



## Former U.S. Ed. Sec. Paige: It’s time to put this district at the top!

A New Education Era, Holmes Co., Pt. 1

The Mississippi Link Newswire

On the heels of an electrifying inaugural Convocation and Professional Development Conference, Aug. 1-2, educators and students returned to school Monday, Aug. 6, excited with renewed commitment to education in Holmes County. Holmes County is a rural, economically deprived area of roughly 19,000.

“Thanks to the Partners of the Holmes County Consolidated School District, we were motivated by our country’s first African-American Secretary of Education, Rod R. Paige, and inspired by national gospel recording artist Kathy Taylor who rocked the house during our back-to-school kickoff,” said the new district’s Superintendent of Schools, James L. Henderson, Ed.D.

Henderson, a native who has returned after 37 years with more than 20 years of education leadership, served under Paige’s administration of the Houston Independent School District in the mid 1990’s. “I count him as both a mentor and

a friend,” Henderson told the wall-to-wall audience in Deborah Mason Patterson Hall.

Paige, a Monticello, Miss. native, who had never visited Holmes County, said he had done much research on it, and too much of it was negative press. The research inferred that the status quo “is not expecting you to succeed,” but “it’s a new day, Holmes County,” voiced Paige. “It’s time to shed the old things away. It’s time to put this district at the top of school districts in Mississippi.”

The Jackson State University alumnus used his life as an example of how “education can change circumstances.” The son of a school principal and a librarian of humble roots in a then-segregated small town, Paige shared that, “Almost every day I heard how education is the pathway to the future. What matters is what you respect in your head...it is what it is, but you can make it what you want it to be!”

The audience burst into ap-

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## Voters overwhelmingly approve JPS bond referendum

### The nearly 26,000 students WIN

By Othor Cain  
Editor

Jackson voters gave the nearly 26, 000 students in the Jackson Public School District a welcome back to school gift with the approval of a \$65M bond referendum Tuesday.

Voters overwhelmingly said yes to much-needed infrastructure repairs for the many aging buildings throughout the district when they cast their ballots.

The final vote was 11,449 or 86.10 percent for and 1,757 or 13.21 percent against.

“I’m elated that the voters approved this...this is cause for great celebration as this says the adults in our community are in full support of our students,” said Board Chairwoman Jeanne Middleton Hairston.

Don McCrackin, executive director of facilities and operations for JPS, said his team will begin immediately to roll out projects outlined in the referendum. “Our first



Forest Hill High School, one of seven JPS high schools

priority will be to fix necessary repairs listed on the state audit,” he said.

The Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) launched an extensive inves-

tigative audit and some of the findings included leaking roofs and failure to maintain buildings that meet the state’s standard of safe and sanitary schools. “Addressing these

issues will be a starting place for us, a top priority,” McCrackin said.

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## Michelle Obama joins Voter Registration Drive for the midterms

By Lauren Victoria Burke  
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Former First Lady Michelle Obama is featured in a video along with celebrities Tom Hanks, Janelle Monáe, Faith Hill, Tim McGraw and Lin-Manuel Miranda to encourage people to register and vote.

In less than 100 days, the midterm elections that will either expand President Trump’s power or greatly restrict it, will take place November 6. There has been much talk about the likelihood of a “blue wave” that could give Democrats the gavel and investigative power in Congress over the next two years of Trump’s presidency. The underlying urgency of Obama’s message is an unspoken aspect of her new registration effort.

The name of the new effort, “When We All Vote,” is also an indication that the former first lady is well aware of the fact that higher voter turnout usually leads to Democratic victories at the polls. The effort is also a challenge registered voters to participate in elections “both big and small.” Though the effort is billed as “non-partisan,” the sense of urgency about the country’s direction under President Trump’s



Former First Lady Michelle Obama has joined a number of actors, musicians and professional athletes to encourage people to register and vote. In this photo, First Lady Michelle Obama thanks U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) employees for their service and dedication at the Jefferson Auditorium, USDA, May 3, 2013. BOB NICHOLS/USDA/WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

leadership is an unavoidable backdrop. Several live events are also expected as

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## Jealous facing uphill climb to become first black governor of Maryland

By Hazel Trice Edney  
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Despite defeating six candidates to become the Democratic nominee for governor of Maryland, former NAACP President Benjamin Todd Jealous is still viewed as the underdog in his race against popular incumbent Republican Gov. Larry Hogan.

“He’s got an uphill sled race,” says political scientist Wilmer Leon, also a radio talk show host. “Because the state of Maryland, by most statistics, is doing well. And Hogan has never proven himself to be a blind Republican ideologue. Jealous He’s more of a moderate Republican than he is an extreme right wing Republican. So, with that, it’s easier for Democrats to vote for him.”

In somewhat of an upset, Jealous beat back six other candidates in the June 28 primary, including Prince George’s County Executive Rushern Baker, viewed as the Democratic establishment candidate. Despite this sentiment, Jealous says his “rainbow” type supporters and association with people from all walks of life is the



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# Students awarded scholarship to New Stage Theatre Day Camp

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New Stage Theatre held the Broadway Junior Summer Camp Intensive for rising 5th-11th grades culminating in performances of Aladdin, Jr. Seventeen tuition scholarships were awarded helping Mississippi students attend the camp who would otherwise not have a chance. Scholarships were based on an audition, letters of recommendation and an essay written by the potential recipient.

Students receiving scholarships to attend the 2018 Broadway Junior Summer Camp Intensive are: Jackson White (Jackson), Treasure White (Jackson), Avery Neyland (Pearl), Hart Jefferson (Jackson), Josiah Hite (Jackson), Shelby Hadley (Clinton), Kytia Welchin (Jackson), Analia Gonzalez (Flowood), Olivia Mathews (Brandon), Lauren Hite (Jackson), Jeffery Cornelius (Jackson), Reese Overstreet (Jackson), KB Griggs (Jackson), Oluchi Nwaokorie (Jackson), Timothy Magee (Jackson), Christopher McDonald (Jackson), and Darby Frost (Jackson).

The New Stage Theatre



New Stage Theatre Day Camp scholarship recipients

Arts-in-Education department strives to bring professional, progressive acting instruction to youth throughout Mississippi with its summer camps, yearlong acting classes and touring workshops. The Broadway Junior Summer Camp Intensive provides a comprehensive theatrical learning experience for ages 11-18.

"Education is an integral part of our organization's mission and the Broadway Junior camp is one of the most exciting times around the theatre," said artistic director Francine Thomas Reynolds. "It is awesome to witness eighty young people from both private and public schools; from so many of the Metro area communities, participating in dance,

voice, acting and stagecraft classes together. Not only are the students experiencing the best theatre education and training available in the state of Mississippi, they are learning important life-long skills such as problem-solving, self-confidence and teamwork."

Generous sponsorship for the summer program and the production is provided by The

Walker Foundation and the Feild Co-Operative, Inc.

From June 18 to July 15, 2018, campers received daily theatrical instruction from experienced acting, dance, and voice teachers, as well as taking master classes in stage combat, voice/diction, directing, sound design, storytelling and mask making.

Additionally, the students

integrated what they learned in the classroom into the final production of Aladdin, Jr.

The performances were July 12 -15 at New Stage Theatre and all participants in the camp are cast in the play.

For more information on the New Stage Theatre Education Programs, please contact 601-948-3533 ext 232 or [education@newstagetheatre.com](mailto:education@newstagetheatre.com).



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## Holmes

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plause. Audience member and longtime devoted bus driver Reola Robinson said she is looking forward to the positive changes in district. “We bus drivers play a very important role,” she said. Paige charged Holmes County residents with working together as a caring community for the district to succeed. He explained that it was a caring community’s support that helped propel him via an educational journey to Washington, D.C., sitting just four chairs away from the President of the United States as the seventh U.S. Secretary of Education. “Everything is possible!” he stressed. Paige spearheaded the implementation of the historic No Child Left Behind Act with the goal of reinvigorating America’s education system.

Not only was the audience motivated by Paige’s charge to “get it done,” but they were also inspired by the powerful musical gift of national recording artist, minister of music and songwriter Kathy Taylor. Taylor, a product of the late legendary James Cleveland’s Gospel Music of America and The Mass Choir, brought the au-

dience to their feet with two of her popular songs, “Oh, How Precious” and “The Corinthian Song.”

The entire convocation, with Board of Trustees’ participation, was similar to a big pep rally which included the high school band, cheerleaders, school personnel wearing their building’s t-shirts, people cheering and shouting as Henderson walked aisle several times chanting: “What Time is It?” and the audience echoing back each time with “It’s THAT Time!”

What does the phrase, “It’s THAT Time!” mean? Henderson is quick to tell you: “It’s that time to have high expectations for every child; it’s that time to have professional learning communities; it’s that time for parents, teachers and community to work in tandem for the success of our children; and it’s that time to meet the non-academic needs, stop teaching to the test and educate the whole child. It’s THAT Time!”

Next week: A new education era, Holmes Co., Part 2 – will focus on professional training and integrating two Best Practices – PBIS and Restorative Practice as alternatives to paddling.

## Obama

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part of the effort between now and election day.

Former President Barack Obama is expected to hit the campaign trail to assist Democrats who are looking to take back the House and Senate in 2019. On July 31, the former president announced that he is endorsing 81 Democratic candidates on the ballot this November.

There is a record number of women on the ballot this year. Many of the endorsements former President Obama has focused on were candidates who worked in his administration, like Colin Allred, Lauren Underwood and Richard Cordray.

The Obamas have been relatively quiet since departing the White House in early 2017, but that is likely to change. The former president

and the former first lady’s launch of “When We All Vote” is likely to be only the first of several post White House efforts they will participate in.

“I’m confident that, together, they’ll strengthen this country we love by restoring opportunity that’s broadly shared, repairing our alliances and standing in the world, and upholding our fundamental commitment to justice, fairness, responsibility, and the rule of law,” Obama wrote in his endorsement statement.

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projects can be found on the districts website.

Late last month, the board approved a resolution to create a community oversight committee. This committee among other things will be charged with keeping the community engaged

with the work being done around the bond.

“We heard the cry from the community and we wanted to be as transparent as possible,” Hairston said. “This will be one of many ways that we will engage with our stakeholders.”

## Jealous

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strategy that he believes will continue to carry him to a win Nov. 6.

“The strength of this campaign, like my life, begins in black churches in the civil rights community and gains power through the connection of those communities with the broader progressive community. That’s been the arc of my life and that’s the arc of this campaign,” he said in a recent interview with the Trice Edney News Wire. “We will win in November the same way we won June 28. We will win by traveling to every corner of the state making the case to voters in every county about how we can move forward together, about how we can make sure every school is fully funded, how we can finally get health care costs truly under control, how we can make colleges and public universities truly affordable again and how we can find the money to do it is in large part by ending mass incarceration.”

Jealous said, “The issues at the core of this campaign are not partisan issues. Treating the opioid addiction crisis is a health crisis. It’s a people issue. Funding education is a people issue. And then the student debt crisis is a people issue. Those are not partisan issues and people recognize that.”

Though some say he is an outsider until recently, his roots run deep in Maryland, Virginia, D.C. and across the nation for that matter. Jealous is former executive director of the National Newspaper Publishers Association Foundation and former president/CEO of the national NAACP.

But when describing his grassroots political training, he is clear about his roots.

“I started off in the Rainbow Coalition. I started off as a 15-year-old precinct captain for the Rev. Jesse Jackson,” he recalls. “The strategy of that campaign is what empowered L. Doug Wilder to win the governorship in Virginia a year later. And the same strategies that worked for Wilder in Virginia and David Dinkins in New York and Harold Washington in Chicago are right at the core of this campaign.”

He continues, “What we all learned in that campaign is how they won their campaigns. That’s how we won our primary and how we will win in November. We’ll build a coalition of working families across every line. . . . There’s nothing more important to any working family than assuring that they get to move forward again.”

Like Jackson, Wilder and Dinkins, Jealous is poised to also make history. If he pulls it off, he would become the first black governor of Maryland and the fifth black governor in the U. S. According to recent polls, the issues may not be enough. Though Maryland is heavily Democratic, Hogan reportedly has a 68 percent approval rating across party lines.

Therefore, Jealous is going to have to pull out all stops, says Leon.

“In the eyes of some, the NAACP is not as relevant as it used to be. Plus, Hogan is not a Trump Republican,” Leon said. “So, I think you’re going to have a lot of people going to the voting booth saying if it’s not broke don’t fix it.”

However, Leon said, Jealous could win because Maryland is in fact a Democratic state. “Turn out. Turn out. Turn out” will be the key, he says. “Plus, he needs to find a way to better explain how he’s going to implement some of the policies he’s articulating because one of the knocks against him is he’s promised a lot of things and he hasn’t explained how he’s going to pay for them.”

Grassroots debaters in a local barber shop recently resolved that Jealous is the most popular candidate among black voters, but, due to apathy, the voters he will need in a close race may not come out on Election Day. This means Jealous will need his best strategies, including his broadest rainbow, plus campaign boosts from some heavy hitters. His running mate is former Maryland Democratic Party Chair Susan Turnbull, who is running for lieutenant governor. In June, former presidential candidate Bernie Sanders was largely credited for helping to drum up votes. Sanders has not given a full endorsement of Jealous, but has not been shy about pushing him.

“I’m proud to be here because Ben is not going to be one of those leaders who is going to be nibbling around the edges, but understands we have got to transform the economic and political life of this country,” said Sanders to a cheering crowd as Jealous stood by his side June 18 just before his primary election, the Associated Press reported.

Jealous is taking all the help he can get.

“Bernie is a good friend. He’s a great ally to this campaign. And he has shown the Democratic Party that the people want real solutions to the pain that our families are feeling,” Jealous said. “Who runs our states matters because the road to taking back our country runs all through our states. I’m focused on making Maryland a model for how we move forward on education, health care and the economy no matter what happens in Donald Trump’s Washington.”



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# Mom’s Dream Kitchen

*When you can’t go home to mama, come to Mama Collins*

By Dr. Jerry Komia Domatob  
Contributing Writer

An admirable facet about Jackson, Mississippi’s state capital is the diversity and variety of cuisines. Caribbean, English, African, Italian, Irish, Mexican, Japanese and Chinese flavored type foods fulfill visitors’ and residents’ needs. Variety they say is the spice of life, and Jackson Mississippi offers that.

One of these popular restaurants, reputed for African-American type cuisine, is Mom’s Dream Kitchen.

A spacious and historic spot, the restaurant serves chicken, meats, pork chops and fish. Other entrees include dumplings, candied yams, blackeyed peas, greens, squash and spaghetti. Drinks are assorted but most clients quench their thirst mainly with water, sweet and unsweet tea.

The restaurant, located at 1439 University Blvd., formerly Terry Road., is open seven days a week: Monday to Friday from 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Saturdays 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Sundays 11- 5:30 p.m.

The restaurant has been in operation since its founding over thirty years ago. The owner, Sylvester Collins, selected this location because it was close to Jackson State University. “I could serve students, faculty and the neighborhood. Some could walk and others drive,” she said.

Collins says a unique feature about the restaurant is homemade



PHOTO BY JERRY DOMATOB

baked items. “Clients love our homemade yeast rolls and cornbread. Our cornbread dressing, made from scratch, is the very best. We cook with pure butter and season to taste,” Collins asserts.

The atmosphere is cordial, warm and inviting. Many clients gladly take their food out. Others sit in the dining hall, a spacious room with brown tables and chairs. The walls are stylishly decorated with pictures and paintings of famous African Americans.

“We are in the process of remodeling which will include a bar. We have friendly hosting service,” Collins said.

Clients come from all parts of the city, state and nation. Customers from Louisiana, Texas, Tennessee and foreign countries patronize the eatery. Famous people such as

Jesse Jackson and other celebrities patronize the diner whenever they are in town.

Retired teacher Gwen Handy, who patronizes the restaurant asserts that, “I am here after church most Sundays. The food taste like my mom and grandmon’s cooking – down home country seasoned food. I also visit during regular lunch since I can’t go home as often as I would like, I come home to mom.”

#### Motivation

What motivated Collins to start the business? After working for fast food chains for about fifteen years she decided to start her own business because, “I love people and cooking. I do not serve the public anything that I will not eat.”

#### Challenges

Challenges abound. According

to the proprietor, “We strive to make sure our food is fresh, and that it is not too salty or too sweet. I am also a mother of five children. I was a single parent and made sure that they got an education. All of them graduated from college with degrees.

“My youngest son was killed over ten years ago through gun violence. My oldest son, Glen Collins, played professional football with the Cincinnati Bengals and the Forty Niners for nine years after he graduated from Mississippi State University.

Another son Terence Collins graduated from Jackson State University where he played football and now serves as one of the first blacks at UPS to achieve high recommendation in the sales force.

Her daughter, Rene Collins Moore, is currently doing graduate work in rehab counseling at Jackson State University.

Collins’ son Timothy Norris is the current owner of the business. Dynamic, dedicated and enthusiastic, he holds a doctorate degree in counseling.

What is the future of the restaurant? Collins asserts that, “it will grow because the new manager is taking it in another direction.

#### Biography

Sylvester Collins, the owner and founder, was born in Learned Mississippi, Hinds County. They moved to Jackson Mississippi when she was very young.

Her father Solomon Collins was

a factory worker and her mother Corine Collins was a former educator and later became a restaurant cook. “I used to go to work with her. I most probably developed a love for the craft from her,” she observes.

Collins has one deceased brother and two who are alive. One of them, Willie, coached football at Provine High School in Jackson. His brother, Solomon, graduated from Paul Quin College where he also played football. He is retired from the Ben Harbor, Michigan School System. His wife, Sheri, is a retired school principal.

Collins has one sister, Alberta Collins Brown, who retired from the Jackson School system. Brown returned to school later in life and earned a doctorate degree from Jackson State University in rehab counseling.

Collins belongs to New Horizon International Church where Ronnie Crudrup serves as the pastor. Her sister Alberta encouraged her to join the church.

#### History

The restaurant started as a carry out on Ellis Avenue in Jackson, about 30 years.

“I had no money but my mother borrowed \$5000 with her house as a guarantee and loaned me the money. She had confidence that I could make it. “After hard trial and tribulation I realized that if I loved God and obeyed His will, He would see me through. I live for God and I trust God because

He has brought me a mighty long way.”

#### Advice To customers

“Love one another. Some people behave as if they don’t know love. We got to treat customers with love and respect. You have good and bad customers. But you must treat all with love. If people love one another we will not face the challenges we have. I appeal to all Jacksonians to develop love for one another.

“I don’t like the crime and murder going on. I can’t see you taking something you can’t give back. There is no closure. My son Donald Norris got killed. He was shot point blank. Everyday, I have to live with him. Whoever killed him, I know one day justice will be served. Love is the most precious thing that we can have for one another, which negates hate.

#### Dream

Her dream is to see what her grandchildren’s lives will be. I hope to see great great grandchildren grow. “Youth can accomplish anything they want. They must try hard and first believe in God. Everything you want that is right, God will see you through. Stay in school and always be obedient. Set high goals in life. Reach for the sky and somewhere you will come between.

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# Maati Jone Primm: Farish Street vendor and African princess

## *Business woman of style and determination*

By Dr. Jerry Komia Domatob  
Contributing Writer

Though Farish St. seems as a near totally abandoned neighborhood in dire need of revamping, a few businesses, churches and even individuals, still thrive and prosper in the once buoyant area.

Collins Funeral Home, the Flower Shop, Big Apple Inn Eatery, The African Art Gallery and Johnny T’s bistro wax strong.

Similarly, there are some personalities and business that seem to forge ahead despite the decapitated, dilapidated and dingy buildings that detract admirers, attract hooligans and destructive demons. One of the businesses which has survived in the area in spite and despite harsh vicissitudes, is Marshall’s Music & Bookstore, located at 618 N. Farish Street.

Located directly opposite the famous Farish Street Baptist Church, it is a vibrant business which draws clients from far and near. People flock there to purchase books, scan through artifacts and order others. The two buildings, the church and the bookstore, when juxtaposed, emerge as sharp studies in contrast though they share a similar mission.

The brown brick church seems sturdy, stolid and strong; the “shaky” bookstore appears feeble and fickle veering on the verge of collapse? God forbid. It might be one of the resilient edifices in the vicinity.

Despite the contrast, both have a religious mission. One is a church where people congregate for worship, prayers and God’s invocation and assistance. The other one is a business, which sells Christian and Afrocentric books. Both are in the service of man and God. They render valuable services.

The store carries books and other products which church leaders patronize and folks need. You can also find other Afro-related stock in that store.

One of the unique personalities of Farish Street today is Ms. Jone who is stunningly graceful, majestic and always splendidly dressed. Her fitting, stylish and colorful outfits are marvelously fabulous.

If you need African type attire, and someone who believes in and displays expertise in that arena, the person to contact is Maati Jone Primm. She is an incarnation, champion and epitome of African elegance, beauty and culture.

Primm is a representation of that culture in the city and and beyond, who displays and teaches what she cherishes with her heart, mind, soul and body. If you want any type of elegant African dress or artifact, then this is the lady to contact and emulate. She is unquestionable a star in that realm.

Primm is an institution on the street. She walks with majesty, speaks with finesse and, above all, excels as a bookseller. She is an outstanding sales person with



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expertise in superb customer service, even though her location may seem lacking.

Primm is a clear testament that despite harsh odds and ends, determined and hard working people who persist, preserve and display patience, will survive and succeed. While Farish Street currently is experiencing so-called “gentrification,” Primm marches on with her bookstore. She actually defies cynics and pessimists who continuously lament about the Farish Street demise. Primm demonstrates that it can still be revived, revitalized and remodeled to compete with the best and brightest in the world.

Primm came to Farish Street from Chicago where she had worked in corporate America. Parents Fannie and Ralph Primm brought her and a sister, who is a doctor, up in an environment of prayer, love, hard work and dedication. They were sent to the best schools where they excelled. Indeed, Primm holds a degree in economics and can easily reintegrate herself into the mainstream economy anywhere in the world, if she so desires.

Reflecting on her experience on Farish Street, Primm asserts that, “Black people must support their own businesses if they want to witness any modicum of progress. She thus submits that blacks must return and support Farish Street if they want it to grow as it once was. They cannot expect anyone to work for them.”

When asked about the secret of her success, Primm’s answer is clear and unequivocal. She confidently asserts that, “tenacity and follow-through is the secret to any successful venture. It’s important to make sure that customers get what they need.”

She foresees a bright future for Farish Street. However, she asserts that concerted planning, strategic development along with honest design and implementation will enable Farish Street to re-launch itself into a successful business arena.

Primm is also the chief organizer and patron of the annual ASE Day tour which was held July 28. The purpose of the tour is to educate and reintroduce us to our beautiful history and culture.

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Mrs. Julia Harris-Brown is the Camp’s director, and coordinated by Mrs. Rokietha Landingham and Ms. Linda Jenkins. Mr. James “Lap” Baker and Mr. Lovelace Tartt have volunteered in this Camp in many perspectives, to include fund-raising, security, and mentoring. Members of Lynch Street C.M.E. Church are supportive financially as well as through volunteerism of the Camp. Mr. James “Lap” Baker invited various supporters and elected officials to the culminating program where children provided an overview of the Camp, displayed their focused reading projects and logs, and provided liturgical flag and spiritual dance for parents and those in attendance. Visitors were very impressed with the components of the Camp and the children with their presentations, and expressed future and continued support by their presence, as well as financial contributions. On Sunday, July 29, during the 11:00 Worship Service, children and their families were invited where all were recognized for their accomplishments, and provided with school supplies.

Yours in Christ,  
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# JPS School Board establishes bond oversight committee

## Mississippi Link Newswire

At a special meeting held July 30, the JPS Board of Trustees adopted a resolution establishing and creating a citizen’s oversight committee in connection with the proposed issuance by the Jackson Public Schools of 2018 general obligation bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$65 million to raise money to pay for the costs of capital improvements throughout the district. The resolution states the following:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of the Jackson Public School District (the “District”), Jackson, Mississippi, acting for and on behalf of the District does hereby find, determine, adjudicate and declare as follows:

On June 7, 2018, the Board of the District adopted a resolution (the “Election Resolution”) providing for the calling and holding of a special election within and for the District for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of said District the proposition (the “Proposition”) of whether or not the District shall issue general obligation bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$65,000,000.00 (the “Bonds”) for the purpose of making capital improvements throughout the District; and

Pursuant to the Election Resolution, the Proposition will be submitted to the qualified electors of the District at a special election to be held on August 7, 2018; and

In the event at least three-fifths (3/5) of the qualified electors who vote on the Proposition in the election vote in favor of the Proposition, as certified by the election commissioners for the City of Jackson, Mississippi, and accepted and approved by the Board, the District will be authorized to move forward with issuing the Bonds; and

In the event the District issues the Bonds, the Board desires to create and establish a citizen’s oversight committee, as generally described herein, the members of which shall serve as liaisons and provide public input and monitoring during the course of construction of the capital improvement projects financed by the Bonds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District as follows:

SECTION 1. In the event the District issues the Bonds, the Board will establish and create the Jackson Public School District, 2018 \$65,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Citizen’s Oversight Committee (the “Oversight Committee”).

SECTION 2. The Oversight Committee will be an ad hoc committee comprised of seven (7) members, each one of whom is a resident of and represents one of the City of Jackson’s 7 wards. Committee members will be appointed by the school board member representing each respective ward, and in the event no school board member represents a particular ward, will be appointed upon the recommendation of the president of the Board, as approved by the Board.

SECTION 3. The Oversight Committee will meet with a member or members of District administration, designated by the superintendent of schools, throughout the term of construction of Bond-financed projects. The Oversight Committee will be provided written updates of the status of construction of Bond-financed projects and the expenditure of Bond funds and, at times mutually convenient, will be provided opportunities to monitor and inspect ongoing construction. Oversight Committee members are expected to disseminate to their respective constituents, parents, neighborhood associations, wards, etc. information received by them regarding Bond-financed projects and expenditure of Bond funds, and bring to the attention of the District community questions and concerns. While neither Oversight Committee members nor the Oversight Community, as a whole, shall have any decision-making authority with regard to the selection of Bond-financed projects nor the manner or progress of construction of Bond-financed projects nor the expenditure of Bond funds, the Oversight Committee may raise questions or concerns associated with any or all of these for District administration and/or the Board.

SECTION 4. The Oversight Committee may, but is not required to, select a presiding officer and adopt such procedures for the conduct of its business as members deem necessary or convenient. The District shall provide the Oversight Committee with meeting space and such resources as are as reasonably necessary to conduct its business, as determined by the superintendent of schools.

SECTION 5. The Oversight Committee shall exist and remain in place until the earlier of: (1) completion of construction of all Bond-financed projects and expenditure of all Bond funds; or (2) dissolution of the Oversight Committee by the Board.

# Provine junior presents cancer research at 2018 Mississippi Idea Conference

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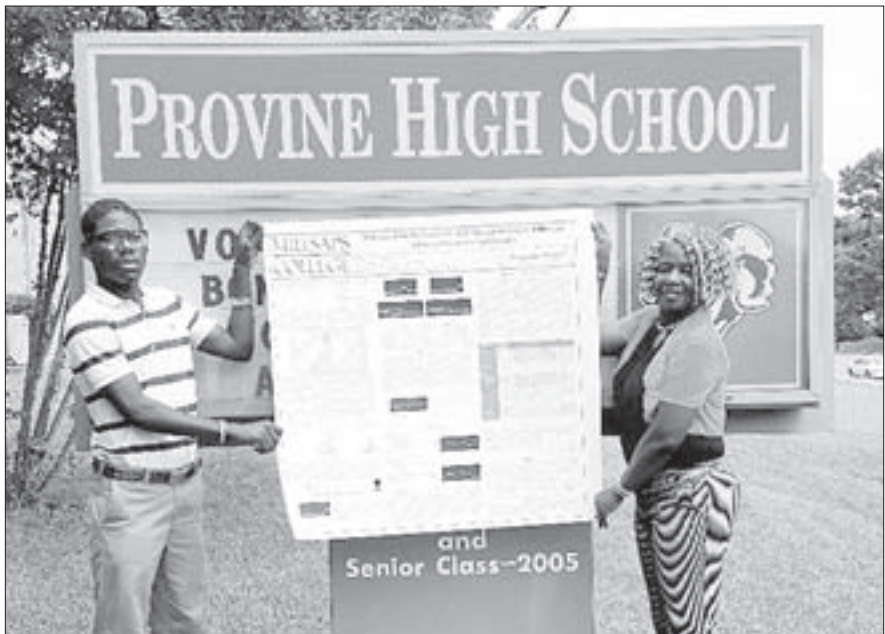
Kelvin Gardner, a rising junior at Provine High School, presented on cancer research this summer at the 2018 Mississippi IDeA Conference. He was the only high school presenter at the conference. He was also the only high school student at the Millsaps College chemistry lab where he conducted his research with professor Wolfgang H. Kramer.

Gardner worked alongside four other students who were all undergraduates at Millsaps with previous lab experience. His research project was on Photodynamic Cancer Therapy. In simple terms, he studied how a light-activated compound cleaves to DNA during treatment. The goal was to discover a way to kill cancer cells selectively, without damaging healthy cells.

His sophomore chemistry teacher at Provine, Omega Hart, recommended Gardner for the summer internship. Hart knew Gardner had what it took. He recognized during the school year that Gardner could handle any of the work he put in front of him.

“Mr. Hart is one of the most rigorous teachers at Provine,” said Gardner’s mom, Christiane Williams. “He teaches his students to get ready for college and holds them accountable.”

Like any good parent, Williams gave Gardner no chance to decline the offer. Following Hart’s lead, she gave her son the support, or push, he needed to follow



Gardner and his mother Christiane Williams

through to the end.

“This was an opportunity of a lifetime. I was not going to let him opt out,” said Williams.

The research internship was two months long, from the beginning of June through the end of July. Gardner’s entire summer break was football practice in the morning and cancer research in the afternoon. Although he had to be prodded by his mother initially, on days when he could, Gardner spent a full day in the lab.

To be sure, Gardner’s hard work will be beneficial to him in the future, as an

aspiring engineer. However, it will also pay off for some of his peers in the near term. Dr. Kramer was so impressed with his curiosity and ability that he proposed extending the project through the fall and opening up the research opportunity to more high school students.

Gardner is not only a scholar but a successful athlete. He is a kicker on the Provine Rams football team and has just earned a position with the Mississippi Rush, an elite local soccer team. He plans to attend college and major in engineering after he graduates from high school in 2020.

# Two Power APAC students receive national awards



Ice Cream Truck

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Power APAC students Moriah Roland and Alauran Allen received Gold Medallions in recognition of their outstanding work at the Scholastics National Awards Presentation and Celebration in New York City. Roland also was recognized as an American Visions Award Winner. This awards presentation was held June 7 at Carnegie Hall in Midtown Manhattan.

Allen’s “Ice Cream Truck” and Roland’s “Night Out” were part of the Art.Write.Now.2018 National Exhibition from June 1-10.

Featuring more than 1,000 works from students nationwide in grades 7-12, the exhibition spanned two galleries in New York City – The Sheila C. Johnson Design Center at Parsons



Night Out



Allen



Roland

School of Design and Pratt Institute’s Pratt Manhattan Gallery.

As an American Visions winner, Roland’s artwork is featured in the 2018 Scholastics National Catalog. The American Vision Award is for the artists who present the best work for each region. Mississippi is in the Southeast region. This is considered the “Best in Show” award for works that most exemplify originality, tech-

nical skill and the emergence of a personal vision.

Notably, “Night Out” was a winner in the “What Freedom Means To Me” art competition and was also featured at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati.

Gregory Miller, chairman of the Board, and Virginia McEnerney, executive director wrote, “Artists don’t spring to life as fully formed adults. Instead, they grow through formative experiences. Important introductions, and ample resources. For nearly a century these opportunities are exactly what the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards have provided for countless creative young people. We firmly believe in the transformative experience that is the hallmark of the Awards.”

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## Charter school opens in the Delta

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

Clarksdale Collegiate Public Charter School, the first charter school to open outside of Jackson, welcomed their inaugural class last Wednesday.

The school will serve students in grades kindergarten through second grade this year, eventually expanding to serve students through eighth grade.

“I think the Delta is not always talked about in a favorable way and so we can’t wait to show what our kids can do. We just want our scholars to show what’s possible when you’re able to support kids and a great education,” Amanda Johnson, executive director of Clarksdale Collegiate, told Mississippi Today.

District schools in the Delta have long had a history of poor academic performance and failing ratings from the state despite the fact that most districts spend more per student than the state average.

With the opening of Clarksdale Col-



legiate, parents in the area will simply have a new choice for their children. We benefit from options in every aspect of our life, a child’s education should be no different.

## Alcorn ranked third on Value Colleges’ Top 50 Best Value HBCUs list for 2018

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

Alcorn State University is being recognized again as one of the nation’s top historically black colleges and universities.

The University is ranked third on the Top 50 Value Colleges’ Historically Black Colleges & Universities 2018 list. Alcorn is the highest ranked Mississippi school on the website’s list.

Value Colleges is a website that offers meticulously researched, straightforward, and practical answers to commonly asked questions about value and affordability when making college decisions. Further, it creates feature articles clearing up misconceptions and confusion about college costs and benefits, as well as numerical rankings of institutions and degree programs to help college-bound readers choose financially responsible paths.

Donzell Lee, Alcorn’s interim president, credits the focus on affordability and drive of the university’s community for its many accomplishments this year.

“With exceptional scholastic and edu-

cational performances of our students, faculty and staff, along with a determined pursuit of excellence, Alcorn is propelling to unimaginable heights,” said Lee. “We are extremely proud to be one of the nation’s most astute colleges and universities focused on helping our students earn a degree that results in a real return on their college investment.”

To develop the ranking, Value Colleges compiled a range of data to determine what colleges and universities provided the balance of quality, affordability and opportunity to be considered the best value.

The website ranked HBCUs based on four key elements of Reputation (based on U.S. News & World Report ranking), ROI (based on College Scorecard data), Real Cost (nonresident, based on IPEDs data) and Graduation Rate (based on Department of Education data).

To view Alcorn’s latest ranking, visit Value Colleges website at <https://www.valuecolleges.com/rankings/top-hbcu/>



## Ocean Springs resident named 2018 Mississippi Parent of the Year

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

Heather Church, a mother of two children in the Ocean Springs School District, was named the 2018 Mississippi Parent of the Year.

Nominated by the school district, Church has been actively involved in her children’s schools since 2008. She created a Bid 4 Kids auction, a fun run to promote health and fitness and family movie nights for school families for multiple years at Pecan Park Elementary School. At Ocean Springs Middle School, she created the student activity, Social on the Green, which raised funds for the parent-teacher organization to provide all certified teachers with a \$75 Amazon gift card for their classrooms.

“I am honored to be Mississippi’s Parent of the Year and to represent Ocean Springs. To help others, even people I may never even meet, is such a blessing in my life,” Church said.

Church also is instrumental in annual fund-raising activities for the Ocean Springs Education Foundation, resulting in over \$60,000 in grants to teachers in 2018. Based on her experiences as a parent-teacher organization president, Church wrote a book that sold on Am-



Church

azon and was the top release in the parent participation in education category in 2017.

Church is known for her great service in the school district and in the community. As one community member stated, “It’s impossible to list all the many ways she volunteers in our church community, our schools and the greater Ocean Springs community. Her handprints are all over this town.”

Research has repeatedly shown that parental involvement is a critical factor determining the academic success of students. As part of the annual Parent of the Year program, the Mississippi Department of Education asks each district to select an outstanding parent who has made a significant impact on school improvement efforts in the school district.

The committee reviewed numerous applications submitted by school districts. As a result, the committee selects a Parent of the Year from each of the four congressional districts. From those four district winners, the 2018 State Parent of the Year is determined.

### Parent of the Year finalists

The Congressional District 1 finalist is Kimberly Hopkins, who was nominated by the Tupelo Public School District for her commitment to supporting public education and showing a true example of what parental involvement means. She has three children, including one who’s currently attending Tupelo High School.

The Congressional District 2 finalist is Dr. Tomeka Harbim, who was nominated by the Cleveland School District for having true passion for the community and the well-being of all students, not just her own. She has two children who attend schools in the Cleveland School District.

The Congressional District 3 finalist is Jessica Rainey, who was nominated by the Pearl Public School District for her positive attitude and love for people. She has three children who are currently attending Pearl Public Schools.



### 2018 bond campaign

The Clinton School District has experienced a decade of annual increases in enrollment, from 4,700 students in 2008 to more than 5,300 in 2018.

Rising enrollment is a good thing and we’re blessed to be able to attract so many families to Clinton. Now we are at a point where we must expand our facilities to accommodate this growth.

The Clinton School Board voted this week to seek public support for a \$25 million bond issue to expand and improve schools throughout the district. Based on economic projections with Continental Tire manufacturing plant and citywide growth, this bond issue should not require a tax increase.

The scope would include:



#### Clinton High School

- Relocate the CHS Career complex from its current location on Lakeview Drive to the CHS main campus on Arrow Drive
- Expand the CHS band hall
- Add classrooms at CHS
- Electrical upgrades for technology



#### Clinton Junior High School

- Once the CHS Career Complex is relocated to CHS, renovate this facility to house the CJHS fine arts programs and elective courses (choir, show choir, STEM classes, etc.)
- Renovate the current fine arts areas to house the CJHS administrative offices
- Convert the current administrative offices into classrooms
- Build a main entrance to the school that’s safer and centrally located



#### Lovett Elementary School

- Renovate the exterior facade
- Restructure the driveway for safer car and bus traffic
- Build a safer main entrance to the school
- Add classrooms and restrooms



#### Northside & Eastside Elementary Schools

- Additional classrooms as needed



#### Clinton Park Elementary School

- Expanded cafeteria
- Additional classrooms



Free and open to the public, this exhibit is an attempt to nullify the language of hate and fear, causing it to give way to understanding, compassion, love and honor. The words (or their acronyms) are here, but it is michael stevenson's hope that they become a transformative way of viewing compelling human subjects.

Dolores Byrne  
Friedberg

# Sports betting comes to Mississippi



*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

Mississippi became the first state in the Southeast to offer legal sports betting Wednesday with wagers placed at the Beau Rivage Resort & Casino in Biloxi and at Gold Strike Casino in Tunica. Many other casinos on the Coast and along the Mississippi River are expected to offer sports gambling by the start of football season. This comes after a Supreme Court decision overturned the federal ban on sports gambling.

“Sports betting is expected to draw new people and excitement to the casinos right from the start. Delaware, in the first 20 days of sports betting, saw 69,698 wagers and \$7 million in bets, along with about \$1 million in tax revenue for the state. The first 17 days in New Jersey brought \$16.4 million in wagers,” the Sun Herald reports.

Along with additional revenue for the state, legalizing sports gambling provides in-

dividuals with the freedom to make decisions for themselves.

People should have the right to choose how they want to live and whether they want to spend their own after-tax money on a sports bet, a municipal bond or a ham sandwich. No matter how you personally feel about gambling on sports, it's a mistake to take away a person's individual liberty just because some people will be irresponsible.

# MS Conference NAACP calls for a full investigation of the Meridian Police Department

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

The Mississippi State Conference NAACP (MS NAACP) is calling for a full investigation of a recent incident involving an African-American man who was handcuffed and subsequently tasered by a Meridian Police Department (MPD) officer.

MPD dashcam video footage of the arrest July 14 shows Officer Daniel Starks striking an unarmed African-American man while he was handcuffed and detained. Moments later, Starks unholsters his taser, shoves the weapon into his back, and electrocutes him for several seconds. The video also depicts Starks placing his hands around the man's neck and aiming the taser at him a second time.

While the MS NAACP commends the swift action of the

Meridian Police Department in the firing of Starks, we recognize the vicious and egregious pattern of police violence in communities of color across our state and country, and we are particularly concerned about the brutal treatment of black males by law enforcement. MPD and the FBI should launch an investigation into the actions of all officers involved in this unfortunate incidence.

“Our communities cannot afford to stand idly by and watch as police use excessive and brutal force in any situation,” said Tabitha Jones, MS NAACP Meridian Branch president. “We want to ensure no one else has to suffer this type of deplorable treatment and that officers and police departments across our state are held accountable for

their actions.”

The NAACP has advocated for smarter, results-based criminal justice policies and developed resources to help communities begin conversations about police accountability and reform, including the 2016 Pathways to Police Reform Community Mobilization Toolkit.

“We want every police department in our state to proactively work to protect people from unnecessarily violent treatment by law enforcement officers,” said Charles R. Hampton, MS NAACP president.

“We cannot tolerate discriminatory and abusive policing, and it will take community leaders, advocates and activists, citizens, and law enforcement agencies working together to disrupt this cycle.”

## Letter to Governor Bryant



### Mississippi Legislative Democratic Caucus

Sen. Derrick T. Simmons, Chair  
Senate Democratic Caucus

Rep. David Baria, Chair  
House Democratic Caucus

August 2, 2018

The Honorable Phil Bryant  
Governor of the State of Mississippi

VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMITTAL

Dear Governor Bryant:

This letter is in response to your recent statements regarding a Special Legislative Session to address funding Mississippi's transportation infrastructure needs. As you may know, our Democratic Caucus members have been keenly attuned to the need for positive, proactive legislation to not only repair roads and bridges that currently need it, but to also provide a plan for future maintenance and improvements. We need to address these issues comprehensively, with everything on the table, including re-working our tax code and creating a business long-term revenue stream.

We write to assure you that we want to be part of the process to accomplish these goals.

We invite you to consider previous efforts by our members to address the problems, such as our legislative hearing on May 17, 2018, on the matter - the only one held - as we solicited input from all stakeholders in an open, public forum in addition to our previous introduction of measures creating additional revenue streams to support our transportation system.

However, we emphasize that we do not have any ideas or proposals that would preclude our desire to work collaboratively with our Republican colleagues and you to create a viable plan to fix and maintain our transportation infrastructure. The infrastructure problems that Mississippians face are too great for proposed solutions to be piecemeal and partisan. Legislative Democrats are committed to staying as long as it takes to develop a long-term solution.

In keeping with our desire for a congenial working relationship through the process, we advise that those of us who are knowledgeable in road and bridge construction and maintenance stand ready to participate in any planning of a Special Legislative Session on this matter. We believe that our participation will signal a desire by you and others in leadership to work together -- transparently, inclusively, and across party lines -- for the benefit of all Mississippians.

We look forward to helping solve this dangerous and persistent dilemma. Please know that we and all members of the Democratic Caucus want to be included in discussions, to have our input weighed on merits, and to help solve this problem that affects every Mississippian.

Sincerely,

SENATOR DERRICK SIMMONS  
Chair, Senate Democratic Caucus

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South Asia students visited the Capitol August 1 and spoke with Senator Hillman T. Frazier during their national IVLP, “Empowering Youth to Strengthen Communities and Prevent Violence,” tour that was to take them to major cities across the United States. The tour was arranged by the U.S. Department of State.

## Ethiopian Leader sparks euphoria during a whirlwind U. S. trip

TriceEdneyWire.com

It's been called "Abiy-mania" – an impulse to reach out and hug the young new Prime Minister of Ethiopia, Abiy Ahmed, who brought an end to his country's two-decade-long war with Eritrea and other sweeping changes in the Horn of Africa.

This month, the 41-year-old Ethiopian leader landed in the United States where he met with thousands of his countrymen and women and reiterated his message of love and unity.

"He urged them to tear down the wall of hatred and bring home the culture of innovation that Los Angeles is known for," his chief of staff wrote on Twitter.

His six-day journey took him to Washington, D.C., Los Angeles and Minneapolis, where "Kassa," a researcher at North Carolina State University was heard to exclaim: "I want to hug him! He's a hugger, I know, so I want to hug him."

Abiy's call to the Diaspora seems to have already softened the fiercest critics of the ruling party's previous regime.

Among them was Abede Yimenu, a former major in the Ethiopian



Abiy Ahmed on U. S. tour

army and one of the 300,000 Ethiopians who live in the District of Columbia. He told the Washington Post he is also thinking of going home after being away for 17 years.

Tapping his red beret, he said: "This uniform shows that we believe in this prime minister and that we still love our country and that we still need to serve our country."

Abiy also met with the leader of Patriotic Ginbot 7, an opposition group named for May 15, the date of a general election in 2005

marred by fraud and the deaths of about 200 people. The pro-democracy party was labeled a terrorist organization by the former government.

Aside from the peace treaty with neighboring Eritrea, Abiy has lifted the state of emergency and freed hundreds of political prisoners.

Meanwhile, in Washington, at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, there was dancing, flag waving and ululation. Religious leaders began the rally with prayers, prais-

ing Abiy and celebrating the future of the country. D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser declared July 28 "Ethiopia Day" to great applause.

Before embarking for the west coast, Abiy met with the head of the World Bank, the IMF and Vice President Mike Pence. He also oversaw the reconciliation of rival synods of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church and met the Muslim community.

The new prime minister has the advantage of speaking fluent Oromo, Amharic and Tigrinya. He is also steeped in Islam and the traditions of the Orthodox Church. There is something to satisfy each element of the coalition, which controls all of Parliament.

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## Congressman Ron Dellums – warrior and statesman dies at 82

TriceEdneyWire.com

Former Democratic Congressman and Oakland Mayor Ron Dellums is being remembered this week as a warrior for justice, a statesman and an advocate for the poor.

"The contributions that Congressman Dellums made to our East Bay community, the nation and the world are too innumerable to count," says California Congresswoman Barbara Lee, who succeeded Dellums when he left Congress in 1998 after 27 years. "I feel blessed to have called Congressman Dellums my dear friend, predecessor, and mentor. I will miss him tremendously, and I will hold dear to my heart the many lessons I learned from this great public servant...His legacy and spirit will be forever with us," Lee said in a statement.



Dellums

Having served as a legislative assistant and chief of staff in his Washington, D. C. congressional office, Lee was elected to succeed Dellums upon his resignation in 1998. Dellums reportedly died of cancer in his Washington, D.C. home July 30. Looking back this week, Lee described him as "a warrior and a statesman."

One of the 13 founding members of the Congressional Black Caucus, Dellums is perhaps best known for his fierce 14-year advocacy for the end of Apartheid in South Africa that included his sponsorship of legislation imposing sanctions against and divesting from the country in 1986. He served in Congress from 1971 to 1998 when he resigned, citing personal difficulties. His stent included the chairmanship of the Congressional Black Caucus from 1989 to 1991.

Dellums also fought vehemently for civil rights, economic justice, health care and social justice programs. He became known for his "alternative budgets" redirecting funds for jobs, education and anti-crime measures. As a member of Congress and as chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, he also advocated strongly against war.

He once said, "I have two things going for me. The first is the fidelity to my principles. And the other is my ability to show up for the fight every day. Period that."

Active in public service until too ill to do so, he served one term as Oakland, California's 45th mayor and third black mayor from 2007 to 2011. As news of his death began to spread, public statements were issued from other civil rights giants.

"Mr. Dellums was a relentless advocate for communities of color, low-income communities, civil rights and social justice; who did not shy away from issues just because they seemed controversial. He worked with Rep. Bennie Thompson to end apartheid in South Africa. He also served as the chairman of the Armed Forces Committee although he was an anti-war critic," said NAACP Board Chairman Leon W. Russell. "Whether as an activist, congressman or mayor of Oakland, Ron Dellums created space for our voices to be heard. It is said that the current generation stands on the shoulders of giants, Ron was a giant who blazed a path to empowerment that we still walk on today."

In his latter years, Dellums continued his advocacy often times on paper, especially on health disparities. His opeds were often published in black newspapers, including through the Trice Edney News Wire.

"Black History Month is an opportunity to reflect on how far America and the African-American community has come, and how much more we have to accomplish. Consider the field of health care," he wrote in a 2013 oped for the Trice Edney News Wire. "As the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services' Office of Minority Health said last year, 'Although black people have continued to make strides and shape the United States, health rates on average for chronic diseases, infections and death have taken a toll on the population.'"

Upon his death, the National Collaborative for Health Equity (NCHE) released a statement describing him as a "tireless advocate for the needs of people of color and low-income communities, often challenging status quo systems of repression and marginalization."

The NCHE also recalled that Dellums "called for the nation to embrace and value the lives of young people, and particularly young men of color who face persistent barriers to opportunity and inclusion. 'If being an advocate of peace, justice and humanity toward all human beings is radical,'" the NCHE quoted Dellums said, "'then I'm glad to be called radical.'"

## As Trump distorts NFL players' messages, let's instead join together

By Jesse L. Jackson, Sr.  
NNPA Newswire Contributor

As teams gear up for the NFL season, President Trump is reviving his destructive and diversionary attacks aimed at turning fans against players.

The league office stepped in it by unilaterally declaring that players who do not wish to stand during the national anthem should stay in the locker room. The NFL players association had little choice but to force negotiations over that insult.

Jerry Jones, the owner of the Dallas Cowboys, is a decent guy. But he stuck his foot in it as well, when he recently announced that the Cowboys had to stand for the anthem and couldn't stay in the locker room – or else. The league wisely told him to zip it, while the policy was under negotiation and so it goes.

So much of this is a false narrative. Fake news.

Trump dishonestly insists that the players are disrespecting the flag. In fact, the players kneeling during the anthem were expressing a silent protest not against the flag, but against police brutality and the reality of structural racial inequality.

Kneeling before the flag in silent, nonviolent protest is not disrespectful to the 'Stars' and 'Stripes.' In fact, it's just the opposite. It is a sign of deference and respect, a call to honor what the flag is truly supposed to represent.

Burning the flag is constitutionally protected, but is a desecration. Burning a cross is a desecration. It is violent. Kneeling before the cross, or during the anthem, on the other hand, isn't a desecration; it is a call for help.

Colin Kaepernick was and is concerned about blacks being beaten and killed by police. He knelt during the anthem to highlight how the values of the flag were being ignored on the streets. He wasn't disrespecting the flag – he was protesting those who trample its val-



Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr. says that the only way to fight hate is with self-perseverance and love.

ues. He was being a patriot.

Now Trump wants to light the dynamite again. His politics prey and thrive on division. He hopes to divide us one against the other, while his administration rolls back protections of consumers, workers and the environment, allowing corporate lobbyists to rig the rules, with lards of more and more tax cuts and subsidies on entrenched interests and the wealthy.

So, he purposefully peddles the false narrative that the players are disrespecting the flag.

Jones, who is a Trump supporter, isn't a bad man. Beyond the playing field, beyond contracts, he has been a decent guy. He paid for the funeral of Cowboy great Bob Hayes. But Jones has allowed himself to be turned into Trump's pawn in this diversion. The reality is that we would not have the Dallas Cowboys in Dallas, were it not for those protesting for their rights.

The victory of the Civil Rights Movement opened the way to a

New South. The nonviolent protests and resistance pulled down the old barriers and walls in the South, clearing the way for the Cowboys and the Spurs and the Rockets of the New South, where blacks and whites could play on the same team and wear the same colors – where fans root for the colors of their team, not the color of the players' skin.

Successful protests – at the cost of far too many lives – finally ended slavery and apartheid in this society. We should be honoring the protesters, not distorting their message.

Kaepernick was right to protest what is going on in our streets. He has paid a heavy penalty for expressing his views in a nonviolent and dignified fashion. One of the best quarterbacks in the league, he has effectively been banned, a blatant conspiracy that ought to constitute a clear violation of anti-trust laws.

Kaepernick stands among gi-

ants. Curt Flood in baseball and Muhammad Ali during the prime years of his boxing life were also banned, but in the process, they changed sports and the country for the better.

There have always been politicians who profit by appealing to our fears. There have always been politicians who seek to divide us for political gain.

We've come a long way, but we still have a long way to go to fulfill the flag's values of liberty and justice for all. The players expressing their views in nonviolent and dignified fashion aren't disgracing the flag, they are expressing its values.

Let us turn against those who would divide us and join together to make America better.

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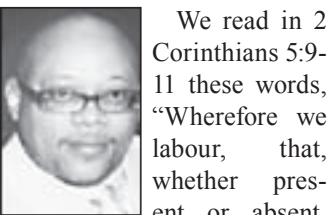
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# Choosing your destiny

PART 1

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



We read in 2 Corinthians 5:9-11 these words, "Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences."

I want to help you see that the Word of God is true. What God has spoken will come to pass. The portion of time that He has allowed you is passing by swiftly. The things that you ought to think upon and stop and give attention to are the very things the devil does not want you to dwell upon. He wants to keep you in the fast lane of life so that you will not be able to consider them. That is one trick of the enemy in this age. The spirit of the world gets men and women drunk on the wine of the world, and then they do not know what is going on about them. However, they

do know the shortness of the time, but Paul said in verse 11 of our scripture text, "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men." The judgment of God is sure, so I want to persuade you to be a Christian and to live for God all the days of your life and to be ready when He calls for you. Too many people live in a world of fantasy, and they are sailing on, lifted up by the spirit of the devil. They think life here is going to last eternally.

I often think about Moses. Hebrews 11:24-26 reads: By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward." Moses had a choice to make, so he took a good look at the situation. That is what I want you to do. Just stop long enough to consider your way to see where it is going to lead you unless you turn to God.

Moses had a decision to make. You can read in the Book of Exodus how he was

taken to Pharaoh's house and raised as one of the Egyptians. As far as the world say, he had it made, but he was missing something. There was something that he was unhappy about and that caused him to be dissatisfied. He knew he was not dwelling among His own people. He was not where God wanted him. The Bible says that he chose "rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season." I say, take the whole world, but give me Jesus; give me the things of God, because they satisfy my soul. It is the milk and honey that my soul desire!

Sinner friend, the devil does not want you to stop and consider these things. He wants to take you down the fast lane of life. This old world is moving at a terrible pace. For example, you may travel through a big city when the traffic is heavy and the other drivers are pushing you right on. If you do not know where you are going, you might lose your way because you are traveling along so fast that you cannot find out exactly where you are and where you should be. That is what the devil is doing to young people and lost souls. He gets them tied up with the things of the world, and they go headstrong

and headlong at a fast speed. The devil does not want them to stop and consider their ways and consider where their ways are leading them.

If you are a Saint of God, you should know the terror of the Lord. You know that awful, impending judgment is just ahead. It will happen just as the Bible says, and that is the reason we are trying to persuade men. That is what the Apostle Paul was doing when he was talking to King Agrippa. Agrippa said to Paul, "Almost thou persuadest me to be Christian" (Acts 26:28).

Dear one, I pray that you will not be almost persuaded, but that you will be altogether persuaded in your heart that you need to get off this world's merry-go-round that is turning so fast and get right with God. The Lord is making an exit whereby you can get off. You can get out of the world fantasy and come back to reality. You have only a short time in this present world.

Next week Part II – Choosing your destiny.

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P R E S E R V E D

## Reach beyond the break

By Shewanda Riley  
Columnist



"I need to play a long song." I remember thinking these words one day in the early 1990's when I was working as

a gospel radio announcer at KCHL Radio in San Antonio. It was time for me to take a break during my 6 hour shift. Since there was no one else in the station at the time, I was looking for songs longer than 5 minutes so I could take a break. I thumbed through the albums (yes, we still played albums!) and saw "Reach Beyond the Break parts 1 and 2" by Rev. Clay Evans. Combined, both songs were a total of 10 minutes.

"Perfect!" I thought. Even though I hadn't heard the songs before, I was more concerned about them being long enough for me to take a break. I cued up the record and listened for about 10 seconds, just long enough to make sure the record wasn't scratched and to hear Rev. Evans start his signature "talk" before the singing started. Then I left to get my snacks and something from my car. When I came back into the studio, there was at least 1 minute left on the song. At this point, the choir was singing the refrain, "Hope is your rope."

Once, I did eventually stay in the studio long enough to hear the entire song and thought it had a good message. In it, Rev. Evans told the story of a young man who was drowning and was calling to his father for help. His

father couldn't swim but threw him a rope. The young man did his best to hold onto the rope as his father began to pull him to safety. Then, the young man yelled that the rope was breaking. The father told his son to reach beyond the break and hold on.

Years later, I finally got the heart of the song: use faith to go beyond the "breaks" in our lives and hold onto God's promises. A series of disappointments made me question so many things about my faith and God. I still believed in God's transforming power but I had somehow stopped believing that His power could transform my life.

One day I was dwelling on those many "breaks" and God brought the words of this song to my mind. This was before the days of YouTube and I didn't have a copy of the song. All I could remember was the chorus "Reach beyond the break and hold on."

Hebrews 10:22-22 encourages us to draw close to God. Verse 23 says, "Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful." Rather than wait for God to supernaturally move in my life, I had to learn how to take the first steps of faith and reach beyond my breaks...then have enough faith to hold on.

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# A picture's worth a thousand words

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Like many of you, I watched the video of Wardell Jackson, a Capitol policeman in Mississippi, pleading with protesters who were all around him, to stop blocking the entrance to the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum. We saw on video how the offenders were disobeying him and obviously trying their best to agitate and disrespect Jackson.

The agitators came to his area seeking trouble. They came waiving their confederate and Mississippi state flags in Jackson's face. They circled in back of him and all around him. We saw them get up in his face no matter how many times he asked them to stop blocking the area. They paraded all around him and did all they could to provoke him as he remained calm, but persistent, in warning them to clear the area so that visitors to the museum could get through.

We saw Jackson at all times continue to do his job to prevent blockage of the entrance to the museum. All of this fuss took place at the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum! Now, tell me if you believe this agitation was just a coincidence.

Jackson's exact words were heard on the video, and it is clear that he said or did nothing that was improper. He worked with great patience for a very long time. From what I saw on the video, had the situation been reversed and a white officer was giving as many warnings as he gave to clear the area to black people, I'm sure the intruders would have been shot or at least arrested. Not so for Jackson who never even threatened arrest while I was asking myself how long was he going to take the harassment.

Instead of being rewarded for his patience, he was fired for doing his job with the patience of Job. Nevermind, that he was rehired a day later, he should never have been fired. To add insult to injury he was punished for doing his job by being suspended. He was further punished by being taken off his regular shift and moved to the midshaft.

I can't help but wonder if the person who replaced him is considered to be friendlier to the flag waving confederate agitators.

State Rep. Kathy Sykes, chair of the National Congress of Black Women in Jackson, spoke out about Jackson's punishment, and I'm proud of her for that, but I urge all Mississippi politicians, preachers and community leaders to not be satisfied with just putting Jackson back to work.

Jackson should have their support in putting him back on the job he had before this injustice occurred. They should stand with him to get the payment back that was taken from him by suspending him. Every police officer and all who stand for fair play should send a donation to Jackson to make up for his loss in pay until his back pay is returned to him. Otherwise, all of us who had plans to travel to or through Mississippi and spend money there should put those plans on hold.

We've seen officers wrongfully kill people in cold blood and not even get suspended for a day. Why should a black officer just doing his job be punished by being fired, then suffer a loss in pay and position? If you don't know where to send your donation to Jackson, we'll deliver to him whatever you send through our Jackson, MS chapter. Call my office at 202/678-6788 and we can help with where to send it. Let's show him we care about police officers who do the right thing.

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# Sandberg launches 2018 NUL Conference with partnership announcements

By Marc H. Morial  
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*"The average Black woman in the United States has to work all of 2017 until August 7 of 2018 to make what the average white man makes in 2017 alone. That me to say this is a problem is kind of the understatement of the year." – Sheryl Sandberg, August 1, 2018, National Urban League Conference*

With the 2018 National Urban League Conference focused on the theme of "Save Our Cities: Powering the Digital Revolution," we could not have chosen a more appropriate guest to kick off the event than Facebook's Chief Operating Officer Sheryl Sandberg.

Even better, we were proud to use the occasion to announce two important new initiatives.

New research conducted by LeanIn.Org and SurveyMonkey in partnership with the National Urban League shows that there remains a striking lack of awareness around the pay gap black women face. On

average, black women are paid 38 percent less than white men and 21 percent less than white women – amounting to almost \$879,000 lost over the course of a typical career.

LeanIn is an initiative of the Sheryl Sandberg & Dave Goldberg Family Foundation, dedicated to empowering women in the workplace.

Our plan is that bringing awareness to this injustice will lead to concrete action. Not only would fair pay for black women drastically narrow the racial economic gap, but it would go a long way toward stabilizing our national economy. Because black women disproportionately are heads of households, fair pay would create a ripple effect that could lift entire communities.

Some of the key findings of the research were:

More than 30 percent of Americans are not aware that, on average, black women are paid less than white men.

Even when people know there's a pay gap, it's bigger than they realize. On average, black women are paid 38 percent less than white men, which amounts to almost

\$870,000 lost over the course of a typical career; 40 percent of people who are aware of this gap underestimate its size.

About half of white men think obstacles to advancement for black women are gone, but only 14 percent of black women agree.

Nearly 70 percent of people who are not black think that racism, sexism or both are uncommon in their company – yet 64 percent of black women say they've experienced discrimination at work.

August 7 was Black Women's Equal Pay Day. Share these facts on social media using the hashtag #38PercentCounts.

The second announcement is an expanded partnership with Facebook to offer training in social media strategy and digital marketing our 13 Urban League Entrepreneurship Centers in the following cities: Atlanta, GA; Baltimore, MD; Chicago, IL; Cincinnati, OH; Cleveland, OH; Houston, TX; Jacksonville, FL; Kansas City, MO; Las Vegas, NV; Los Angeles, CA; New Orleans, LA; Philadelphia, PA; and Washington, D.C.

The National Urban League will

also join Facebook as a national advisor, helping to create new opportunities for small businesses from underserved communities.

This partnership with Facebook perfectly encapsulates the focus of our mission on the intersection between digital technology and economic opportunity. Empowering our entrepreneurs through the use of digital tools is a great example of how, truly, to fulfill our conference theme and power the digital revolution.

During our conversation, I asked her what she was like growing up and she said she was the "bossy girl."

She asked the men in the audience to raise their hands if they'd ever been called bossy. Few raised their hands. Then she asked the women. We know it's not that women act in more aggressive ways than men – it's just our expectations.

For every little girl who's ever been called bossy: Next time you hear some little girl called bossy, you walk right up to whoever called her that and say, "She's not bossy. She has executive leadership skills."

# Congressman Ron Dellums: a fierce, focused fighter

By Julianne Malveaux  
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When the Congressional Black Caucus holds its Annual Legislative Conference September 12-16, I hope there will be a tribute to one of its founders, Congressman Ron Dellums, who made his transition on July 30. Dellums was a fierce, focused fighter for justice, an anti-war activist who served in the military, authored several CBC Alternative Budgets; budgets that focused on human needs rather than military buildup, and an indefatigable fighter for South African freedom. He is the epitome of Congressional activism, progressive leadership, and stellar integrity. After 27 years in Congress and a term as Oakland mayor, he had a much lower profile in recent years. Still, his name remains synonymous with principled leadership, and he will be sincerely missed.

Dellums blazed on the national political scene, decried by then Vice President Spiro Agnew as a "radical" from "Ber-zerkely." Dellums had the right response, telling the Washington Post – "If being an advocate of peace, justice and humanity toward all human beings is radical, then I'm glad to be called radical. And if it is radical to oppose the use of 70 percent of federal monies for destruction and war, then I am a radical." With this as a definition of "radical," the question, really, is why aren't there more radicals in our nation?

I'm not sure what Congressman Dellums would think of the organization he co-founded. While he be-

came somewhat less confrontational the longer he served in Congress, the fight never left him. He didn't mind calling presidents or his colleagues out, though he did it in a way that even conservative House Speaker Tom Delay (R-TX) described as gentlemanly.

Upon Dellums' retirement from the House of Representatives in the middle of his term in 1998, Delay said, "We are losing one of its finest members, a member that I have great respect for because he always did his homework, was so articulate and eloquent on this floor. He always got my attention when he stood up and took the microphone. He would stop every member in their tracks to hear what he had to say, and there are very few Members that have served in this body that can claim the respect that both sides of the aisle had for the gentleman from California. And the incredible reputation that the gentleman from California has brought to this House; he has elevated this House. He has elevated the distinction of this House by serving here, and this House will greatly miss him when he leaves."

Though Dellums ran for Congress as a Democrat and caucused with the Democrats, he did not register to vote as a Democrat until he ran for Mayor of Oakland. Indeed, he was one of the vice-chairs of the Democratic Socialists of America. His alternative budgets reflected socialistic principles, elevating human needs over military needs, embracing pacifism instead of war and military intervention. He had a masters' degree in social work, and it showed, both in his interactions with people and in the alternative budgets he worked on.

When I was a professor at UC Berkeley, I brought a group of students (I called them Bey-Bey's kids because some of them were so wild) to D.C. to soak up some public policy knowledge. Congressman Dellums' team told us he had 30 minutes for us, but when he met the group, got engaged with them and began to answer their questions, he took off his jacket, rolled up his sleeves, pulled out a flip chart and broke down the CBC Alternative Budget. We were there for almost two hours, far more than the allotted time. He acknowledged that the Alternative Budget had no chance of passing, but said that he worked so hard on it because it was "a possibility." He persistently fought for the right thing, even if the right thing was a long shot.

His tenacity was responsible for the passage of the Comprehensive Anti-Apartheid Act of 1986, legislation that imposed sanctions, urged US companies to stop doing business with South Africa, and set conditions, including the release of political prisoners, before sanctions could be lifted. Ronald Reagan vetoed the legislation, preferring "constructive engagement," but Congress overrode the veto, something that rarely happens in foreign policy matter. It is a tribute to Dellums' political skills that a man who was ridiculed as a radical upon entering Congress had developed the kinds of bipartisan relationships that would override a presidential veto.

Dellums got much criticism for his time as Oakland mayor, but it is essential to note that not many, after serving 27 years in Congress, would have signed up to run a troubled city. He was drafted by the people

of Oakland, who urged him to serve, and he defiantly told people that if they weren't satisfied with his leadership, they could recall him. Dellums used his national notoriety to lobby for his city, getting more recovery aid from the Obama administration than any other city except Chicago. He saw Oakland as a "Model City" and encouraged citizen participation, convening several task forces to help shape the direction of the city.

The best thing that Dellums ever did was succession planning. He surrounded himself with younger, bright leaders and encouraged them in their aspirations. One of his protégés, Keith Carson, serves on the Alameda County Board of Supervisors. Another, Sandre' Swanson, served in the California State Assembly. And Congresswoman Barbara Lee, as fierce a fighter as Dellums, was his hand-picked successor.

The Congressional Black Caucus today needs more Dellums energy. Oh, the alternative budgets still annually prepared, but it doesn't get the visibility that it should. Fierce fighters like Barbara Lee and Maxine Waters are often threatened and ridiculed, and not enough of their colleagues have their backs. And too many African-American politicians are pragmatic, instead of being principled. May the spirit of Ron Dellums always live among African American and progressive leaders.

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# Forrest General Hospital receives Award Stroke Honor Roll

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Forrest General Hospital received the American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines®-Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award with Target: StrokeSM Honor Roll. The award recognizes the hospital's commitment to providing the most appropriate stroke treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines based on the latest scientific evidence.

"The American Heart Association and American Stroke Association recognize Forrest General for its commitment to stroke care," said Paul Heidenreich, M.D., M.S., national chairman of the Get With The Guidelines Steering Committee and Professor of Medicine at Stanford University. "Research has shown there are benefits to patients who are treated at hospitals that have adopted the Get With The Guidelines program."

Hospitals must achieve 85 percent or higher adherence to all Get With The Guidelines-Stroke achievement indicators for two or more consecutive 12-month periods and achieve 75 percent or higher compliance with five of eight Get With The Guidelines-Stroke quality measures to receive the Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award.

To qualify for the Target: Stroke Honor Roll, hospitals must meet quality measures developed to reduce the time between the patient's arrival at the hospital and treatment with the clot-buster tissue plasminogen activator, or tPA, the only drug approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to treat ischemic stroke. If given intravenously in the first three hours after the start of stroke symptoms, tPA has been shown to significantly reduce the effects of stroke and lessen the chance of permanent disability. Forrest General earned the award by meeting specific quality achievement measures for the diagnosis and treatment of stroke patients at a set level for a designated period.

These quality measures are designed to help hospital teams follow the most up-to-date, evidence-based guidelines with the goal of speeding recovery and reducing death and disability for stroke patients.

"Forrest General has committed to delivering advanced stroke treatments



to patients quickly and safely. The guidelines set forth by the American Heart Association and the Get With The Guidelines program help us and other facilities improve our patients' outcomes and their quality of life following a stroke. Because stroke is the 5th leading cause of death in Mississippi, these quality measures are vital to our patients' safety and recovery," said Christy Lofton, Forrest General stroke coordinator.

Forrest General has also met specific scientific guidelines as a Primary Stroke Center featuring a comprehensive system for rapid diagnosis and treatment of stroke patients admitted to the emergency department.

Get With The Guidelines®-S puts the expertise of the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association to work for hospitals nationwide, helping hospital care teams ensure the care provided to patients is aligned with the latest research-based guidelines. Developed with the goal to save lives and improve recovery time, Get With The Guidelines®-S has impacted more than 3 million patients since 2003.

According to the American Heart Association and the American Stroke Association, stroke is the No. 5 cause of death and a leading cause of adult disability in the United States. On average, someone in the U.S. suffers a stroke every 40 seconds, someone dies of a stroke every four minutes, and nearly 800,000 people suffer a new or recurrent stroke each year.

*For more information about stroke signs and symptoms or stroke care at Forrest General, visit [forrestgeneral.com/stroke](http://forrestgeneral.com/stroke).*

# Forrest General Hospital to offer seminars to educate the public on high quality, affordable healthcare options

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Forrest General Hospital is hosting free educational sessions to answer questions and provide information about Medicare.

Information will be shared about Medicare, Medicare Supplemental Plans, Medicare Advantage Plans, Medicare Prescription Drug Plans, and how to enroll in the plan of your choice.

"We encourage people in the community to attend one of our Educational Sessions. We welcome the opportunity to share information and explain the different plans that are available. This also allows us to answer questions to help participants understand how Medicare and other

plans work together to pay medical claims and prescription drug purchases," said Pat Riley, director of insurance operations at Forrest General.

The next meetings will be:

Tuesday, August 21, at Marion General Hospital's conference room (1560 Sumrall Road) at 10 a.m.

Thursday, August 23, at Madison Plaza, Suite A in Hattiesburg at 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 28, at Madison Plaza, Suite A in Hattiesburg at 10 a.m.

*For more information or to reserve a place at the event, call 601-288-4445 or visit [forrestgeneral.com/medicare](http://forrestgeneral.com/medicare).*

# 'Medicare for All' comes at a cost

The Mississippi Link Newswire

A new study finds that 'free' healthcare will cost the federal government more than \$32 trillion over the next 10 years. These numbers were calculated after analyzing the 'Medicare for All Act,' introduced by Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT) last year. And the numbers may be on the low side. "These estimates are conservative because they assume the legislation achieves its sponsors' goals of dramatically reducing payments to health providers, in addition to substantially reducing drug prices and administrative costs...A doubling of all currently projected federal individual and corporate income tax collections would be insufficient to finance the added federal costs of the plan," the study from the Mercatus Center notes. As we know,



there is no such thing as a free lunch. The 'Medicare for All Act' would have several consequences detrimental to the quality of healthcare in

America. While demand for services would increase, payments to providers would be reduced by more than 40 percent. That would likely have

the effect of reducing availability of existing health services, the quality of services, or both. While more than doubling taxes.

# MS Organ Recovery Agency honors those committed to saving and healing lives

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Mississippi Organ Recovery Agency (MORA) hosted the 5th Annual Spero Awards July 31 at the Hilton Jackson. The awards ceremony recognized hospital partners, medical professionals, corporate partners and donor ambassadors who work in conjunction with MORA to promote organ, eye and tissue donation to ultimately save and heal lives.

The speaker for the awards ceremony was donor mom Adrian Murry of Hattiesburg. Adrian's son Kendrick was an organ and tissue donor in 2015.

A total of 17 Spero Awards were presented to individuals and organizations from areas throughout the state. The word Spero (Spā-rō) is Latin for "hope." The title was chosen to reflect the hope that organ and tissue donation brings to those in need of a lifesaving organ or a life healing tissue transplant.

**2018 Spero Award recipients:**

Most Supportive Ancillary or Healthcare Staff – Jesus Monico, PhD, University of Mississippi Medical Center

Nurse Champion of the Year- Pam Burleson, St. Dominic Hospital

Advanced Practice Nurse or Nurse Manager of the Year- Misty Tucker, North Mississippi Medical Center

Physician Champion of the Year- Dr. Gilbert Mbeo, University of Mississippi Medical Center

Hospital Leadership of the Year Award- Michelle Crawford, University of Mississippi Medical Center, Grenada

Hospital Most Supportive of Tissue Donation- Forrest General Hospital, Hattiesburg

Most Supportive Organ & Tissue Hospital- University of Mississippi Medical Center, Grenada

Most Supportive Mortuary Services- Damien Murriel, Jackson Memorial Funeral Service

Most Supportive Coroner- David Ruth, Rankin County Coroner



Donor mom Adrian Murry speaks at the 2018 Spero Awards hosted by Mississippi Organ Recovery Agency.

Community Faith Leader or Chaplain of the Year- Chaplain Doris Whitaker, University of Mississippi Medical Center

Volunteer of the Year- Larry and Ellen Duvernay, Gulfport

Donation Advocate of the Year- Bill and Leslie Carruth, Meridian

Corporate Partner of the Year- Hinds County Board of Supervisors, Jackson

Most Supportive Surgical Staff – St. Dominic Hospital, Jackson

Most Supportive Critical Care Staff- Memorial Hospital at Gulfport

Storyteller Award – Patrice Clark, WLBT-TV

Red Heart Award-Jackson County DPS Examiner's Station

Mississippi State Medical Examiner's Office was also presented with the Gift of Life Award for the dedication and commitment that the staff shows in helping to preserve opportunities for donation.

Mississippi Lions Eye Bank (MLEB) presented the Gift of Sight Award to the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson and the Partners in Vision Award to Garden Park Medical Center

in Gulfport, for their work in helping to facilitate sight saving corneal transplants. Hospital Excellence Awards were awarded to eight hospitals who have achieved national organ donation performance standards set by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services.

**Hospitals receiving those awards were:**

Forrest General Hospital  
Garden Park Medical Center

Merit Health Rankin  
North Mississippi Medical Center

Ocean Springs Hospital  
Rush Foundation Hospital

Singing River Hospital  
University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson

Also recognized during the ceremony were 28 hospitals from across the state that have enrolled in the Mississippi Hospitals for Hope campaign, which was developed to raise awareness for the need of organ, eye and tissue donation and increase registrations.

**The hospitals recognized for their participation in the state Hospitals for Hope campaign were:**

Anderson Regional Medical Center

Anderson Regional Medical Center-South

Delta Regional Medical Center

Field Health System

Forrest General Hospital

Garden Park Medical Center

Highland Community Hospital

John C. Stennis Memorial Hospital

King's Daughters Medical Center

Laird Hospital

Magee General Hospital

Memorial Hospital at Gulfport

Merit Health Central

Merit Health River Region

Mississippi Baptist Medical Center

North Mississippi Medical Center

North Mississippi Medical Center-Iuka

North Mississippi Medical Center-Pontotoc

North Sunflower Medical Center

Ocean Springs Hospital

OCH Regional Medical Center

Rush Foundation Hospital

St. Dominic Hospital

Scott Regional Hospital

Simpson General Hospital

Singing River Hospital

University of Mississippi Medical Center

University of Mississippi Medical Center, Grenada

A new patient is added to the national transplant waiting list every 10 minutes and an average of 20 people die each day awaiting a life-saving transplant that never comes. Currently there are nearly 1,300 Mississippians on the organ transplant waiting list with over 1,200 of those waiting on a kidney transplant. MORA wants everyone to know one organ donor can save eight lives and one tissue donor can save or improve the lives of 50 recipients or more.

Join the 750,000+ Mississippians who are currently on the MS Donor Registry by registering as an organ, eye and tissue donor at [msora.org/register](http://msora.org/register).

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Sealed, written formal rfp proposals for the above rfp will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time) August 21, 2018, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all rfps, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any rfp if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date rfps are opened. Proposal forms and detailed specifications may be obtained free of charge by emailing pagreen@jackson.k12.ms.us, calling (601) 960-8799, or documents may be picked up at the above address or downloaded from JPS website at www.jackson.k12.ms.us.

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### Sudoku Solution

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PROJECT NO. 8100-010-18  
AUGUST 1, 2018

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority ("JMAA") requests Proposals ("Proposal") for a Certified Public Accounting Firm to conduct financial audits of the JMAA financial statements, audits of fixed assets, assist the DBE Program Office with personal net worth reviews of applicants for DBE certification, and provide consulting services on an as-needed basis.

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Jackson, Mississippi 39298-8109  
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# Homework for Mississippi Board of Nursing

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

Recently, the Mississippi Board of Nursing had a homework assignment, which consisted of donating school supplies to Youth Villages. The nonprofit supports children with emotional, behavioral and mental health concerns by providing professional support and stable environments across the state of Mississippi. Youth Villages' mission is to help children and families live successfully.

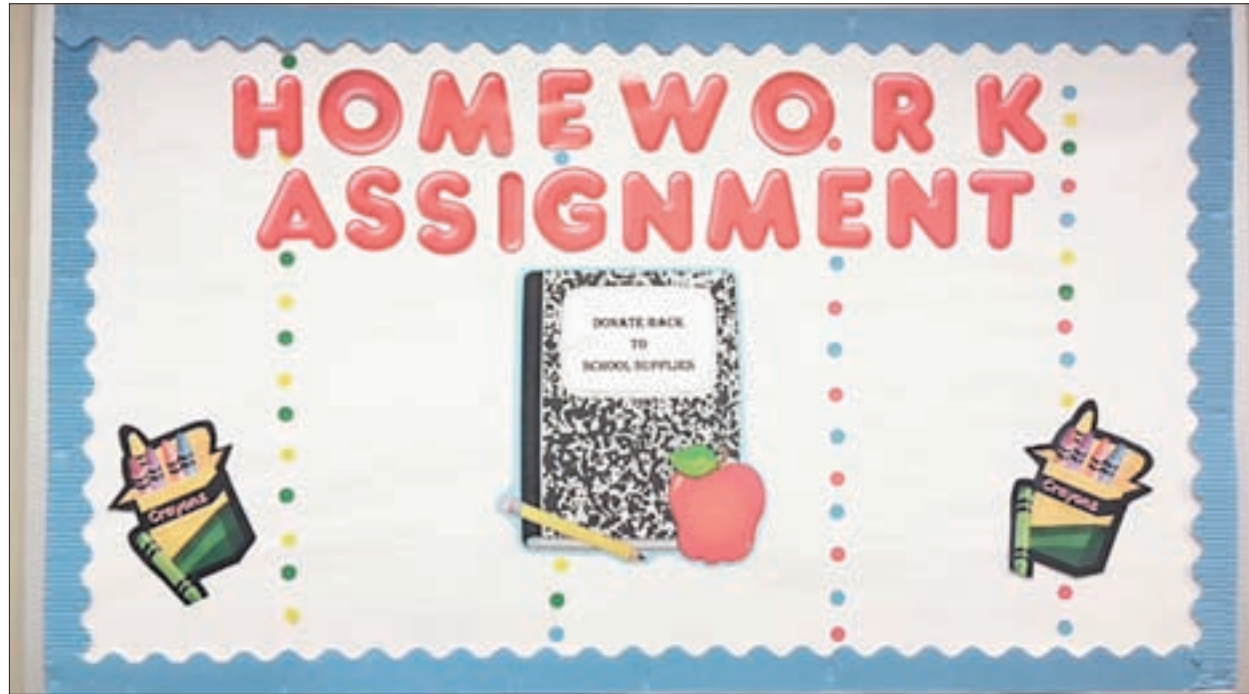
Members of the MS Board of Nursing, their staff members and nursing students across the state collected school supplies at recent meetings and donated the supplies at their headquarters in Ridgeland, Miss.

"The MS Board of Nursing is a proud partner and supporter of Youth Villages. Nurses touch so many lives all across this state," said Phyllis Johnson, execu-

tive director of the MS Board of Nursing. "Our board supports the education of students in Mississippi and would like to ensure these students get off to a great start. This is only one way nurses give back; not only do nurses heal, we also donate."

"These donations provide an opportunity for our counselors to deliver school supplies to all of the children that Youth Villages services" said Rachel Hughes, Youth Villages community relations manager. "Many of our kids' parents do not have the resources, or they do not have parents with the stability to provide their needs. This is one less thing for our children and their parents to worry about starting the school year."

*For more information, please contact Camille Young at 601-594-0945 or cyo-ung@cgagroup.com.*



Mississippi Sickle Cell Foundation  
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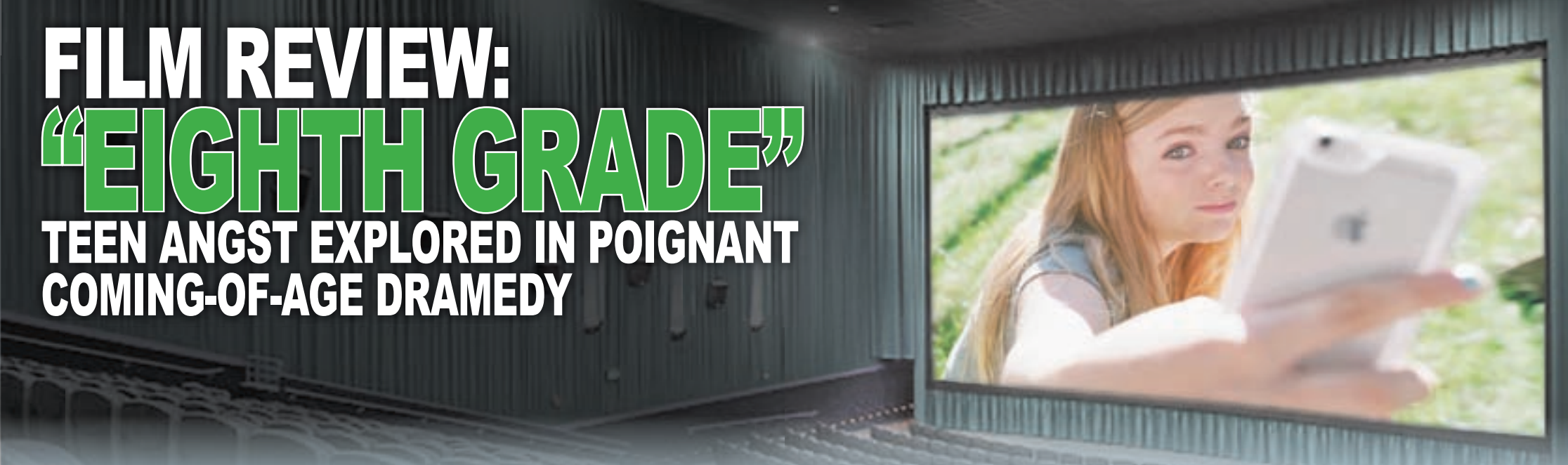
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By Kam Williams

Columnist

Kayla Day (Elsie Fisher) is starting her last week of middle school, and graduation can’t come soon enough for her. After all, the lonely 13 year-old has just been voted “Most Quiet” by her classmates, despite being desperate to make friends.

Nevertheless, she finds herself routinely ignored because she’s overweight, pimply and not from a prominent family. So, between being ostracized by the popular cliques and going unnoticed by the cute boy (Luke Prael) she has a crush on, Kayla leads a very solitary and unhappy existence.

It doesn’t help matters that she’s an only child, and that her well-meaning single-dad (Josh Hamilton) doesn’t have a clue about how to connect with a daughter growing up in the Digital Age. The two barely talk to each other at the dinner table. She just scrolls through social media on her cell between bites while grudgingly giving monosyllabic responses to his questions about how her day went.

However, we see a whole other side of Kayla as soon as she retreats to her bedroom where she hosts a show on her own Youtube channel. There, she doles out precocious advice daily to fellow teens on such topics as “How to be confident” and “Putting yourself out there,” invariably signing off with the optimistic exclamation, “Gucci!” Too bad she has a hard time conquering her own fears in real life.

For example, at her father’s insistence, she reluctantly attended the birthday pool party of Kennedy (Catherine Oliviere), a mean girl whose mother had extended the invitation. Kayla felt so uncomfortable after being teased about the present she brought and about how she looked in a bathing suit, that she called home to be picked up early.

Thus unfolds Eighth Grade, a haunting, coming-of-age dramedy marking the impressive writing and directorial debut of actor Bo Burnham (Rough Night). The film also features a breakout performance by Elsie Fisher who is oh so convincing as the beleaguered protagonist at the center of the story. One can’t help but cringe watching her tortured character’s palpable angst about being bullied.

A la Thirteen (2003) and Lady Bird (2017), Eighth Grade paints a poignant portrait of a tormented adolescent awkwardly negotiating a rite of passage.

Excellent (4 stars)

Rated R for profanity, sexuality and mature themes

Running time: 94 minutes

Production Studios: A24 Films / Scott Rudin Productions

Distributor: A24 Films

To see a trailer for Eighth Grade, visit: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y8lFgF\\_IjPw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y8lFgF_IjPw)

# Top Ten DVD List | July 31, 2018



1. Kings



2. Tully



3. Murdoch Mysteries: Series 11



4. FRONTLINE: Myanmar’s Killing Fields



5. NATURE: Shark Mountain

6. NOVA: Wonders [Season 1]


7. Across the River

8. Overboard


9. Nella: The Princess Knight [Royal Quests]

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Sudoku

The challenge is to fill every row across, every column down, and every 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9. Each 1 through 9 digit must appear only once in each row across, each column down, and each 3x3 box.

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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 Stevie Wonder

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer  
*Columnist*

In church, you sing a lot of songs. Some are just for Sunday School, and you clap when you sing them. Others make you dance right in your seat. And some songs you sing in church are very old and have a quiet, hidden meaning.

In “How Sweet the Sound” by Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by Frank Morrison, you’ll learn about one song that feels a lot like a prayer.

John Newton was not a very

nice man. He was a brawling sailor, and that was why he was so mean: he had to be tough, and that meant fighting and swearing and hurting people. He’d been doing it for years and he didn’t have plans to stop. Toughness was in his blood.

But then, one night, there was a storm and John was at the wheel of the ship as she tossed back and forth on the waves. The rest of the crew was frightened and, truthfully, so was John. He began to think about all the things he’d done

in his life. He remembered how much he loved his mother, and he recalled when she died.

Was that when John became a not-so-nice guy? Was that when he started “picking fights” and arguing?

No, John was still nice then. He met Mary, the woman he loved, and they had plans for the future until the Navy nabbed John and forced him to enlist.

Ah, there’s where John became a cruel bully. It happened aboard a ship, where he worked hauling humans

over the ocean to bring them to slavery. Oh, John suddenly understood – and he began to pray.

He prayed when he bailed water. He prayed as he “plugs leaks.” He talked to God while he was at the helm of the ship. He prayed and prayed until the sun peeked over the horizon on wet but peaceful sails. He prayed because the crew still wasn’t out of danger and he kept praying until the ship reached land.

God spared John’s life and, in gratitude, John became a

preacher and spoke out against slave ships. Then he wrote a song that people of many faiths have leaned on in times of trouble.

You’ve sung the words countless times. You’ve heard the song in many places. But did you know the true story of the classic hymn?

Most people haven’t, but in “How Sweet the Sound,” author Carole Boston Weatherford tells it with couplets more powerful than a storm at sea; indeed, this book is little more than a poem written in

descriptive style, but sparsely, which lends more weight to each careful word. The tale itself – that of John Newton – is all true, and that’s explained in Weatherford’s Author’s Note near the back cover. Be sure you read that, too. It makes an extraordinary story even more... amazing.

With beautiful artwork by Frank Morrison, this book is great for children ages 4-to-8 and may be a Sunday School winner for kids and adults. “How Sweet the Sound” could make your soul sing.

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Community Health Center Association of MS to hold annual race and health fair

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Community Health Center Association of Mississippi (CHCAM), known formerly as the Mississippi Primary Health Care Association (MPHCA), will host its annual 65x65 health fair, 5k and 10k races, and Kids

Dash at the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame Saturday, August 11, beginning at 7:30 a.m. The event, also held in communities throughout the state, serves as a mainstay for the organization’s 65x65 obesity challenge, which intends to move

65,000 of the state’s citizens out of obesity by the year 2065. The organization is encouraging the general public, as well as health center patients and providers from across the state to come and learn more about the importance of good health from

highly-qualified physicians, and witness the over 200 registered participants compete in this year’s challenge. On-site registration for the 5k and 10k will be available on the day of the race for a cost of \$30 and \$35 respectively.

For a full schedule of events and for more information about the initiative, visit 65x65.com or contact Desiree Stinson at (601) 981-1817. Who: Community Health Center Association of Mississippi

What: 65x65 Obesity Challenge 5k and 10k Races, Public Health Fair, and Kids Dash When: Saturday, August 11, 2018, at 7:30 a.m. Where: Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame, 1152 Lakeland Drive, Jackson, MS 39216



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Featured Panelists . . .

- Piper Kerman, Author of *Orange is the New Black*
- Carol Andersen, Mississippi Humanities Council Prison Education Director
- Pelicia Hall, Commissioner, Mississippi Department of Corrections
- Betty Lou Jones, Mississippi Parole Board
- Judge Keith Starrett, Southern District of Mississippi

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Hinds County School District Weekly Update

“Welcome to Convocation 2018”

District Administrators  
Perform Dancing in the Street  
/ Teaching to the E4 Beat!



Delesicia Martin, Superintendent of Education for the HCSD Outlines District Mission, Goals and Expectations



Ben Harper, Special Agent for Training with the Mississippi Gaming Commission, provided the Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) training to the employees.



Over 750 employees from across the district attended convocation.



Harper interacting with an employee.



Pictured L-R: Frankie Blackmon, Director of Instruction; Chasedy Bergold, Curriculum Coordinator; Dr. William Sellers, Assistant Superintendent; Lisa Jones, Director of Technology; and Michelle Ray, Director of Student Services.



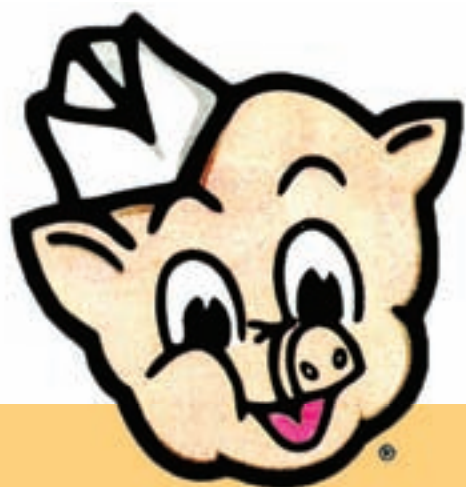
Pictured L-R: Lorenzo Grimes, principal-RHS; Earl Burke assistant superintendent of Business Services; Kim Davenport, principal-Restart Center; and Cliff Newell, principal-THS



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