Organization of Black Security Executives (IOBSE) recently provided MVSU students with a unique opportunity to gain real-world leadership and career experience.

MVSU junior business administration major Jamya Edwards, senior business administration major Theron Chatman Jr. and junior computer science major Shaniqwa Barber were extended the opportunity to attend IOBSE's Annual Spring Conference after participating in a Career Leadership Seminar and interview hosted by the non-profit security organization on MVSU's campus earlier during the spring semester.

The conference, hosted April 24-26 by the JC Penney Corporation in Plano, Texas, was an exciting and informative program designed to assist in developing future industry leaders for tomorrow's domestic and global security challenges.



MVSU students (left) Shaniqwa Barber and (right) Jamya Edwards with Campus Recruiter Ron Martin at IOBSE gala hosted by JCPenney Corp. in Plano, Texas.

"We truly appreciate the partnership and exposure provided to our students for professional development and networking at this capacity in preparing our students for post-graduation careers," said Essie Bryant, MVSU's director of career services.

Before arriving to the confer-

ence, each participant received a \$200 JC Penney gift card and a 40 percent off coupon to assist students as they "dressed for success" in business attire for the conference and evening attire for the gala.

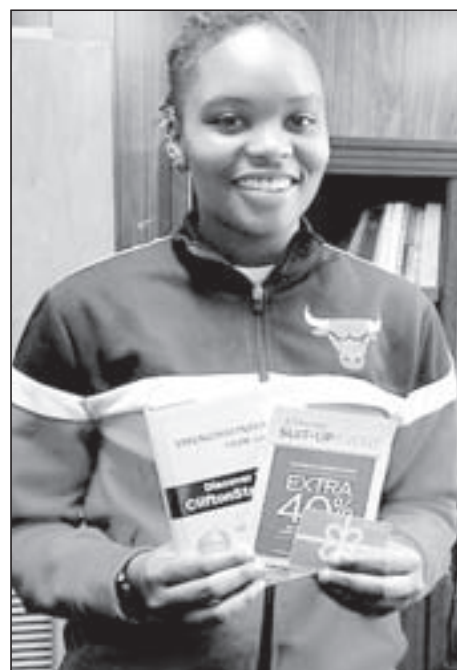
In addition, the students received a free copy of the bestsell-

ing book "StrengthsFinder 2.0 from Gallup" in preparation for a workshop on understanding and leveraging your strengths.

Students were also given the opportunity to compete for an educational scholarship by writing a 500-word essay about their interest in security, leadership and

campus community involvement. Edwards received the Loss Prevention Certification scholarship.

Campus Relations Recruiters Ron Martin, CPP and Levell Hedgpeth, CCII as well as Zone Manager/Loss Prevention-US South at Cracker Barrel commented that they were highly



Barber shows off JCPenney gift cards.

impressed with MVSU's representatives.

Valley students participated along with 30 other students from universities across the nation, including Arkansas-Pine Bluff, Bethune-Cookman, California State-Dominguez, Clark Atlanta, Delgado College, Florida Memorial, Grambling, Florida A & M, Southern IL-Edwardsville, Southern-New Orleans, Stony Brook, Texas Southern, University of Central Florida and Western IL.

Founded in 1982, IOBSE is a non-profit security organization that has grown to be the "leading organization for minority security professionals." Over the past several years, the organization has expanded its focus and commitment to include minority college students and has introduced comprehensive programming support to help those students jump-start their careers.

To learn more about IOBSE, visit www.iosbe.org.

For more information about MVSU's Career Services Center, call 662 254-3441 or e-mail careerservices@mvsu.edu.

Mississippi Excellence in Teaching Program at MSU names new cohort

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Thirty Mississippi State University students are new scholarship recipients in one of the state's most prestigious teacher education programs.

The Mississippi Excellence in Teaching Program (METP) scholarship includes full tuition, with room, board and books, a \$1,000 technology stipend and a fully funded study-abroad experience. The award is available to students majoring in secondary mathematics, secondary science, secondary English, as well as elementary and special-education majors.

Funded by the Jackson-based Robert M. Hearin Support Foundation, the scholarship is valued at approximately \$100,000 over four years. METP is housed in MSU's College of Education and is a collaborative effort with the University of Mississippi.

Competitive applicants should have at least a 28 ACT – or 1310 SAT – score and a 3.5 high school grade point average. Applicants participate in an interview with faculty, write an essay about why they want to enter the teaching profession, and commit to teaching in Mississippi in their program area for five years after graduation, though the obligation may be deferred if students decide to pursue graduate degree programs.

The 2018-2019 METP Scholars class includes (by hometown):

Acworth, Georgia – Lauren

E. Sennett, an elementary education/middle school major.

Bay St. Louis – Nikolas Clogher, a secondary education/English education

Biloxi – Christopher Baker, a secondary education/mathematics education major; Kristlyn M. Clinton, an elementary education/middle school major; Brandon E. Demelo, a secondary education/English education major; and Avery L. Warrick, an elementary education/middle school major.

Brandon – Mary A. Kirby, a secondary English education major; Molly C. Saunders, a secondary education/English education major; and Kaitlyn M. Slaymaker, a secondary education/mathematics education major.

Carmi, Illinois – Peyton R. Roedder, an elementary education/middle school major.

Churchula, Alabama – Callie N. Holmes, a secondary education/English education major.

Clinton – Shannon L. Lacy, an elementary education/middle school major.

Collierville, Tennessee – Branden T. Roller, a special education major.

Glen – Rhiannon D. Lambert, a secondary education/English education major.

Gulfport – Catherine B. Karl and Katherine E. Walker, both elementary education/middle school majors.

Hamilton, Alabama – Macy L. Cooper, a special education

major.

Hattiesburg – Clay R. Smith, a secondary education/mathematics education major.

Jackson – Reagan F. Cothorn, a secondary education/physics education major.

Mobile, Alabama – Amelia F. Cole, an elementary education/middle school major.

New Site – Avery A. Barnes, a secondary education/mathematics education major.

Noxapater – Yolanda M. Cooper, a secondary education/English education major.

Olive Branch – Emma C. Lee, an elementary education/middle school major; and Savannah G. Steen, an elementary education/middle school major.

Pearl – Raymond K. Morgigno, a secondary education/English education major.

Southaven – Mallory K. Wolfe, a secondary education/biology education major.

Starkville – Sophia J. Seltzer-Hill, an elementary education/middle school major.

Waynesboro – Alyssa D. Cochran, an elementary education/middle school major at MSU-Meridian.

Wiggins – Breanna M. Brown, a secondary English education major.

MSU is Mississippi's leading university, available online at www.msstate.edu.

To apply or learn more about the Mississippi Excellence in Teaching Program at MSU, visit www.metp.msstate.edu.



Backpack Flyers

Did you know? CPSD no longer sends home paper flyers in backpacks. In our efforts to go paperless as a district, we are using a system called PeachJar to send flyers to families. If your organization would like to send flyers to our students, go to www.peachjar.com and follow the steps to submit a flyer for approval.

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Jeremy Whitmire takes oath as Supreme Court Clerk

The Mississippi Link Newswire

New Mississippi Supreme Court Clerk Jeremy Whitmire of Madison took the oath of office July 2.

Supreme Court Clerk Muriel B. Ellis of Jackson retired June 30 after four years as head of the clerk’s office and more than 27 years of service to the court.

Whitmire, who previously worked as senior managing paralegal with a large law firm, brings a background in information technology and organizational management to the court.

Chief Justice Bill Waller Jr. said, “Jeremy Whitmire’s technical expertise, digital information management background and extensive private practice experience managing cases and paralegals in a large firm uniquely qualify him for the clerk’s job, particularly as digitization of court records and system processes moves forward.”

Whitmire said, “This day is a dream come true for me. It is truly an honor to serve the court and the state of Mississippi in this capacity, and I look forward to working with such a great team of people to better serve our great state.”

Whitmire, 38, worked for nearly 15 years as a paralegal in the Ridgeland office of the law firm of Wells, Marble and Hurst. As senior manag-



Chief Justice Bill Waller Jr. (right) administers the oath of office at the court to Supreme Court Clerk Jeremy Whitmore (left), July 2.

ing paralegal, he managed cases and directed workflow in complex litigation and trained other paralegals and support staff. He helped to incorporate information technology into all aspects of the firm’s work.

Whitmire grew up in Clarksdale. He worked in the information technology department of the Clarksdale Municipal School District while attending Clarksdale High School. He began work for Cleveland State Bank while earning a bachelor of business administration degree with an emphasis in computer information

systems at Delta State University. He became the local area network coordinator for the bank while earning a master of business administration at Delta State.

The office of the Clerk of the Courts is the repository of records of the Mississippi Supreme Court and the Mississippi Court of Appeals. The clerk’s office, with a staff of 12, is responsible for case management that tracks each appeal for timeliness and completeness of the record from the time the case is filed until it is closed.

Governor Phil Bryant appoints Shad White state auditor

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Gov. Phil Bryant announced recently he has appointed Shad White state auditor. The appointment is effective July 17. White, 32, replaces Stacey Pickering, who resigned recently to become executive director of the Mississippi State Veterans Affairs Board.

“Stacey Pickering has served the people of Mississippi well, from the state Senate to the office of state auditor,” Gov. Bryant said. “I know that service will continue in his new role.”

White grew up in Sandersville, Miss. – population 731 – in a blue-collar family. His father and grandfather were oilfield pumpers, and his mother and grandmother were teachers. On the weekends, his father was music minister at their small country church, where his mother played the organ. Today, his father serves as mayor of their small town.

In 2011, Shad served as director of policy to then-Lt. Gov. Phil Bryant. Since then, White practiced law in the private sector, served as a special prosecutor in Rankin County, where he successfully prosecuted felonies involving the family of an elected official, and, most recently, served as director of the Mississippi Justice Institute.

“Shad’s credentials and ability are without question,” Bryant said. “He has proven himself a champion of limited and efficient government that serves the taxpayers. He is the perfect fit for this important office, and I am pleased he has accepted this appointment.”

At the Mississippi Justice Institute, White filed and led cases against public officials when they violated Mississippi’s open government and ethics laws. He has also taught as an adjunct professor at the University of Mississippi, earned a certificate in forensic accounting (the use



White

of accounting to detect fraud) from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and previously worked as a fellow at a national think tank on state policy.

“I’m honored by the faith Governor Bryant has placed in me with this appointment,” White said. “I know this office is important to him personally, and it’s important to the taxpayers, too. I’m looking forward to being the watchdog of their hard-earned dollars. I’ve committed to the governor and will commit to Mississippians that I’ll bring every ounce of energy I have and whatever talent God gave me to do this the right way. I’ll always tell you the truth, even if the truth is uncomfortable. I’ll always treat our public officials fairly, and I’ll do everything in my power to make sure Mississippi’s future is free from corruption.”

After attending public school, Shad earned his undergraduate degree in economics from the University of Mississippi, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and a Truman scholar. He studied as a Rhodes Scholar at the University of Oxford, earning a master’s in economic history. White holds a law degree from Harvard Law School, where he learned the meaning of fighting for your values even when it is unpopular. At Harvard, White served as president of the Federalist Society, a conservative legal association, and brought speakers to campus to defend the legality of public prayer, the morality of work and free enterprise, and the importance of traditional moral values.

White and his wife, Rina, live in Rankin County and are faithful members of St. Richard Church.

2-day workshop offered for cut flower growers and coastal farmers

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Flower Growers of Mississippi presents a 2-day seminar, ‘Growing Cut Flowers in MS’, for Coastal and South Mississippi from 9 am to 5 pm July 23-24 at the Ocean Springs Civic Center at 3730 Bienville Blvd., Ocean Springs.

Horticulturist Donna Yowell and GardenMama Nellie Neal along with additional speakers will conduct the workshops designed for everyone who wants to learn more about growing flowers for fun and/or profit, for community beautification, as pollinators and what not to plant.

Creating pollinator sites in your community, on your farm or at home will be included. In particular, flower growers, produce farmers, backyard growers and BloomTown, Miss., communities can benefit from this

seminar.

Workshop topics will include: the cut flower industry in Mississippi and its future, the impact that more growers can make, smart plant selection in every category, pollinators, adding color to your community, best cultural strategies for every site, harvest and postharvest practices, value-added products, developing brands and markets, business plans and more.

Yowell says, “When I had my flower shop I soon realized that many – 80 percent at least – of the cut stems I was importing could be grown right here in our state. The flowers and cut greens would be much fresher and last longer for my customers. We see lots of interest in growing cut flowers all over the state and are glad to conduct this important training on the coast.”

GardenMama Nellie Neal adds, “Yes, cut flower growing can be a profitable business – one that is all flowers or just part, that covers acres or is a backyard space – but it’s also an opportunity for every town to paint its public areas with colorful, pollinator-friendly flowers and plants.”

Registration is open now: \$180 per person for two days of training if you pre-register by July 15. After July 6 or at the door, \$200. If seats are available, 1-day registration \$109.

Attendees receive training manual, t-shirt, lunch each day, completion certificate as Flower Grower of MS, discount on FG of MS membership and invitations to future events and advanced training.

To register or for more information, contact Donna Yowell: dyowell@aol.com, 601-672-0755.

Wallace receives Outstanding Achievement in EEO Program

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Vicksburg District announces that David L. Wallace, recently received the Commander’s Award for Outstanding Achievement in Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO). Wallace received this award for his significant contributions to the EEO Program to assure full opportunity in employment for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age and physical or mental handicap.

As chief of the design branch of Engineering and Construction Division, Wallace is responsible for supervising and managing the branch to provide engineering design activities to support the Vicksburg District’s civil works program.

The civil works-engineering program consists of major construction of navigation locks and



Wallace

dams, flood control dams and reservoirs, levees, channel improvements, floodwalls, pumping stations and infrastructure relocations.

Prior to this selection, he was chief of the technical services section of the technical support branch of the Engineering Division where he was responsible for the acquisition and management of architectural and engineering contract services and public facility relocation services for the district.

Wallace began his career with the district in 1990 as an environmental engineer in the water quality section, hydraulics branch of the Engineering Division. He later was selected by the Environmental Protection Agency Region 4 as a national Brownfield liaison for the City of Jackson.

A native of Amite City, Louisiana, he is a graduate of Amite High School. He earned his Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in civil engineering from Louisiana Tech University. He is a registered professional engineer in the State of Louisiana.

He and his wife Stephanie have four children.



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All eyes on U.S. Supreme Court: Fiery nomination battle expected

By Barrington M. Salmon
TriceEdneyWire.com

President Donald Trump has announced his choice for the next U. S. Supreme Court justice. He is U. S. Circuit Judge Brett Kavanaugh of Washington, D.C., a nominee who has already drawn fire from Democratic leader Chuck Schumer and the NAACP.

“Brett Kavanaugh is a dangerous ideologue whose extreme views on civil rights would solidify a far right majority on the Supreme Court,” the NAACP issued a statement within hours after Trump’s prime time announcement July 9. “Coming after Neil Gorsuch’s appointment, a Kavanaugh confirmation would re-make the Court in President Trump’s own image. This prospect is unacceptable to the American people, and the NAACP is ready to lead the fight of a generation.”

The statement continued, “The NAACP knows Judge Kavanaugh well. We opposed his confirmation to the D.C. Circuit for good reason. In his 12 years on the bench, he has proven us correct. He has been a strong and consistent voice for the wealthy and the powerful. Over and over again, he has ruled against civil rights, workers’ rights, consumer rights and women’s rights. With a Justice Kavanaugh on the Supreme Court, we could see reversals of hard-won gains securing equal opportunity in education, employment and housing. We could see further exclusion of communities of color from participation in our democracy. We could see racism continue to flourish within the criminal justice system. We could see the elimination of effective tools for proving discrimination. We could see the overturning of Roe v. Wade and the guarantee to accessible health care for millions.”

The nomination is only the beginning. After lengthy hearings before the U. S. Senate Judiciary Committee, he will only be confirmed if he receives a majority of the Senate.

“President Trump with the nomination of Judge Kavanaugh has fulfilled two of his campaign promises – first to undo women’s reproductive freedom and second to undo the ACA (Affordable Care Act),” says Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer in a CBS News interview. “So, I will oppose him with everything I’ve got.”

Kavanaugh would replace retiring Justice Anthony Kennedy, whose decision to leave the highest court caught many by surprise and has ignited emotions ranging from alarm to panic to concern among civil rights, human rights, women’s rights advocates, centrists and pro-



President Donald Trump introduces his nominee, Judge Brett Kavanaugh, for the U. S. Supreme Court.



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gressives.

It has also produced undisguised jubilation within conservative circles at the prospect of a conservative, and possibly far-right, jurist being placed on the court.

If he is successful, says Kami Chavis, a law professor at Wake Forest University in North Carolina, Trump would orchestrate a seismic shift on the closely divided Supreme Court.

Kennedy, 81, announced his July departure June 27, which set in motion hurried efforts by Trump and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell to select a nominee and begin the nomination process ahead of mid-term elections in November respectively.

“Well, I guess I wasn’t surprised given Justice Kennedy’s age and the talk, so his retirement was reasonable. But my first reaction was one of fear,” said Chavis. “Justice Kennedy was the deciding vote on a number of cases concerning civil and human rights. This is going to be a seismic and paradigmatic shift. If there was any Republican serving as president, there would be the expectation of change but with this administration, the change could be damaging. I think we will see a much more conservative court with a lot of opinions that will be hostile and will change our notions of Civil Rights while adversely affecting Black folks, women and the poor.”

Kristen Clarke, president and

executive director of the lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, agrees there’s much at stake with this Supreme Court vacancy.

“Justice Kennedy has been the swing vote on a number of core Civil Rights issues. This could transform African-American life for years to come,” said Clarke. “There’s no doubt about the impact – in voting rights, criminal justice and women’s issues. The Senate must do its job of vetting to ensure that the nominee is fair, unbiased and faithful to applying and interpreting the law.”

Clarke says every senator has an obligation to properly vet the nominee. “It’s their duty,” Clarke said. “This should not be a partisan battle, but we’ll see. We must fight to preserve the integrity of the court and not allow it to fall victim to the political gamesmanship that sometimes takes over politics.”

Clarke warns the importance of this appointment cannot be underestimated.

“This is a huge issue,” Clarke explained. “There are 140 vacancies in federal courts. The judiciary has always mattered to black people because it is a place of last resort. Ninety-nine percent of cases are heard in federal and district courts. Ninety-one percent of those Trump is putting forward are white and male and they are the fringe. He’s turning back the clock to the Jim Crow era.”

Trump has been packing the lower courts since taking office and he has been aided by McConnell, who blocked Obama nominees and left them open for Trump to fill. McConnell refused to even consider or meet with Obama pick Merritt Garland and held that seat open for Trump to nominate Neil Gorsuch. In the past 15 months, the administration has retreated from the U.S. government’s legal positions on voting rights and election law, on how workplace disputes are settled and eroded labor union power, cast off provisions and protections for gay and transgender people.

Attorney General Jeff Sessions has overseen restrictions and other limits on affirmative action and other legal remedies, advanced a hard line on immigration, and has pushed to reduce or eliminate women’s reproductive rights and promoted sharp cutbacks on regulations.

Dwight Kirk, a labor union veteran who’s also involved public relations, said Kennedy’s announcement and the implications for black and brown people from an unsympathetic and indifferent right wing court harkens back to before the Brown v Board Supreme Court decision.

“There are those who thought and hoped that the Mueller investigation would slow down or stop this runaway train, but it looks like all institutional power will be aligned against oppressed people,” he said. “The reaction is weird, man. I’ve been talking to folks and this feels like the day after Trump won. People haven’t felt this way since Brown when they knew that the federal government wasn’t on their side... With the Kennedy announcement, all doors are now closed and all these institutions – the Republican Party, Congress and the Court – are aimed at oppressing vulnerable people.”

The NAACP, the nation’s oldest civil rights organization, says the reason for the fight is clear:

“The rights of African Americans to fully participate in democracy and in every facet of social and economic life, on an equal basis, lie in the balance. The next Supreme Court justice will play an outsized role in determining whether African Americans move forward in our journey toward achieving full equality, whether we simply tread water for the next three decades, or whether we slide backward toward our former status as second-class citizens. To each and every senator, we say: This is THE civil rights vote of your career. We will be watching closely. Make no mistake – we are in the fight of our lives and we hope you are prepared for battle.”

Bill introduced to make lynching a federal crime

By Frederick H. Lowe
TriceEdneyWire.com



Three African-American U.S. senators have introduced a bill in Congress that if passed and signed into law would make lynching a federal crime. It is similar to legislation introduced earlier this

month in the House by U.S. Rep. Bobby Rush (D., Illinois).

Senators Cory Booker (D., N.J.), Kamala Harris (D., California) and Tim Scott (R., South Carolina), introduced the “Justice for Victims of Lynching Act 2018.” The legislation would make lynching punishable as a hate crime.

Gov Track, which keeps track of legislation, does not have a record of the legislation. The proposed law also does not have a Senate bill number.

The lawmakers introduced the legislation after The National Memorial for Peace and Justice and the Legacy Museum opened in April.

The museum, which is based in Montgomery, Alabama, is a memorial to the 4,400 black men, women and children lynched between 1877 and 1950 in 12 Southern states.

Lynchings also occurred in Nebraska, Indiana and Minnesota. Lynching were public events and white families sometimes held picnics to celebrate the murders of black men, women and children.

Lynchings didn’t just include hanging people without benefit of a trial. They also involved burning blacks at the stake. And as victims pleaded for mercy, happy onlookers cut off their fingers, hands, heads and – in the case of men – their penises.

Tuskegee University keeps a record of lynching victims, and the book “At The Hands of Persons Unknown: Lynching of Black America” is an authoritative work on the terrorist murders of black people.

Philip Dray, the book’s author, said the 1964 murders of James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner, civil rights workers who were shot to death by the Klu Klux Klan and police and buried in an earthen grave in Neshoba County, Mississippi, was the last lynching in which a white mob collaborated with the police. Normally, law enforcement never investigated lynchings although the names of the murderers were well known.

It was also the first time the federal government, since Reconstruction, investigated a lynching case in the South and secured convictions. Tuskegee University reported that the main years of lynching occurred between 1890 to 1937.



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Black publishers challenge fake news

By Lauren Poteat
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As Donald Trump’s persistent “fake news” rhetoric continues to fester in the media, black publishers across the nation, recently took charge of the conversation, giving way to a special forum entitled “Black Press vs. Fake News.”

The forum took place during the National Newspaper Publishers Association’s (NNPA) annual convention. Dorothy Leavell, chairman of NNPA and publisher of the Chicago Crusader, the Gary Crusader and the Chicago Reader, moderated the dialogue about misinformation in mainstream media.

“What do we do in this age of fake news?” Leavell said. “Our struggles and our truths have been at the forefront of battling fake news throughout history.”

Leavell continued: “In 1827, we battled the lie that we were nothing more than three-fifths of a human, spearheaded by the Freedom’s



Panelists discuss the affects of “fake news” on the black community during the NNPA’s 2018 annual convention in Norfolk, Va. FREDDIE ALLEN/AMG/NNPA

Journal, the nation’s first black-owned and operated newspaper, which stepped in and showed us different. In 1895, activist Ida B. Wells, who established the ‘Memphis Free Speech,’ refuted the fake news of her day – concerning the mythical rape of a white woman.” Leavell said that, throughout history, black people have been victimized by the proliferation of

fake news and misinformation, including some of our most profound black leaders like Marcus Garvey, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., leaders of the Black Panther Party and even today’s Black Lives Matter.

Joining in on the dialogue, additional speakers included Sarah Glover, the president of the National Association of Black Jour-

nalists; Deborah Gray-Young, the managing partner of D. Gray-Young, Inc. Consulting; Julianne Malveaux, an economist and sociopolitical commentator; and A. Scott Bolden, the managing partner of the Washington, D.C., office of the global law firm Reed Smith. The panelists challenged black publishers and their teams to not only report real stories, but to also report them right.

“I’m not so much concerned about what is being said, as I am with what isn’t,” Malveaux said. “We [black people] can define what news is... For example, ‘45’ is running around bragging about how low the black unemployment rate is, but if you research the statistics and labor market correctly, you’ll see that a large number of black people, have actually left the labor market altogether.”

Malveaux continued: “This is the real story that needs to be told and not 45’s ‘fake news.’ This year alone over 150,000 black women left the labor market, which re-

resent the stories that nobody is telling.”

According to a report by CNBC, nearly 70 percent of all American citizens are concerned about “fake news” being used as a weapon.

What’s more, in a recent report by NBC, “fake news” or just overall lies, were shown to spread faster on social media than the actual truth.

Examining the critical role of black media, which has long been the beacon of light in the black community, alongside the new age of technology, Deborah Gray-Young, placed emphasis on millennials and their role in escaping the idea of “fake news.”

“Black media is being dismissed and not being regarded for its true worth,” Gray-Young said. “It’s time we take a page out of Donald Trump’s book and reinvigorate our bases. Then we need to take a step back and reestablish trust, particularly among young people. We’re in a time now,

where millennials are asking, ‘What’s the source of true information?’ That source is the Black Press and we need to do a better job explaining that.”

Gray-Young continued: “And don’t forget about your social media. This is what young people are plugged into. It’s not just about what’s happening in the present moment anymore. Every time we report something we are participating in the documentation of history, and what comes up in Google searches are items with the highest ratings, which is what the public comes to know to be the whole truth.”

This is why the presence of the Black Press on social media is so pivotal, Gray-Young added.

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Preaching and teaching a certified gospel

PART 3

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



Division, or separation from one another, is sin; and the Gospel does not uphold it. If a brother and I should have some kind of falling out, the Gospel does not give us the liberty to separate. To Paul, sin was no mere inconvenience. It had, and yet has, a tragic death grip, not only upon the race of man in general but also upon the entirety of man. Sin has affected all men, but thank God, the grace of God can undo all the harm and all the damage that sin has done. Friend, we do not have to live in disagreement. We can live in love and unity. Of course, I am not advocating that if some of my people decide to walk away that I should go from house to house and plead with them to come back. I might be better

off without them. That would be one less peril I would have, the peril of false brethren. One enemy within a camp can cause more damage than a thousand on the outside.

Often when people leave the church, it is nothing more than God sweeping the floor. John the Baptist told the people of his day in Matthew 3:12, “Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

Paul never minimized sin, but he treated it as the vile thing that it is, something that pollutes the entire man and merits the wrath of a Holy God. The Gospel will help people to understand that sin merits the wrath of a Holy God. You need to beware of anything less.

There is too much softness when it comes to sin and it often depends on who the person is who sinned. You see, as a pas-

tor, there could be a mess in my congregation, and I am going to try to clean up the mess in another congregation. The best way I could show others how to clean up their mess would be for me to get my own mess cleared up. God is not going to hold me responsible for another man’s congregation.

Now, a pastor and I could get together and talk and counsel. He might show me some points in which I could deal with a matter, and then I could go before God and find out if I should follow his advice. Then, if God should say no, I could not do it, not because I said so but because God said it.

The divine message Paul preached reveals sin to be a plague affecting every man. In the first three chapters of Romans, you will find that Paul had a key phrase comprised of three words: “All under sin.” So, if all are under sin, all must get up out and on top of sin. In

Romans 3:9, Paul, writing to the Roman brethren concerning sin said, “What then? Are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin.” Too often people think they have a license to do about anything they want to do. No! friend, all the grace of God gives license to do is to live right, do right and be right.

If the Gospel is starting to repel you, you need to find out why, for it is intended to draw you closer to God. Paul said, “I certify you the Gospel which I preach.” That is the message I represent, the message that would make all men right with God and in the end enable them to make Heaven their home.

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Nails, tires and prayer

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



It’s funny how something as small as a nail can change your perspective on things. I’m not talking about the nails that were used to crucify Jesus Christ. I’m talking about the nails that severely damage our car tires. A few years ago, my car tire was the victim of one of those nails and I had to have it repaired.

I drove through a construction zone and accidentally ran over a board in the middle of the road. Within minutes, I got a message on my dashboard that my car was losing pressure in one of its tires. Immediately (like within the next three highway exits), I took it to a tire shop. Thankfully, they were able to fix it without much cost.


A few weeks later when I looked at the same tire and saw a nail sticking out, I almost fainted. I checked the tire closely just to make sure that I was not catching a reflection from the bright sun but it was indeed a nail. Because of my job and appointments I had that day, I wasn’t sure if I’d be able to get it fixed. However, I didn’t want to take the risk of it having a slow leak that could leave me stranded. I prayed for God to let me make it back to the tire repair shop before it went flat so they could fix it. After making my way to the tire shop the next day, the mechanic quickly went to work on it. He came back within five minutes to say that the nail

didn’t go through the sidewall and that it was only stuck in the groove of the tire. As a result, there was no real damage done to the tire. I was happy that I didn’t have to spend the money but I also marveled at how the situation also had a spiritual lesson.

On the surface, the nail looked like it had done greater damage than it actually had. In much the same way, we sometimes think the issues we are dealing with are worse than they actually are. For example, we avoid going to doctors because we are afraid they might tell us something bad about our health. But we get a pleasant surprise when the doctor tells you that you have actually lost weight and your health has improved.

Sometimes it’s past disappointments that keep us fearful that the situation is actually worse than it is. Philippians 4:7 encourages, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Instead of magnifying the bad that we think may come, this scripture reminds us that we should magnify the good that God has already allowed to happen in our lives.

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Rise up ye women

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Black women have long understood the vineyard would fail without us. We've always been about the business of protecting and prospering our people. We've never allowed the vineyard to fail without our putting up our very best fight. Our struggles have been reaping rewards as we've understood the importance of our working together for the greater good of our community. As Dr. Dorothy Irene Height would say, "We black women don't always get to do what we want to do, but we always do what we have to do."

I'm so proud of the accomplishments of black women, and we just keep on getting up and doing even greater things despite the troubles that so often get in our way. We work in accordance with our family values daily. We've signed those petitions, raised our voices, been on those picket lines, voted in great numbers when others have tried to crush our efforts. We care about numerous issues, including the children of our immigrant brothers and sisters. Black women members of congress are standing their ground on the issue.

We vote on the right side in every election. When we can't get the best, we vote together for the lesser of two evils. We attend meetings and are never afraid to stand up and speak out when others try to crush our voices.

We're never afraid of finding ways to get our message heard. I marvel at the courage of the sister who scaled the Statue of Liberty to protest the treatment of babies whose parents were simply seeking a better life for their families. I'm proud of Theresa Patricia Okoumou who scaled the wall of the statue for family values. Many would consider her action too dangerous to try, but as black women, we have often had to do dangerous things. That is our history. Danger has never got in our way of doing what is right. She didn't wait for the approval of anybody. She did what she felt had to be done. If the Rise and Resist banner had been the only action, few would've known about an action against what's happening at the U.S border regarding the separation and action against ba-



Okoumou

bies whose parents were simply trying to make America live up to its so-called welcoming arms.

Her courageous act surely motivated others to get involved. To those who would criticize her, if you care so much about the children, go and find another way to influence resolution of putting children back with their families.

Surely doing nothing is not the answer.

President Theodore Roosevelt said:

"It's not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds;...who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."

Hers was an inspiring act of disobedience in the spirit of Amelia Boynton, Rep. John Lewis, Dick Gregory, Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, Dr. Martin Luther King and as so many did in their work for justice. She's one more black woman who has taken an amazing action to support what she believes is right.

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Arrogant Supreme Court Justices trample the law in service of the rich

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We are witnessing an astounding attack on democracy by the five male right-wing majority of the Supreme Court – "black robed rulers," Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan called them, "overruling citizens' choices" in a series of 5-4 decisions.

These are right-wing lawless judges ignoring the laws and will of our elected representatives and trampling the dictates of legal precedent. Their arrogance seems to have no bounds. The damage that they have already done to our democracy is profound.

The most recent 5-4 decision of the Supreme Court was the case of Janus v. AFSCME. The majority, throwing out the laws of state legislatures and legal precedent, ruled that state legislatures cannot authorize public employee unions to collect a fee for the cost of bargaining and representing workers who benefit from the negotiations but don't want to join the union.

Protecting freeloaders seems bizarre, but the court's ideologues are interested less in upholding the law and far more in weakening the workers' voice as represented by unions. Now in states across the nation, right-wing corporate funded groups will launch campaigns to get workers to quit their unions in the hope of dramatically weakening the voice of teachers, sanitation workers, police officers and firefighters.

The decision is but one of many undermining our democracy. A right-wing majority gutted the Voting Rights Act in Shelby v. Holder. This term, the five upheld Texas redistricting that lower courts found discriminated against minority voters. In Citizens United, five conservative judges – again ignoring law and precedent – held that corporations could not be prohibited from spending money in elections. Somehow corporations, they suggested, had the same political rights as citizens.

The gang of five has also systematically favored corporate rights over women's rights, gay rights, consumer and environmental protection. That the Congress – elected by the people – passes laws expressing different values doesn't deter them.

They have elevated themselves as "black robed rulers," legislating their own choices from the bench. Now Justice Anthony Kennedy has chosen to resign, apparently timing his announcement so President Trump can use the fight over his successor to



Current members of the Supreme Court

rouse his base in the upcoming elections. (That suggestion gains credibility with the revelation that Kennedy's son, working at Deutsche Bank, lent Donald Trump and his operations nearly a billion dollars at a time when U.S. banks wouldn't go near him because of his record of bankruptcies and scams.)

Kennedy gained a reputation as a "moderate" because of his votes on abortion and on gay marriage, but he has been a leader in the assault on democracy and the elevation of corporate rights over worker rights. Now, his resignation is timed so that Trump can name, and the Republican majority in the Senate confirm, a younger right-wing zealot to carry on the assault on democracy. In the Civil Rights movement, we looked to the Supreme Court to enforce the Constitution against the Jim Crow laws of the apartheid South.

Now we must take back the Congress and the statehouses and rally the democratic bodies against the usurpations of the ideological majority of the court. Only if the pressure is constant will one or more of the Justices realize the dangers and errors of their course.

The pushback can start with our election laws and come from the bottom up. Localities and states should be passing laws to make voter registration automatic, to extend the days for voting, to expand the franchise and rollback restrictions on voting.

Districts and states can pass laws matching small donations three or four to one, to encourage independence from the corruptions of big money. Localities might pass legislation demanding that candidates get their "oats and their votes" from the district itself – limiting funds to those provided by those who live in the district.

Nonpartisan citizen panels can put an end to partisan gerrymandering, ensuring the voters pick their representatives rather

than politicians designing districts to pick their voters. It is long past time that we recognize what the right-wing Supreme Court gang of five is doing.

They claim to be simply enforcing the laws, but they overturn legislation and ignore legal precedent. They are lawless in the service of the rich and the corporations. They are expanding the corrupting rule of big money even as they limit the rights of workers, consumers, women and people of color.

George Wallace stood in the schoolhouse door defying the dictates of the Constitution and the unanimous decision of the Supreme Court. Now a shameless majority of five stands in that door against the laws of the Congress and states, eroding the democracy they are sworn to protect.

Just as it took a movement to challenge George Wallace and segregation, it will take a movement to reclaim our democracy from these "black robed rulers." Progressive activists should demand that every Democratic candidate for elected office at the local, state or national level make empowering workers a central part of his or her platform.

They should demand support for measures that will make it easier for workers to organize and crack down on labor law violations. Companies that violate basic worker rights should be penalized in public procurement decisions. At the same time, progressives need to expose the reality that the right wing gang of five in the Supreme Court is trampling the will of the people and overturning established precedents to serve the interests of the plutocrats and the right.

These "black robed rulers" are legislating from the bench, scorning even an effort to find common ground with their own colleagues. In a time of deep polarization, the lawless majority of court has chosen to stand with the powerful few against the vast majority. That too will not stand.

Roland Martin pleading our case

By Julianne Malveaux
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Kudos to Roland Martin, the pioneering journalist who has taken his departure from TV One and turned it into a digital platform. He'll be back with a daily program, but he'll be online instead of traditional media. He has financing from AFSCME, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, and he is also hoping for funding from us, the folks who say they miss the program and say they want unfiltered news. From his website, www.rolandmartin.com, you can join his #BringtheFunk support group and help Roland bring the funk!

Roland has had it with the traditional media, and he is right to point out the lack of commentators and hosts on conventional media – the networks and the "key" cable outlets. Many of those folks have to toe the line, and can't be but so "controversial." But sometimes one person's controversy is another person's truth.



Martin

Forty-five said he would "drain the swamp," but he has become one of the world's greatest alligators, profiting from his presidency both through ties to China (even as he imposes tariffs), through his many name-branded hotels and through all kinds of other shady deals.

Chicago Crusader publisher Dorothy Leavell, chairman of the Board of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), convened a pan-

el that focused on fake news and the Black Press at the organization's June conference. I was privileged to participate with the National Association of Black Journalist (NABJ) President Sarah Glover, pugnacious attorney A. Scott Bolden and marketing expert Deborah Gray-Young.

I think that fake news is not only about the Trump shenanigans and lies, but also about that which is unreported or distorted. For example, how come every time a white person shoots up a classroom, movie theatre or public space, the focus is on their "mental illness," while whenever a black person commits a crime of any sort, the focus is on criminality. Why has Rev. Barber's Poor People's campaign been so underreported, and why was the June 12 shackling of faith leaders outside the Supreme Court wholly ignored by the mainstream (and even the side-stream) media? Why has there been so little focus on the economic status of African-American people, except when 45 crows about all the improvements he has made (not) on the economy.

Just the other day, I was commiserating with someone about the ways the mainstream media ignores the African-American community. The brother I was talking to said, "This is why I miss Roland." So Roland is coming back roaring, lifting up the oft-quoted 1827 line from Freedom's Journal, the nation's first black newspaper, "We wish to plead our own cause. Too long have others spoken for us." Roland Martin and the NNPA have made the case that if we want our story told, we have to support it.

It is a shame that the Black Press is so poorly embraced. NNPA papers need ads, and they also need subscriptions, but while many of us talk a good game, we don't sustain our press enough to help it thrive. So they go seeking ads to survive, perhaps compromising integrity while doing so. The Black Press, those who plead our case, must not feel that they have to buck-dance to the whim of advertisers. Advertising, all too often, is contingent on the support of a specific position, or avoidance of controversy. Thus in launching his #Bring the Funk

group, Roland is challenging African Americans to support it. That means contributing a little or a lot to grow the digital platform Roland is building.

Everybody wants to go to heaven, but nobody wants to die. In other words, everyone wants real news but nobody wants to pay for it.

One of the ways to support real news is to take out a subscription to an NNPA newspaper, or three. Another way is to help Roland bring his particular brand of reporting and analysis to us through his digital platform. Check his powerful statement out at www.rolandmartin.com.

Check out the ways you support fake news by failing to challenge the mainstream media. Do you write letters to the editor? Reach out to producers? Ask hard questions about representation? Silence is consent.

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As mosquito-borne diseases flourish, state experts sound alarm, preach prevention

By Susan Christensen
Health and Research News Service

This time of year, people hardly notice the number of bird baths, pet bowls and flower pots in yards across the South.

But Dr. Art Leis and Sharon Sims see the containers as incubators for the enemy.

Many of the vessels contain squiggly colonies of mosquito larvae. And after the baby bloodsuckers hatch, they tend to bite the hand that grew them.

“If you are raising mosquitoes in your backyard, that’s where they are going to live,” said Sims, president of the Mississippi-based Mosquito Illness Alliance (MIA). “They don’t fly very far.”

MIA was formed last year with Sims as president and Dr. Leis as a board member. The non-profit group strives to increase awareness of mosquito-borne illnesses, and it’s no mystery why Leis and Sims are involved. Both know the damage that diseases like West Nile virus infection can cause.

A neurologist and senior scientist at Methodist Rehabilitation Center in Jackson, Leis got his first glimpse of WNV’s impact in 2002.

That year, he and fellow researcher Dr. Dobrivoje Stokic were the first in the world to report that WNV can target the motor neurons of the spinal cord, causing muscle weakness, fatigue and a polio-like paralysis.

The two scientists have since published over 20 manuscripts about WNV. And their ongoing work continues to explore the long-term impact of a virus that has killed more than 2,000 Americans and sickened over 46,000.

Sims was a Mississippi State Department of Health employee when she launched the nation’s first WNV support group in 2003. Through MIA, she still organizes quarterly support group meetings at Methodist Rehab and at LiveWell Center in Hattiesburg.

Lately, Leis and Sims’s expertise has been more in demand than ever, thanks to a recent report from the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

According to the agency, illnesses from mosquito, tick and flea bites tripled in the U.S. from 2004 to 2016. In all, the study identified nine new viruses or bacteria transmitted by mosquitoes, ticks and fleas that can cause human infection.

“Since the report came out, there’s a new virus causing human clinical infection. It is called Keystone virus and it’s part of the California encephalitis group,” Leis said. “It was isolated from an infected person in Tampa Bay, Florida.”

It remains to be seen how big a threat the new bacteria and viruses will be. But Leis doesn’t discount the possibility of an eventual epidemic.

“Zika was discovered in 1947, and from 1947 to 2006, there were only 14 cases of human infection recorded. In 2016, there were 40,000 cases in Puerto Rico alone.

“This exemplifies the dangers of emerging viruses. We don’t fully understand why a virus remains off the radar screen for 60 years, then causes a million cases overnight.”

Zika hit the news in recent years because of its severe impact on developing fetuses.



Members of the Mississippi-based Mosquito Illness Alliance recently shared their expertise at a Mississippi Braves game at Trustmark Park in Pearl. From left are Wendy Varnado, state medical entomologist, Mississippi State Department of Health; Hunter Deerman, MSDH entomologist; Judi Anderson, representative with the DEET Education Program; Dr. Art Leis, senior scientist at Methodist Rehabilitation Center in Jackson; Sharon Sims, MIA president and Amanda Young, West Nile Virus patient advocate for MIA.



Pick a card, any card, says Sharon Sims, president of the Mosquito Illness Alliance. The game teaches participants the difference between mosquito prevention myths and facts.



Whenever mosquito illnesses hit the news, Dr. Art Leis serves as a reliable resource for local media. A senior scientist for Methodist Rehabilitation Center in Jackson, Leis has been researching West Nile Virus infection since 2002.



Dr. Art Leis, a senior scientist at Methodist Rehabilitation Center in Jackson, has been traveling to Puerto Rico to do research on children who were born to mothers who were infected with Zika virus during pregnancy. “The goal is to learn what the virus can do. You’ve got to study your enemy,” he said.

“Zika fetal syndrome results in multiple central nervous system malformations, including babies being born with abnormally small heads because of lack of brain development,” Leis said.

Those children are the focus of an MIA project that has been taking Leis and Sims to Puerto Rico.

“We are going regularly to do clinics on children who were born to mothers who were infected with Zika virus during pregnancy,” Leis said. “We are also performing medical and neurological assessments on these children and creating a database so we can do follow-up throughout their lifetime. The goal is to learn what the virus can do. You’ve got to study your enemy.”

MIA is also seeking funding to work with two groups in Puerto Rico to develop a supportive network for families, caregivers, providers and researchers affected by Zika. “This will include developing support group meetings, such as the successful WNV community we developed here in Mississippi,” Leis said.

So far, the Zika virus hasn’t managed much of a foothold in the continental United States. But it’s a real risk to Americans who travel to Zika hotbeds, and many aren’t familiar with necessary safeguards.

“There is little outreach going on and that drives me nuts,” Sims said. “In 2016, I was do-

ing presentations in churches for mission groups and they had no clue. The average lay person isn’t going to get on the CDC website and read about Zika virus. But there are precautions they need to take once they return home to keep the virus out of the mosquito population.”

One strategy is to use some type of mosquito repellant for three weeks after being in an area with risk of Zika – even if you don’t feel sick. This prevents the transmission that can occur when an uninfected mosquito bites someone with Zika and carries the virus to someone else. This happened in the continental United States in 2016, when over 200 people in Texas and Florida developed Zika infection from local mosquito transmission acquired from infected travelers.

The CDC also stresses that pregnant women should not travel to areas with risk of Zika. And women who are pregnant or plan to become pregnant should not have unprotected sex with a partner who lives in or has traveled to an area with risk of Zika.

West Nile Virus is here to stay.

Leis and Sims believe their work in Puerto Rico will be an asset if Zika impacts Mississippi. But their primary motivation locally is to keep West Nile virus infections at bay.

From 1999 to 2016, state Health Department data shows Mississippi recorded 1,341

WNV cases and 75 deaths. And the state is among the seven hardest hit by WNV-related neuro-invasive illnesses. Yet Sims fears that several years of low infection rates has made WNV a back-of-the-mind threat to state residents.

“People become very complacent if they don’t hear about cases. They think it’s gone,” she said. “But the message is West Nile virus is here to stay, and we will continue to see emerging outbreaks and epidemics.”

That’s why Leis and Sims take any opportunity available to educate the public on mosquito prevention. On a recent weeknight, they handed out cans of repellant at an MIA table set up during an M-Braves game at Trustmark Park in Pearl. It was a chance to showcase recommended prevention methods. And it gave some baseball fans the opportunity to relate their own experiences with WNV.

Jana Neely of Harrisville shared how her late sister Patti Stodghill died of suspected complications of the disease. Stodghill’s health started failing in August 2006, which she related to a mosquito invasion at her Ridgeland home.

Neely said construction work in Stodghill’s neighborhood caused water-filled ruts behind her backyard. And when she went outside with her dog, she was swarmed by mosquitoes.

“They were all over her leg,”

Neely said. “The next day or two, she started having flu-like symptoms. She felt terrible, and from that time on she’d say: ‘There is something not right. I’ve never felt back to normal.’”

A food poisoning episode in April furthered her decline, and Stodghill soon began suffering symptoms of congestive heart failure. “She went to the hospital with her lungs filling up with fluid and was in the hospital for 20-something days,” Neely said.

While doctors never pinpointed a cause for her condition, they eventually found a treatment. “She’d take steroids, and she’d be fine,” Neely said. “But about the third time she had an episode, they couldn’t get her back. Her lungs had filled up with fluid.”

After an autopsy was performed, Stodghill’s family learned that the CDC had found the presence of West Nile virus infection and St. Louis encephalitis, another viral infection transmitted by mosquitoes.

Today, Neely said it’s “sickening” to think her sister might have survived if she had been treated differently early on. “I certainly don’t want that to happen to anyone else.”

Neither does Dr. Leis. He’s adamant about the need for physicians to be more aware of the symptoms of West Nile virus infection – especially those that are neurological in nature.

“It’s important for doctors

to remember that anyone with unexplained neurological illness that occurs from June to October should be tested for West Nile virus,” he said. “But many don’t do this for a variety of reasons. One is the pervasive misconception among first line doctors that it’s a virus and there is nothing you can do about it.”

“But it’s important to obtain an accurate diagnosis for West Nile virus because many of the ill effects associated with the virus occur long after the virus has been destroyed in the human body. And these long-term effects are linked to increased inflammation and autoimmune disease, which can be treated by steroids and other immune therapy.”

Ever wondered which mosquito prevention tactics are helpful and which are malarkey?

Here’s the Mosquito Illness Alliance’s take on what works and what’s questionable based on its effectiveness.

Recommended: DEET, Picaridin, R3535, Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus, 20-undecanone, Catnip Oil, Avon’s Bug Guard Plus, Thermacell Machine, Electric Fans (mosquitoes can’t fly against a wind) and Bug Lights (yellow bulbs attract fewer bugs at night.)

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LEGAL

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF EDWARD TERRY DECEASED
NAMED HEREIN

CAUSE NO. 2018-23 S/2

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted by the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Mississippi to the undersigned Executor upon the Estate of Edward Terry, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probaton and registration according to the law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

This the 13th day of June, 2018.

Shirley Woodley

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HINDS

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the jurisdiction aforesaid, the within named, Shirley Woodley, Executor for the Estate of Edward Terry, deceased, who having been by me first duly sworn, states that the above Notice to Creditors is true and correct as therein stated.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN RE: CUSTODY OF JAQUAVIAN MARTEZ PENDLETON
CAUSE NO P2018-234771

TO: THE UNKNOWN FATHER OF A
African-America male child born on
August 21, 2012 at Central Mississippi Medical Center
to a Twenty-one (21) year old African-American female,
An adult resident citizen of Utica, Mississippi

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ret Brown who is seeking Petition for Guardianship.

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must take immediate action to protect your rights, if any.

You are summoned to appear and defend against said complaint or petition at
9:00 O'clock A.M. on the 25th day of September 2018, in the courtroom of the
Hinds County Chancery Courthouse at Jackson, Mississippi, before Honor-
able Dewayne Thomas. In case of your failure to appear and defend a judg-
ment may be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in
the complaint or petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if
you desire. If you file an Answer or other pleading, you are required to mail or
hand-deliver a copy to the attorney for the Petitioners, Damon R. Stevenson,
1010 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39202, 769-251-0207.

ISSUED under my hand and seal of said Court, this the 3rd day of July, 2018.

Eddie Jean Carr, Clerk of Hinds County, Mississippi

By K. Howard, D.C.

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LEGAL

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF RANKIN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIE JOE STEEL DECEASED
NAMED HEREIN

CAUSE NO. 18-540

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted by the Chancery Court of Rankin County, Mississippi to the undersigned Executor upon the Estate of Willie Joe Steel, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probation and registration according to the law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

This the 2nd day of July, 2018.

Melissa Renee Steele Jackson

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HINDS

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the juris-
diction aforesaid, the within named, Melissa Renee Steele Jackson, Executor
for the Estate of Willie Joe Steele, deceased, who having been by me first
duly sworn, states that the above Notice to Creditors is true and correct as
therein stated.

Given under my hand this the 2nd day of July, 2018.

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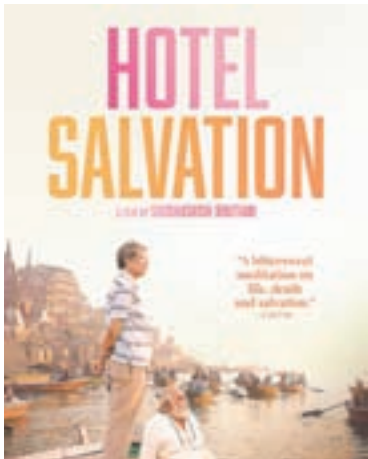
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Top Ten DVD List | July 10, 2018



1. A Quiet Place



2. Hotel Salvation



3. Chappaquiddick



4. Rosewood: The Complete First Season



5. The Leisure Seeker

- 6. Disney Big Hero 6: The Series [Back in Action!]
- 7. Frontline: McCain
- 8. Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In: The Complete Fifth Season
- 9. Masterpiece Mystery!: Endeavour Season 5
- 10. PBS Kids: 20 Music Tales

Honorable Mention
Wild Kratts: Adventures on the African Savannah
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Future World

OPENING THIS WEEK

Kam’s Kapsules: Weekly previews that make choosing a film fun

By Kam Williams
Columnist

For movies opening July 13, 2018

Wide Releases

Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation (PG for action and rude humor) Third installment in the animated franchise finds Dracula (Adam Sandler), daughter Mavis (Selena Gomez) and the rest of the family embarking on a luxury cruise for monsters where the Count falls head-over-heels for the ship’s mysterious captain (Kathryn Hahn). Voice cast includes Mel Brooks, Keegan-Michael Key, Kevin James, Steve Buscemi, Andy Samberg, David Spade and

Chrissy Teigen.
Skyscraper (PG-13 for action, violence and brief profanity) Disaster thriller, set in Hong Kong, starring Dwayne Johnson as a disabled war veteran-turned-security expert suspected of setting the world’s tallest building on fire who has to catch the terrorists responsible while simultaneously saving his family trapped on the top floor of the towering inferno. With Neve Campbell, Pablo Schreiber and Noah Taylor.
Independent & Foreign
Dark Money (Unrated) Eye-opening expose’ examining the influence of money on American elections since the Supreme Court’s landmark decision in

Citizen United allowing unlimited corporate contributions to political causes.
Don’t Worry, He Won’t Get Far on Foot (R for sexuality, nudity, alcohol abuse and pervasive profanity) Gus Van Zant (Milk) directed this adaptation of John Callahan’s (Joaquin Phoenix) bittersweet memoir of the same name about his adjustment to living in a wheelchair in the wake of a catastrophic car accident. Cast includes Rooney Mara, Jack Black and Jonah Hill.
Eighth Grade (R for profanity and sexuality) Coming-of-age comedy chronicling a tormented 13 year-old’s (Elsie Fisher) disastrous last week of middle school.

With Josh Hamilton, Emily Robinson and Missy Yager.
Gauguin: Voyage to Tahiti (Unrated) Romance drama, set in 1891, recounting French painter Paul Gauguin’s (Vincent Cassel) abandoning his wife (Pernille Bergendorff) and five kids for a nubile native girl (Tuhei Adams) he met while finding himself on an exotic island. With Malik Zidi, Marc Barbe and Paul Jeanson. (In French and Polynesian with subtitles)
Milford Graves: Full Mantis (Unrated) Reverential retrospective chronicling the career of avant-garde jazz drummer/percussionist Milford Graves who over the course of an enduring

six-decade career has led his own band and also played in groups led by Pharoah Sanders, Sun Ra, Albert Ayler, Montego Joe, Kenny Clarke and Paul Bley.
Robin Williams: Come Inside My Mind (Unrated) Intimate post mortem painting a revealing portrait of the late comedian via archival footage and interviews with some of his closest colleagues and confidantes. Featuring commentary by Billy Crystal, Whoopi Goldberg, Steve Martin and David Letterman.
Shock and Awe (R for profanity and sexual references) Fact-based drama recounting five Knight-Ridder reporters’ skepticism about the Bush Ad-

ministration’s claim that Saddam Hussein was in possession of weapons of mass destruction during the buildup to the War in Iraq. Directed by Rob Reiner and co-starring James Marsden, Jessica Biel, Woody Harrelson, Milla Jovovich and Tommy Lee Jones.
Soorma (PG-13 for mature themes including a bloody image) Inspirational biopic chronicling the comeback of Sandeep Singh (Diljit Dosanjh), a field hockey star left paralyzed by a gunshot wound recovered and led India to the 2012 Olympics. With Tapsee Pannu, Angad Bedi and Danish Husain. (In Hindi with subtitles)

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(For puzzle answer keys, see page 14)

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 Walter Cronkite

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BOOK REVIEW:
“GAME CHANGERS: THE STORY OF VENUS AND SERENA WILLIAMS”
BY **LESA CLINE-RANSOME,**
ILLUSTRATED BY **JAMES E. RANSOME**
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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

Those are the rules. Every game has them, and rules are mostly helpful. They make it clear how to play and who can win – although sometimes, they don’t make any sense. Sometimes, they’re downright dumb and in “Game Changers” by Lesa Cline-Ransome, illustrated by James E. Ransome, those rules are made to be grand-slammed. Serena and Venus Williams were about a year-and-a-half apart in age but were “as close

as two sisters could be.” Wherever you’d find Serena, you’d find Venus. Where Venus was, there was Serena – especially on the tennis court. Before the sun was up most days, the Williams girls were awake and standing on the court in their Compton neighborhood, getting rid of trash and broken glass so they could practice their serves and backhands. People laughed at their father, Richard, because he believed that his youngest daughters could get themselves out of Compton, but he held fast to the dream.

When most kids were outside playing, Venus and Serena would practice. When they weren’t practicing with “secondhand” equipment, they ran laps and took ballet lessons. They also had to learn to drop to the ground quickly because of gangs and gun violence in their neighborhood. But that all paid off when, by age ten, Venus won “every single one of her sixty-three junior tournaments” and Serena was “not far behind.” At fourteen, Venus played professionally. A year later, Serena did the same

thing. Fans were astounded at the girls’ talents but some people were upset when they saw two black girls in what had been “a nearly all-white sport.” Venus and Serena’s father had anticipated that, though: years before, he hired kids from the neighborhood to yell every nasty thing they could think of and his daughters learned to ignore them. In 1998, the Williams sisters faced one another for the first time, but it wouldn’t be the last. It didn’t matter then that Venus won – Serena’s time would

come and when it was her turn to beat her sister, Venus cheered as loud as everyone else, just as she still does today. For a child – especially one who’s laser-focused on a sport or a dream – there are few books out there that are as inspirational as “Game Changers.” Just be aware of the age of said child before you give this book. Truly, there’s no mistaking the message inside here. Author Lesa Cline-Ransome makes it clear that the Williams sisters’ determination was how they got where they are, and the af-

terword fills in a lot of blanks. That’s great, if you’re an adult or older child so beware: don’t let the illustrations – colorful, wonderful artwork by James E. Ransome – fool you. See them, and you might think this is a book for smaller children but really, it’s more for bigger kids. Even so, with the right approach, the message will sink in so let this book grow with your preschooler while your grade-schooler absorbs it now. For kids who love tennis or need a stick-to-it-iveness reminder, “Game Changers” is a great match.

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Holy Temple to celebrate 'Bible-Based' pastor's 12th year

The Mississippi Link Newswire

"Great God, Great Leader, Great Vision" is the celebratory theme marking the 12th-Year Pastoral Anniversary/Appreciation for Rev. Dr. Audrey Lynne Hall, Sunday, July 15.

The celebration kicks off at 2 p.m. at Holy Temple Missionary Baptist Church, located at 5077 Cabaniss Circle in Jackson.

"She has been a wonderful pastor," said Deaconess Joann Robinson, president of the church's Shepherd's Ministry. "This is a great milestone in her ministry, and we thank God for her."

Church Chairman Deacon Edison Brown Jr. continues to stress his love for her "Bible-Based" preaching and teaching. "She does not add nor subtract when it comes to God's Word," he said. Other members, especially the youth and young adult, share similar sentiments. Youth and the elderly are very dear to her heart.

"What I like most about Pastor Hall is her loving spirit," said Rayanna Jenkins, a junior Kinesiology major at the University of Southern Mississippi (USM), Hall's alma mater. "She truly has a heart of gold. She loves everyone wholeheartedly unconditionally," Jenkins said. Provine High School eleven grader Brandon McNeil said he likes the way she preaches and always interacting with the youth. "I especially like how she calls us by name during church," said McNeil.

Hall broke traditional Missionary Baptist Church barriers when she was officially installed October 29, 2006, as the first female pastor of the denomination in Jackson, Miss. However, she will be the first to tell anyone: "It is not about me. I am just a vessel willing to be used by God."

Since becoming Holy Temple's pastor, Hall has lead the church in adding new ministries, including a very active homeless outreach, a revamped youth ministry, Healthy People for Christ to name several. The church has also been blessed to hold a mortgage burning.

The youngest of three children to Dock and Carrie Hall (both deceased), she is a graduate of Enterprise High School, Enterprise, Miss., USM in Hattiesburg; and the Juris Doctorate Program at the Antioch School of Law in Washington,



Hall

D.C. Professionally, she is the district director for the U.S. Department of Labor Wage and Hour Division Jackson District Office for the State of Mississippi. She has served the U.S. Department of Labor for nearly 30 years. She is also a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Beta Delta Omega Chapter Jackson, MS where she does a great deal of community service.

Speaking of community, she and the church have partnered with and helped to officially formed The Central Westhaven Neighborhood Association for community improvements and revitalization in its West Jackson neighborhood. The association meets at the church each second Saturday at 3 p.m.

Sunday's Pastoral Anniversary/Appreciation message will be delivered by Rev. Dr. Ava S. Harvey Sr., senior pastor of Pilgrim Rest M.B. Church Brandon, Miss. Marcus Quinn will be the featured guest soloist.

For more information about this celebration honoring God via His faithful servant, please contact Joann Robinson at 601 503-5932.

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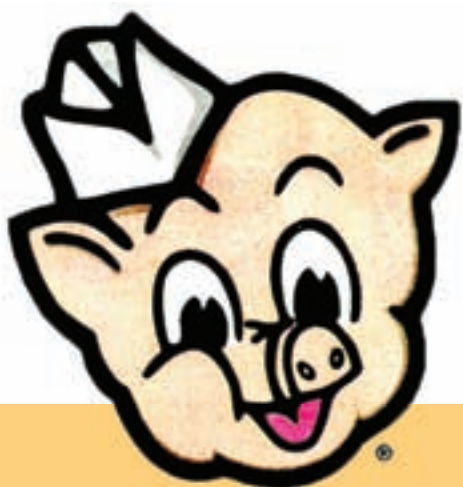
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