

Espy holds official office opening event



Espy and wife Portia are joined by supporters at ribbon cutting.

By Othor Cain
Editor

Momentum is building around the Mike Espy for United States Senate Campaign. Fresh off the heels of a recently released statewide poll showing Espy gaining ground among key constituent groups, Espy and his team held an official grand opening of his campaign office.

“This is an exciting time for all of us. We’re just about two months away from this election and we have a clear path to victory,” Espy told the crowd of more than 200 supporters from across the state. “Our polling shows us



leading in a close three-way race, and that is confirmed by our opponents’ polling. We need everyone here and all your friends and family to help us build on this momentum.”

The poll, conducted by The Mellman Group, surveyed 600 voters statewide representing the likely November 2018 electorate. Interviews were conducted by telephone August 1 through 7, 2018, using a registration-based sample of cellphones and landlines. The margin of error is +/- 4 percentage points at a 95 percent

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Property sale due to unpaid taxes draws a big crowd in Hinds County



Fair

By Othor Cain
Editor

This week, Courtroom No. 7 in the Hinds County Courthouse is a very popular hangout. The annual delinquent property tax sale is underway. The first day of the tax sale for properties in Hinds County drew a standing room only crowd. “This is a good day for our county,” said Eddie Fair, Hinds County Tax collector. “Monies from these properties are placed back into our general fund and used for various reasons including the Jackson Public School District.”

Fair said although the annual event raises millions of dollars for the county, it is bittersweet for him because in a real sense, property owners lose. “We don’t want to see anyone lose their

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David Marion leading by example

41st Grand Basileus gives \$30K to local HBCUs

By Othor Cain
Editor

His deeds, his vision his mindset and his heart have made his name synonymous with service and leadership.

David Marion became a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in 1979 through the Eta Xi Chapter in Starkville, MS. He has held the following positions: Vice Basileus – Eta Xi Chapter, Basileus – Eta Xi Chapter, Regional Representative – North Region Mississippi, State Scholarship Chair, State Marshal, 1st Vice State Representative (Mississippi – 3 terms), State Representative (Mississippi – 3 terms), Seventh District Historian, Seventh District Rule, Recommendations & Bylaws Chairman and 1st Vice Seventh District Representative (3 terms).

As the 21st Seventh District Representative, Marion successfully leveraged the tremendous platform of leading the largest district in Omega. During his tenure as district representative, chapters in the 7th District donated more than 1 million dollars in scholarships to college-bound high school seniors and fed more than 1600 families in Mississippi and Florida.

By utilizing the talents of the brotherhood, the 7th District developed the first online district-wide meeting registration, dues payment and MSP candidate fee submission portal in the history of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Other accomplishments include increasing district scholarships for undergraduate brothers to \$80,000; creating the first “Healthy Ques” newsletter focusing on health matters for black men and their families; and overseeing 7th district membership with approximately 5,000 financial brothers in 147 chapters on the strength of reclamation efforts.

In July 2014, Marion was elected 1st Vice Grand Basileus of Omega Psi Phi during the grand conclave in Philadelphia. In this role, he was responsible for the formation and operation of all committees of Omega and the planning and execution of all national meetings of the fraternity.

History was made earlier this year when Marion, in grand style, was elected Grand Basileus of Omega Psi Phi in July at the grand conclave in New Orleans. The 7th District lead a mardi style parade as the largest district headed to the polls for a very decisive victory.

Marion has the distinct honor of being the first Mississippian to be elected to a national seat for the fraternity. Becoming Grand Basileus, raises that status to him being the only sitting national president of a greek organization living in the state of Mississippi.

Friday, August 24, Marion launched his programs and laid out his vision for the fraternity at the Jackson Convention Complex in Jackson, Miss. This program launch, attended by notable elected officials, college presidents, fraternity members from across the country and other members of the Divine 9 struck a cord of unity. All nine greek service organizations including regional di-

rectors, chapter presidents and others were there to welcome him as the new national leader and offer their support to enhance his programs.

Marion believes in leading by example. It is one thing to say you have an HBCU Initiative; its one thing to say HBCUs need

our help...its another thing to put your money where your mouth is. Marion’s first order of business during the program launch was to bestow \$10K each to Jackson

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Tougaloo College President Beverly Hogan accepts \$10K check from David Marion.



Jackson State University President William Bynum accepts \$10K check from Marion.



Rust College President David Beckley accepts \$20K check from Marion. PHOTOS BY JAY JOHNSON

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Dr. King's dream on the ballot

By Lee Saunders
President of AFSCME

Fifty-five years ago this week, Dr. Martin Luther King stepped to the podium at the Lincoln Memorial and delivered one of the most famous speeches in American history: "I Have A Dream."

The March on Washington was about more than desegregation, voting rights and equal access to public accommodations. It was also a demonstration specifically for economic empowerment and opportunity. Organized by two labor leaders, Bayard Rustin and A. Philip Randolph, its full name was the "March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom." And King's dream, in addition that we be judged by the content of our character, was that African Americans would no longer live "on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity" (one of the speech's first lines).

Throughout his life, King made the connection between economic justice and racial justice a centerpiece of his doctrine, especially toward the end of his life when he began to organize the Poor People's Campaign. He was also a strong ally of the union movement, which is what brought him to Memphis, Tennessee in 1968.

Thirteen hundred sanitation workers – members of my union: the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) – had gone on strike to protest plantation-like working conditions. For African-American workers up against a pro-segregation mayor, walking off the job was an unimaginably courageous statement of collective action. But that's exactly



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King

what they did, after the gruesome death of two men in an accident caused by a malfunctioning, run-down truck. They marched under a proud and defiant slogan, a simple but powerful declaration of their humanity in just four words: I AM A MAN.

King came to Memphis to lend his support. Despite crippling fatigue and overwhelming demands on his time, he came to Memphis because he saw in the sanitation workers' struggle everything that the next phase of the civil rights movement had to be about – fighting poverty and asserting the dignity of working people.

Memphis, tragically, would be King's last campaign. He was gunned down by an assassin at the Lorraine Motel on the evening of April 4. A few weeks later, the strike was settled, with the city acceding to most of the sanitation workers' demands.

To mark the 50th anniversary of these events, AFSCME launched an initiative called I AM 2018, which brought thousands to Memphis this past April to march and demonstrate, to honor the sacrifice of King and the sanitation strikers.

But I AM 2018 isn't just a history lesson. It is about both reflection and renewal. It is more than a commemoration; it's a call to

action. Because, while there has been substantial progress since 1968, America is still plagued by racial discrimination, vast income inequality and a rigged economy that stifles the freedom of all working people. The goal is to draw courage and inspiration from the Memphis heroes, so we can continue the fight for civil rights, workers' rights and human rights.

So, I AM 2018 didn't begin and end with a few events in Memphis this spring. This is a sustained campaign involving the training and mobilizing of thousands of activists to make change in their communities. I AM 2018 is about political engagement. Over the next several weeks we will connect the Memphis story to today's challenges, asking people to answer the call to action by organizing not just in the streets but also on-line, voting in the upcoming elections, and holding elected officials accountable after that.

Through I AM 2018, we must put King's dream on the ballot in November and on the nation's agenda in the months and years to follow.

Lee Saunders is the national president of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME). You can follow the I AM 2018 cam-

In Memoriam

Remembering Paul Burnley

July 31, 1937 - August 15, 2018



Burnley

Paul Burnley was born to the late Charley Burnley Sr. and Roberta Terry Burnley July 31, 1937, in Hinds County, Learned, MS. He was the youngest of nine children. He was reared in the Learned-Lebanon Community. As a child he joined the New Salem Baptist Church.

He attended Burleigh Hamilton Elementary School, Utica Institute High School and Utica Jr. College. While in school he excelled in many academic and sports programs. He was a star basketball and

football player.

Paul was the first black sheriff for the town of Utica. Afterward he was head of security at Utica Jr. College for a number of years. He was a contractor and builder. He built beautiful homes and commercial building in Hinds and the surrounding counties. He operated his own business in Utica.

Paul had a passion for farming and grew row crops on his family-owned farm. Everything he planted yield a bountiful harvest. Even though he planted for marketing, he gave most of it away. He had a generous heart and loved sharing.

Paul was a sharp, stylish dresser. His wardrobe consisted of colorful clothes for every occasion. He received numerous compliments, of which he justly deserved.

Later in life he united with the Oak Grove Church family and his Christian journey seemed to unfold. He was currently serving as a trustee, assistant to the treasurer, custodian and number one lead singer in the choir. He was

often called to sing solos.

His favorite songs were those found in the Baptist Hymnal. In addition to being a dedicated church member and worker, he was active in Sunday School and Bible class. He led a full and rewarding life and treated everyone with respect.

On August 15, 2018, Paul departed this life while in revival services at Oak Grove Church. He will be greatly missed.

He was preceded in death by a loving friend, Laura Myers; parents, Charley Sr. and Roberta Burnley; brothers, William, Mark, Jacob, Percy, Horace, Charley Jr., Otha; and a sister, Lillian.

His memories will be cherished by his sister, Bessie Burnley Givhan (William) of Pontotoc, MS; devoted cousins, Clara H. Herron and Annie Higgins of Utica, MS; caretaker, Diana Johnson of Utica, MS; godsons, Tyrick Johnson of Houston, TX and Darren Howard of Utica, MS; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends and the Oak Grove Church family.

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State University (where he received a bachelor’s degree in business administration), Tougaloo and Rust Colleges.

“Now more than ever, we must stand behind our universities not only with our words, but also with our deeds and our money,” Marion said to a standing-room only crowd. “I’m committed to helping strengthen our HBCUs across the country.”

Marion highlighted several service oriented programs that he believes will re-position and strengthen the fraternity. “I’m committed to joining forces with other organizations and finding ways to utilize our leverage for the greater good,” he said. “Now is the time for service.”

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity will partner with the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences and the Department of Defense in an obesity prevention initiative titled, “Well-Prepared.” This

partnership places the fraternity on the front lines of helping to change the status quo in Mississippi and around the country.

Professionally, Marion is the owner of Marion Counseling Services, PLLC, a mental health clinic that specializes in providing individual, group, marital or couple and family counseling, psychological evaluations, psychiatric evaluations and employee assistance programs to organizations throughout the state of Mississippi. He has been in the counseling field since 1992 and in private practice since 1998. He holds a Ph.D. in counselor education with a minor in public administration and public policy from Mississippi State University, a master’s degree in rehabilitation counseling from Mississippi State University, and a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Jackson State University.



“Mental health is real and we are going to help eradicate the stigma of it and encourage our people to get help,” Marion said to a thunderous round of applause.

Marion is married to Joyce Cole-Marion, a licensed clinical psychologist and co-owner of Marion Counseling Services, PLLC. He has two children, Chelsea Marion, a physician in Atlanta and Chloe Marion, a ten-year-old boss of many.

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level of confidence, with a higher margin of error for subgroups.

The poll also shows Espy’s rising appeal over race and party, picking up 52 percent of the African-American vote, but also gaining 28 percent of the non-GOP white vote – a key constituency.

“I’m very pleased with the encouraging results of this poll,” Espy said. “I have a proven record of recruiting jobs, reducing government debt and improving the quality of life for my constituents. This poll is a clear illustration that our message is being well-received by voters who recognize that I am the candidate to cut through the political rhetoric and represent all Mississippians in Washington.”

A very impressive crowd gathered to share in the excitement, including Jackson’s mayor Chockwe Antar Lumumba, who talked about Mississippi’s history. “As we’ve seen, a country that has experienced great booms, or even when it has been in a recession, Mississippi has stayed the same because it has always been at the bottom,” Lumumba said. “And so we need that leadership to go to Washington to change that dynamic. No matter whether you consider yourself Democrat or Republican, we need a Mississippi that is better represented.”

Espy, Lumumba said, “has not only made history in the past, but is prepared to make history right now.”

Espy often says, “I’m running to do something...not to be something,” when asked why he is seeking office now after more than 20 years out of public service.

Espy faces Republicans Cindy Hyde-Smith, former agriculture commissioner for Mississippi and and State Sen. Chris McDaniel in the special election Nov. 6, 2018, the same day as the national midterms.

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property,” he said. “I want it understood that we have good people (property owners); they just fall into bad situations sometimes, especially now with the way the economy is.”

Fair explained how citizens have less of a chance of getting the property back when people come from out of state to buy the property. When the property is purchased by a local person, those losing the property “have an opportunity to get it back and can communicate with them (the purchasers),” Fair said. “That’s why we try hard to keep it in Hinds County.

In Mississippi, the annual percentage rate (APR) on a tax lien certificate is 18 percent. The redemption period (the time in which the owner has to pay the delinquent taxes and regain the property) is two years. If the delinquency gets up to the third year then it matures over to the first highest bidder for the first year. If that bidder for some reason does not file a tax deed for the property, then it goes to the highest bidder for that second year.

According to the Hinds County Chancery Clerk Office, no property goes unsold. If no one purchases the tax sale on the property, then it is sold to the state.

Jackson native Bennie Wansley is a homeowner today because, in 2006, he bidded on the house that he rented for several years and won the bid. “The house became mine in 2009. I have the deed. In 2006, I paid \$358.78 taxes plus the \$10 I bidded for a two-bedroom house on Morton Avenue.

No credit checks, no down payments or closing cost,” Wansley explained. He was the only person to bid on the property that year.

Wansley said he would like others to learn the process of gaining property through tax liens, especially African Americans. “I’m still learning the process, but this is a good way to become a homeowner. As long as the owner does not redeem [pay the taxes] on the property during the redemption period, the property is yours if you pay the taxes,” he said.

However, legal experts caution individuals to do research before getting involved in bidding on a piece of delinquent real estate. Some properties have risky circumstances (i.e. bankruptcies, heirs and other conflicts). Others say the process is one of the lowest risk investments one can make.

While Fair also want people to educate themselves about the consequences of not paying their taxes, he also understands that there are often unforeseen circumstances that cause taxpayers to fall behind. Some forget, experience financial setbacks, never receive the notices or might experience health disabilities.

For example, Wansley said the person who owned his home was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s and forgot to pay the taxes, and the next of kin (person in charge), later decided she could not afford the property upkeep.

The sale is tentatively scheduled to end Thursday, Aug. 30 but could continue until Friday.

Blue Cross & Blue Shield and Habitat for Humanity partner to build seventh home



Bailless, BCBSMS, with homeowner Brinston



Grogan, BCBSMS

By Jackie Hampton
Publisher

As part of its ongoing support of local communities, Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi (BCBSMS) was in its third week Saturday, Aug. 25, of building its seventh home as part of a Covenant Build project with Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area (HFHMCA). Yolanda Brinston is the recipient of this new home.

The same day was designated as Media Day at the BCBSMS Habitat home located at 2966 Smith Robinson Street in Jackson. Brinston and Blue Cross Blue Shield’s Team Blue employees were in full swing working on the project with the support of HFHMCA who lead the volunteers with support from experienced construction professionals.

Brinston, who currently rents a home on Smith Robinson Street, is looking forward to the day when she finally has a home of her own to share with her two children, Chrisyetta and Chrisyan. While she and other workers were taking a break, she said she has lived in the neighborhood for over 45 years and knows all the neighbors.

Brinston said that becoming a homeowner is truly a blessing from God. “I am so thankful for the opportunity to become a Habitat homeowner” she said.

Meredith Bailless, director of Corporate Communications with BCBSMS said this is the 6th home they have built on Smith



Team Blue volunteers with Habitat workers

PHOTOS BY JACKIE HAMPTON

Robinson Street and after the home is complete and inspections have taken place there will be a dedication.

When asked what kind of construction help she provided Bailless said, “I have used a sawzall to cut out a door frame and put in blue board installation, just doing whatever I can to help Yolanda.”

Sheila Grogan, vice president, Community and Public Relations with BCBSMS said, “We are so excited to be here today to help Yolanda and her family have a new home.” Grogan said that Team Blue is a volunteer program at BCBS of Mississippi and she is happy to be a volunteer.

Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi’s Team Blue employees are providing 100 percent of the volunteer labor for the project and Brinston like all future Habitat homeowners is working right along with them. This practice, known as “sweat equity,” promotes pride and opportunity of home ownership.

The Covenant Build project

will extend through September. As part of Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi’s efforts to support tobacco-free communities and workplaces, this home has been designated a tobacco-free home. It is the fifth home built with the company’s support to be designated tobacco-free.

“Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi is committed to supporting the citizens of our community and their efforts to establish and maintain a healthy home environment for themselves and their families,” said Grogan, “These families are the foundation of our communities, and that is why it’s so important to help them establish and maintain a home that can be part of a vibrant and healthy community.

To learn more about Team Blue and Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi’s community involvement, visit www.bcbsms.com.

For more information about Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area, call 601-353-6060 or visit www.habitatmca.org

Medgar Evers Library honors the legacy of Emmett Till

By Jackie Hampton
Publisher

Tuesday, Aug. 28, the Medgar Evers Library, located at 4215 Medgar Evers, hosted an event in recognition of the 63rd anniversary of the lynching death of then 14 year old Emmett Louis Till and the rise of his powerful legacy. The event was held in collaboration with Ward 4 Councilman Kenneth I. Stokes

Stokes said that the event was very successful. It included fun activities for young people while they were able to learn more about Emmett Till.

“It is very important that we never forget the hanging and murder of Emmett Till. It’s a sad day in black Mississippi history and we join with the Till family in remembrance of Emmett,” Stokes said.

Stokes said it was a ‘First Class’ event where Rev. P. J. Williams of Cornerstone Baptist Church in Jackson shared a videotape from his archives in which Mamie Till Mobley talked about the brutal killing of her son. The film was shot during Mobley’s visit to the church in 2002. She passed away the following year.

Till was born in Chicago



Medgar Evers Library



Stokes

go July 25, 1941. He was the only child of Louis and Mamie Till. He never knew his father, a soldier, who died during World War II.

In August 1955, Till’s great uncle, Moses Wright, came to Chicago from Mississippi to pay the family a visit. He was taking Till’s cousin, Wheeler Parker, back with him to spend time with relatives down South. When Till heard that, he wanted to go.

The day before Till left, Mamie gave her son a signet ring, one of the few possessions she had from

her husband. The next day, Mamie raced her son to the train station. Their kiss goodbye would be the last time she would see her son alive.

He was taken from his cousin’s home August 28, 1955, for allegedly whistling at Carolyn Bryant, a white woman, in a store in Money, Mississippi. His body was found in the Tallahatchie River with barbed wire around his neck. Mobley said her son was shot in the head, an ear was cut off and a hole was drilled through his head.

In 2017, a book called “The Blood of Emmett Till,” written by Timothy Tyson, was released. The book revealed that Bryant admitted to lying about Till whistling at her.

Other events included a performance by Maddrama of Jackson State University, a bounce house, a water slide, music and dancing.

Who was Emmett Till?

Emmett Louis Till was born in Chicago July 25, 1941. Emmett was the only child of Louis and Mamie Till. He never knew his father, a soldier, who died during World War II.

At the age of five, Emmett was stricken with polio. He recovered but was left with a slight stutter. Despite his childhood illness, he grew up a happy boy. Emmett pitched in with the chores. His mother recalled he once told her, “If you can go out and make the money, I can take care of the house.” This was welcome news for a woman raising a child alone. “It was just like I was carrying a load and I laid it down,” she said.

Mississippi Trip

In August 1955, Emmett’s great uncle Moses Wright came up from Mississippi and paid the family a visit. On his way back, he was taking Emmett’s cousin Wheeler Parker with him to spend time with relatives down South. When Emmett heard that, he wanted to go.

But Emmett’s mother had other plans. She wanted to take a vacation and drive to Omaha, Nebraska. Mamie hoped that by coaxing Emmett with an opportunity to learn to drive on the open road, he would opt to go with her instead. But for Emmett, news that his cousins would be spending the summer together in Mississippi was an opportunity he didn’t want to pass up.

The day before Emmett left, Mamie gave her son Louis Till’s signet ring, one of the few possessions she had from her former husband. The next day, Mamie raced her son to the train station. Their kiss goodbye would be the last time she would see her son alive.

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2018 WellsFest to benefit Growing Up Knowing: Mississippi Campaign for Teen Pregnancy Prevention

Mississippi Link Newswire

Wells United Methodist Church has selected Growing Up Knowing: The Mississippi Campaign for Teen Pregnancy Prevention as the beneficiary of WellsFest 2018.

Now in its thirty-fifth year, WellsFest consists of three events in late September including a free family-focused outdoor music festival Saturday September 29 at Jamie Fowler Boyll Park next to Smith-Willis Stadium.

The church chooses a new local beneficiary each year after reviewing applications from numerous nonprofits.

Growing Up Knowing offers two educational programs, one for middle school students and their parents and another for elementary students and parents.

The elementary school program is titled "My Body, My Boundaries." The programs teach young people and their parents/caregivers how to talk with each other about risks of sexual behavior among teens and give children the knowledge and tools they need to stay safe and grow into healthy individuals. Program leaders say well-informed family discussions about sexual decisions and staying safe help reduce pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases and sexual abuse

among youth.

Dana Larkin, executive director at Growing Up Knowing, said, "We are honored, appreciative and thrilled to be the WellsFest beneficiary this year. With the funds, Growing Up Knowing will increase the number of sessions it conducts by training more instructor-facilitators and providing them with equipment, teaching materials and supplies. The funds will also purchase innovative resources for participating children and parents/caregivers. Teen pregnancy inflicts enormous emotional, physical and financial cost on the parents, the child, grandparents and society. Growing Up Knowing is making a difference on these vital issues."

Wells Church senior pastor Heather Hensarling said, "Growing Up Knowing and Wells Church share the mission of enhancing quality of life for all. As our late pastor Keith Tonkel always said, WellsFest is a gift of love from our church. Wells Church believes Growing Up Knowing is wise to see teen pregnancy as an issue requiring a multi-generational approach. We eagerly look forward to supporting their work through WellsFest."

Larkin and her facilitators conduct their programs at af-

terschool facilities, churches and other community partner sites. She said association with WellsFest will "inspire more community groups to partner with us to host a Growing Up Knowing program for youngsters and their parents/caregivers."

Since its inception in 1983, WellsFest has provided nearly \$1.5 million to a wide range of social service non-profits. Last year's beneficiary, Methodist Children's Homes of Mississippi, received a record \$70,000.

WellsFest is one of Mississippi's most family-friendly events. Alcohol and drug free, WellsFest charges no admission or parking fee. The outdoor festival includes a children's play area, pet parade, 5K run, silent auction, arts and crafts, food vendors, plant sale and a variety of music acts non-stop on two stages. WellsFest has received state and regional recognitions including a Governor's Arts Award.

An art auction featuring work from noted Mississippi artists and a golf tournament are held a few days before the festival.

Wells United Methodist Church is at 2019 Bailey Avenue in Jackson.

For more information about WellsFest, call 601-353-0658 or visit [www.wellsfest.org](#).

ACLU of MS calls for end to unconstitutional ban on asking for donations in 16 cities

Mississippi Link Newswire

Recently, the ACLU of Mississippi, in a letter nationally coordinated by the National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty, demanded that 16 jurisdictions in Mississippi repeal their bans on panhandling. Since the 2015 Supreme Court decision in *Reed v. Town of Gilbert* finding heightened protections for free speech, every case brought against panhandling ordinances – more than 25 to date, including many with language similar to those found in these 16 Mississippi towns and cities – has found them unconstitutional. Jackson, MS is one of the 16-targeted cities.

Before a person may ask for money in public, he or she must present him or herself at the Jackson Police Department to be photographed and fingerprinted in order to obtain a permit.

"It is contrary to American values to require someone, before they can speak in public, to first inform the government and obtain a permit. It is cruel to require people begging for their daily existence to do so," said Joshua Tom, legal director of the ACLU of Mississippi. "We are demanding that any place in Mississippi with these unconstitutional ordinances take them off the books."

Since the 2015 Supreme Court ruling, 100-percent of

The logo for the ACLU of Mississippi. It features the word "ACLU" in large, bold, blue capital letters. Below it, the word "Mississippi" is written in a smaller, red, serif font.

lawsuits against cities with panhandling bans have been successful in striking down the bans, and at least an additional 31 cities have repealed their ordinances.

"No one wants to see poor people have to beg for money," said Eric Tars, senior attorney at the National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty. "But until all their basic needs – food, health care, and housing – are met, they have the right to ask for help."

The National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty, together with the National Coalition for the Homeless and more than 100 other organizations, launched the Housing Not Handcuffs Campaign ([www.housingnothandcuffs.org](#)) in 2016 to emphasize criminalizing homelessness is the most expensive and least effective way of addressing homelessness. The letter by the ACLU of Mississippi is part of a coordinated effort

amongst 15 organizations in 11 states targeting more than 175 similar outdated ordinances.

"Punishing homeless people with fines, fees and arrests simply for asking for help will only prolong their homelessness," said Maria Foscarinis, executive director at the National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty. "Housing and services are the only true solutions to homelessness in our communities."

The targeted cities include Jackson, Gulfport, Southaven, Meridian, Greenville, Olive Branch, Horn Lake, Clinton, Ridgeland, Starkville, Vicksburg, Pascagoula, Brandon, Clarksdale, Natchez, and Greenwood. Anyone affected by these unconstitutional laws should contact the ACLU of Mississippi.

Learn more and see the letter sent to Jackson's mayor at [www.aclu-ms.org/panhandling](#).

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JPS board of trustees announces selection of new superintendent

Mississippi Link Newswire

The Board of Trustees of Jackson Public Schools announced the appointment of Errick Greene to the position of Superintendent of Schools, August 21. The appointment concludes the search for a permanent superintendent that engaged over 1,000 parents, students, community leaders, teachers, principals and district staff. During the search process, school district stakeholders articulated a clear and consistent preference for a leader with deep experience working in urban school districts and a proven track record of courageous change and community engagement.

“Dr. Greene comes to Jackson Public School District with a wealth of experience providing leadership on some of the most challenging urban education reform assignments in the United States over the last decade,” said Jeanne M. Hairston, president of the JPS Board of Trustees. “His command of instruction and principal development along with his ability to hear and connect the needs of the community to the work of the school district positions JPS to improve and excel well into the future.”

Greene currently serves as the chief of schools in Tulsa, Oklahoma, an urban school district with a 36,000 student population and demographics similar to JPS. As chief of schools, Greene launched the district’s transformation initiative and provided executive leadership across all areas of district operations and school supervision.

“Dr. Greene is a staunch advocate for children, a dedicated bridge-builder, and talented instructional leader,” said Deborah Gist, superintendent of schools in Tulsa, Oklahoma. “While I am sad that he’ll be leaving Team Tulsa, I know Dr. Greene will do an amazing job serving as your superintendent and ensuring that all students and families are provided a quality education.”

Prior to his post in Tulsa, Greene served in public school districts in Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Detroit and Inglewood, California. As special assistant to the emergency manager in Detroit, Greene led efforts to restructure the district central office.



Greene

While in D.C. Public Schools, he served as an instructional superintendent where he supported the Chancellor addressing reform efforts and successfully led a team of principals to improve student achievement in some of the district’s most troubled schools. As Head of School at the Arts and Technology Academy in the nation’s capital, Greene helped improve reading and math scores 20 percentage points and cut school suspensions in half.

With family roots in Mississippi, Greene is excited to join the Jackson Public Schools community in service to our students and families.

“I look forward to working closely with Dr. Greene toward improving the academic achievement of our students across the district,” said Interim Superintendent Freddrick Murray.

Greene completed his undergraduate studies at Howard University in political science and obtained master’s degrees in education administration and policy from Howard University and Trinity University. Most recently, he earned his doctorate in education leadership from the University of Pennsylvania.

Following the appointment resolution passed by the board, Greene’s credentials will be sent to the Mississippi Department of Education for the issuance of a Mississippi Administrator license. Once the license is issued, the JPS Board of Trustees will move forward with the approval of Greene’s contract with an expected start date on or before October 1, 2018.

School Focus magazine features Lake Elementary for ‘raising the bar’ in student achievement

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School Focus magazine featured Lake Elementary School for making significant gains in student academic achievement. Under the leadership of Principal Lakeisha Sutton, the school moved from an F in 2016 to a B in 2017. Sutton and her team drew up a unique game plan around performance data for the school’s teachers and students. They reorganized the staff based on teachers’ strengths and interests. They also extended the school day to meet students’ needs for individualized instruction. Students learned to take ownership of their success. Teachers taught them to set goals and follow through in achieving them.

Lake was one of three Mississippi schools profiled in the feature. Each of the schools received support from the Mississippi Department of Education. Titled “Successful Strategies for Raising the Bar,” the article appeared



Lake Elementary Principal Lekeisha Sutton (center) with math teacher Jannifer Frank (left) and English language arts teacher Tiffany Benson.

in the Summer 2018 edition of School Focus. The MDE publication highlights accomplishments of the state’s K-12

educators and students. The magazine is published in August and February of each year.

Barack Obama mural unveiled

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The Barack H. Obama Magnet Elementary School unveiled a mural to commemorate its namesake August 17. A mural of the smiling former president stands tall in the playground area at the school. The mural, by Charles and Talameika Brice, was made possible through a grant from the Greater Jackson Arts Council.

“I wanted to make sure it represented children and the souls that have passed through here and those that may come back, and it’s a huge honor to be selected for this piece,” said Talameika Brice.

The school’s name was changed from Davis Magnet Elementary School to Barack H. Obama Magnet Elementary School. A student researched and found Jefferson Davis, a confederate leader, was not a good representation of the school so a vote took place and the school was renamed.

“I am extremely proud of my students for their initiative in changing the name,” said Principal Kathleen



Charles and Talameika Brice created the mural unveiled at the Barack Obama Elementary School.

Grigsby. I believe Barack H. Obama’s portrait is a representation of all of the

collective efforts of the school community.”

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Alcorn inaugurates 147th year with big bang

Prayers, speeches, meetings, food and prizes stir attendees



By Dr. Jerry Domatob
Contributing Writer

Amidst joyous speeches, professional reminders, staff meetings and introductions; the famous Alcorn State University, established in 1871, at its Lorman-Mississippi campus, grandly launched its 147th anniversary.

Under the astute tutelage of Interim President Donzell Lee, as well as Vice President and Provost John G. Igwebuike; enthusiastic faculty and staff welcomed and applauded the university's leaders, who updated them on the school's current status and the direction it is charting.

These leaders thanked Alcorn community for assiduous work and urged them to keep doing their best in all arenas and contexts, as they foster the schools growth and development.

Lee disclosed that under his auspices, the university will improve the computer network, upgrade labs, embark on re-accreditation self-study and continue to build the school as a great institution. He stressed the imperative of communication, team work and customer service, adding that all hands must be on deck for the accreditation task.

Igwebuike also expressed his profuse thanks to all present and encouraged them to keep working hard. He reiterated the importance of collaboration, respect for each other, hard work and unity. The visionary attorney and industrious business graduate emphasized the necessity of effective communication, which among other critical variables, include dialogue and attentive, critical listening.

Dupre also expressed her

appreciation to all for the services they render. Submitting that the university witnessed phenomenal financial cuts, she repeated that all Alcornites strive to exercise prudence in their spending. "We must continue to do more with less," she said.

Keynote speaker Charlie L. Nutt, executive director and president of The National Academic Advising Association (NACADA), focused on the global community for academic advising noting that it was a critical educational component, which teachers and learners must embrace. Noting that it is at the core of student development, Nutt clarified the concept, adding that advising is needed by all students especially at risk ones. He postulated that good advising helps students make life-long decisions. An

all-encompassing process, the keynote speaker noted that it incorporates communication, assessment, measurement, leadership and vision. He noted that good advising enhances students' endeavors and leads to ultimate success. It also demands consistent learning, research, data collection and relationship building.

Tracy Cook, vice president for Student Affairs, in a humorous but inspiring speech, also greeted attendees and stirred them to keep working hard. He thanked each and all for their diligence and dedication and enjoined all parties to carry themselves well. He noted that housing might pose temporary challenges, since Alcorn has the largest class of students coming this fall. However, they are tackling it.

See photos page 19.

State Board of Education votes to adjust baseline accountability scores for schools with a 12th grade

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Mississippi State Board of Education (SBE) voted recently to reset the baseline scores for establishing accountability grades for schools that have a 12th grade. The change would address the lack of comparability to growth scores in prior years and would take effect for the 2017-18 accountability results.

The SBE's decision followed a recommendation from the Commission on School Accreditation (CSA) and the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to reset the scores.

The scores for assigning school and district letter grades for 2017-18 were set last year based on 2016-17 student performance data. Because the growth for 2016-17 for schools with a 12th grade was not comparable to growth computed in 2017-18, the CSA and TAC recommended the baseline scores for earning each letter grade from A through F be reset.

The differences in growth were caused by the use of three different high school assessments over a three-year period. Last year's growth calculations for schools with a 12th grade still included data from the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC), which was administered in 2014-15.

Chris Domaleski, associate director of the National Center for the

Improvement of Educational Assessment and chair of the MDE's TAC, said many states have faced the challenge of calculating growth on different assessments.

"Mississippi has now had the same high school assessments for three consecutive years, so future growth calculations will no longer include the residual effects of changing assessments," Domaleski said.

Mississippi first implemented the Mississippi Academic Assessment Program (MAAP) in 2015-16, which includes tests in English Language Arts and Mathematics for grades 3-8 and high school Algebra I and English II.

The TAC and CSA did not recommend making any changes to baseline scores for elementary and middle schools or for school districts. The elementary and middle school baseline scores were established last year based on only MAAP data.

Accountability letter grades for the 2017-18 school year are scheduled to be released in September.

"The Board made this decision after careful thought and deliberation and with consideration of what is in the best interest of students," said Jason Dean, SBE chair. "We believe this adjustment will ensure the accountability model accurately reflects student progress and provides a meaningful comparison of how well students are learning from year to year."

Jackson Academy and Mississippi College leaders sign agreement



Mississippi College President Blake Thompson and JA headmaster Jack Milne signed papers August 20 on the Clinton campus. The documents contain details of the new MC-JA partnership.

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Jackson Academy and Mississippi College leaders signed an agreement to strengthen bonds between the two institutions.

The tuition exchange agreement will cut costs for JA graduates who become MC students on the Clinton campus. President Blake Thompson and JA leader Jack Milne signed the papers August 20.

In addition, Mississippi College faculty and staff sending their children to Jackson Academy will see prices reduced as well.

"We see this as a win-win for both institutions," says Jim Turcotte, MC vice president for enrollment services and dean of students.

Documents signed Monday morning at Thompson's office in Nelson Hall represent the fifth agreement of its type between Mississippi College and metro Jackson private schools.

In late April, then-President Lee Royce signed a similar agreement with Phillip Broome, headmaster at Clinton Christian Academy. Royce retired in late June after 16 years of service.

In recent years, Mississippi College officials approved tuition exchanges with Madison-Ridgeland Academy, Jackson Prep and Mt. Salus Christian School in Clinton.

Jackson Academy and Mississippi College already have some notable things in common. A 1997

MC graduate, Jackson native Bryan Eubank serves as JA's sports information director and the voice of the Raider Network. Eubank broke into the sports broadcasting business in 1998.

JA Raider athletics are pretty strong in football, basketball, baseball, soccer and other sports. Days ago, the JA Raiders opened the 2018 football season with a 31-0 win over the Washington School of Greenville. JA girls teams won six championships in 2017-18. Jackson Academy academic programs are solid, too.

Both leaders at MC and JA are relatively new. Thompson began his duties July 1. Milne has led the school at 4908 Ridgewood Road in Jackson since January 1. He previously served as vice president and dean.

Founded in 1959, JA enrolls about 1,271 students, from preschool through middle and upper schools.

Under the similar agreement with Clinton Christian Academy, CCA graduates become eligible to receive a 40 percent tuition reduction at MC. The students will be considered for discounts as long as they meet admission standards at the Baptist-affiliated university. At least two new CCA graduates are expected to enroll as MC freshmen in late August.

Mississippi College classes began August 22.

CPSD offers Parent Academy for parents of current preschoolers

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Parents of preschool age children can learn more about kindergarten at a series of Parent Academy meetings this school year.

The six workshops will be held from 5:45-7 p.m. at Clinton Park Elementary School on Arrow Drive, and are free to attend. The program is offered through a grant from the Barksdale Reading Institute.

"Parents will learn tips and strategies to prepare their children for success in kindergarten," said Clinton Park Principal Kelli Pope.

Topics covered include literacy, math and general development. Workshops include simple, daily things that parents can do with their children to help them prepare for kindergarten and to be in a classroom setting.

All materials will be provided at no cost, and childcare and snacks will be provided for children ages 3-10.

"All participants will be entered to win a door prize at each session," Pope said.

For more information or to register, contact Clinton Park Elementary at 601-924-5205 or email pope at kpope@clinton-publicschools.com.

Preschool Parents to the Rescue!

Barksdale Reading Institute and Clinton Park present Parent Academy:
Location: Clinton Park
Time: 5:45 - 7:00
Dates: September 20th, October 23rd, November 15th, January 24th, February 28th & March 21st

Series of 6 FREE workshops for parents/guardians of preschool children. In these workshops, parents will learn tips and strategies to prepare for success in kindergarten. Topics include: literacy, math, and general development. All materials will be provided for FREE. Childcare (ages 3 to 10 year olds) and snacks will be provided for FREE for participants. All participants present will be entered to win a door prize at each session. Please complete the registration form and return to your preschool or Clinton Park!

A Dose of Reality: Suicide Prevention Program educates, encourages students to seek help

By Rachel James-Terry
jsumsnews.com

“Suicide is on the rise on college campuses. It is the second-leading cause of death among college students. It’s the eleventh cause of death worldwide,” said Shanice White at the A Dose of Reality: Suicide Prevention Program hosted by Jackson State University’s Department of Student Affairs, OutSpoken Arts Collective, and the Latasha Norman Counseling Center Aug. 21.

White, lead therapist for the center, explained the event was necessary for JSU students to understand that they can go to a safe place on campus when experiencing any form of mental distress.

“Or, if they have something suddenly happen to them like a death or a breakup, we want them to know that they have people available to help them with that,” she added.

The prevention program educated attendees on warning signs, risk factors, statistics and treatment options.

Although there is an increase in the number of students using the counseling center’s services, Horton said that college students miss warning signs due to a lack of information and misunderstanding.

“Based on the National Alliance on Mental Illness that’s the number one reason – lack of information. We don’t recognize the signs, and if we don’t recognize the signs then we’re going to underestimate the impact of what depression and anxiety can lead to,” said Horton, who also serves as project coordinator of ONE S.A.F.E. (Sexual Assault Free Environment) JSU, an initiative that works to eradicate abuse and make the campus a safe environment for all people.

During a Q & A segment, one young man asked how to quiet suicidal thoughts. Horton responded by explaining the importance of being able to identify signs leading up to a person contemplating taking his or her life.

“When you notice that you stop doing things that you love, when you notice changes in your eating habits, when you notice changes in your sleeping habits, those are risk factors. Those are indicators that it’s time to reach out for help,” he stated.

Horton also explained that it was his personal belief that everyone experiences some form of depression as a result of the stress that comes from living in a world inundated with pain, tragedy and misfortune. However, he reiterated the significance of seeking help when life’s pressures appear to become unbearable.

Princess Hollins, peer educator for ONE S.A.F.E., also spoke to students about gender-based violence, which includes stalking, dating violence, domestic violence and sexual assault. “In the event that you or a friend have encountered any of these things, please reach out to us for support,” she encouraged.

Hollins shared that a lot of students are attending colleges out of state and leaving behind their comfort zones and support systems. “We’re coming to a new environment meeting all types of people. We’re juggling different roles; being a student, working full time and engaging in all the activities around campus,” she said. “There’s a lot that we have to deal with, so we may not be able to recognize when we need to reach out for help.”

Jonet Washington and Jasmine Thomas, members of OutSpoken, gave emotional performances that spoke to the theme of the event.

Thomas, a graduate student, presented “Places in My Mind,” an original spoken word piece that chronicled her battle with clinical depression that eventually led to a suicide attempt.

“I wrote that piece to let people know that it’s a process. People just don’t wake up and decide that they want to commit suicide today. It’s a journey that leads to that moment,” she shared.

Washington, a senior, belted out an acapella version of the song “Hero” by Mariah Carey because she wanted to uplift those who may be battling inner demons.

“The song calls for people to find the strength within, for them to look inside themselves and find something greater



Latasha Norman Counseling Center staff members Shanice White, lead therapist, (left); Princess Hollins, peer educator, and Antonio Horton, counselor, provided faculty, staff and students with life-saving information during their suicide prevention program earlier this week.



Jonet Washington, a senior at JSU and member of OutSpoken, sang an acapella and goosebump inducing version of Mariah Carey’s song “Hero.” PHOTO BY KENTRICE S. RUSH/JSU



Jasmine Thomas gave the audience a glimpse into the mind of a person with clinical depression with her original spoken word piece titled: “Places in My Mind.”



Members of JSU’s student body volunteered to come on stage and share their reasons to live during the A Dose of Reality: Suicide Prevention Program at Rose E. McCoy Auditorium on Tuesday.

than the world has to offer,” said the mass communications major.

The song choice seemed to be a perfect complement to an imperfect subject if one takes the time to review some of the lyrics.

There’s a hero
If you look inside your heart
You don’t have to be afraid
Of what you are
There’s an answer
If you reach into your soul
And the sorrow that you know
Will melt away
And then a hero comes along
With the strength to carry on
And you cast your fears aside
And you know you can survive
So when you feel like hope is gone
Look inside you and be strong
And you’ll finally see the truth
That a hero lies in you

Ari Parker, an elementary education major, called the event “helpful and informative.” She also added that the presentation made her feel comfortable and not “weird” to discuss a sensitive topic like suicide.

The faculty and staff members in attendance agreed that all people should learn about suicide and preventive measures.

“I think as black people, we don’t pay attention to a lot (psychologically) but if our arm, leg or foot hurts then we’ll go see a doctor,” said Tasha Watson, office manager at the center for student engagement and leadership.

“If we’re hurting mentally, emotionally then we also need to see a doctor about that as well. We need to pray like our momma’s told us but we also need to seek help.”

Gov. Bryant appoints Whittaker to task force to help lure defense contractors to Mississippi



Whittaker PHOTO BY CHARLES A. SMITH/JSU

By L.A. Warren
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Mississippi Gov. Phil Bryant has appointed Jackson State University associate provost Joseph A. Whittaker to serve on his Governor’s Military Defense Initiative Task Force that aims to encourage defense-related companies to locate in the state.

Whittaker said the governor’s vision and executive order is for us to “help raise the bar in terms of economic development for Mississippi.”

The task force will hold its first meetings Thursday and Friday. It has a year to develop its master plan and present to the governor its strategies for bringing more military contractors into the state and attracting more employees.

Whittaker said, “Many companies that are military contractors probably feel they’re not doing enough to leverage the capabilities between universities and businesses to help drive the economy.”

He wants the task force to change this perception and has cited the expertise of the state’s four research universities, including JSU, for fostering economic growth. The panel also will work collaboratively with other entities.

“Mississippi will position itself to train future employees and help companies execute and assist the military, for example, in building new tanks, ships, weapons and other defense assets,” Whittaker said.

The Magnolia state is poised to reap huge benefits if the committee’s plans fall into place as expected.

“As a research institution, JSU’s strategy would be to provide intellectual and technological capabilities to support companies and train students – our next generation of employees. By having government contractors here, we can influence more people to remain in this state, which already has a high brain-drain problem ... especially in STEM,” Whittaker said. “Securing defense contractors will provide a lot of opportunities for university graduates – from building the workforce and raising employment to building a revenue base. In return, part of that money will come back to the university as part of our funding stream as a public institution.”

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Whittaker said when it comes to bringing together research, military and business that Mississippi should model itself after Maryland and the Washington, D.C. metro area. He highlighted some of that area’s installations: Pentagon, Fort Meade, FBI, CIA, Marine Corps Base Quantico, U.S. Army Research Laboratory in Aberdeen, and others. He envisions Mississippi earning similar

stature and acclaim.

Whittaker said he confidently believes that creating career opportunities for graduates will “keep them in Mississippi ... and hopefully this will be the driver for the economy going forward.”

He applauded Bryant for assembling a diverse representation from throughout the state to provide input, submit ideas and share capabilities.

He said he’s been to a few community development conferences in Mississippi and has heard discussions about bringing in manufacturing companies.

“Securing defense contractors will provide a lot of opportunities for university graduates – from building the workforce and raising employment to building a revenue base. In return, part of that money will come back to the university as part of our funding stream as a public institution. In those meetings there have been a lot of conversations about community college capabilities and not necessarily four-year colleges. The thought was that companies need ready hands coming in. However, you still have to train middle management and people in leadership,” Whittaker said.

“I think this is where the four-year colleges and other research universities can have a big impact because most companies won’t hire people without a first degree, and an AA (Associate of Arts) degree can go only so far,” Whittaker added.

“Part of our discussion as a task force will be to ensure that we talk more about synergy between two-year colleges and four-year colleges for producing some of the best employees and best minds. We must help workers advance into the future and grow into these organizations rather than constantly bringing in people from the outside.”

He added, “If you hire local residents who are committed to being in the state and give them appropriate incentives, they probably will stay. When you’re in a state that does not have the industry that can sustain the expertise, passion, drive and skill-set of people ... you lose them.”

To avoid that dilemma, Whittaker said the task force would be charged with coming up with an incentive plan for companies to relocate here. In addition to having people with skills and knowledge, he said the state must be willing to offer tax breaks to companies to build an infrastructure.

Whittaker said JSU has some advantages and capabilities that would be attractive to companies, including its cybersecurity program.

In general, Whittaker said, “The results of the task force could position the state to become more economical viable and fiscally sound. They would benefit everyone and other research universities in terms of their external relations by contributing their intellectual capability and skills. Also, the initiatives would help companies deliver contracts and provide needed resources that would strongly reflect our military might.”

Miss Mississippi 2018 Asya Branch was honored August 24, 2018, by the Mississippi Senate with presentation of a resolution authored by Lt. Governor Tate Reeves, Senators Robert L. Jackson and Chad McMahan, saluting her achievements.

Branch, whose platform is “Empowering Children of Incarcerated Parents,” spoke to lawmakers, earning a rousing applause.



Pictured with Branch from left are: Senators Tammy Witherspoon, David L. Jordan, Willie Simmons, Sampson Jackson, Robert L. Jackson, Chad McMahan, J.P. Wilemon, Albert Butler and Briggs Hopson.

MSH's Serendipity Art Show and Auction set for Sept. 6

Mississippi Link Newswire

Mississippi State Hospital will host the 29th annual Serendipity Art Show and silent auction Thursday, Sept. 6. All of the work in this unique show is created by MSH patients and Jaquith Nursing Home residents who are taking part in the hospital's art services program.

This year's show will open at 11:30 a.m. and close at 6 p.m. in the Building 71 Conference Center on the MSH campus. Visitors are welcome, and several hundred typically attend the show over the course of the day.

The pieces on display and up for auction will include paintings in various mediums, crayon batik, pencil draw-

ings and ceramics. Bidders in the silent auction write their name, number and bid down next to a piece in which they are interested. Serious bidders who attend Serendipity every year have learned to be there at closing time to ensure they have the highest bid on the artwork they want.

More than 300 pieces will be on display this year from over 100 different artists. All proceeds go to the artists.

“We try to have something from everyone who is participating in the (art services) program,” said MSH Art Services Director Evelyn Carpenter, who started Serendipity. “We have some new artists this year, and we try new things with everyone. It's al-

ways fresh and vibrant.”

The work displayed in the show is created by individuals from across the hospital's services, including adults and children. For many, it is an important part of the therapeutic process as it gives them a chance to express themselves through their artwork.

MSH's art instructors are Carpenter, Ron Lindsey and Ceci Whitehurst.

MSH, a program of the Mississippi Department of Mental Health, was founded in 1855 and helps the individuals it serves achieve mental wellness by encouraging hope, promoting safety and supporting recovery. The hospital is accredited by the Joint Commission.

Thompson's Mississippi Second Congressional District 2018 College – Career Fair

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Congressman Bennie G. Thompson (MS-02) announces his 2018 College and Career Fair. This year's lineup of participants will be on hand to assist students and the general public in the following ways:

Businesses/Companies – information and career opportunities

Colleges/Universities – admission and financial aid information from both in-state and out-of-state colleges and universities.

Veteran Services – information for veterans and their family about benefits, appeals or filing a claim. Also, representatives from the G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery Veteran Administration Medical Center with information for veterans and



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their family needing help with medical issues.

Business Growth and Expansion – assistance from The U.S. Department of Commerce Exporting Division for business owners who want to take

advantage of exporting opportunities or learn more about how to export goods and services. No experience required.

Legal Assistance – questions will be answered by representatives from the MS Center for Justice at no charge.

Reality Fair – hosted by the MS Credit Union Association that helps to educate teenagers and youth of all ages in a fun and interactive way about making wise financial decisions.

Military Academies/Armed Forces – education and career opportunities

Please visit website <http://benniethompson.house.gov> for a complete listing of participating vendors. Updates are posted as vendors register on a weekly basis.

Jackson-Evers Int'l Airport installs first Mamava Suite in Mississippi to support breastfeeding moms



Mississippi Link Newswire

JAN “Your Connection to the World” – The Jackson – Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport is proud to announce the first Mamava suite installation in Mississippi Airports to support breastfeeding moms.

Despite laws that protect nursing mothers, breastfeeding can still feel a bit uncomfortable outside the home to some nursing mothers. This can be especially challenging for traveling mothers.

“The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority is proud to take a progressive stance in supporting these women. The very least we can do is to create a supportive and safe environment for mothers who choose to breastfeed,” said CEO, Carl Newman, A.A.E. “This is only the beginning. We look forward to providing more in the future.”

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority is committed to achieving the goals of its Strategic Plan 2021. One of them

is customer focus, to provide a best-in-class customer experience. The installation of this suite is aligned with this goal and will certainly provide a better customer experience for nursing mothers.

This first suite is located on the East Concourse past the checkpoint for passengers flying on American or United. Mothers have already begun to use the suite. One mother posted a selfie on Instagram utilizing the suite. You could see she was multi-tasking by feeding her child with a bottle in his stroller, while pumping to add to her supply.

JAN is positioned to install another Mamava suite on the West Concourse that serves Delta, Via and soon Frontier passengers, upon the completion of ongoing construction projects.

Created by Mamava, a company dedicated to transforming the culture of breastfeeding by making it easier for more wom-

en to achieve their breastfeeding goals, the Mamava suite is a self-contained, mobile pod with comfortable benches, a fold-down table, an electrical outlet for plugging in a breast pump and a door that can be locked for privacy. The 4-foot by 8-foot pod is meant for individual use, but can fit more than one person, as well as mothers with babies and other children in tow.

“We're thrilled to support breastfeeding mamas at Jackson-Evers Int'l,” said Sascha Mayer, co-founder and CEO of Mamava. “We believe that all mamas deserve a clean, comfortable and dignified place to use a breast pump or breastfeed distraction-free anywhere, anytime. Mamava pods provide flexibility for facilities and easy access for moms.”

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Black wealth still plummeting, CRL tells lawmakers

Without more federal reforms, black wealth to be wiped out by 2053

By Charlene Crowell
NNPA News Wire Columnist



For years, and particularly in recent months, major news outlets have heralded the nation’s robust economic recovery. From rising corporate profits, to lower unemployment, or rising stock prices on Wall Street, many consumers might conclude that financial stability not only returned after the Great Recession but continues to climb.

But for people of color, and specifically Black America, the state of the economy has not recovered. Instead of low unemployment, many who were laid off during the foreclosure crisis today are under-employed and cope with paychecks that that lead to more month than money. Recent college graduates remain living with their parents, often due to burdensome student debt that delays them setting up their own households. And according to a recent report by the Federal Reserve, a single \$400 unexpected expense led to borrowing, selling something or not being able to pay for four in 10 adults last year.

These seldom unacknowledged financial disparities emerged during testimony at a Capitol Hill hearing August 21. A subcommittee of the U.S. Senate’s Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions heard and learned about how a history of economic exclusion, combined with a more recent wealth shift to the top 10 percent of income earners, leads to a bleak financial future for people of color.

Scott Astrada, Federal Advocacy Director for the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL), testified to the “fear, anxiety and despair facing millions of Americans as they look toward a financial future plagued with uncertainty and loss.”

Citing data from multiple and recent research reports, Astrada noted a still-growing economic divide that has worsened since the Great Recession. Today, the wealthiest 10 percent now own 76 percent of the nation’s wealth, and the median net worth of blacks and Latinx are respectively \$11,000 and \$14,000. Further, the May 2018 Federal Reserve’s Report on the Economic Well-Being of U.S. Households in 2017,



Scott Astrada

found that fewer than 40 percent of adults feel they are on track to retire with adequate savings, and 25 percent have no retirement savings at all.

“For households of color, the Great Recession erased the economic progress made over the past three decades in their entirety,” said Astrada. “If current trends continue, it will take 228 years for the average black family to reach the level of wealth white families own today. For the average Latinx family, matching the wealth of white families will take 84 years.”

“Ultimately,” Astrada continued, “if current trends continue black household wealth is on the path to hit zero by 2053.”

Two long-standing federal policies were cited as key components to today’s financial disparities: government-backed mortgages and Social Security. Both federal programs, according to Astrada, have a sordid history of discrimination that brought long-lasting and significantly diminished and deliberate federal efforts to diminish the financial well-being of Black Americans.

In 1935, the year that Social Security began as a financial safety net for older Americans, the New Deal program excluded domestic and farm workers. Representing nearly a third of the nation’s workforce in the 1930s, these Americans were also largely people of color. A 2017 publication jointly released by Prosperity Now and

the Institute for Policy Studies, The Road to Zero Wealth, tallied that long-time economic exclusion to be approximately \$143 billion in 2016 dollars.

Fast forward to 2018, and generations of lower wages and benefits translates into nearly a third of black retirees relying solely upon Social Security as the sole source of retirement income for more than half of retirees for all races.

Similarly from 1934 to 1968, widespread redlining in the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) low-down payment, government-backed mortgages denied blacks and other people of color opportunities to build and transfer wealth from one generation to another. During this 34-year span, only two percent of FHA mortgages were available to people of color. In just one city, Chicago, this three-decade exclusion shortchanged black Chicagoans by \$3 billion in 2017 dollars.”

“The harm of homeownership disparities,” added Astrada, “is especially clear when considering that two-thirds of the net wealth that is held by the middle 60 percent of families is in the form of home equity, resulting from, among other factors, invested wealth and appreciation.”

The lack of convenient access to full-service banking was identified by Astrada is a third factor diminishing black wealth. Communities of color, particularly those with low-incomes, frequently lack access to traditional bank-

ing. Often these same communities are where high-cost, alternative financial services offering check-cashing, money orders or payday loans sell their predatory products.

“Individuals cannot simply save and borrow as necessary to smooth dips and spikes without access to affordable and wealth building credit,” said Astrada. “Predatory lending ensnares families already in emergency situations.”

Since the onset of the Trump Administration, multiple federal agencies such as the Department of Education and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau have emphasized the need for more consumer information.

Although a 2017 report by Prudential Financial, Inc. entitled, The Financial Wellness of America, found that a majority of working Americans suffer from financial stress due to struggles to pay monthly bills and/or saving for the future, the corporation’s representative at the hearing representative attributed this financial angst to “the evolution of retirement and healthcare benefit offerings.”

Vishal Jain, a vice president with Prudential Financial, Inc.’s Workplace Solutions Group testified, “Today’s workers are having to assume increased responsibility for their financial security. When coupled with day-to-day financial obligations, such as mortgages and student loan debt, it is easy to understand why employees may be experiencing higher levels of stress about their financial situation.”

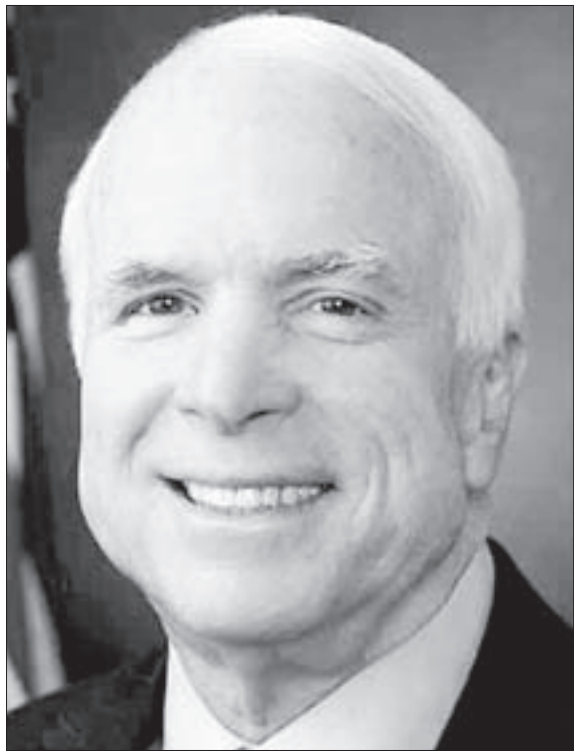
None of the other persons testifying in the hearing spoke to the continuing discrimination that people of color encounter despite federal and state laws calling for equal treatment.

But Astrada did.

Concluded Astrada, “For the purposes of this hearing, I want to underscore that financial literacy cannot, by any means, solve everything...Furthermore, the limits of financial literacy, in the context of discussion, require that strong regulators and sound consumer protection policy remain at the root for retirement readiness.”

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Senator John McCain called Obama’s election ‘a triumph for the country’



McCain

By Frederick H. Lowe
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In his 2008 concession speech to Sen. Barack Obama, Sen. John McCain declared that Obama’s election as president was ‘a triumph for the country.’ Obama, the nation’s first African-American president, along with predecessor President George W. Bush, will deliver the eulogies at McCain’s funeral. McCain, a Republican senator from Arizona and Vietnam War veteran, died Saturday night from brain cancer. He will lie in state in the Capitol Rotunda. McCain was 81.

“Senator Obama has achieved a great thing for himself and for his country. I applaud him for it and offer him my sincere sympathy that his beloved grandmother did not live to see this day. Though our faith assures us she is at rest in the presence of her creator and so very proud of the good man she helped raise,” McCain said. McCain also noted how much the country has changed with Obama’s election. “A century ago, President Theodore Roosevelt’s invitation of Booker T Washington to dine at the White House was taken as an outrage in many quarters. America today is a world away from the cruel and frightful bigotry of that time. There is no better evidence of this than the election of an African American to the presidency of the United States,” he said.

At the end of speech, McCain wished Obama well. “I wish Godspeed to the man who was my former opponent and will be my president. And I call on all Americans, as I have often in this campaign, to not despair of our present difficulties, but to believe, always, in the promise and greatness of America, because nothing is inevitable here.”

McCain also made a great gesture when he took a microphone from a woman at a 2008 town hall meeting. The woman said she could not trust Obama because he was an Arab. To a chorus of boos, McCain corrected her, calling Obama a decent family man and citizen who he happens to disagree with on certain issues. He told the audience there was nothing frightening about Obama. The boos became cheers. And now Obama will eulogize his former colleague in the Senate, his former presidential rival, lauding John McCain as a man of commitment and courage, a steward of America’s highest ideals.



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Choosing your destiny

PART 4

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



In Acts, Chapter 24, you can read that the Apostle Paul spent the last few years of his life in prison, or at least in bonds, but he got a chance to testify and tell people what God had done for him. He never ceased to try to win men and women to God and tell them the best way to live. The Judgment is just ahead of us. The Bible lets you know that, beyond a shadow of a doubt. You can read in John 8:24 that Jesus told the Jews in His day, “I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins.” The people of God know the terror of the Lord. We know that one of these days, the day of mercy will be over and the Day of Judgment will be at hand, without mercy. That is the reason we try to persuade men. King Agrippa was a great man in authority. He had lots

of business to attend, but God captivated his mind. Thank God for the power of God that can reach down and get hold of souls and shake them just a little to bring them back to reality. For just a little while King Agrippa was brought back to a life of reality, and he knew that the things Paul was speaking of were true. He did not know much about it, but he knew this much that something had gotten hold of Paul. He knew that Paul knew what he was talking about, and for once in his life, Agrippa felt something moving upon his inner being. I would not trade this salvation for anything. Glory be to God. This is the best thing this side of Heaven. It is wonderful to have the glory of God in your soul and to be cleansed from the life of sin. Friend, you, too, can be washed and made holy in the blood of Jesus Christ. This Christian life would be the best way to live even if Heaven did not exist. It is important for you to get saved, not only so that you can go to

Heaven but also so that you will not ruin your life and have to suffer a life of misery in this old world. King Agrippa listened as Paul testified to him. God can get your attention, friend, but He will not make you serve Him. When He speaks to your heart, you will know that you have been touched by God and brought back to reality. The Christian life is not a life of fantasy as the devil tells you. Oh, how he will destroy your character. He does not want you to live an upright life. He is interested in your being a rascal. God wants to straighten up your life and cause you not to be ashamed or afraid. Oh, I am so thankful for what God has done for me in this life. He is the One who has made my life worthwhile. He is the One who has directed my steps. Now, I owe it all to Him. King Agrippa knew he had come in contact with something that he had never felt before. The divine providence of God had made it possible that even a king

could hear the Word of God and be touched by the Spirit of God, by His convicting Spirit. Do you remember what King Agrippa said to Paul? When Paul was done speaking, King Agrippa said, “Al-most thou persuades me to be a Christian.” I do not know what kept him from being fully persuaded. I could speculate in my mind that maybe he was fearful of having to give up his position. Perhaps the cost was too much for him. No doubt, many people today would become Christians if it were not for this and that reason. Precious friend, you have to come to the place where, live or die, you are going to go with God. Whatever the cost, you must sell out completely and go with God. Next week, “Seek the Lord while He may be found.” Rev. Simeon R. Green III is pastor of Joynes Road Church of God, 31 Joynes Road, Hampton VA 23669. He is a member of the National Association of Evangelism Church of God, Anderson, Ind.

PRESERVED


The path of perseverance

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



As the movie The First Grader ended, I sat in the dark theater at the Angelika Plano theater a few years ago for a few minutes. It’s wasn’t that I was waiting for the crowd to leave first; it was a midday show and there were barely 20 people in the theater. What kept me glued to my seat was my amazement at how in 112 minutes the movie had expertly illustrated perseverance in action through the inspirational true story of Mzee Kimani Ng’ang’a Maruge, the Kenyan who was the oldest person to start primary/elementary school at the age of 84. From flashbacks of his life as a young married man to being tortured for participating in the Mau Mau revolution against the British rule in the 1950’s, the movie showed what tragic things led Maruge to want to begin school at such an advanced age.

Grader showed how the things Maruge experienced as a young man gave him the strength of character to pursue his education when others mocked him. The Bible also speaks of this in Romans 5:3-4: “Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.” His struggles to first be admitted and then stay up with his much younger classmates in school were some of the most touching scenes in the movie. I thought about these scenes as I left the movie theater. How is it that a man can be so determined to achieve a goal? It reminds me of the following anonymous quote, “Nobody trips over mountains. It is the small pebble that causes you to stumble. Pass all the pebbles in your path and you will find you have crossed the mountain.” The movie did an excellent job of showing how powerful the little steps were that Maruge took on his path to overcoming the mountain of being illiterate. At this time of the year so many students enter our schools excited about their classes and hopeful about succeeding. The movie also shows that much like Maruge’s daily walk to school, the path of perseverance that leads to success is not full of gigantic steps but small, deliberate ones of faith. Shewanda Riley is a Dallas, Texas based author of “Love Hangover: Moving From Pain to Purpose After a Relationship Ends.” Email her at preserved-bypurpose@gmail.com or follow her on Twitter @shewanda.



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How long?

By E. Faye Williams
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The world has waited much too long to find out when Americans are going to rescue our nation from the havoc we’ve witnessed just about daily since #45 and his folks have been in charge of “Making America Great Again.”

We’ve agonized through 2017 and now we’re almost at the end of 2018 waiting for the end of the agony called the Trump Administration. It just seems to get worse by the day.

As much as Rachel Maddow has tried to keep us updated on folks who’ve been pushed out of this administration that promised to drain the swamp, I’ve lost track and it seems that Rachel’s board has long ago run out of space.

During the past week, we seem to be inching closer toward a place where even the Republican leaders should be about ready to throw in the towel and confess that the swamp they brought to Washington, D.C. in January of 2017 is far worse than what they call the swamp they imagined we already had here.

President Barack Obama presided over one of the best administrations of my life. We didn’t have to witness a new scandal every time we turned on the news. We didn’t see the president’s lawyers and staff pleading guilty or embarrassing the nation on the evening news as though that is the normal thing to do. From 2008 to 2016, we enjoyed the respect and admiration of most people in the world. Now, we look back on those years as the good old days. How long will it take us to get back to days like the Obama years? How long? We pray that the answer is “not long.”

Even those who grumbled during the Obama years are now wishing he could be president again. We have gone from the brilliance and shining light of the Obama years where we had great hope for an even better world to the deep pit of ignorance, more racism, more misogyny, more crime from so-called leaders, more hopelessness and the list goes on.

I dread thinking about what our children must be thinking about the world in which they are now growing up. The presidency was once something to appreciate, something so awesome that only the few could aspire to become. Now I wonder how many young people look at the current president and wonder who’d want to be like him. The person holding the title of president now is a disgrace to humanity.

No matter what one might think of Omarosa, I pray that she will move a bit faster on releasing the tapes she has of Trump’s madness so that it will be clear for even the staunchest supporter of what Trump and his administration – with emphasis being on 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW – are doing to destroy our country. Omarosa had the foresight to know that one day the tapes would be useful in returning this nation to one that is at least trying to perfect itself.

Now that Michael Cohen has confessed his sins and implicated Trump, maybe it’s not too long before we’ll begin to see the light of day and begin to return to some semblance of sanity. I use the words “some semblance of sanity” because I fear that it will take years to repair the damage we are now witnessing. The Republican leadership seems to have no intention of putting a stop to Trump’s madness. Mitch McConnell’s and Paul Ryan’s silence are plainly giving their consent to what’s going on as the Republican Party is dragged deeper into the pits by their leader. How long? Prayerfully not long before this is over.

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Music and the movement: The lasting legacy of the Queen of Soul

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“Aretha helped define the American experience. In her voice, we could feel our history, all of it and in every shade – our power and our

pain, our darkness and our light, our quest for redemption and our hard-won respect. She helped us feel more connected to each other, more hopeful, more human. And sometimes she helped us just forget about everything else and dance.” – Statement from President and Mrs. Obama on the passing of Aretha Franklin, August 16, 2018.

If you could choose one artist to embody the African-American experience of the 20th century, it would have to be the incomparable Miss Aretha Franklin.

In exchange for her prodigious talent, the American audience gave Franklin 20 No. 1 R&B hits and 17 Top 10 Pop singles. She won 18 Grammy Awards and was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award. She was the first woman inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, and

was also awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the National Medal of Arts and the Kennedy Center Honors. And while Americans are well-known for their anti-aristocratic strain, she was universally crowned and internationally known and revered as the Queen of Soul.

But Franklin was more than the sum of awards she amassed over her six decades-long career. Her voice, sweeter than honey, became the soundtrack of a tumultuous time in American history when African Americans, women and other marginalized communities were fighting for equality and justice. Her music demanded R-E-S-P-E-C-T when far too little of it was being shown to women and people of color for far too long.

The song, “Respect,” was a minor hit for Otis Redding. According to an autobiographer, once Franklin “deconstructed and reconstructed” it, this two-minute and 30-second long song became her signature, forcing Redding to later admit that, “The girl has taken that song from me.” Recorded on Valentine’s Day in 1967, what was originally Redding’s demand to an unfaithful

lover transformed into a soul anthem for social justice. It was an anchor in the constant ebb and flow of achievements and setbacks – a touchstone that intersected any and all movements, bridging any perceived divides.

Explaining why “Respect” resonated with so many seemingly disparate groups of people, Franklin wrote in her autobiography that, “It was the need of the nation, the need of the average man and woman in the street, the businessman, the mother, the fireman, the teacher – everyone wanted respect.”

Using her craft to create change was likely inherited. Aretha Louise Franklin was the daughter of Barbara Siggers Franklin, a celebrated gospel singer and pianist, and C. L. Franklin, a gifted pastor with a radio broadcast who was popularly known as “the man with the million-dollar voice.” She was raised by her father, a man who preached black pride and befriended Martin Luther King Jr. The Franklin household was filled with two things: music and politics, and all these influences found their way into Franklin’s art and advocacy.

Franklin was as familiar and com-

fortable with the movement for civil rights as she was with keys on a piano. She performed at rallies for King in an effort to fundraise for the movement. Later, she would also sing at his funeral, performing “Precious Lord,” a song King asked Franklin to perform on countless occasions before his assassination. Like her father, her voice became central in the civil rights movements, with many adding “Respect” and her 1968 hit “Think” to the canon of pivotal protest anthems.

Franklin’s presence and popularity were not limited to the 60s or 70s. Whether she was warning freshmen that college was a different world than where they came from, feeling like a “Natural Woman,” riding on the “Freeway of Love,” or performing a stirring rendition of “My Country ‘Tis of Thee” during Barack Obama’s 2009 inauguration, multiple generations have its version of Franklin to celebrate and rediscover.

Born in Memphis and raised in Detroit, where she will be laid to rest, Franklin ultimately became an American treasure. Today, heaven may have the Queen of Soul, but forever, forever and ever she – and her music – will stay in our hearts.

Mourning Kofi Annan, remembering Ron Walters

By Julianne Malveaux
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Kofi Annan made his transition in August. The seventh secretary-general of the United Nations, he worked up from the lower ranks (starting at age 24)

of the international organization, to serve as head of peacekeeping operations, and four years into his term as UN secretary-general, earning the Nobel Peace Prize. Annan, born in the kente-weaving province of Kumasi, Ghana, was the first African to lead the United Nations. After leading the UN for a decade, he continued to serve the world in a peacekeeping role through his foundation and in a leadership role in the Elders, a peacekeeping group.

Annan’s contributions to the United Nations are twofold, in my opinion. First, he was committed to peace, and to the UN’s peacekeeping role. He saw human rights as more important than “state sovereignty” and felt that the UN had a role in maintaining citizen rights in the face of state brutality. To be sure, he failed to recognize the threat to human rights in Rwanda (as did the Clinton administration

and the rest of the world). Still, he expanded the role of the United Nations by asserting the importance of human rights.

Annan’s second significant contribution was his expanded definition of human rights, which included the fight against global poverty, global warming and AIDS. In other words, he felt that human rights included the right for us all to live in a better world, and he focused on the ways that predatory global capitalism shaped the ways many in the developing world lived. Annan, the consummate diplomat, would not use the same words that I have, but he was passionate in advancing the vision of global politics that was both peaceful and expansive.

In these moments after his transition, African Americans must celebrate the legacy of Annan. We must commemorate an African man with a global vision by widening our lens to acknowledge our global view of, in the words of the late Ron Walters (the dean of African-American political science), “foreign policy justice.” Walters decried inconsistencies in US foreign policy, in the many ways that some nations were favored and others were not, with Israel often having too preferred a status compared to Palestinian nations, as well as the uneven ways

our country chose to intervene in country conflicts. Through the lens of Walters, too little conversation about foreign policy justice took place, and African Americans were too often missing when these conversations took place.

Walters was among those who felt that African-American people needed to be more fully involved in the development of US foreign policy, not only around Africa but in general. He was a trusted advisor to Rev. Jesse Jackson, a longtime political science professor at Howard University (and later at the University of Maryland), and a prolific writer and speaker. He embraced the legacy of Annan and the vision of Afroglobalism. When we embrace Annan, we also recognize the many ways that Walters was pivotal in lifting awareness of African-American people around global issues.

Both Annan and Walters were born in 1938, both would have turned 80 this year (Walters made his transition in 2010). Both provided a foundation of critical thinking around foreign policy issues and foreign policy justice. Thanks to Walters, African Americans embraced foreign policy issues more closely and critically. Thanks to Annan, the United Nations began to

look at human rights more globally.

I do not hesitate to celebrate the legacy of Kofi Annan, a legacy that the Nobel Prize committee said was “an excellent representative of the United Nations and probably the most effective secretary-general in its history.” At the same time, when I celebrate Annan’s legacy, I remember the legacy of Walters, the civil rights activist (leading sit-ins in his hometown of Wichita, Kansas), iconic political science professor, and pioneering political activist and advisor to leaders, and submit that his legacy should motivate African Americans to be more fully committed to foreign policy justice.

Two men, Secretary-General Kofi Annan and Professor Ron Walters, embraced the vision of a safe, peaceful, equitable world and must be celebrated for it. Their legacy is in contrast to US leadership where our 45th president sows dissent and disparages the countries Annan and Walters so loved as “shithole” countries.

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UMMC expert offers easy suggestions for lowering daily sodium intake

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They are among our favorites. And they are among the saltiest. Pizza, pickles and deli meats are among the foods Americans crave, yet their health “minuses” include lots of excess sodium. Ditto for canned soups, salted snacks, fresh and processed chicken, cheese, burgers and sandwiches.

On average, Americans are consuming about 3,400 milligrams of sodium daily, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. That’s 50 percent more than the maximum 2,300 milligrams of table salt per day – about a teaspoon – that experts recommend. Ideally, it should be no more than 1,500 milligrams per day for most adults.

Too much salt in their diet leaves many people more vulnerable to high blood pressure, stroke and heart attack. The higher their blood pressure, the greater the strain on their heart, arteries, kidneys and brain. Salt often is a culprit in heart and kidney disease and can lead to those organs’ failure. “Salt attracts water, so when we consume too much salt, we hang on to more water than we need,” said Dr. Josie Bidwell, associate professor of nursing and preventive medicine at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. “That increases our blood volume, which makes our blood pressure go up. The more volume you have, the harder your heart has to work to pump it around.”

As much as 75 to 80 percent of sodium in a person’s diet comes from packaged and processed foods, said Bidwell, who runs UMMC’s wellness clinic.

“We used to think that it was table salt, and of course we want to limit that, but if we can change the amount of processed or packaged foods we start with, then adding a little salt during the cooking process is not the big problem.”

Face it: People won’t eat food if it’s not appealing.

“If you don’t add seasonings to food, it doesn’t taste good,” Bidwell said. “Our taste buds have become accustomed to wanting things that are super-salty, so we over-salt. But if you need to reduce your salt, first work on cutting down on processed and packaged things.”

Cutting down on salt doesn’t mean cutting it out of your diet entirely, Bidwell said. Instead, make better choices.

“Snack time at the office is a good opportunity,” she said. “Instead of reaching for something from the vending machine or eating a package of peanut butter crackers, change to a piece of fruit and a little handful



Bidwell

of nuts.”

Set some reasonable goals when it comes to salt consumption. If you’re eating fast food seven days a week, she said, cut it down to five – and choose more wisely what you order.

“If you normally get a burger and fries, that’s a ton of salt and calories,” she said. “Get maybe one of them, and instead of the other, pick a side salad or a fruit cup.”

She recommends a few more tips:

- When possible, choose fresh foods, not processed foods that almost always are highly salty.
- Use the nutrition facts label to check the amount of sodium in a food or drink. Look for foods with 5 percent Daily Value or less of sodium. A DV of 20 percent or more is high. When cooking grains, don’t add salt.
- Look for foods labeled “low sodium” or “no salt added.”
- Load up on foods with no salt, such as fresh fruits like apples, oranges or bananas; fresh vegetables like spinach, carrots or broccoli; frozen vegetables without added butter or sauce; and canned vegetables with no salt added.
- When cooking grains, don’t add salt.
- Try one of the sodium-replacement salts available in grocery or discount stores that taste like salt but include potassium instead of sodium as a key ingredient. Experts say these replacements might actually help to lower blood pressure because of the helpful effects of potassium. If food comes with a seasoning packet, use only part of the packet.
- Dilute salt by adding liquid to dishes like soups, stews, casseroles and other liquid-based dishes. Add fat to “absorb” the taste of the salt for most dishes. Or add bland foods such as potatoes, grains or bread, or replace salt with something tangy or sour, like lemon juice.

For more tips, visit the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ healthfinder.gov website.

Soccer players at MS College participate in UMMC clinical trial



A four-week clinical research trial begins in August at Mississippi College. Dr. Kimberly Willis, a physical therapy professor at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, positions MC men’s soccer players Cameron Allcorn of Pinson, Alabama and Cayman Pearson of Birmingham, Alabama on rubber stands on the Clinton campus. The rubber stands impact their balance to prepare them for a motor skills test. Photo by Joe Ellis of UMMC.

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Coach Darryl Longabaugh remains pumped as he enters his 20th season as leader of the Mississippi College Lady Choctaws soccer team.

“I’m excited,” says Longabaugh, one of the premier coaches in the Gulf South Conference. He’s not just fired up about the promising 2018 season on the field ahead. Longabaugh is thrilled his talented squad will participate in a first-of-its kind clinical trial by a research team at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson.

A \$30,000 grant from UMMC’s Neuro Institute will make the research possible.

The work involves 75 MC student-athletes on the men’s and women’s soccer teams. The month-long trial on the Clinton campus began August 11.

If a college soccer player has good reflexes and motor skills that help with movement on the field, it could be a factor whether or not they take a hit resulting in a concussion, UMMC officials say.

The clinical trial also seeks to discover if their sensory abilities impacting movement

can be adjusted for the better on the front end to lessen their chances of concussion. In addition, UMMC researchers seek to allow players to recover better and more quickly if they do suffer a concussion.

Nationwide, players, coaches and fans are increasingly aware of the dangers of sports injuries, from elementary school through the professional ranks. Reports show that one of every five high school athletes across the USA sustains sports-related concussions.

Longabaugh says the UMMC findings will be valuable for all 36 players on his team plus the coaches. “In soccer, we use our heads a lot,” and players often hit the ground during games, he said.

While concussions involving football players – from high school through the NFL – get plenty of media attention, injuries for soccer players happen quite often, too, Longabaugh says.

The UMMC researchers aim to evaluate the effectiveness of aggressive physical therapy as “sensorimotor” training.

“We’re taking healthy ath-

letes, who have had a concussion in the past or not, and seeing if we can fine-tune their sensorimotor system,” says Dr. Jennifer Reneker, UMMC associate professor of physical therapy. “I believe if they have any underlying impairments, we can remedy that and decrease their risk of injury.”

Lady Choctaws soccer players like Sam Carson, 22, of England give the project a thumbs up. “I really did not think about concussions until I came here,” says the Mississippi College senior and exercise science major. In soccer games and practices, “quite often I use my head.”

It’s pretty cool, Carson said, to be part of this new research initiative linking the body with her favorite sport.

MC junior Lauren Kate Carter, 20, of Tupelo plays the position of midfielder on the Lady Choctaws squad. She’s delighted to participate in the research. “I love it,” says the Tupelo High graduate. “I’m really into science and physical therapy.”

In recent years, Lauren Kate used her head in soccer games for the Tupelo High

Golden Wave team at Tupelo High and at MC. “It is dangerous, no doubt. But we all have a passion to win.”

The UMMC trial is officially called “Sensorimotor Training for Injury Prevention in Collegiate Soccer Players” and is gaining positive national exposure on ClinicalTrials.gov.

Like Longabaugh, Kevin Johns, the successful men’s soccer coach at Mississippi College, applauds the UMMC research.

“This will help us,” says freshman Carlos Hernandez, 18, of Spain. He’s a midfielder on the MC men’s soccer team.

At the trial’s start, Dr. Reneker and her team performed baseline testing on soccer players that examined movement control of their eyes, and ability to use specific muscles in their neck in a controlled way.

The students will be tested following the four weeks of training to see if there’s improvement. Mississippi College players also will be given homework exercises via video instruction on their cell phones.

Choosing health insurance in a confusing marketplace

By Trudy Lieberman
Rural Health News Service

Anyone buying health insurance this fall faces a daunting task: having to choose among multiple, often-complex options that offer widely varying degrees of protection.

For starters, association health plans are back, allowing small businesses to band together to buy insurance. So are the short-term policies that may last from only a few months to a year. Then there are plans offered by church ministries that look like insurance but really aren’t. Plus, multiple and complex options remain from the Affordable Care Act.

And to complicate matters further, if a bill just introduced in Congress passes, it would require insurers to sell policies to people with preexisting conditions and not use health status in determin-

ing the premium. But here’s the catch: Although an insurer could insure a person with preexisting conditions, the carrier would still be allowed to exclude coverage for those specific conditions. It could, however, cover you for other illnesses you might get in the future.

Prior to the Affordable Care Act, the insurance industry used this tactic for avoiding claims from sick people. They would sell the policy but would waiver or “rider out” coverage for any preexisting condition. That meant someone with asthma would not be able to get coverage for asthma-related illness.

But in general, before you comb through the fine print in an insurance policy, think about these major factors.

The more you pay in premiums, the more you get in benefits.

Many of the new options don’t have to cover all of the Affordable Care Act’s 10 essential benefits, and most insurance experts believe that in order to offer cheaper premiums, many of them won’t.

At first glance, a low premium and fewer benefits may seem attractive. Those essential benefits that are part of an Affordable Care Act policy include mental health and maternity coverage, which many older people have squawked about, arguing they don’t want to pay premiums for coverage they would never need.

The essential benefits, however, also include prescription drug coverage, generous hospital coverage, emergency services, and rehabilitative services that are important to older people. But those coverages get little attention in stories about 60-year-old women being forced to buy maternity

coverage.

Look for some of this fall’s new policies, for example, to limit hospital coverage to a certain number of days, or they might limit radiology services or drug coverage. The new so-called short-term policies will come with few if any regulations from the federal government or state insurance regulators.

After understanding the relationship between premiums and coverage, the next big decision is how much risk you want to assume if you become seriously ill. In other words, how much can you afford to pay out of pocket? For a large portion of Americans, the answer is not much. The Commonwealth Fund recently found that nearly half of working age adults could not pay an unexpected medical bill of \$1,000 within 30 days.

Over the years, I’ve heard too many families say they are healthy, aren’t going to use the insurance, and might as well buy the cheapest policy possible – or none at all. I’ve interviewed many people who took that position only to end up later in bankruptcy court when unforeseen illness struck because they had no insurance and not enough money to pay the bills.

How large a bill can your family assume? If you have a large pool of resources to weather a serious illness, then skimpy benefits might work. If you don’t, think carefully before buying a policy with few benefits. Families tend to underestimate how much coverage they’ll need.

Once you understand these two basic principles, the next step is to look at the offerings on your state’s insurance exchange. Obamacare polices have gotten

a bad rep almost since the beginning because they tend to be pricey for families that don’t receive an income-related subsidy to help cover the premium. About 87 percent of people who buy on the exchanges do get a subsidy.

If you are eligible, see if you are also qualify for a second subsidy the law provides – the cost sharing subsidies that are available only for those with very low incomes who buy certain Obamacare policies. Those subsidies help pay for the deductibles and coinsurance that many of the policies require.

For 2019, there’s no longer a tax penalty for not buying health insurance. But think about what it would mean for you and your family to be totally on your own when it comes to paying for health care.

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REQUEST FOR PROFESSIONAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES OF THE JACKSON ZOOLOGICAL PARK

The City of Jackson, Department of Parks and Recreation is seeking assistance from management firms or individuals desiring to provide professional management services at a City of Jackson facility, known as Jackson Zoological Park, located at 2918 West Capitol Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Professional management firms or individuals that may be interested in contracting with the City of Jackson for such services are hereby invited to submit a response to this request in accordance with the requirements set forth herein.

Sealed Professional Management Service packets will be received by the City Clerk of Jackson, Mississippi, at 219 S. President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201 or at the Post Office Box 17, Jackson, Mississippi 39205, until 3:30 p.m., local time, November 13, 2018.

The bid advertises August 29, 2018 through November 1, 2018; however, bids will be accepted, and are to be stamped by the City Clerk, prior to the November 13, 2018, 3:30 p.m. deadline. Bid Opening Date: November 13, 2018.

This Request For Professional Management Services is also being posted on the Central Bidding website at: <https://www.centraलाuctionhouse.com/main.php>. You may submit your bids electronically through this provider. Packets may also be secured from the Department of Parks and Recreation, 1000 Metro Center, Suite 104, Jackson, Mississippi, 39209, telephone number (601) 960-0471.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on September 5, 2018, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., local time, in the City of Jackson Metro Conference Room, located at 1000 Metro Center, Suite 104, Jackson, MS 39209. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

Professional Management Service packets shall be submitted in triplicate, sealed and deposited with the City of Jackson's City Clerk prior to the hour and date designated above. Each bidder shall write its certificate of responsibility number on the outside of the sealed envelope containing its proposal.

The City of Jackson reserves the right to reject any and all Professional Management Service packets and to waive any and all informalities.

Ison B. Harris, Jr., Director
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The City of Jackson is accepting Contractor Applications for the Blight Elimination Program, until 5:00 PM, CDT on Thursday, September 6, 2018, in the Office of Housing and Community Development.

Applications are available at 218 S. President Street, Second Floor, Jackson, MS 39201, and on the City's website at www.jacksonms.gov. The application must be filled out in its entirety and all required documentation must be attached at the time of application submission. The City of Jackson reserves the right to approve and terminate contractors for the Blight Elimination Program at any time.

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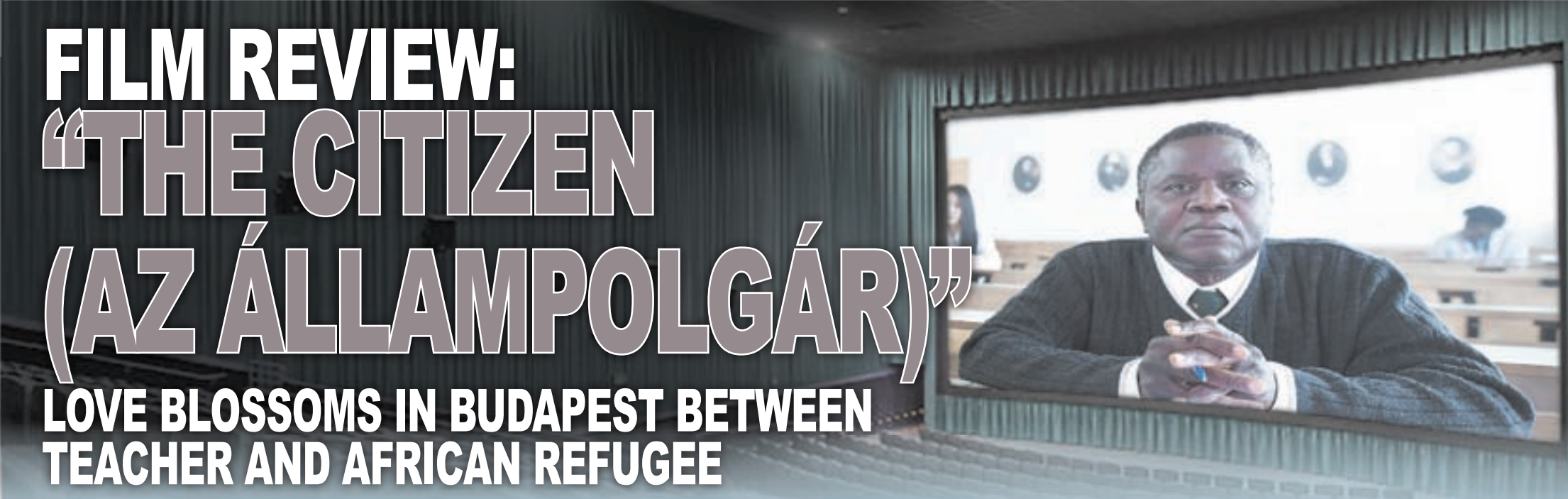
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FILM REVIEW: “THE CITIZEN (AZ ÁLLAMPOLGÁR)”

LOVE BLOSSOMS IN BUDAPEST BETWEEN TEACHER AND AFRICAN REFUGEE

By Kam Williams
Columnist

Wilson (Cake-Baly Marcelo) escaped to Hungary a number of years ago after his wife and daughters were slaughtered during civil unrest in his African homeland. The 50-something widower opted to seek political asylum in Budapest rather than continue on to Western Europe like most of his fellow refugees.

After all, he’d taken a liking to the town, and found a nice apartment and steady work as a supermarket security guard. Now, the only thing standing in the way of his staying in Hungary permanently is his repeatedly flunking the country’s tough citizenship test.

Not wanting to lose her reliable “Employee of the Year,” his boss Eva (Tunde Szalontay) innocently suggests that he take history and language les-

sons from her sister, a teacher, never expecting it might cause any trouble. But sparks fly between Wilson and miserably-married Mari (Agnes Mahr), and it’s not long before their tutorial sessions morph into a taboo whirlwind romance which includes dancing, swimming and dining together.

She finally abandons her husband (Peter Barbinek) and son (Peter Sandor) and moves into Wilson’s flat. The

plot thickens further, however, when she discovers that he already has a much younger woman living with him. Might he be a bigamist?

He explains that his relationship with Shirin (Arghavan Shekari), an Iranian refugee, is purely Platonic, and that her newborn baby isn’t his. Nevertheless, that doesn’t sit well with Mari, who obviously isn’t comfortable with such an unorthodox arrangement.

Thus unfolds *The Citizen*, a poignant, cross-cultural love story directed by Roland Vranik (*Transmission*).

What makes the film unique is the advanced age of the protagonists, since most romance dramas revolve around considerably younger couples.

A touching, timely and zany soap opera ostensibly reflecting the sensibilities of the modern Immigration Era.

OPENING THIS WEEK

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

By Kam Williams
Columnist

For movies opening August 31, 2018

Wide Releases

Kin (PG-13 for violence, intense action, suggestive material, alcohol abuse, profanity and mature themes) Sci-fi thriller about a recently-paroled ex-con (Jack Reynor) who ends up on the run with his adopted teenage brother (Myles Truitt) from the feds, a vengeful criminal (James Franco) and a horde of other-worldly soldiers. Cast includes Carrie Coon, Zoe Kravitz and Dennis Quaid.

Operation Finale (PG-13 for mature themes, disturbing

images and some profanity) Historical drama recreating the top secret Israeli mission led by Mossad agent Peter Malkin (Oscar Isaac) to Argentina to capture Nazi fugitive Adolf Eichmann (Ben Kingsley), the architect of the Holocaust. With Melanie Laurent, Nick Kroll and Joe Alwyn. (In English and Spanish with subtitles)

Ya Veremos (PG-13 for suggestive content and some profanity) Coming-of-age drama, set in Mexico, about an adolescent (Emiliano Aramayo) already upset about his parents’ (Mauricio Ochmann and Fernanda Castillo) impending divorce who suddenly has to undergo an operation to save

his eyesight. Supporting cast includes Erik Hayser, Paco Rueda and Ariel Levy. (In Spanish with subtitles)

Independent & Foreign

Active Measures (PG-13 for violence, war images, crude sexual references and mature themes) Investigative documentary chronicling Vladimir Putin’s covert efforts to influence political campaigns all around the world via bribes, propaganda and cyber attacks, including the U.S.’ 2016 presidential election,. Featuring commentary by Hillary Clinton, John McCain and Sheldon Whitehouse.

Big Brother (Unrated) Martial arts drama, set in Hong

Kong, about a schoolteacher (Don Yen) with rusty academic skills but fists of steel whose unconventional approach to education comes in handy when his class is invaded by a motley gang of fighters. With Joe Chen, Kang Yu and Ye Fan. (In Cantonese and English with subtitles)

Blood Fest (Unrated) Horror comedy about fright fans who flock to a scary movie festival only to discover that the show’s charismatic promoter (Owen Egerton) is a psycho with a grisly, hidden agenda. Co-starring Seychelle Gabriel, Robbie Kay and Jacob Batalon.

Destination Wedding (R

for sexuality and pervasive profanity) Romantic comedy revolving around a couple of miserable wedding guests (Keanu Reeves and Winoa Ryder) who fall for each other at the reception. Cast includes Greg Kinnear, Ted Dabost and D. Rosh Wright.

The Little Stranger (R for disturbing bloody images) Suspense thriller, set during the summer of 1948, about a country doctor (Domhnall Gleason) who encounters more than he bargained for when he makes a house call to a haunted Gothic mansion where his mother once worked as a maid. With Will Poulter, Charlotte Rampling and Ruth Wilson.

A Paris Education (Unrated) Coming-of-age drama about an aspiring, young filmmaker (Andranic Manet) who moves from Lyon to Paris to study cinema only to fall under the spell of a charismatic classmate (Corentin Fila). Featuring Diane Rouxel, Jenna Thiam and Sophie Verbeeck. (In French with subtitles)

Reprisal (R for profanity and violence) Cat-and-mouse thriller about a bank manager (Frank Grillo) who teams up with an ex-cop (Bruce Willis) to apprehend the robber (Johnathon Schaech) who murdered his co-worker. Cast includes Olivia Culpo, Jesse Plemons and Natali Yura.

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Sudoku

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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 Christopher Columbus

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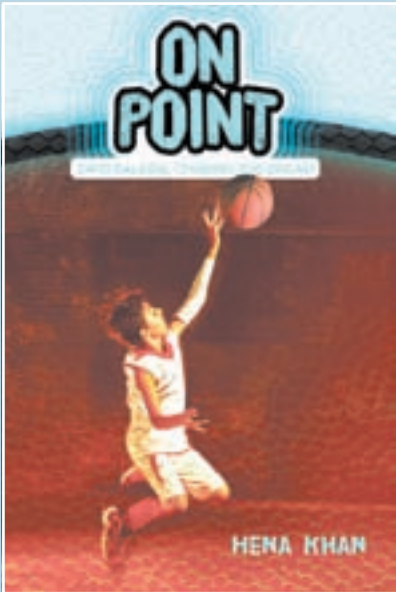
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BOOK REVIEW: “ON POINT: ZAYD SALEEM, CHASING THE DREAM”

BY HENA KHAN

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

In your lifetime, you’ve done many amazing things.

You learned to walk. Imagine how hard that was, and you did it. You learned to make words and put them into sentences, which is no easy feat, either. You know how to get to school, do math, read and play ball. But, as in the new book “On Point” by Hena Khan, could something be holding you back from greatness?

For weeks and weeks before try-outs, Zayd Saleem practiced

his shots, dribbles and lay-ups for a better chance at joining the best fourth-grade basketball team in the whole entire league. No kid was happier than Zayd when he finally made it – and the bonus was that his best friend, Adam, was on the team, too.

And that was great – it gave Zayd more time to hang out with Adam, and it allowed them more time to play ball.

But then the basketball team started doing poorly, losing games by a lot of points. Adam was the team captain, but he be-

gan hanging out with some other, older boys who preferred foot-ball.

Zayd was afraid that his best friend had lost interest in hoops, especially when Adam skipped basketball practice a couple of times, and that made Zayd sad. He figured the team was as good as done, but then coach dropped a bombshell: Adam was out for awhile and Zayd was on point.

But how could that be? Zayd wasn’t sure how to tell coach that he wasn’t ready. He wasn’t ag-gressive enough, or fast enough

to move the ball along in play. He wasn’t nearly as good as Adam but with Adam gone, what were the choices?

Practice, practice, practice. That was the only option, and as Zayd thought about an upcoming game, he also thought about his beloved Jamal Mamoo’s predicament: Jamal Mamoo had recently gotten engaged but everybody had an opinion about the wed-ding. Zayd could tell that Jamal Mamoo and Nadia Aunty were not happy about their ceremony becoming something they didn’t

want. He practiced and thought, until the answer was finally clear. Was it possible that the solution for both of them was the same?

Here’s the first thought about “On Point,” though it’s based in basketball, your child doesn’t have to be a basketball fan to like it.

Indeed, author Hena Khan is careful to use correct terms in this hoops-book, but they (and other words) are quietly explained within the story itself, usually by its main character. Readers unfamiliar with b-ball are even

schooled on the title’s meaning, but not in a manner that’s off-putting to kids who already know.

That’s perhaps what’s going to put this book in a youngster’s hands. What will keep it there is the story itself, which is one of tradition, confidence and learn-ing to lead, but it’s not a preachy message.

All around, that makes “On Point” a truly appealing book, both for kids and for parents who want subtle lessons learned. If that’s true for your 7-to-10-year-old, then this book should do it.

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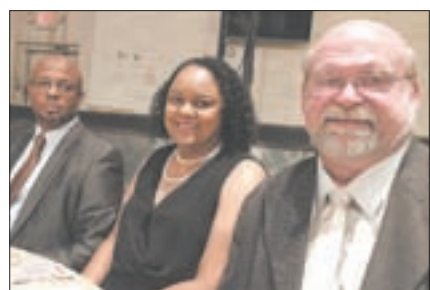
HCSD recognized for its support to the Mississippi Foundation

On August 24th the Hinds County School District was recognized at the 2018 Mississippi Sickle Cell Foundation (MSCF) annual gala for supporting the organization's efforts to enhance the quality of life for individuals living with sickle cell disease through the support of research, public activities and awareness, and patient/family education.

"We are extremely proud of the work our faculty and staff has done with the Mississippi Sickle Cell Foundation, and we applaud the foundation's efforts to raise awareness about sickle cell disease," said Delesicia Martin, superintendent of Hinds County School District. "The physical health and wellness of our students, families, faculty, and staff are priorities for the district and significantly impact our ability to help our students to succeed."



John Neal, associate superintendent / Community Relations and Carolyn Samuel, board secretary / District 5



Earl Burke, chief financial officer / assistant superintendent of Business Services & Operations; Delesicia Martin; and William Sellers, assistant superintendent / Student Services



Delesicia Martin, Superintendent of Education



Robbie Anderson, board member / District 2 and Earl Burke, chief financial officer / assistant superintendent of Business Services & Operations



Carolyn Samuel, board secretary / District 5 and Linda Laws, board president / District 3

HCSD employees honored



Erica Jones, Gary Road Elementary instructional coach and Hinds County School District Teacher of the Year has been named as a 2019 NEA Foundation Global Learning Fellow by the NEA Foundation, a public charity founded by Educators for Educators. As a Fellow, Jones will spend a year in a peer learning network, building global competency skills, the capacity to understand and act on issues of global significance.



Tracey Gregory, assistant principal-THS was honored by Belhaven University as their recipient of the Mississippi Association of Colleges for Teacher Education Outstanding Administrator Award 2017-2018.



Jana Carter, assistant principal-RES was honored by Mississippi College as their recipient of the Mississippi Association of Colleges for Teacher Education Outstanding Administrator Award 2017-2018.



Congratulations to Jordan German (Gilmer), UEMS teacher for being selected as the MACTE-Outstanding Professional Educator Award Recipient for 2017-2018 school year. She is also UEMS's Rookie of the Year.

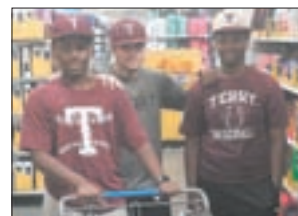
Thank You to the Junior Auxiliary of Byram-Terry for its annual donation

The Hinds County School District Board and Superintendent of Education wish to extend its heartfelt thanks to the Junior Auxiliary of Byram-Terry for its Annual Pack the Pickup Back to School Supply Drive for the local schools. The drive was held this summer at Kroger and Walmart of Byram. Volunteers include club members, students, parents and local administrators.



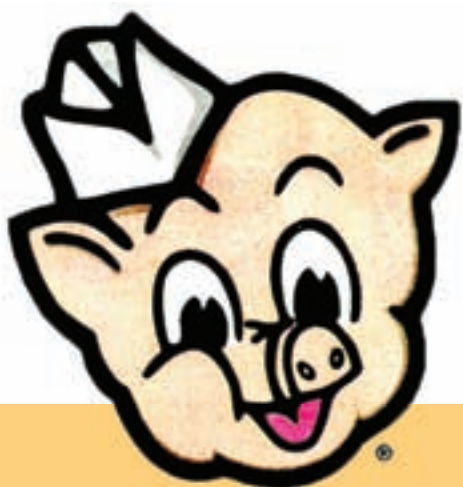
Thank You to the Terry High School Baseball Team for its donation to GRE

The Terry High School baseball team completed the last phase of a school supply drive that benefited Gary Road Elementary last week. Players worked at Wal-Mart in Byram to procure donations for school supplies. Head Baseball coach Sean Stevenson and the GRE staff said that they are very proud of his young men for their support.



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