

Peace Day at United Christian Church



Dow and Rev. Myers

By Jackie Hampton
Publisher

“Peace Comes through Faith, Love and Trust in Jesus Christ” was the theme for Peace Sunday held at United Christian Church December 9 at 11 a.m. where Reverend Russell Myers serves as pastor. Mickala Hodges of Amazing Grace Dance Ministry performed a Liturgical Dance from the music “They Said, But God Said” by Jekalyn Carr and Felicia Wolfe sang “Let There Be Peace on Earth.” Both performances were well received by those that attended this holy service of which Elder Vivian Woods

presided. Longtime member Deacon Ruth Hobbs, who is now 103 years old, lead the Litany of Peace and Deacon Lydia Macklin extended a warm welcome. The guest speaker for United Christian’s Peace Day service was Malena Dow, a member of College Hill Baptist Church. The two churches are practically neighbors and have over the years established a supportive relationship of activities and services. Dow was introduced by Elder Gwen Chambliss who stated that the many attri-

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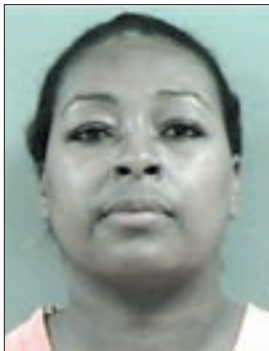


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City leaders indicted in Canton



McNeil



Rainey



King



Donell Robinson



Jennifer Robinson

By Othor Cain
Editor

For months we have been covering the Canton Public School District Board of Directors. We followed the termination hearing of Cassandra Williams, former superintendent. We shared how some school board members representing the district were not eligible to do so based on residency requirements. For months we have followed the seemingly unlawful connection between the Canton School Board and the Board of Aldermen. Last week, the District Attorney in Madison County helped answer some of our questions and highlighted our reporting when indictment papers and arrests were made early Thursday morning. Among those arrested were 68 year old Vickie McNeil, the first African-American woman appointed as a police chief in a Mississippi town according to Canton Mayor William Truly, who appointed her when he was elected the first time. McNeil served as police chief 2009-2013. McNeil, who is a current sitting elected alderwoman for Canton’s fifth ward with 35 years of law enforcement experience, is accused of assisting two voters with filing absentee ballots when she was a candidate for reelection for alderwomen, a violation of state law. According to indictment papers *The Mississippi Link* received from the Circuit Clerk’s

Office in Madison County, McNeil faces four counts of voter fraud. Voter fraud carries a maximum sentence of five years in prison. *The Mississippi Link* was there when McNeil made her initial court appearance, represented by her attorney State Representative Ed Blackmon. Wearing an orange seemingly over-sized jump suit, hands and feet shackled, McNeil appeared very frail yet unconcerned; unmoved about the charges she faces. When this reporter asked if she had any comments about her arrest, she said, “You can speak to my attorney.” Blackmon declined to speak. McNeil’s bail was set at \$4,000 (\$1,000 per charge). Her grandson handled her bond fees and she was later released. Also indicted and arrested was 38 year old Courtney Rainey. Rainey, you may recall is no stranger to the law. As we previously reported, she was arrested in 2012 for an alleged shoplifting incident at Walmart in Ridgeland, Mississippi. Rainey has been at the heart of our investigation into the Canton Public School Board. *The Mississippi Link* uncovered a direct conflict of interest with her serving on the school board and being an employee of the City of Canton, where she serves as the director of human and cultural needs and at the time of her school board election, she did not live in Canton. Our investigation revealed that at the time she ran for the



school board position, she was actually living in Ridgeland. Her daughter, at that time, was enrolled and attending school at Ann Smith Elementary School also in Ridgeland. When Rainey ran for this board position in Canton, she signed a sworn affidavit indicating that she lived at an address in Canton. Our investigation revealed that she is currently living at Camden Park Disability homes in Canton. Rainey, of the seven people

that have been indicted or arrested so far in this voter fraud case involving the Canton Municipal Election of 2017, faces the most charges. Rainey is charged with 12 counts of voter fraud, two counts of conspiracy and one count of intimidation of a witness to commit fraud. In a Facebook post after her release from jail on a \$15,000 bond, Rainey insinuated that

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U.S. Rep. Karen Bass elected to lead Congressional Black Caucus

By Frederick H. Lowe
TriceEdneyWire.com

U.S. Rep. Karen Bass of California is expected to lead a much larger Congressional Black Caucus when the 116th Congress begins January 3. Caucus members elected Bass their chair November 28. She succeeds U.S. Rep. Cedric Richmond of Louisiana. “I commend Congresswoman Bass on becoming the new chair of the Congressional Black Caucus,” Richmond

said. “There is much work to be done in the next Congress to ensure equality and justice for African Americans and other marginalized communities, and I am confident Congresswoman Bass will continue to provide strong leadership in this regard.” Bass served as second vice chair under Richmond. The caucus could add as many as nine new members since the midterm elections November 6. As of late December, there were 49 members. But in the Midterm elections, U. S. Rep.

Mia Love, a Utah Republican, lost her seat, and U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison of Minnesota, resigned to run for state attorney general. Voters elected him attorney general. With nine new members, there will be 56 elected officials in the CBC. Most of the members serve in the House, but Sen. Kamala Harris of California and Sen. Cory Booker of New Jersey are also members. The Congressional Black Caucus was founded in 1971. It is a voice for

the concerns of African Americans, including jobs, education and justice. Gerald Ford was the first president to recognize and meet with Caucus members. Bass, who represents California’s 37th District, which includes downtown Los Angeles, Culver City and Inglewood, is the Caucus’ 26 chair and the eighth woman to lead the organization. Yvonne Braithwaite Burke

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Joy to the World: Mr. and Mrs. Claus JSU's Bynums spread cheer to young and old



JSU staff prepares holiday treats for Holidays Under the Stars.



Hundreds milled about absorbing the spirit of the holiday as lights illuminated JSU's campus.

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JSU hosted its annual Holidays Under the Stars recently on the Gibbs-Green Memorial Plaza, where a huge crowd gathered to hear performances and witness the joy on the faces of Blackburn Middle School students who received gifts as part of JSU's Angel Tree.

The crowd was entertained by the JSU Dance Ensemble, JSU Gospel Choir, MADDDRAMA Performance Troupe and the Sonic Boom. The event was emceed by Dwain Doty, news director of WJSU-FM; and Rosella Houston, assistant director of Institutional Research, Planning and Assessment and president of the Staff Senate.

The Center for University-Based Development (CUBD) orchestrated the Angel Tree Project. Heather Wilcox, assistant director of CUBD, said, "The Angel Tree is an opportunity for Jackson State to partner with Blackburn Middle School, and it helps children in the community during the holiday season. It gives youth an opportunity to engage with JSU and provides

gifts that they may not have received had it not been for the Angel Tree Project." As a result, dozens of campus units participated by adopting a child.

Of course, the biggest highlights were holiday storytelling and photos with Mr. and Mrs. Claus portrayed by JSU President William B. Bynum Jr. and first lady Deborah Bynum.

Mrs. Clause described the annual event as "spectacular" and a great opportunity for JSU to engage with the public.

"Jackson State University is a pillar of the community," Deborah Bynum said. "We're concerned for not only our students but the community as a whole. This year we're praying that folks will not only think of themselves but think of their neighbors and those who are less fortunate."

Deborah Bynum is wishing everyone a peaceful holiday of unity.

"If there's a family member or a loved one you haven't spoken to in a while, pick up the phone and give them a call."

Leading up to the holiday, she plans to

prepare for her family's annual brunch with the Bynums. "This is a time when I do all the cooking and relatives come over. Believe it or not, I have skills in the kitchen. After, Dec. 25, I plan to take a much-needed rest and enjoy the grandbabies."

Deborah Bynum's message to everyone is that "we're in need of love in this world. We can't do it by ourselves, so we need to come together as a community. We must not just wait until Christmastime, but we should be in the giving spirit all year long."

Arion Parks is from Grand Rapids, Michigan, and a sophomore elementary education major. She said, "This event was really nice. I loved the talent that performed. I enjoyed how people got to show off their gifts for the young people they adopted."

Because the holidays can be stressful, Parks urged everyone to "make sure you avoid depression during this time of the year. Try to stay in the holiday spirit by appreciating the things you do have."



Santa Claus (JSU President William B. Bynum Jr.), Mrs. Claus (Deborah Bynum), Mister JSU Darrian Johnson and Miss JSU Gabrielle Baker help bring joy to community children during the annual Holidays Under the Stars. PHOTOS BY CHARLES A. SMITH/JSU

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she was “sabotaged from day one.” *See her FB post inset on cover.*

Others indicted and or arrested were:

The former fire chief in Canton, Cary Johnson, faces several counts of voter fraud. Johnson is accused of allegedly buying votes in exchange for money and beer. He was released from jail on a \$10,000 bond.

Desma King, a deputy city clerk in Canton, was arrested and indicted on two counts of voter fraud. The 44 year old is accused of illegally helping someone vote in the Ward 7 aldermen’s race, even though the voter no longer lived in that ward. King is free on a \$2,000 bond.

Donnell Robinson, 52, who was mentioned in the indictments of Rainey, was also indicted and arrested on two counts of voter fraud and two counts of voting by an unqualified person. He is accused of twice casting a ballot in 2017 even though he was disqualified because of a 1995 conviction of receiving stolen property. At press time, it was unclear if Robinson had posted bail.

Jennifer Robinson, 45, was indicted and arrested on one count of voter fraud and one count of voting by an unqualified person in the Ward 7 election, even though she no longer lived there. Robinson is free on a \$2,000 bond.

Sherman Matlock, 44, was indicted and arrested on one count of voter fraud and one count of voting by an unqualified person. Matlock is accused of casting a ballot in the 2017 Canton Municipal Election, even though he was disqualified because of a manslaughter conviction. At press time, it was unclear if Matlock remained in jail.

Madison County Assistant District Attorney Bryan Buckley told the media more indictments are forthcoming. He said the DA’s office received “voluminous” complaints about misconduct during Canton’s 2017 Municipal Elections.

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was the first, heading the CBC from 1976 to 1977.

Bass, was born in Los Angeles. She grew up with three brothers in the Venice/Fairfax area of Los Angeles and is the only daughter of DeWitt and Wilhelmina Bass.

She graduated from Hamilton High School, Cal State Dominguez Hills, and the University of Southern California’s School of Medicine Physician Assistant Program.

Bass is serving her fifth term in Congress. She is a member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. Also, Bass is the ranking member of the subcommittee on Africa, Global Affairs and International Organizations. In addition, she is a member of the House Judiciary Committee.

Prior to serving in Congress, Bass made history when the California Assembly elected her to be its 67th Speaker, making her the first African-American woman in U.S. history to serve in that state legislative role.

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butes which Dow possesses and the attitude she has are those that come from God and are dedicated to God.

Dow has been a teacher in both high school and college and has served the community and church in numerous ways.

In her message to the congregation Dow said that peacemaking is a call upon the lives of Christians and that hope is in that calling.

She referenced the 1967 sermon of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at Ebenezer Baptist Church when he invited the nation to think of the Christmas Hope: “Peace on Earth, Good Will toward Men.” Dow reminded the listeners that as Dr. King said, if people do not learn to live together as brothers and sisters, then they will all perish as fools. She quoted many scriptures as she delved into her message of peacemaking. She spoke of the Hebrew interpretation of ‘Shalom,’ a term often used to say both hello and goodbye. Dow said this term is used over 250 times in the Old Testament and is a term of peace, harmony, wholeness and tranquility.

Pastor Myers thanked Dow for such a wonderful message and told the congregation that Dow may not have been called to preach, but she certainly preached at United Christian Church. He reminded her to keep using the talents that the Lord has given her.



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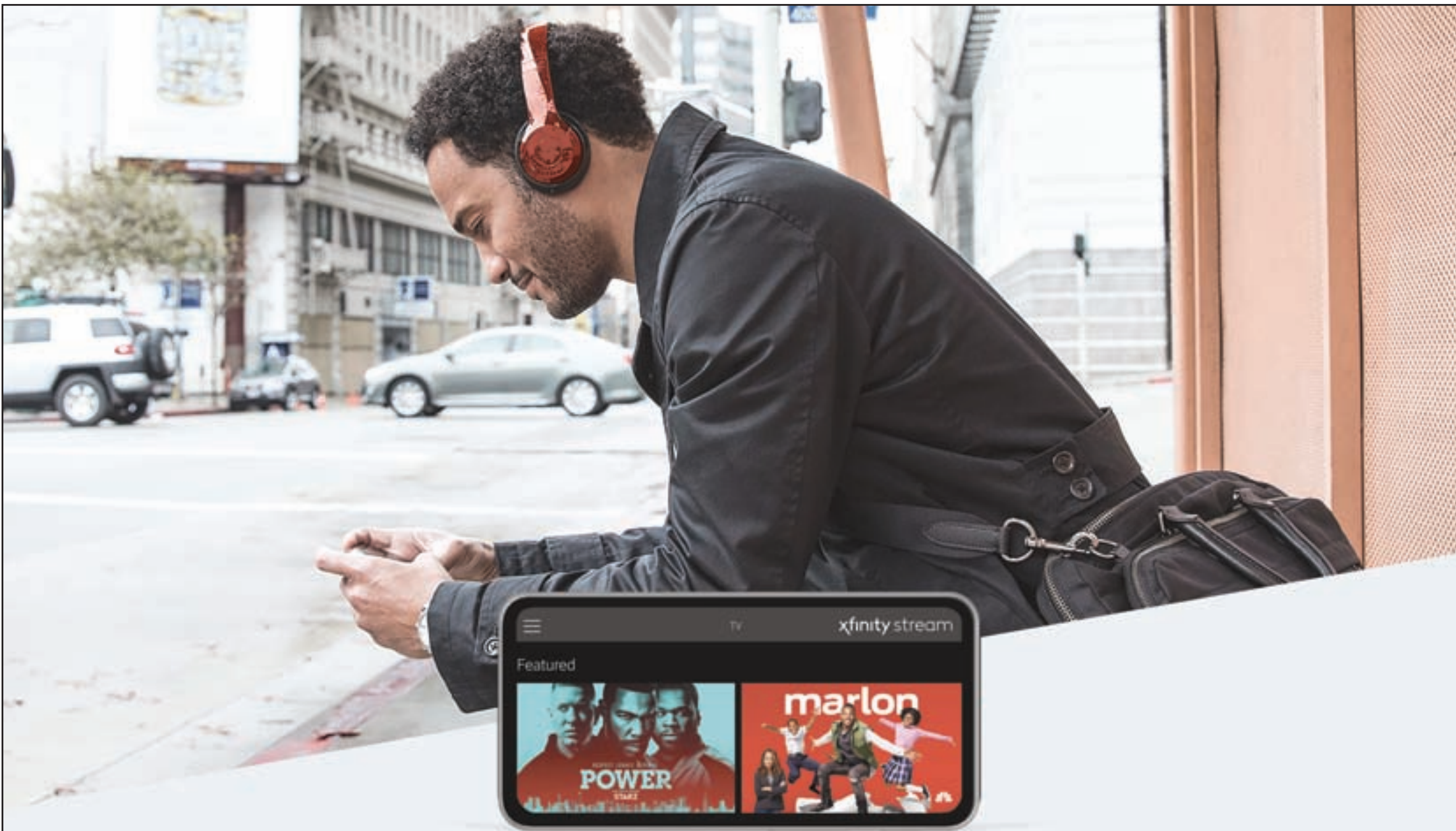
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College Hill Pastor Williams (left) congratulates Dow as Supriel Hodges looks on.



Mickala Hodges PHOTOS BY JACKIE HAMPTON



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MBDA awards nearly \$2 million to HBCUs

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The U.S. Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA), is announcing grant awards of nearly \$2 million to four Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

In June 2018, MBDA invited HBCUs to propose projects that will achieve one or more of the following objectives: increase their ability to compete for and receive Federal research and development funds; establish partnerships with Federal laboratories and other technology resources; increase Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) entrepreneurship; and compete for Federal contracts.

"Historically Black Colleges and Universities served as the catalyst to creating the black middle class in America and will continue to be the incubator for minority business talent, innovation and leadership. These important schools generate billions in economic impact annually and are engines for job creation in their local economies across the United States," said MBDA National Director Henry Childs II. "These grant awards will provide seed money for these institutions to pursue innovative projects and to build more revenue-generating infrastructures to better serve our nation's future entrepreneurs and workforce."

The HBCUs that received

grant awards include:

Clark Atlanta University (\$499,497) to develop a STEM entrepreneurship curriculum that increases student interest in the innovation economy at three Atlanta University Center Consortium campuses.

Howard University (\$359,891) to design a technical support model for 11 HBCUs in the mid-Atlantic region to compete for Federal research and development funds and leverage partnerships with Federal laboratories.

South Carolina State University (\$404,992) to launch regional training sessions for HBCUs to compete for Federal research and development funds.

Tougaloo College (\$695,412) to establish a partnership among multiple HBCUs, private companies, federal labs, and research institutions to increase capacity for HBCUs to participate in federal research and contracting opportunities.

These programs are part of the 2018 MBDA Broad Agency Announcement, a new initiative this year. More than \$13 million was awarded for 13 projects focused on Department of Commerce and MBDA priorities from resources that increase disaster preparedness and relief to programs that increase access to capital.

For a full listing of MBDA's 2018 grant awards, visit www.mbda.gov/news.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated – Alpha Delta Zeta Chapter's Salvation Army Angel Tree

Mississippi Link Newswire

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Alpha Delta Zeta Chapter indulged in the joy of giving during this holiday season.

This Christmas Season the Chapter adopted four Salvation Army Angel Tree Angels, ranging in ages 6 months to eleven years old.

Chapter members filled the Angels' list requests that included a variety of toys and clothing apparels for each age group.

Alpha Delta Zeta is always honored to participate in the Salvation Army's community projects because its mission aligns with Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated National Initiative, ZHOPE-Zetas Helping Other People Excel.



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MVSU Upward Bound programs selected to join T3 Alliance

Mississippi Link Newswire

Mississippi Valley State University's Upward Bound programs have been selected to participate in an initiative designed to increase interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields.

A \$2.1 million National Science Foundation grant, awarded to The University of Alaska Fairbanks Upward Bound in partnership with the Council for Opportunity in Education last year, is supporting emerging technologies as a way to increase the interest of high school low-income and first-generation-to-college students in science fields.

The effort includes the implementation of the Teaching Through Technology (T3) Alliance, which uses three novel technologies – unmanned aerial systems, 3-D printers and codeable mini-computers – in Upward Bound programs to attract students to STEM fields and help them see the connection between the technology and solving a problem in their community.

The T3 Alliance will be adopted in Upward Bound programs in 18 states and territories, now including MVSU's Upward Bound I (which services students in Humphreys, Holmes, Leflore, and Sunflower counties) and Upward Bound II (which services students from Carroll, Montgomery, and Tallahatchie counties) programs.

Derrick T. Jones, executive director of the MVSU Upward Bound I, explained what it means for MVSU to become an adopter of the T3 Alliance.

"Our participation in the T3 Alliance will be a breath of fresh air for both the program participants and the Upward Bound I Program," he said. "The participants will have the opportunity to focus on STEM-related projects about coding and programming."

RoShaun Bailey, director of MVSU's Upward Bound II, expressed similar sentiments when discussing the impact that the program will have.

"Can you imagine Mississippi Valley being a hub or pipeline for Silicon Valley's needs for new tech employees?" he said. "Our participation in the T3 Alliance will be an invaluable experience for both the program participants and the Upward Bound II program itself."

Bailey said that another valuable component of the T3 Alliance is its focus on community service within the communities of both Upward



Jones



Bailey

Bound programs.

"Each program will be tasked with undertaking a community service project that aligns with the scope of the alliance," he explained.

Both Jones and Bailey expressed that their ultimate desire is that participation in the T3 Alliance will get students excited and empower them with the knowledge and confidence to pursue STEM careers.

For more information about MVSU's Upward Bound I and Upward Bound II programs, call (662) 254-3633.

Changing your diet

By Vince Faust
Special to The Mississippi Link Newspaper

This time of year everybody wants to get next year off to a good start by changing old bad habits. One of the biggest changes most people start is changing their diet. To succeed you need a good plan.

Changing your diet takes patience, persistence and behavior modification. Just losing weight should not be your goal. You want to lose body fat. There's no simple or quick way to get rid of excess body fat. Once you get rid of it the only way to keep it off is to continue a program, which incorporates healthy eating with aerobic activities and resistance exercises.

Approximately 47.8 percent of African Americans are obese compared to 32.6 percent of whites. 35.1 percent of African-American children ages 2 to 19 are overweight. We need to change our diets to change these numbers.

Changing your diet to help your health takes patience, persistence and behavior modification. There's no simple or quick way to change your diet.

To change or modify your behavior takes commitment. You must modify or get rid of old habits and develop new positive behaviors. Changing your eating habits is probably the most difficult part of developing good health.

The first ingredient to modify your eating behavior is the desire to do so. The reasons for change must be more important than those for carrying on your present lifestyle patterns. If a sincere commitment is made the chances for success become much greater.

Once you've made the commitment to change you must then set realistic goals. These goals should be long term and short term. Most people with a weight problem want to lose it all on a miracle program within a months or even a few

days. This is unrealistic because weight problems don't happen in a few weeks it occurs over a long period of time. Your long-term goal should be your ultimate goal. Your short-term goals should include the small accomplishments it takes to reach your long-term goal.

Developing healthy eating habits takes meal planning. You cannot change your eating habits if you leave your diet to chance. To do this you must shop wisely. Always have a list of the foods you need when you shop and never shop on an empty stomach. You also have to learn to differentiate between hunger and appetite. Hunger is the actual physical need for food. Appetite is a desire for food, usually triggered by factors such as stress, habit, boredom, smell, depression, food availability or the thought of food itself. Sticking to a regular meal plan will help control hunger and appetite.

The best way to change poor eating habits is to do it one meal at a time. Give yourself a week to ten days for each meal change. Since breakfast is the first meal of the day, start there. Instead of donuts, coffee and snack foods on the run have a piece of fresh fruit and a glass of juice to start your day. Have a glass of juice and one or two pieces of fruit when you get up. After a shower and getting dressed have something more substantial like a bowl of whole grain cereal such as oatmeal or wheat flakes. Vanilla flavored soy drink is a good substitute drink to pour on cereal especially if you have a problem with milk. Whole grain wheat or corn muffins and pancakes are also good breakfast foods. Whole grain means 100% wheat, corn or rice products. These can be found in health food stores or in the health food section of your supermarket.

Give yourself a week to ten days to change breakfast then move onto lunch. By lunchtime your body will need a pro-

tein such as baked or broiled chicken or fish, beans, egg whites or tuna. If you eat red meat limit your intake to once or twice a week and have only lean cuts of beef. You'll also need to have one or two servings of green vegetables. One serving equals about half a cup. Romaine lettuce salads (iceberg lettuce has little nutritional value) steamed broccoli, string beans, cabbage; collard greens and kale are all excellent choices.

Later in the afternoon have a carbohydrate food like whole grain bread, a baked potato or air popped popcorn. This will replace that late afternoon bag of chips or candy bar.

Change your dinner meal in a few more weeks. You can even make dinner two small meals. Have some protein and a vegetable for your first small dinner meal. Later have a light meal of brown rice pilaf or pasta with a vegetable on the side.

Drink water at least fifteen minutes before you eat instead of with your meal. Use less butter, salt, dressings and condiments on your foods so that you gradually learn to enjoy the natural taste of food. Once you do, those fast foods and junk foods won't be so appealing. Trust me, my favorite meals once included macaroni and cheese, biscuits or even a Stromboli. I can pass on all of them now because my body craves healthier choices. This is not to say I will never indulge in these foods but when I do they taste as good as they used to.

Many people associate certain activities with eating. Examples of automatic eating include eating while cooking, watching television, talking on the telephone and reading. These patterns are hard to break but you can satisfy that habit of nibbling by drinking a glass of herbal tea or water when these situations occur. When you do nibble while reading or watching a movie make sure the snack



is wholesome like air popped popcorn seasoned with herbs.

Social gatherings like holiday outings, luncheons, cookouts and guest can sabotage the most well thought out plan. Instead of eating everything in sight once you get there have several small meals earlier in the day. This will keep you from binging at those social gatherings. Eat slowly. This will give your body time to realize you're full and you'll be less likely to overeat.

Your Daily Basics
Protein - 2 servings
Vegetables-4 To 6 servings
Fruit - 3 To 6 Servings
Grain -- 2 To 4 servings
Dairy Products - 2 servings

This menu is low in fat, sodium and sugar. If you don't add the fat, sodium or sugar, they won't be part of this menu. Use herbs and other vegetables, such as onions, bell peppers and celery to season your food.

What Counts As A Serving?
Grain
Whole grain bread, cereal, rice, pasta,

bagels and muffins

- 1 slice of whole grain bread
- 1/2 bagel
- About 1 cup of ready-to-eat cereal
- 1/2 cup of cooked cereal, rice, corn grits, oatmeal, cream of wheat or pasta
- 1 pancake

Vegetables

- 1 cup of raw leafy vegetables
- 1/2 cup of other vegetables cooked or raw
- 3/4 cup of vegetable juice

FRUIT

- 1 medium apple, banana, orange, pear
- 1/2 cup of chopped, cooked, or canned fruit
- 3/4 cup of fruit juice

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- 1 cup of milk or yogurt
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Local church delivers on the Promise of Time, Talent and Treasure Initiative

Mississippi Link Newswire

On November 28, members of the Meadowbrook Church of Christ delivered over 400 new books to the Bailey APAC Middle School Library. They say light hands make quick work. In less than an hour, the group of 30 volunteers, from school age children to retirees, sorted books, moved furniture, cleaned monitors and dusted shelves.

The Meadowbrook Church of Christ gets it. Their donation delivers on the promise of the Time, Talent and Treasure initiative started last year. In November 2017, JPS Partners in Education hosted a luncheon for area faith-based organizations inviting them to partner with the district’s middle schools. At the time, the district’s libraries had a serious need to update their inventory. The initiative called on church groups to commit to give in three specific ways:

Time – By serving as book buddies

Talent – Recruiting retired librarians to mentor new librarians

Treasure – Raise funds to buy library books for middle schools.

JPS middle school librarians identified books that would put them in compliance with a previous Mississippi Department of Education audit. Thea Faulkner, director of Partners in



Meadowbrook Church of Christ Pastor Marshall Wade (right) helps Bailey alum Rob Whitley unpack books that the church purchased for Bailey APAC Middle School.



Books donated to Bailey were displayed on tables as a surprise to students for the next school day.

Education, teamed up with JPS lead librarian Jeanette Whisenton to determine the best way to help the district’s librarians.

Whisenton suggested working with Mackin Books. The company maintains an inventory of the needed books and barcodes them prior to shipping to schools. This process ensures the books arrive ready to be

placed on library shelves for students to check out.

Meadowbrook Church of Christ was first out of the gate to run with the vision of Time, Talent and Treasure. The church embarked upon a yearlong fundraising effort that raised over \$7,500. They worked closely with librarian Jason Eifling on purchasing books that aligned with state standards.

The school and church also coordinated the after-hours delivery so that the school’s students could enjoy the surprise the next day.

“I am delighted to see this vision come to fruition,” said Faulkner. “It is the goal of Partners in Education to match community resources with school needs to ensure that our scholars have what they need to excel. This tangible act of support from Meadowbrook Church of Christ has provided an expanded array of reading material for our scholars to enjoy.”

“We have great kids and that often gets overlooked,” said Eifling. “We have a lot of readers, and it’s just something they want to do. They want to read, and now we have a lot more books for them.”

Pastor Marshall Wade led the effort for Meadowbrook Church of Christ. He serves as the student minister and finance manager of the church. Jackson Public Schools’ Time, Talent and Treasure initiative aligns with the church’s service mission.

“We wanted to find four local organizations that we could partner with,” said Wade. “Our whole idea was that we could support them spiritually through prayer, and we could support them financially. Our hope is to spread a positive light on our school district.”

JPS library media specialist receives Mississippi Library Association’s Carroon Apple Award



Bruce Golden (center) received the Carroon Apple Award at the 2018 MLA Awards Breakfast. With him is former JPS librarian Katherine Dutro (left) who was presented the Peggy May/MLA Scholarship Award. Jeanette Whisenton (right) is the Lead Librarian for Jackson Public Schools and the School Libraries Chair of the MLA.

Mississippi Link Newswire

The Mississippi Library Association awarded the 2018 Carroon Apple Award to JPS library media specialist Bruce Golden. The presentation was made at the association’s Awards Breakfast held earlier this year. The award recognizes outstanding accomplishment in school library media services.

Golden has taught in Jackson Public Schools for over 20 years. He began his career as a classroom science teacher and then taught English Language Arts. He has been a professional librarian since 2004. For the past 15 years, he has dedicated himself to the growth, development and curation of the Peoples Middle School library. He left an exemplary facility and collection there when he moved to Power APAC this school year.

Golden enjoys the opportunity to

work with other librarians on compliance with the American Library Association’s information and technology standards.

Golden is also a musician, who has played orchestral percussion with the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra for more than 35 years. He has played improvised music with members of the Ars Supernova organization for more than 40 years. Golden and his wife Kristen, a philosophy professor at Millsaps College, have two daughters, Chelsea and Harper.

The Mississippi Library Association’s Carroon Apple Award pays tribute to the professional legacy of Barbara Carroon in the area of school librarianship. The first “Apple” award was presented to Carroon, and thereafter has been known as the “Carroon Apple.”

JPS seeks community support in combating social media threats

Supt. Errick L. Greene
Jackson Public Schools

Several schools from around the state and country have received threats via social media posts. There have also been threats made against Jackson Public School sites. We appreciate those of you who have notified our district and local law enforcement officials of such threats. This enables us to quickly assess them and to ensure the safety of our school communities. Without a doubt, the most effective way to keep

our schools safe is for all of us to be aware and report any suspicious activity. If you “See Something, Say Something.” Safety is our shared responsibility.

Parents are urged to remind students that if they receive a threat on social media or observe a threat on someone else’s page not to forward or share it. Instead, students should inform their parents or a school employee immediately so an accurate report can be made to the police and school/district officials.



Sharing threatening posts on social media often hinders the investigation and makes it even

more challenging to keep the school community safe. Social media threats are dangerous,

drain our public resources and are subject to serious consequences – including criminal prosecution and possible expulsion.

We are committed to providing parents with timely communications about safety issues as they arise. When we receive a threat during the school day, our first priority is making sure students are safe. Once we’ve addressed the immediate danger, we can then focus on communicating accurate information to parents. Our goal is to communicate as

quickly as possible through our media platforms, which might include automated phone messages, Twitter and Facebook posts or emails.

There may be times when we post updates to the school and district websites or send written notices the following day. Again, our goal is to ensure that parents have access to accurate and timely information.

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Pamela Jackson overcomes challenges to earn degree

By Justus Reed
Contributing Writer

With her dedication to earning a degree from Alcorn State University, Pamela Jackson, a Vicksburg, Mississippi resident, is an excellent example of perseverance.

Jackson, a program manager for the Vicksburg Housing Authority, received a bachelor's degree in business administration during Alcorn State University's 2018 Fall Commencement.

She is proud of her accomplishment. She thanks everyone who has supported her in her educational endeavors.

"This is such a great feeling and honor," said Jackson. "I'm thankful for the professors who challenged my mind and continued to encourage me to follow through with my goal of graduating from Alcorn. I thank God for this blessing."

The milestone that Jackson has accomplished has been in the making for some time. She initially enrolled at Alcorn in 1985, but she wasn't able to return for her sophomore year due to financial limitations.

After sitting out of school for a few years, Jackson enrolled at Hinds Community College in Raymond, Mississippi where she earned two associate de-



Jackson

grees in business technology (1991) and microcomputer information processing (1992).

Although proud of her credentials, Jackson knew that there was more for her to accomplish.

"Once I received my associate degrees, I was somewhat satisfied because I wanted to have some college training. I

knew that without them my employment opportunities would be limited, but I also knew that the associate degrees would only get me so far."

Jackson's return to college was more than just an attempt at career prominence. She also wanted to show her two sons the value of a quality education.

"I wanted better for myself and my sons. I also wanted them to see the importance of education and the difference it can make in one's life. I got back in school to show them that goals can be accomplished."

Business acumen runs in Jackson's family. Two of her aunts, who had long careers as businesswomen at Hinds Community College, inspired her to follow in their footsteps.

"I always wanted to work in the field of business. My motivation came from two of my aunts who retired from Hinds Community College after 36 and 38 years of working in the field of business and finance. Business administration is such a broad field of study and presents many career opportunities."

Jackson is thankful for overcoming the obstacles and achieving her goal. She motivates others to enroll in college and keep their eyes on the prize.

"I've had challenges and have made many sacrifices, but being a non-traditional student has been rewarding. It is never too late to get an education. Have faith and believe in yourself. Never let the words 'I can't' be a part of your vocabulary. Stay focused."

After the Game: Walker's new book helps student-athletes transition



Walker

The Mississippi Link Newswire

From the time she first picked up a basketball to her current position as Mississippi Valley State University's athletic academic counselor, Joi Walker has nurtured a deep connection with athletics. And while Walker loves sports, she has never been 100 percent defined by what occurs between the lines but by what happens outside of them as well.

Walker's desire to help athletes take the lessons they learned from sports and apply them to life inspired her to start "Sets for Life," a life-skills company dedicated to training, equipping and empowering student-athletes for life after sports.

In addition, Walker recently released a book entitled, "The Sweet Spot: Finding Purpose in Life after Sports."

"This book is really about my journey," said Walker. "As athletes, we spend the first 20-plus years of our lives dedicated to our sport. We all know that the ball will stop bouncing at one point, and we are well aware of the fact that less than two-percent of collegiate student-athletes will play professional sports. However, many athletes fail to properly prepare for the day that their playing career will come to an end," she explained.

Walker came to MVSU in 2017 as an assistant women's basketball coach, but the 30-year-old St. Louis native felt led to move into another area that would allow her to help more athletes.

She credits her time at The Valley with helping her to discover her purpose.

"MVSU is an exceptional place, and I truly enjoy working with the student-athletes here. My current position gives me the opportunity to help student-athletes think about their long-term goals outside of sports and put a plan in place to help them achieve those aspirations,"

she said.

Walker obtained her bachelor's degree in accounting from South Carolina State University where she was a member of the women's basketball team. She received a master's degree in accounting from Clark Atlanta University.

She has had the privilege to play and coach at the Division I level. She worked in corporate America for several years before returning to collegiate athletics.

Upon her return to sports, she was able to see the gaps that existed for student-athletes who are incredibly gifted but often lack the resources that would allow them to see themselves as more than just athletes.

"I struggled to figure out what I would do once I was no longer a basketball player.

Once I got into coaching, I saw that I was not alone and that the cycle repeats itself. I saw that my players would need help as they transitioned from student-athletes to young professionals. I wrote this book because I believe it is the missing manual for all student-athletes," Walker said.

Ultimately, Walker hopes her book and what she strives to teach every day encourages student-athletes to see themselves as more than just an individual who runs, jumps, tackles, hurdles or catches a ball.

"I want athletes to understand that they have more than just one gift," said Walker. "I want them to understand that all of the lessons they learned through basketball, football, volleyball, etc. will serve them well as they navigate life after sports. "I want athletes to understand what it takes to redefine themselves considering that for years they have only been viewed as athletes."

"My ultimate goal is to provide athletes with hope during what is often a challenging transition."

LaTasha Ford plans to stress the power of knowledge in her educational career

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One of the joys of teaching for Alcorn State University graduate LaTasha Ford is imparting wisdom and knowledge to the younger generation. She said that learning is a power that is sustainable.

"Knowledge is power, and nothing, nor anyone, on this earth that can take that away from you," said Ford, who received a bachelor's degree in elementary education during Alcorn's 2018 Fall Commencement.

Choosing a major that requires teaching was perfect for Ford. It gave her the opportunity to follow her destiny.

"I chose to become an elementary teacher because there is always a need to educate as well as be educated. To be able to give someone a gift as powerful as knowledge is an honor. With this degree, I am hopeful that I can impact the lives of the youth."

Recently, Ford completed her student teaching field ex-

perience at Gilmer McLaurin Elementary School in Natchez, Mississippi. For her early success, Ford credits her advisors for their advice on how to maintain a successful education career.

"My advisors have helped me tremendously in reaching my goal as an educator. My professor, Dylinda Wilson Younger, has been the most diligent in advising me and for that, I am appreciative."

A love for uplifting others through education is what made Ford's time on campus special. Her passion for helping others motivates her to encourage them to pursue a career that allows them to display their natural talents regularly.

"The love I've developed for my Alcorn family has inspired me to inspire others. Therefore, I will use my experience to encourage others to pursue a career in something they love. I will show them that hard work and consistent



Ford

cy are keys to reaching their most desirable goals. I will encourage them to embrace

constructive criticism to better themselves in their profession."

MVSU professor presents on food insecurity during national conference



Hawkins

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A Mississippi Valley State University faculty member was recently extended an invitation to present research during a national conference designed for professionals associated with the agricultural industry

Cassandra Hawkins, assistant professor of Rural Policy and Planning, presented on the topic "Understanding Food Systems in Mississippi: An Examination of the Prevalence of Food Insecurity" during the 76th Professional Agricultural Workers Conference (PAWC), hosted Dec. 2-4 at Tuskegee University.

PAWC is a forum committed to creating a world that values and promotes equitable access to information and technology for sustain-

able development of communities and natural resources.

Evolving out of Booker T. Washington's Farmers Conference that was first hosted in 1892, PAWC now includes representatives from the national land grant community, and from the state, federal and private sectors.

Hawkins' presentation explored how food insecurity impacts Mississippi's food systems and provided strategies to reduce its prevalence.

Her study concluded that food systems in the state need to be transformed for the disparity among families based on specific sociodemographic factors. In addition, improved policies and programs designed to address the inadequacy of food consumption in

Mississippi should be in place to reduce the prevalence of food insecurity.

"Dr. Hawkins participation in the project continues to build capacity to research food insecurity at the heart of the Mississippi Delta," said Richard Mushi, chair of MVSU's Social Sciences Department.

Hawkins has been fully engaged in efforts to address food systems in Mississippi.

In October, she presented research at a college forum organized by the School of Social Work at Mississippi State University during the World Food Day. Her presentation highlighted food insecurity and strategies for social workers to assist their food-insecure clients in Mississippi.

She was also appointed to the Mississippi Food Policy Council Executive Board in August 2018.

Following the appointment, Hawkins remained a member of the Mississippi Food Insecurity Project with Mississippi State University, a research project that examines food access and food insecurity in the state of Mississippi.

The project provides current USDA-ERS food insecurity data including socio-economic, food assistance, local food activities, food store availability and health data for all 82 counties in Mississippi.

To learn more about PAWC, visit www.pawc.info.

For more information about MVSU's Rural Public Policy and Planning graduate program, call (662) 254-3352.



A long-time coming: Wiley College president graduates from JSU's executive doctoral program, continues to beat odds

Jackson State University

An ice-cold Coke is what Herman James Felton Jr. wanted after he graduated from Jackson State University's Executive Doctoral Program Dec. 7.

"I stopped drinking Cokes a while ago, but I am going to get a very cold Coca-Cola after I walk across that stage," says the president of Wiley College from his office in Marshall, Texas.

It has been an arduous, challenging and triumphant journey for the Jacksonville, Florida, native. One could say that statistically Felton was never supposed to make it out of Jacksonville, obtain a doctorate or become one of the youngest presidents of an HBCU.

A product of poverty, he was the third child born to a 17-year-old mother. Felton shared that his grandmother died when his mother was 13, and his grandfather, a Navy and World War II veteran, was left irretrievably broken.

"His soul died when his wife died," Felton said. "So, my mom was essentially raised by her older sister."

Eventually, Felton's mother struck out on her own. By the time she was 25, she was raising six children alone. "We grew up in the inner city of Jacksonville, and I did everything that everyone else did in my housing complex," he states, offering no further clarification on what that "everything" is exactly.

At 18, he had a 1.29 GPA and failed to finish high school. Instead, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps where he was diagnosed with dyslexia. "That was a blessing. It crushed the myth in my mind (that I wasn't smart), that (instead) I was suffering from a learning disability," he says.

In order to stay enlisted, Felton had to complete his high school diploma or GED within one year. He then confessed to the woman in charge of testing that when he attempted to read words and letters they appeared jumbled.

"She instantly knew what it was and told me to pick out a topic that I really loved, which was black history," he said. "She gave me a bunch of books, and we started doing exercises with flip cards."

Before he knew it, he was reading a full paragraph – a paragraph led to a chapter, and a chapter became a book.

Felton subsequently received his GED, and after spending eight years in the Marines, he was honorably discharged in '97. Back in his hometown, he sold cars and worked as a collections agent before landing a job with the U.S. Postal Service.

However, the Marine said he knew he wanted to pursue higher education. So he enrolled in community college until a recruiter convinced him to attend Edward Waters College and the rest is history.

Three years later, Felton graduated with a bachelor's degree in political science and was awarded a full scholarship to the Levin College of Law at the University of Florida.

What could be considered ironic, Felton points out, is that he was a Virgil Hawkins Scholar. Hawkins sued to desegregate the University of Florida and the lawsuit waged on for nearly ten years. Finally, Florida officials agreed to a settlement and extended admissions to all Florida residents regardless of race with the caveat that Hawkins would never enroll.

"But he laid down so that we can stand," says Felton, who is also the co-founder of the Higher Education Leadership Foundation (H.E.L.F.), an organization established to ensure a pipeline of "transformational, highly skilled and principled leaders are identified and cultivated to meet the needs, challenges and opportunities facing the nations HBCUs."

Once Felton received his law degree, he was offered a directorship position at Murray State in Kentucky where he was schooled in fundraising, worked in the president's office and taught government law. As destiny would have it, former Edward Waters College President Jimmy R. Jenkins Sr., was tapped to lead Livingstone College. He gave the young alum a call and said: "It was time to come home."

Felton started as Jenkins' executive assistant and worked his way up to chief operations officer then senior vice president for institutional advancement.

"It was the absolute best gift a mentor could give a mentee. He gave me an opportunity to understand every facet of an



Herman James Felton Jr., president of Wiley College in Marshall, Texas, obtained the "ever elusive Ph.D." when he graduated from Jackson State University's Executive Ph.D. Program Dec. 7. PHOTO SPECIAL TO JSU

institution," explained Felton, who had his hands in everything from external relations, managing the cabinet, serving as athletic director to vice president for student affairs while still holding down his duties as VP for advancement.

The 47-year-old said that his mentor extensively prepared him for his next phase in life, which was heading Wilberforce University in Wilberforce, Ohio, where he spent two years. Now, the 17th president of Wiley says one of the most important decisions he faces as a leader is ensuring he is doing the right thing on a daily basis.

"No matter how much it hurts or whom that decision impacts, it is a constant struggle to do the right thing without emotion," says Felton, before adding that some HBCUs are considered distressed assets. "Not all of them, but some of them. It's not a negative connotation because it's still an asset, but it's distressed at times. You have to figure out how to maneuver what some believe to be monolithic institutions."

Remaining current and viable while serving students, showing an academic rigor that is uncompromising, while looking forward with the past in mind is Felton's rule of governance. He explains that a false move like eliminating a program without understanding context can put an administration in trouble.

Apart from vision and core values, the president says Wiley's mission is the most important to him. "For 146 years, Wiley College has been a continuum of excellence in the civil rights space and liberal arts education, and I want to continue as my 16 predecessors did," he says, "which is doing what the United Methodist Church and the school believes to be essential to Americana and that is producing good human beings that transform the world and the people they encounter."

A distinction that appears to set Felton apart from other university presidents is the fact that he wears a fitted baseball cap or "fitted cap" nearly everywhere he goes. He offers no other explanation for his choice in headgear other than he likes it. However, he does mention that the hat engages others and breaks down walls simultaneously without him having to say a word.

"For me, it is a constant reminder to re-

member who I am, where I came from and whom I represent," he says.

Trap music is also a consistent part of his routine. Although he starts his morning off with gospel music, when he walks out the door he is "trapping for the rest of the day." Nuanced in the music are messages that he says resonate with him.

"It's more about self-actualization than it is about the words. There are so many reaffirming messages to remind you that you have a charge to keep. You are representing many other people. You are worthy. You are capable. You are competent," he says, before pointing out that implicit to him in the music, whether it be rappers Rich Homie Quan, 2Chainz or T.I., is that hustling is not bad, and it is not necessarily tied to "slanging dope."

"Hustling is about grinding and being excellent and being the best at what you do. It's a mindset. I challenge myself daily through metaphors and 16 bars. That is where the challenge comes for me, and it is undergirded in the faces of the kids who walk on my campus," he says.

Although Felton stresses mentorship as critical for individuals ascending to senior-level positions, he also includes understanding board governance, external constituents, fundraising and being student-centered as mainstays of leadership in higher education.

"I welcome students who are active, who question the process. However, I also welcome and favor teaching them how to do that," he shares.

He exhales deeply when asked how it feels to know that he is receiving his doctoral degree in executive leadership – a degree he has pursued for nearly 10 years. "It is unbelievable to accomplish the task of obtaining the ever elusive Ph.D. so I am grateful, just grateful, to get there," he says, before crediting Jackson State University President William B. Bynum Jr. for aiding him in the process.

"Dr. Bynum is a phenomenal individual. I started this program in 2008 with my fellow cohorts, and now George French (president of Miles College) and I, miraculously, are walking out the door together, and it is because of the leadership of Dr. Bynum."

JSU Ph.D. graduate who aided Supercomputing conference wants to protect against data breaches



Ebrahim A. Al-Areqi graduated Dec. 7, from JSU's Computational and Data-Enabled Science and Engineering program. PHOTO BY ARON SMITH/JSU

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A JSU graduating doctoral student recently provided cybersecurity support at a supercomputing conference in Dallas where attendees showcased powerful security applications that are capable of withstanding potential data breaches.

Ebrahim A. Al-Areqi, 30, is a student in Computational and Data-Enabled Science and Engineering. He attended the SC (Supercomputing) conference, which is one of the biggest events of its kind around the globe. About 15,000 people traveled from all over the world for the Texas forum.

Al-Areqi, a native of Yemen, received his degree Dec. 7, during a commencement ceremony inside the Lee E. Williams Athletics and Assembly Center from the College of Science, Engineering and Technology.

He came to JSU as a junior exchange student from Universiti of Utara Malaysia. He liked JSU so much that once he completed his bachelor's degree in Malaysia, he enrolled at JSU for his master's degree. Now, he will earn his doctorate here, too.

Al-Areqi was one of 225 volunteers on the planning committee for SCinet, which handled the infrastructure for the conference. He worked with the cybersecurity team to make sure the thousands of attendees using the world's fastest network were safe from clever hackers, who were encouraged to try to disrupt the system.

"My specific role on the team was data analytics. I was responsible for visualizing the data and making sure there were no user-behavior anomalies within the data that were collected," he said.

So, how well did he do?

With attendees using wireless infrastructure and the network, Al-Areqi and his team succeeded in preventing a breach at the symposium of the International Conference for High Performance Computing, Networking, Storage and Analysis.

It was a celebratory moment for Al-Areqi, who explained how he connected with SC.

"This conference runs every year. In 2017, I was part of a cybersecurity training session that was running in parallel with the SC conference. Those with the SC conference told me that because of my cybersecurity and data analytics skills that I should apply to be a volunteer at the SCinet program next year. At the beginning of this year, I applied and was invited," Al-Areqi said proudly.

Here's what is unique about the high-performing computer that Al-Areqi worked with in

Dallas. The SCinet NOC (Network Operation Center) connected 65 miles of fiber. The material ran through the ceiling, into smaller Distributed NOCs and under carpet that provided more than 4.02 terabits of bandwidth.

Amazingly, this capacity linked attendees, exhibits, experiments and demos in Texas and four continents: North America, South America, Europe and Asia.

In other words, 4.02 terabits can download all 27 million songs in the iTunes catalog in less than four minutes. Those results excite Al-Areqi.

Even as he prepares for his career, he said he realizes that fear exists among many people using the internet, especially with many companies experiencing data breaches.

"We generate data every day. Everything is becoming more connected to the internet and has an IP address," he said. "Because of this, cybersecurity becomes a critical issue. Some people don't understand what it means to be connected to internet. Their devices are susceptible to hacking. The more data we generate about people, the more we need to analyze it to better secure them. That's where the data-driven security comes in," he said.

Nevertheless, Al-Areqi doesn't want people to live in fear.

"Technology will always be there; it will always evolve and improve. Our job is not to stay away from it but to use it in the right way. Security will always be an issue, so we must follow best practices in using that particular technology. Embrace it," he urged.

Also, Al-Areqi said, "We must always consult with people who create this technology, so that they can work on ways to secure it for us."

His dissertation speaks to this subject and concern. It's titled "Predictive Cyber security Analytics Framework: Probabilistic Approach for Anomaly Intrusion Detection Using Knowledge-Based and User Behavior Data."

The married father with four children has already interviewed for several industry jobs as well as academia. So far, he's spoken with C Spire, Google, Volvo, California State University and Rice University.

"I would love to do anything that will have a great impact either in research or the classroom by raising awareness of cybersecurity. If working in the industry, I want to be part of a project or company that has a great impact in minimizing the issue of cybersecurity to the lowest level," Al-Areqi said.

Jim Hood Announces \$6 Million Settlement with Nation’s largest debt buyers to reform debt buying and collection practices

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Approximately 238 Mississippians will have judgement balances on debt completely eliminated or reduced thanks to a settlement recently reached by Attorney General Jim Hood and 41 states and the District of Columbia with Encore Capital Group Inc. and its subsidiaries Midland Credit Management, Inc. and Midland Funding, LLC, one of the nation’s largest debt buyers.

The \$6 million settlement resolves the states’ investigation into Midland’s collection and litigation practices and settles claims that Midland signed and filed affidavits in state courts in large volumes without verifying the information printed in them, a practice commonly called robo-signing. Mississippi’s share of this payment will be \$94,925.

Debt buying involves buying and selling overdue debts from creditors and other account owners. Often purchased for pennies on the dollar, debt buyers seek to recover the full balance from consumers through collection attempts by phone and mail. Debt buyers, including Midland, also take consumers to court to collect the debts they purchase. However, people are often unable to afford attorneys to defend the allegations and cases result in default judgments, hurting credit and putting people in jeopardy of having their wages garnished.

“The practice of robo-signing hurts consumers, especially our lower-income consumers who may not have the means to fight a debt collector in court,” said Hood. “Midland illegally attempted to collect debts it had not verified through robo-signing and other illegal practices. Today’s settlement provides assurance to consumers that Midland will not abuse them again and serves as a warning to other dishonest companies.”

As part of the settlement, Midland will completely eliminate or reduce the judgment balances for approximately 238 Mississippi consumers for a value of \$281,748 in cases where Midland used an affidavit

against them in court between 2003 and 2009. Midland will notify impacted consumers by mail of the balance reduction, and no further action is necessary from the consumer. Midland will also set aside \$25,000 per state to compensate consumers who may have paid Midland money that the consumer did not owe.

The settlement requires Midland to reform its affidavit signing and litigation practices. Midland must carefully verify the information in affidavits and present accurate documents in court proceedings. When Midland files a lawsuit, it must have account documents about the debt before they file the case, including the amount of the debt, proof of an agreement, and an explanation about why any additional fees are justified.

The settlement offers protections to consumers Midland is collecting from even if they are not being sued. All consumers must receive accurate information about valid debts. If a consumer disputes a debt Midland is collecting, the settlement requires Midland to review original account documents before it continues its collection efforts. Midland must provide these substantiating documents to the consumer for no charge. The settlement requires Midland maintain proper oversight and training over its employees and the law firms that it uses. The agreement prohibits Midland from reselling debt for two years.

Mississippi was joined in this settlement by attorneys general in the following states: Alaska, Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii , Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

Hosts of parties at Mississippi State Hospital



St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church



New Hope Baptist Church – WMU

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Volunteers from St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church and New Hope Baptist Church – WMU of Jackson, MS, shared their time and talent Dec. 1 to provide food, fun and joy for patients and residents at Mississippi State Hospital.

St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church

is one of more than 60 groups who will provide parties and activities to over 700 patients and residents at the hospital this holiday season.

“The outpouring of love and support from all of our volunteer groups adds so much to the lives of our patients and residents during the holiday season,” said Sheila Shows,

Volunteer Services Director for the hospital.

Holiday festivities at MSH will culminate on Santa Day, Friday, Dec. 21. An annual tradition, Santa Day is a day when community volunteers and leaders gather at the hospital dressed as Santa and deliver gift bags to each and every patient and resident.

Rep. Thompson: Virginia College students should file for closed school discharge

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U.S. Representative Bennie G. Thompson released the following statement on the abrupt closure of Jackson’s Virginia College campus:

“I strongly feel that students should not obtain debt from gaining any type of education.” Thompson said. “Due to the abrupt closure of Virginia College’s Jackson campus, the U.S. Department of Education is encouraging students to apply for closed school discharge, which will essentially forgive any federal loans acquired by any student still enrolled at the college. I urge any Mississippian enrolled at the

college to take this opportunity to file.”

On Wednesday, December 5, 2018, the Education Corporation of America (ECA), announced the abrupt closure of its national chain of for-profit colleges, which includes Virginia College’s Jackson campus located within the second congressional district of Mississippi.

Any student currently enrolled in courses at Virginia College can file for loan forgiveness by applying for a closed school discharge.

To find out more on how a student can file for closed school discharge, contact your federal student loan servicer.



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The Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks is once again partnering with Ducks Unlimited, Inc. and other volunteers to host the Youth Waterfowl Hunting and Education Camp. The camp’s mission is to recruit and retain waterfowl hunters and increase support for wetland conservation and waterfowl hunting in Mississippi.

This camp is much more than a waterfowl hunt. Youth ages 13–16 will increase their knowledge of waterfowl biology and wetland management. Classroom discussions and field activities led by biologists and other wildlife professionals will help students gain a better understanding of wetlands, waterfowl, and ethical hunting. In addition, lo-

cal field trips to public lands will expose youth to the diversity of wetland habitats used by waterfowl during winter in Mississippi.

Other activities will include shooting instruction and safety training, as well as an optional adult-supervised waterfowl hunt for camp participants under the age of 16.

The camp will be held in the Mississippi Delta at Leroy Percy State Park and Muscadine Farms Wildlife Management Area from January 31–February 3, 2019. Eligible youth are encouraged to apply; however, only youth under the age of 16 will be eligible to participate in the waterfowl hunt. Prior hunting experience is not required. Because of limited space, only 15 youth will be selected based on

applicant essays. To apply, youth should complete an application found online at mdwfp.com/waterfowl under “Youth Waterfowl Camp.”

The deadline for applications is December 21, 2018. All applications will be ranked by the content of the essays, and youth will be notified if they were selected for the camp by December 28, 2018. For more information about the camp, contact Houston Havens at (662) 299-0273 or houstonh@mdwfp.state.ms.us.

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White churches have a moral responsibility to stand up

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In 2019 we will commemorate 400 years since the first 20 slaves were transported by ship from Africa by white slave traders and landed in Jamestown, Va. Now four centuries later, race remains a central dividing line.

Today, for example, the racial wealth gap exposes a stark difference. The median wealth of a white household (median means half are above and half below) is 12 times greater than that of a black household. The median wealth of a white household is \$134,430, of blacks it is \$11,030. This is virtually all about equity in a home, the leading source of middle income wealth.

African Americans still suffer from de facto segregation, after years of being red-lined from decent neighborhoods. In the financial collapse, African-American households suffered the worse. Black unemployment rose twice as much as white unemployment in the Great Recession.

Middle-class black families, lacking inherited wealth, were targeted for the most aggressive and leveraged home loans. When the bust came, they were the most at risk and suffered the greatest loss of homes.

The wealth gap is not erased by educational attainment, by full-time employment, by getting the right occupation.

The typical black family with a head of household working full time has less wealth than a white family whose head of household is unemployed. Median wealth for a black family whose head has a college degree is about 1/8 that of a median white family similarly educated.

African Americans are constantly told to pull themselves up by their bootstraps. In the black church, for example, ministers repeatedly preach the need for discipline, self-reliance,



Police officers at the 16th Street Baptist Church, headquarters of the Birmingham Campaign in Birmingham, Ala., in 1963. The church was bombed by white supremacists in September of that year, killing four girls.

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faith and hard work. Yet even those who succeed still remain behind.

The divide has deep historical roots. Two-hundred forty-six years of chattel slavery (1619-1865), only twelve years of Reconstruction (1865-1877), 19 years of Black Codes, KKK and White Citizen Council violence (1877-1896), 58 years of legal apartheid with nearly 5,000 African Americans lynched and, even since the 1954 Brown decision, ongoing racial discrimination.

During the recent midterm elections, I was constantly asked whether African Americans would vote in high enough numbers and margins for Democrats so that candidates white and black had a chance to be elected.

Democrats seem almost satisfied if 20 to 30 percent of whites turn out to vote for black or progressive white candidates. What responsibility do white people have to register and turnout for progressive black and white Democrats running for office?

The nation is facing many morally relevant social, economic and political crises – voter suppression, income and wealth inequality, criminal justice reform and climate change – that now pose an existential threat to the next generation.

Why does the white church remain so silent in the face of these mounting crises and denial of justice and opportunity?

In Birmingham in 1963, with dogs biting children, high-pressure fire hoses knocking down peaceful protesters, bombers blowing up churches and Dr. King in jail, many white church leaders chose to attack Dr. King’s non-violent methodology rather than to fight for a non-discriminatory Public Accommodations Act. One would have thought when the four little girls were bombed in the 16th Street Baptist Church, white churches would have at least held prayer services or services of reconciliation. Instead, most attacked Dr. King as an outside agitator, as if he had set the bombs.

Recently in Alabama, I witnessed a stark contrast. One extreme was the excitement in anticipation of the Georgia/Alabama SEC championship football game. When a young

African-American athlete, Jalen Hurts, replaced an injured Tua Tagovailoa as quarterback, every Alabamian of every political persuasion, right, left and center, was pulling for him. With Hurts’ remarkable display of skill, Alabama won the game. He not only won the game, he arguably beat George Wallace and the legislators who earlier locked blacks out of the University of Alabama. He beat Bull Connor who unleashed the dogs on demonstrators and the KKK on Freedom Riders. He beat the KKK bombers who watched as the church was decimated and four little girls were murdered.

The other extreme was witnessed in Hoover, Ala., where E.J. Bradford was shot in the back by a policeman. That police officer is still on the payroll. The patterns and prejudices of the old South are hard to overcome. Here once more, the white church has the opportunity and the responsibility to stand up, to serve as a Christian witness. White voices of moral authority and inclusive leadership are needed now as much or more than ever. That is why the silence seems so deafening.

Detroit NAACP slams Michigan Republicans for trying to limit Democrats power

By Stacy M. Brown
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Rev. Wendell Anthony isn’t taking the latest efforts by the outgoing Republican administration in Michigan sitting down.

Anthony, who’s president of the NAACP in Detroit – the Civil Rights organization’s largest branch – is leading an effort to stop several bills proposed by lame duck Republicans who lost the midterm elections.

Anthony said the actions taken by the GOP-led legislature are “more crooked than the great train robberies committed by Jesse and Frank James in the Missouri territories.”

“The only thing the legislature in Michigan lacks is a face mask and a six-shooter,” Anthony said. The outspoken Anthony listed seven bills as troublesome:

Senate Bills 1238-1240 undercuts the Promote the Vote proposal.

Senate Bill 1254 undercuts the anti-gerrymandering proposal.

Senate Bill 1252 shifts the oversight of campaign finance law from the incoming Secretary of State.

House Bill 6553 would allow the Michigan House of Representatives and the Senate to interfere with legal proceedings involving the state (traditionally the responsibility of the state Attorney General or the Governor’s office).

Senate Bill 1175 would

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change the way employers provide paid sick time and the number of employers exempted by various business entities.

Senate Bill 1171 would gut the minimum wage initiative, a measure that would assure the minimum wage would rise according to inflation. “Rogue lawmakers are already trashing the one fair minimum-wage agreement, fought for by workers across the state,” Anthony said.

Senate Bill 1182 would change the way law suits and civil actions should be awarded to both the attorneys representing the plaintiffs and the defendants. “It is designed to discourage citizens and organizations filing civil actions against various injustices,” he said.

Anthony told NNPA Newswire that the actions are “a treacherous mean-spirited, underhanded and deceptive Republican theft of what should be a democratic process.”

“They have not gotten the memo that we won the election and they are mad, and they are upset and trying to offset the result of the election by setting themselves up to maintain power before the Democratic administration can come in,” Anthony said.

Together the proposals, which would still require the signature

of outgoing Republican Gov. Rick Snyder, would essentially take away or greatly diminish the power from Governor-elect Gretchen Whitmer, Secretary of State-elect Jocelyn Benson and Attorney General-elect Dana Nessel.

The GOP-sponsored bills came within hours of similar efforts in Wisconsin, where lawmakers voted earlier to shift clout to the Republican-controlled Legislature and weaken the Democrat replacing the GOP governor.

In January, Michigan Democrats will jointly hold the governor, attorney general and secretary offices for the first time in 28 years, but the Legislature will continue to be controlled by Republicans.

A day after GOP lawmakers finalized an unprecedented maneuver to gut minimum wage and paid sick leave laws, a Senate panel passed legislation that would create the Fair Political Practices Commission to enforce the campaign-finance law rather than Benson, who ran in part on a pledge to advocate for election transparency.

Democrats called the bill a blatant power grab that would fly in the face of voters, according to NBC News.

“At no point did voters say they wanted the rules manipulated. At no point did they say they wanted bills rushed through a hasty lame-

duck session,” Patrick Schuh, state director for the liberal group America Votes, told NBC News.

He, like Anthony and others, questioned the timing, saying such a commission was not proposed until a Democrat is on the verge of leading the secretary of state office for the first time in two-dozen years.

Chief among the many proposals ranking Democrats and voters alike is a proposal that requires a legislative committee rather than the Attorney General to sign off on withdrawing from federal lawsuits, now sits on the table.

In Wisconsin, it would also give the legislature oversight over Governor-Elect Tony Evers, potentially preventing him from seeking waivers for health care.

Outgoing governor Scott Walker is even backing away from his promise to ensure coverage for people with pre-existing conditions, made during the height of the recent election.

“When these bills arrive on your desk, remember the words of the former First Lady Nancy Reagan, and ‘Just say No.’ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. reminds us, ‘Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter. The time is always right to do what is right.’ We shall not be silent because the time is always right, to do what is right, to preserve and protect our democracy,” he said.

Rosanell Eaton, Queen Mother of voting rights, dies at 97



94 Year Old Rosanell Eaton Speaks at NC’s America’s Journey for Justice Rally PHOTO: YOUTUBE

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Considered a Queen Mother and a leader in the struggle and movement for freedom, justice and equality, Rosanell Eaton proved a true matriarch to many civil rights leaders – especially when it came to the fight against voter suppression.

Eaton died Dec. 8 in her home in Louisburg, North Carolina. She was 97. “Ms. Rosanell Eaton was the 97-year-old matriarch in our four-year successful court fight against voter suppression, from 2013 to 2016,” Rev. William Barber, the architect of the Forward Together Moral Monday Movement, and president of the North Carolina NAACP, said in a statement.

“While alive, she stayed focused on the prize of justice for all,” said Barber, who also serves as pastor of the Greenleaf Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Goldsboro and is president of Repairers of the Breach. “She once told me, ‘They think I’m gonna die before this case is over, but I’m not gonna die. I’m fed up and fired up.’”

Social media users joined the millions who mourned Eaton.

“May her memory be for a blessing,” wrote Jody Drezner Alperin on her Twitter feed.

“May she rest in peace and rise in glory,” Anne Hartley wrote on Twitter.

“RIP Queen Warrior,” wrote Olga Melendez on Twitter.

Said Veronica Wade, “Thank you for your legacy Mother Eaton. Now take your rest.”

In a tribute, *The New York Times* noted that Eaton was “an obscure civil rights pioneer in her younger years, who became a cause célèbre after President Barack Obama cited her courage in his response to a 2015 article in *The New York Times Magazine* about growing efforts to dismantle the protections of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

“I was inspired to read about unsung American heroes like Rosanell Eaton in Jim Rutenber’s ‘A Dream Undone: Inside the 50-year campaign to roll back the Voting Rights Act,’” Obama wrote in a letter to the editor. “I am where I am today only because men and women like Rosanell Eaton refused to accept anything less than a full measure of equality.”

As noted in the *Times* tribute, a year after the president’s letter, the Supreme Court, in a 4-4 vote, let stand a federal appeals court judgment upholding the lawsuit spearheaded by Eaton and other plaintiffs. The ruling struck down a North Carolina statute whose provisions “target African Americans with almost surgical precision” in what the court called an effort to depress black turnout at the polls.

One of seven children born on a farm in North Carolina,

Eaton attended segregated schools and used segregated bathrooms. However, she always counted as an advocate for voting rights.

The *Times* noted that in her first act of defiance, when she was 21, she went to the Franklin County Courthouse in Louisburg. Three white men confronted her and demanded to know what she wanted.

“I’m here to register to vote,” she said.

They told her that she could register only if she could recite from memory the Preamble to the Constitution of the United States. It was a common ruse, disguised as a literacy test, to turn away black voters. The valedictorian of her high school class, she complied without hesitation.

“We the People of the United States,” she said, “in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.”

“Well, little lady,” one of the men conceded. “You did it.”

She registered and cast her ballot that year, 1942, becoming one of the state’s first black voters since Reconstruction.

She voted in nearly every election thereafter. For more than 40 years, she was a county poll worker on election days, and a special registrar commissioner, helping some 4,000 people to register to vote.

In 1950, she joined the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and for more than 60 years participated in protests against racial discrimination, including the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.

During the civil rights turmoil of the 1960s, she and her family were threatened repeatedly by night riders, according to federal court papers.

She awoke several times to the crackle of burning crosses outside her home. Farm equipment was damaged one night, and bullets were fired into a shed and into the farmhouse. One struck just below her bedroom window.

“In her 90s, Mother Eaton was arrested and taken to jail. She marched in the streets and testified in the courts,” Barber said. “And, she even told Attorney General Eric Holder to tell his lawyers not to play with our case but to fight.”

“God bless [Eaton],” said NNPA President and CEO Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., who was a close friend of Eaton’s. “The struggle and movement for freedom, justice and equality continues,” he said. “Matriarch Queen Mother Leader Rosanell Eaton ... rest in peace.”

Giving the Lord the best

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



We read in Second Chronicles 31:20-21 these words: “And thus did Hezekiah throughout all Judah, and wrought that which was good and right and truth before the Lord his God. And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, and in the Law, and in the commandments, to seek his God, he did it with all his heart, and prospered.”

When we do what you we can with all our heart, it will prosper and God will bless. We should not get up and sing a song because we feel that we have to do it. We should make sure God is in it. If God is in it and we sing it with all our heart, He will bless it and use it in a wonderful way. Doing it with all our heart is what is necessary.

Hezekiah did those works

with all his heart and prospered. You and I can do the same.

God is looking for willing people. I like to meditate on these thoughts every now and then and picture God sitting in eternity saying: “I would like to have someone with whom I can fellowship and someone with whom I can communicate and share my thoughts and my feelings. I am going to create a blessing, and in order to do this, I am going to first establish a world where he can live.”

So God made this world and created man, and He said: “I am not going to make man serve Me. I am going to give man a choice. If he chooses to serve Me, he will be able to enjoy My presence throughout eternity.”

The plan of salvation gives man the opportunity to spend eternity with God. Those who choose not to serve Him will spend eternity in hell. Allowing each individual to have a

choice is a very fair way for God to have a people who can have fellowship with Him and enjoy His presence without being forced to do so.

Salvation is not something that is forced on us. If we do the works that we do because we feel that we have to do it, we are not in the place where we need to be. Everything we do should be done because we love God. If we have any other motive, we are not being motivated in the right way.

When the woman in Mark 14:1-9 came and gave her gift to Jesus, she was showing her love and adoration for Him. She knew that He would soon be crucified and buried in a tomb. Rather than pouring that precious ointment on a corpse, she wanted to give it to Him as a gift while He was still living and she gave Him her best. That is all that God expects from each of us.

As we get older, our best might not be the same as it was when we were twenty

years of age. Nevertheless, God is looking for the best we can do now.

Psalm 110:3 says, “Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou has the den of thy youth.” God wants people who are willing to do whatever He wants them to do.

Sometimes we sing a song that speaks of going where the Lord wants us to go. I have found that there are two kinds of people in the world. There are those who see work to do and those who do not see anything to do. God wants us to always be looking for work to do in the Kingdom of God.

Next week “Conforming to Christ’s Image”

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Christmas Blessings Prayer 2018

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



Between shopping and holiday get-togethers, what some call the most wonderful time of the year can end up being the most stressful time of the year.

Even though many of us look forward to the Christmas holidays because of its promises of joy and relaxation with family, friends and loved ones, the reality for some of us is that it can also be the best of times and the worst of times. We look forward to spending time with family but get frustrated when family drama resurfaces.

I’d like to share a prayer that will hopefully help those who might need to rediscover the joy of the Christmas season:

Lord I thank you first for the gift of your darling son Jesus Christ. It is because of his coming that we are able to enjoy life everlasting and new hope. Lord, I thank you for your many continued blessings and your faithfulness during this year. During this season, keep us reminded of the joy of expectation that your word promises. My expectation will continue to be in you.

Throughout this Christmas season, I will embrace the quiet times and use it to reflect on your goodness and your grace. I will do as it says in Philippians 4:8 and meditate on the things in my life that are true, noble, just, of good report and praise-worthy. I will also openly embrace the love that you show me through the companionship of others. As I strive to fully enjoy the holiday season with family, friends, loved ones, church family and co-workers, I thank you,

in advance, for allowing me to continue to boldly celebrate the birth of your son, Jesus Christ.

Thank you for keeping me focused on your purpose for my life during this Christmas season. I will choose to give special gifts of grace and mercy this Christmas season to all that you allow me to encounter. It says in Proverbs 18:21 that the power of life and death is in the tongue; I choose to speak life to others. I also choose to speak life to those physical, emotional and financial areas of my life that need balance and restoration.


Let my time with family and friends be joyous and rejuvenating. Where there may be strife and confusion, let your peace surpass our understanding of the situations and circumstances.

I will not allow the whirlwind of holiday shopping and get-togethers to become a substitute for spending quality time with you and seeking more of your presence in my life. 2 Corinthians 4:18 says that we should focus on those things that are unseen because they are eternal and not those things that are seen because they are temporary. As I enjoy my fellowship with family members, friends and loved ones this Christmas season, let me see your hand and feel your presence in all circumstances and situations.

During this season of busyness, I thank you for keeping me focused on your word, your ways and your will for my life.”

In Jesus Name – Amen.

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Countdown to hope and change again

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Do you remember how much we looked forward to hope and change when President Barack Obama was running for office? As I talk with people daily, they long for those days and wish Barack and Michelle Obama could return to the White House. Some even wish they could return with Michelle being president. I must confess that I'm among the dreamers! Let's be real because I doubt that the Obamas would want to return after all they had to endure. They gave us as much hope and change as we should expect of them. We loved what they did and we're most grateful for their service. Now, we must find our hope and change some place else.

In an email conversation with my friend Frank Watkins, he was clear in showing us where we might find a bit of hope and change, but it won't be in the White House soon. That's not before January when the Democratic Party takes over the House and will be able to stop some of the craziness.

Some of the things Frank said are: "Republicans want policies and programs that they argue will stimulate the economy from the top down – supply side economics – and by spending lavishly on the military to provide national security. They want to give tax cuts to the rich and corporations – 82 percent of their tax cuts in the 115th Congress went to the top 1 percent and 63 percent went to the top .01 percent – with the idea that jobs and income will trickle down to the middle class, working Americans and the poor.

Republicans want to reduce spending (except for the military, which they always want to be high) and government (except when it comes to controlling a woman's body and choice) at all levels, and/or destroy (e.g., Steve Bannon) the "Administrative Accounts (MSA) for health care; vouchers for private and parochial schools; gradually eliminating all public and subsidized housing and privatizing it, beginning with Section 8 housing; privatizing retirement accounts through Wall Street investments; contractors – i.e., there were more private contractors in Iraq and Afghanistan than U.S. military personnel. These priorities have always resulted in increased budget deficits and an expansion of the national debt."

On the other hand, we look forward to the hope and change the Democrats can and should bring to us. "That should include policies and programs that stimulate the economy from the bottom up. Democrats (should) want investments in the present and the future based on everyone and all businesses and financial institutions paying their fair share of taxes so the nation can make investments in jobs and job training, education, infrastructure, health care, housing, inner city public transportation, modernization of all forms of rail transportation, modernization of airports and air travel, a significant raise in the minimum wage (\$15 per hour and indexed to future inflation), voting rights, voter education and voter participation, investments in the environment in the form of clean ups and renewable energy, investments in science, technology, space exploration and more.

The result would be economic stimulation and more balanced growth that created good paying jobs both now and in the future and would result in added tax revenues so we can increase investments in popular government programs (e.g., Social Security and Medicare) and services, all of which would reduce dependency on many government "welfare" programs (e.g., unemployment compensation, Food Stamps) and a faster reduction in the nation's budget deficits and national debt."

If the Democrats do the above, with the help of a few others, we'll get back a measure of the hope and change we knew before November 6, 2016.

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Democrats 2020 - not the person but the program

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Now that the midterm elections are over, and Democrats are savoring their victory, more than a dozen Democrats say they are considering running for president in 2020. The Democratic Party needs to get its act together if any of them has even a prayer of beating the clown that white conservatives love to lose.

The fact that Republicans stole an election from Stacey Abrams in Georgia suggests that our electoral infrastructure isn't what it ought to be. The fact that Republicans in Michigan, Wisconsin, and North Carolina are attempting to change electoral rules suggests that the party and civil society organizations need to spend some money ensuring fair elections.

From where I sit, the focus on personalities is poorly placed. We ought, instead, think both about our election mechanics and an economic agenda to empower the majority of our citizens who live in an economically precarious situation.

Too many of us struggle to survive on the minimum wage, and too many unions have seen their influence erode

in the face of hostile legislation. Too many do not have access to health care. Too many cities and states are willing to offer exorbitant tax breaks to attract a few jobs. Meanwhile, our infrastructure is crumbling, our environment is decomposing and civility is a thing of the past. There's a lot of rhetoric, but Democrats have to explain what they stand for more clearly.

Democrats have been so reactive, so anti-45, that they've not spun out a positive agenda. Oh, they say they stand for a living wage, for criminal justice reform, for access to health care and education, for racial economic justice (actually, they didn't say that I did), and more. But too often, Democrats have gone with the status quo instead of looking at the changing needs of our nation. And the party is expert at grabbing defeat from the jaws of victory, failing to support progressive candidates who sometimes upset the status quo.

Now, former Vice President Joe Biden says he is the most qualified person to be president. Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren took a blood test to prove that she is 1/1024 Native American, falling for 45's BS. New Jersey Senator Corey Booker, also known as Spartacus, is considering the race, as is the incandescently intelligent Cali-

fornia Senator Kamala Harris. Bernie Sanders, the 2016 independent candidate, keeps threatening to run again. That's a non-starter for me. There are another couple of dozen potential candidates, from the very well known to the lesser known.

Democrats run the risk of having a Republican-style circus during the primaries unless the field narrows. Already, two who were considering the race have dropped out. Nobody will miss Michael Avenatti since many of us did not know why he was in the race in the first place, but former Massachusetts governor Deval Patrick, who has just announced that he will not run, might have brought gravitas to the primaries. Patrick told Obama advisor David Axelrod that "It's hard to see how you even get noticed in such a big, broad field without being shrill, sensational or a celebrity, and I'm none of those things."

Our current president is shrill, sensational and a celebrity in his own mind. Democrats should not attempt to replicate the level of insanity that 45 brings to the table. The issue, also, should not be one of who is the most sensational, but who has the most focused program, and the basis of the Democratic program must be economic justice for working Americans.

Back in the day, we used to say, "It's not the man, it's the plan." In gender-neutral terms, it's not the person, it's the program. For Democrats to build on the momentum of the midterm election, they must drill down on communicating dynamic economic programs.

I'm encouraged by folks like LaToshia Brown and Black Voters Matter. They are doing ground up, not top down, organizing, going into communities and focusing on the races they deem essential, which are not always national or statewide races. When people come out for a key local, they will also vote in the "big" races. But too often the Democratic Party focuses only on the biggest elections, with an agenda people can't necessarily identify with. Democratic Party leaders need to sit down with Black Voters Matter as soon as they can and learn how to connect with the voters who can make a difference in 2020. Or, they can continue with business as usual and experience the consequences.

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It's time for a focus on economics

By A. Peter Bailey
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Now that the midterm elections are over, it's time, once again, to alert black folks to the peril and stupidity of putting nearly all of our time, energy and resources into electoral politics. If we spent at least half of that time, energy and, especially resources, into maximizing our individual and group economic potential we would be in a much stronger position to advance and protect our campaign for equal rights, equal opportunity and equal justice.

Our continued neglect of economics has a long history. Way back in 1899, Wilberforce University president William S. Scarborough stated "I would be false to the race and my own convictions did I not pause to give the warning that, after all, neither parties nor

politics alone can save the Negro....He must pay less attention to politics and more to business, to industry, to education, to the building up of a strong and sturdy manhood everywhere... He must lop off, as so many incubi, the professional Negro office-seekers. The professional Negro office-holder and the Negro politician who aspires to lead the race, for the revenue that is in it..."

Marcus Garvey also spoke out on the importance of economics in the fight against white supremacy. "The most important area for the exercise of independent effort is economic. After a people have established successfully a firm industrial foundation they naturally turn to politics and society, but not first to society and politics because the latter two cannot exist without the former."

Agreeing with them, Booker T. Washington is quoted as saying, "At

the bottom of education, at the bottom of politics, even at the bottom of religion, there must be for our race, economic independence."

A current proponent of the importance of economics is James Klingman, whose book, Black Money Matters, is a must-read. He insists that "Economics is about empowerment, and our dollars should be used more wisely to that end. Politics is about self-interest and our votes should reflect that truth... we must organize and rally around basic economic principles. And until we are really serious about playing the politics game, we must wean ourselves off the milk and pabulum of political dependence and get on a steady diet of cooperative economics and mutual support."

W.E.B. DuBois, Brother Malcolm X, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Mary McLeod Bethune, Carter G. Woodson, Harold Cruse and Chancellor are oth-

ers among our ancestors who have attempted to alert us on the importance and necessity of a group economic agenda. Williams was the most emphatic. "The second great understanding should be that economic activities are so fundamental in any truly upward movement, so clearly indispensable at this stage in history that is should be unnecessary to state it even. The still existing slave mentality causes millions of us to shy away from these basics of life itself because it requires more initiative, training and work and less talk than politics."

I will close with a stern warning attributed to DuBois. "May God write us off as asses if ever again we are found putting trust in either the Republican or Democratic parties."

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Incoming House majority's agenda must include the Main Street Marshall Plan

By Marc H. Morial
*President and CEO
 National Urban League*



"America is already a great country: our challenge is to make its greatness apply fairly and equitably to all of its people. As the only member of elected leadership from a red state and largely rural district, I will work tirelessly to be a voice for the millions of Americans who feel left out and communities that are too often left behind." – Newly-elected House Majority Whip Rep. James Clyburn

The pending Democratic takeover of the U.S. House of Representatives marks a major turning point, perhaps far more significant than most Americans realize. For the last two years, the current administration has careened, unchecked, through a series of misguided policy mishaps, from family separations at the border to emboldening white nationalists and neo-Nazis, and mangling the response to Hurricane Maria.

The administration's signature achievement, a massive tax shift to

benefit corporations and the wealthiest Americans, serves only to worsen income inequality and explode the federal deficit.

The clear mission of the incoming Congress is not only to put a halt to the administration's misguided agenda but to advance an agenda aimed at reducing inequality, expanding opportunity and enforcing civil rights and racial justice.

An encouraging sign that the Democratic majority does intend to advance such an agenda was the unveiling of a legislative package – known as H.B. 1, to emphasize its importance – reforming the nation's political processes.

The bill includes new donor disclosure requirements for political organizations, public financing for political campaigns, a mandatory Supreme Court ethical code, expansion of access to the polls and a reduction of partisan gerrymandering.

We believe H.B. 1 is a good start. Among the other issues the incoming House majority must address on Day 1 are: increasing the federal minimum wage and indexing it to inflation, strengthening and restoring the Af-

fordable Care Act, a comprehensive and targeted infrastructure bill and protection for "Dreamers" – young immigrants covered by Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).

The most significant and impactful initiatives the new House majority could adopt, which includes much of the above, can be found in the National Urban League's Main Street Marshall Plan, a comprehensive blueprint addressing lack of opportunity and economic inequality in America's urban communities.

Elements of the Main Street Marshall Plan were introduced as part of a major legislative proposal introduced by members of the Congressional Black Caucus earlier this year.

The Congressional Black Caucus' Jobs and Justice Act includes Main Street Marshall Plan proposals addressing investment in public schools and infrastructure, a living wage for all Americans, restorative justice for ex-offenders and tax incentives for hiring young people, veterans and the unemployed.

It's significant that the incoming Congress is the most racially and culturally diverse in history, including

the first Native American congresswomen and the first Muslim congresswomen. The practical effect of such diversity is that Congress can more truly represent the interests of all its citizens – not just the wealthy, white men who still make up its largest contingent.

In an open letter to her colleagues, incoming Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi wrote, "It is my hope that as we deliver on our For The People agenda – lower health costs, higher wages by rebuilding America and restoring integrity in government – we do so in a way that will address economic disparity in this Country. This Freshman Class has also made integrity in government its priority, supporting H.R. 1, in our Better Deal for Our Democracy. As Justice Brandeis said, 'We may have democracy, or we may have wealth concentrated in the hands of a few, but we can't have both.'"

We look forward to working with Rep. Pelosi and her colleagues on both sides of the aisle to restore integrity to government and create economic, educational and social opportunity for all Americans.

Psychiatry and Human Behavior faculty offering community outpatient programs

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Community programs to help residents increase wellness and cope with insomnia, anxiety and stress will be offered in January at the Behavioral Health Specialty Clinic in the Jackson Medical Mall.

The clinic is staffed by faculty in UMMC's Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior. The evidence-based group sessions offer cognitive behavioral and art therapy to help adults on their road to recovery. A physician's referral is required.

The programs include:

Cognitive behavioral therapy for management of anxiety disorders will be offered Mondays at 11 a.m. during February, April and June. Group sessions will be led by Dr. Julie Schumacher-Coffey, professor of psychiatry and a licensed psychologist. Each therapy course consists of four group sessions.

Those taking part will learn to understand anxiety and fear and why and how they can cause panic disorder, phobias, society anxiety disorder or generalized anxiety disorder; use relaxation strategies; identify and replace thoughts that increase anxiety and fear; and gradually begin doing things they have avoided because of anxiety and fear. Cost of the sessions is covered by most insurance.

Cognitive behavioral therapy for chronic insomnia will be

offered Mondays at 11 a.m. in January and March. The group sessions also will meet April 29 and May 6, 13 and 20 and will be led by Schumacher-Coffey. Each therapy course consists of four group sessions.

Those taking part will learn what causes and maintains insomnia, how to address its underlying causes, and how to replace problematic thoughts and behaviors with effective sleep strategies. The goal is significantly improved or normal sleep and a reduction in or elimination of sleep medications. Cost of the sessions is covered by most insurance.

Art therapy for reducing stress, resolving conflict, cultivating emotional resilience and enhancing wellness will be offered from 1-2:30 p.m. and consist of three six-week groups, each meeting on various dates in winter and spring 2019. Beginning dates for the groups are Jan. 8, March 5 and April 16.

Sessions are free of charge and will be led by Susan Anand, an instructor in the Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior and a licensed art therapist. Participants will learn how to use art media for self-expression and be encouraged to discuss resulting imagery and artwork within a group setting.

For more information, contact the clinic at 601-984-6925 or 601-984-5836.

Light Up the Night: A Sky Lantern Memorial Service

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Grieving Parents Support Group, Hattiesburg Convention Commission and Forrest General Hospital are partnering to present Light Up the Night: A Sky Lantern Memorial Service in observance of National Children's Memorial Day. This event is free and open to anyone who is grieving the loss of a child or family member this holiday season.

Families are encouraged to attend together to honor their loved ones. Forrest General chaplains and counsellors from Pine Grove Behavioral Health and Addiction Services will be available

for those who would like to share or need more information about community resources.

This event is held in conjunction with The Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting, which was started by The Compassionate Friends 22 years ago.

Sunday, December 9, 2018

Lanterns will be available at Lake Terrace Convention Center at 6 p.m. with a brief presentation at 6:30 p.m. and the lantern lighting to follow at 7 p.m.

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AG Hood files suit against opioid distributors

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The effort to hold companies accountable for their role in the statewide opioid epidemic continues with a new lawsuit filed by the State of Mississippi against multiple opioid distributors, announced Attorney General Jim Hood.

The State filed a complaint in Hinds County Circuit Court against opioid distributors Cardinal Health, Inc., McKesson Corporation and Amerisource-Bergen Corporation for failing to prevent the diversion of opioids in Mississippi.

The lawsuit alleges that these three companies, who distribute the majority of highly addictive opioids, have failed to prevent the diversion of those drugs by breaching their legal duties to monitor, detect, investigate, refuse and report suspicious orders of opioids, which the Complaint states is

a violation of the Mississippi Consumer Protection Act. As a result, Mississippi has been flooded with opioids and is suffering an ongoing public health crisis.

The State is seeking to curtail the massive flow of opioids being shipped into the State by these defendants which are then diverted into illicit markets.

"In 2017 alone, Mississippi had enough opioids supplied to provide 61 pills for every man, woman and child in the State," General Hood said. "If these distributors were attending to their supply rates, they would realize that amount of pills is way too large for a state the size of Mississippi. These companies must own up to their contribution to this deadly crisis, and I intend on holding them fully accountable."

In 2017, there were over 3.3 million opioid prescriptions

dispensed in Mississippi. That number equates to 182,882,444 opioid dosage units or 501,048 dosage units every day for 2017.

The attorney general's lawsuit against Cardinal, McKesson and AmerisourceBergen will hold them responsible for their role in saturating Mississippi with opioids by failing in their duty under the law to report, investigate and halt suspicious orders. The complaint alleges that if these companies had done what they were legally obligated to do, the opioid epidemic would not be what it is today.

"These very distributors have been subjected to enforcement actions and fines by the DEA for hundreds of millions of dollars for previously allowing the diversion of opioids to occur, yet they failed to take meaningful action to stop it," General

Hood said. "We will not allow them to continue getting away with this in Mississippi."

Hood led the nation in filing the first lawsuit on behalf of a state against multiple drug manufacturing companies for falsely marketing opioids as rarely addictive. The suit was filed in December 2015 in Hinds County Chancery Court against five of the largest opioid manufacturers. One of the companies in that suit, Purdue, along with three of its executives, plead guilty in 2007 to federal charges and paid more than \$600 million in fines related to intentional misrepresentations as to the addictiveness of OxyContin.

Hood charges that the companies deceived Mississippi Medicaid, doctors and consumers in order to boost profits at the expense of innocent victims.

Fruit and vegetable safety during the holidays

By Glenn Ellis
TriceEdneyWire.com



Contaminated food is an extremely common problem. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) estimates that germs in food make 48 million Americans sick every year — that's one out of six people. About 128,000 are made sick enough to be hospitalized, and 3,000 die.

Year to date, there have been 22 outbreaks investigated by the CDC, including the dangerous E. coli outbreak currently linked to romaine lettuce. It's the highest number of total investigations compared to the past 12 years.

The FDA and the CDC have cautioned people not to eat romaine lettuce while they investigate the outbreak. It's very similar to an outbreak of E. coli that killed one person and made at least 25 people ill last year that was traced to leafy green vegetables but not to romaine lettuce specifically.

This is the second outbreak of E. coli linked to romaine lettuce this year. An outbreak this past spring killed five people and made 210 sick in 36 states. It was eventually traced to contaminated canal water in a farming area in Yuma, Arizona.

Although California may be the source of romaine lettuce blamed in an outbreak of E. coli infections that has made 32 people sick in 11 states and Canada, the CDC is stressing that we continue to be cautious of romaine lettuce regardless of its origin.

Is romaine somehow riskier than other vegetables and fruits? Not likely.

What is known is where E. coli comes from. Like so many other bacteria that contaminate food, it comes from fecal matter. Wild animals may roam through fields, or irrigation water might flow from nearby pastures or feedlots where livestock is raised. Contamination can be further spread when produce is harvested and passes through machinery to clean, trim, chop and package it. Like many other foods, romaine is often processed and repackaged before it ships out to grocery stores and restaurants.

Eating a diet with plenty of

fruits and vegetables provides important health benefits, but it's important that you select and prepare them safely.

Fruits and vegetables add nutrients to your diet that help protect you from heart disease, stroke and some cancers. In addition, choosing vegetables, fruits, nuts and other produce over high-calorie foods can help you manage your weight.

But sometimes raw fruits and vegetables contain harmful germs, such as Salmonella, E. coli, and Listeria, that can make you and your family sick. In the United States, nearly half of foodborne illnesses are caused by germs on fresh produce.

Since fresh fruits and vegetables are not cooked, anything that is left on them after they come into contact with other things will be consumed. This includes micro-organisms in organic manure and in the water used for irrigation and initial rinsing, microbes on the hands of the people who pick the produce, the containers and vehicles used to store and transport it, and droppings from birds that fly over the field.

Eating unwashed, raw fruits and vegetables increases your risk of dangerous bacterial infections, including E. Coli and Salmonella. If you eat fruits without properly washing, then there will be high chance to affect by various disease-causing microorgan-

isms which could be causes of food poisoning.

Wash everything that will come into contact with your produce while you're cooking; including your hands, cooking surfaces, utensils, and the produce itself. It is best to wash your fruits and vegetables under running water. Make sure to remove any bruised or damaged areas of the produce. Be sure to store all cut or peeled fruits and vegetables properly. And remember, they should be refrigerated within two hours of preparation if they are not going to be cooked.

Certain people have a greater chance of getting food poisoning and it is especially important to be careful when preparing food for them. Those people are the very young, adults older than 65 years old, pregnant women, or anyone with a weakened immune system.

Although most cases of food poisoning are mild, only lasting a few days, there are some more severe forms. If you experience vomiting or diarrhea for more than three days, have a high fever greater than 101F, or see blood in your stool, you should talk to your doctor immediately.

With a little bit of new knowledge and care, you can protect yourself, enjoy a healthier diet and live a healthier life. Just remember to buy right, store properly, separate for safety and prepare safely.

The safest produce is cooked; the next safest is washed. Enjoy uncooked fruits and vegetables while taking steps to avoid foodborne illness, also known as food poisoning.

How you handle food matters — whether it's meat, poultry, fruits, vegetables, baked goods, or leftovers. The harmful bugs that cause food poisoning can show up in any of those foods.

Remember, I'm not a doctor. I just sound like one. Take good care of yourself and live the best life possible!

The information included in this column is for educational purposes only. It is not intended nor implied to be a substitute for professional medical advice. The reader should always consult his or her healthcare provider to determine the appropriateness of the information for their own situation or if they have any questions regarding a medical condition or treatment plan.

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**REQUEST FOR
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SECTION I – INTRODUCTION / INVITATION

The City of Jackson, Department of Parks and Recreation is seeking assistance from management firms or individuals desiring to provide professional management services at a City of Jackson facility, known as Smith Wills Stadium, located at 1200 Lakeland Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39216. Professional management firms or individuals that may be interested in contracting with the City of Jackson for such services are hereby invited to submit a response to this request in accordance with the requirements set forth herein.

Sealed Professional Management Service packets will be received by the City Clerk of Jackson, Mississippi, at 219 S. President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201 or at the Post Office Box 17, Jackson, Mississippi 39205, until 3:30 p.m., local time, Tuesday, January 8, 2019.

The bid advertises November 8, 2018 through December 20, 2018. Bids will continue to be accepted and must be stamped by the City Clerk, prior to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 2019.

This Request For Professional Management Services is also being posted

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

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Wednesday, November 28, 2018, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., local time, in the City of Jackson Metro Conference Room, located at 1000 Metro Center, Suite 104, Jackson, MS 39209. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

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

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

Ison B. Harris, Jr., Director
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1. Goody two shoes
5. Organization concerned with civil liberties (abbr.)
9. Adios
11. Lower leg
12. CDS
13. Enclosed
14. Snacked
15. Not applicable
17. Past
18. Beside (2 wds.)
20. Spider’s web
22. Wear
23. Small (abbr.)
24. Representative
27. Off-Broadway award
29. Pain reliever brand
31. Become bigger
32. Lowest point
33. Rational
34. Egg part

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1. Cipher
2. Rewrite
3. Ascend
4. Christmas month
5. Poisonous snake
6. Delude
7. Slang
8. Preposition
10. “— and World Report”
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18. Niobium (abbr.)
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FILM REVIEW: GREEN BOOK

BLACK PIANIST TOURS SEGREGATED SOUTH WITH WHITE CHAUFFEUR IN ROAD TRIP DRAMEDY

By Kam Williams
Columnist

Don Shirley (Mahershala Ali) was a promising prodigy whose formal training in classical piano began when he was admitted to Russia’s prestigious Leningrad Conservatory at the age of 9. Because he had the misfortune of being raised in Florida in the Jim Crow Era, it was very unlikely that his extraordinary talent would be appreciated anywhere in the South upon his return to

the States.

The North was decidedly different. While still in his teens, Don was invited by conductor Arthur Fielder to perform with the Boston Pops Orchestra. He would later compose symphonies for the New York Philharmonic and was even allowed to rent an apartment above Carnegie Hall.

In the early Sixties, Don decided to throw caution to the wind by embarking on an eight-

week concert tour across the Deep South. This would involve playing numerous “white only” venues where, despite being the headliner, he might not be able to dine or use the restroom.

As far as finding a place to stay, he would turn to the Green Book, a priceless guide for African Americans in need of public accommodations across the segregated South. And to make sure he kept out of trouble on the road, he hired Tony Lip Vallelon-

ga (Viggo Mortensen), a blue-collar bouncer from the Bronx.

Thus unfolds Green Book, a fact-based buddy flick revisiting the unlikely friendship forged between a stuffy classical artist and his rough-edged driver in the face of their racial and class differences.

The movie represents a bit of a departure for director Peter Farrelly, whose name has long been associated with lowbrow comedies like Dumb and Dumber,

Shallow Hal and There’s Something about Mary.

The relatively-sophisticated Green Book proves to be far more reminiscent of Driving Miss Daisy (1989) than of Farrelly’s earlier bottom-feeding fare. In fact, the palpable chemistry generated by co-stars Mahershala Ali and Viggo Mortensen will not be forgotten by the Academy come Oscar season.

A touching biopic with a timely universal message about

brotherhood and tolerance.

Excellent (4 stars)

Rated PG-13 for violence, mature themes, profanity, racial slurs, smoking and suggestive material

Running time: 130 minutes

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By Kam Williams
Columnist

Wide Releases

Creed II (PG-13 for violence, profanity and sensuality) Michael B. Jordan reprises the title role in this revenge-fueled sequel which finds the contender being trained by Rocky Balboa (Sly Stallone) for a grudge match with the son (Florian Munteanu) of the boxer (Dolph Lundgren) who killed his father (Carl Weathers) in the ring 33 years ago. With Tessa Thompson, Phylicia Rashad, Wood Harris and Russell Hornsby.

The Front Runner (R for profanity and sexual references) Political biopic revisiting the 1988 presidential campaign of Democrat Gary Hart (Hugh Jackman) who dropped out of the race after being caught having an extramarital affair with former Miss South Carolina Donna Rice (Sara Paxton). With Vera Farmiga as Lee Hart, Michael Crider as Bob Dole, Spencer Garrett as Bob Woodward, Alfred Molina as Ben Bradlee and Braden Bunch as Tom Brokaw.

Green Book (PG-13 for violence, mature themes, profanity, racial slurs, smoking and suggestive material) Unlikely-buddies dramedy, set in the Sixties, about the friendship forged between a

black classical pianist (Mahershala Ali) and his white chauffeur (Viggo Mortensen) driving around the Deep South during Jim Crow segregation. With Linda Cardellini, Don Stark and P.J. Byrne.

Ralph Breaks the Internet (PG for action and rude humor) Buddy sequel, set six years after the original animated adventure, finds Ralph (John C. Reilly) and BFF Vanellope (Sarah Silverman) embarking on a desperate quest in search of a replacement steering wheel for a broken video game. Voice cast includes Gal Gadot, Jane Lynch and Ed O’Neill.

Robin Hood (PG-13 for action, violence and suggestive material) Taron Egerton plays the title character in this action adventure which has the legendary outlaw joining forces with a former Moorish Crusader (Jamie Foxx) to lead a revolt against a corrupt English crown. With Eve Hewson as Maid Marian, Tim Minchin as Friar Tuck and Ben Mendelsohn as the Sheriff of Nottingham.

Independent & Foreign Films

Becoming Astrid (Unrated) Literary biopic about Astrid Lindgren (1907-2002), the Swedish author best known for

the Pippi Longstocking series of children’s books. (In Swedish and Danish with subtitles)

The Christmas Chronicles (Unrated) Holiday comedy about a brother (Judah Lewis) and sister (Darby Camp) who hatch a plan to catch Santa Claus (Kurt Russell) on camera on Christmas Eve. Cast includes Kimberly Williams-Paisley, Oliver Hudson and Lamorne Morris.

The Favourite (R for profanity, nudity and graphic sexuality) Olivia Colman portrays Queen Anne (1665-1714) in this biopic revolving around the bitter battle between the Duchess of Marlborough (Rachel Weisz) and a servant (Emma Stone) for the frail monarch’s friendship and affections. With Emma Delves, Faye Daveney and Paul Swaine.

Shoplifters (R for nudity and sexuality) Crime drama, set in Tokyo, about a poor family that adopts a homeless child (Miyu Sasaki) they meet while stealing from a grocery store. Co-starring Lily Franky, Sakura Ando and Kirin Kiki. (In Japanese with subtitles)

The World before Your Feet (Unrated) New York City documentary chronicling peripatetic Matt Green’s 8,000-mile walk covering every block in the Big Apple.

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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7	5					2		
		3		6	2			
6	9			5		8		
1						4		7
			3					9
	1			7	3			
2				8				1

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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 Jeff Gordon

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IN MEMORIAM

Jether Lee Walker Brown

June 13, 1928 - December 1, 2018

Jether Lee Walker Brown was born June 13, 1928, in Jackson, Mississippi, to Emanuel Benjamin Walker and Johnnie Coleman Walker. She was the younger of two children. Her brother, Richard Emanuel Walker, was the older. Jether’s birth mother died when she was one year and six months old. Later, her father married Georgie Walker, who was the “mother” that raised Jether and her brother, Richard. Jether was married for 35 years to Attorney R. Jess Brown Sr. Her parents, brother, and husband all preceded her in death. God called Jether to her heavenly home December 1, 2018.

Jether accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior as a young girl at Pratt Memorial United Methodist Church, where she was a member for 85 years. She faithfully served as Sunday school teacher, choir member, church finance committee member and was an active member in the Pratt United Methodist Women and its mission projects, as well as other kingdom build-



Jether Lee Walker Brown

ing activities.

Jether was educated in the public schools of Jackson, Mississippi. She attended Sally Reynolds Elementary School and Lanier Junior and Senior High School. She graduated high school at the age of sixteen and, thereafter, enrolled in Tougaloo College. She received a B.S. degree

from Tougaloo College with a major in home economics and a minor in science. Jether received a Master of Education Degree from Indiana University. She did further study at Mississippi Southern University, and earned a specialist in educational administration from Jackson State University.

Upon college graduation, Jether accepted her first teaching position, as a science instructor, at Kilmichael High School in Kilmichael, Mississippi. She began her 30 year career, with the Jackson Public School District, in the early 1950’s, at the newly built Sam M. Brinkley Elementary and Junior High School. She was a seventh, eighth and ninth grade science teacher. Later, the school’s name was changed to William H. Walton Elementary. There, Jether continued teaching as a sixth grade teacher. In addition to her teaching duties, she enjoyed being a Girl Scout leader and presenting staff trainings at schools throughout the Jackson Public

School District. Jether served as interim principal at Brown Elementary School, prior to being appointed principal at Whitfield Elementary, now named Pecan Park Elementary.

She was the first African-American and the first woman to serve in the position of principal at Whitfield Elementary. She truly loved her work with children, parents and staff. Jether retired from the Jackson Public School District in June 1982.

Jether was a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. She received the Tougaloo College Meritorious Leadership Award in 2014, and the Metropolitan Community Chorale Charter Member Service Award in 2012. She was a long-standing member of the Mary Church Terrell Literary Club and was recognized as the Mary Church Terrell Woman of the Year in 2002. She received the Martin Luther King, Jr., Woman of the Year Award in 1997. She was a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Jether immensely enjoyed participating in the Jackson Metropolitan Retired Teachers Chorale from the time of her retirement until 2002. In addition, during the 1950s and 1960s she was very active in the Civil Rights Struggle, alongside her husband, Civil Rights Attorney R. Jess Brown Sr.

Left to cherish Jether’s precious memories are daughter, Jacquelyn Brown (Charles) Staffney and son, Richard Jess Brown, Jr., both of Jackson, MS; one granddaughter, Tasha Amina (David) Hefner of Marietta, Georgia; four great-grandchildren, Assata, Bilal, Elijah and Khalfani Hefner; a special “brother” Olustee (Estelle) Smith of Chicago, IL; cousin, Bertha Davis (Lawrence) of Jackson, MS; nieces, Lynette Walker (Stanley) Campbell and Regina Walker (Vernon) Holman, and nephew Darryl Walker, all of Dayton, Ohio; nephew Richard (Lenora) Walker of Aurora, Colorado; a host of other loving relatives and friends.

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BOOK REVIEW:

“TRIPLE THREAT”

BY CAMRYN KING

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

You dig, and you dig, and you dig.

Like a dog with a bone, you’re all in when presented with a tiny scrap of intriguing information. You don’t let go until you know everything there is to know about it, searching and uncovering and digging until, as in the new novel “Triple Threat” by Camryn King, you’ve dug yourself into trouble.

There had been absolutely no reason for Leigh to have killed herself.

Award-winning journalist Mallory Knight knew that about her best friend. Just days before her body was found, bruised and nude, Leigh had been happy and laughing with Mallory. There was just no way she was suicidal, and Mallory had tried to keep the police focused.

But it had been a year since the supposed-suicide-maybe-murder and now Leigh’s case was considered closed. In Mallory’s mind, though, nothing had been settled; even less so when Leigh’s mother gave her a duffel bag of mementos with a

mystery inside.

Leigh had left a journal with what appeared to be coded words; some were senseless, but others led Mallory to a few shaky conclusions. Leigh was dating New York Navigators when she died, and his name was in the diary; to Mallory, that made him a suspect. And as it happened, her editor, Charlie, gave her an assignment to write about Christian’s charity organization. It was the perfect opportunity to find out more about the man Leigh seemed drawn to.

To her surprise, Mallory learned that Christian was a truly nice guy, but her investigator’s background nagged her to dig deeper. She knew that he strongly mentored a kid enrolled in his charity, and that he had a soft spot for the boy. Rumor was that the teen had been sick but Mallory also heard there was violence involved. There was something about the boy and Christian’s relationship with him that made her act rashly.

One ill-considered act, and Mallory’s entire life crashed.

And that was just fine. It gave

her more time to figure out what happened to Leigh and whether Christian Graham was involved her death. Leigh once called Christian a “triple threat”: smart, handsome and successful. But was he a killer, too?

In the beginning of “Triple Threat” and until about twenty pages in, the temptation to quit the book may be strong. It’s slower than chilled honey, which happens in small pockets throughout this novel.

When it heats up, though, it’s on fire. Author Camryn King tells a fine mystery that’ll keep

you engaged and eager to solve, in part because there’s also a bit of romance inside and enough drama to satisfy.

There are a couple of heart-pounders, too, and a character that does some really dumb things, which makes her seem more relatable.

While the ending of “Triple Threat” feels like it goes on forever, getting to that point will be fun if you have the patience. This book isn’t always snappy or snazzy but it’s a good enough whodunit and if you like roman-cy-mysteries, you’ll dig it.

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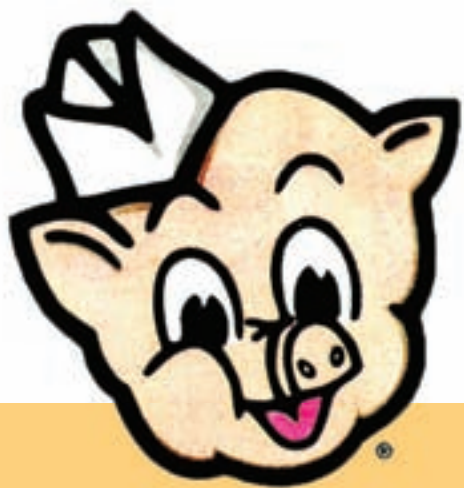
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