

College Hill celebrates 112 Years of Ministry

By Jackie Hampton
Publisher

“Upon This Rock We Are Building On a Solid Foundation” was the chosen theme for the 112th year church anniversary of College Hill Baptist Church. This historical church had its humble beginnings in 1907, under an oak tree just one hundred yards from its present site.

The College Ministry, under the direction of Deaconess Daphne Higgins, gave a presentation titled “This Was Not an Ordinary Oak Tree.” Members and visitors demonstrated high praise through applause and shouts of amen as they witnessed this young group of students talk about the church’s history in a way that had not been shared.

They [College Ministry] told the church of how this oak tree was not an ordinary one. It was described as a tree that had strong branches which provided shade in the heat of the summer, shelter from the rain and served as a gathering place for their ancestors to talk about the Lord.

The oak tree was the meeting place where six ministers and two laymen met to organize College Hill on land which was provided by then Jackson College, as a gift to the community for worship. Now known as Jackson State University and College Hill have a longstanding relationship



Reverend Stafford

which goes back to when the oak tree stood tall and offered hope to the community.

The ministry received high applause when they ended their presentation stating this was no ordinary oak tree and College Hill is no ordinary congregation, at which time music director Brandon Mitchell burst into singing “Father Help Your Children and Don’t Let Them Fall by the Side of the Road.”

Pastor Michael T. Williams described the presentation by the College Ministry as a tremendous

masterpiece that was powerful and persuasive.

The anniversary message was delivered by Rev. Jefforey Stafford, pastor of Pleasant Green Baptist Church, Vicksburg, MS.

Stafford brought worshippers to their feet throughout his message as he reminded members that God had been good to College Hill and shown them favor for over 112 years. He reminded worshippers that they cannot lock anybody out of the church regardless of their lifestyles or their sins, which may be different

from churchgoers’ sins. Stafford said, “God loves everybody.” He reminded the church family that everyone needs the same repentance and the same Christ and no one should feel locked out of the church. He said some people possessing keys should not have them and some being locked out should be given keys.

As Stafford ended his sermon he said, “God wants you to go past the oak tree, go down into the college, high school, middle school and below and help children become what they can become.” He said the children need College Hill every day, not just on Sunday. Before taking his seat Stafford said, “we have to remain firm in fighting the good fight” and worshippers stood to their feet with thunderous applause.

Williams thanked Stafford for such a great and powerful message. He thanked the anniversary committee and participants for their very significant contributions to the anniversary service.

Deacon Reginald Knight presided over the service with music being provided by the College Hill mass choir under the direction of Brandon Mitchell.

College Hill is looking forward to celebrating its 113th year church anniversary upon completion of their new edifice which is currently under construction.

See photos on page 5.

JSU students and staff win AP awards



Rob Jay displays his first place award.

By Anthony Dean
Interim General Manager
WJSU Radio

WJSU was among the winners in the Louisiana-Mississippi Associated Press competition honoring the best in broadcast journalism and newspapers during the annual AP Awards Dinner April 1.

Rob Jay won first place in the Sportscast or Sports Program Category. The judges’ comment: “Excellent production, good use of sound and music.”

Eric Walker won two second place awards in the Achievement and Short Feature Story categories. His award in the Achievement Category was titled Cindy Hyde-Smith Controversy. The judges’ comment: “Followed an election controversy that garnered national attention with focus on local concerns.” The award for Short Feature Story Category was Medgar Evers 55 years later. The judges’ comment: “A good collection of strong voices speaking to a historical tragedy and its resonance more than half a century later.”

Former WJSU News Director, Dwain Doty, won second place in the Long Feature Story Cat-

egory. The name of his feature story was Victims of Crime Tree Lighting Ceremony. Judge’s comment: “A sensitive handling of a sad, but hopeful story of the triumph of human spirit over tragedy.”

Winning these awards is a testament to the high standards we have set at WJSU and JSU-TV. Working together has stimulated growth and creativity in the broadcast division of the Department of Journalism and Media Studies.

The annual contest for AP-member broadcasters and newspapers was conducted by the Louisiana-Mississippi AP Broadcasters and Media Editors and sponsored by the University of Mississippi School of Journalism and New Media. The AP is a not-for-profit news cooperative, representing thousands of U.S. newspapers and broadcasters.

Newspapers are classified by divisions: Division I, newspapers with up to 75,000 total weekly circulation; Division II, newspapers from 75,001 to 250,000 total weekly circulation and Division III, newspapers with more than 250,000 total weekly circulation.

Last days of 2019 session expose deception, manipulation

By Rep. David Baria
House Minority Leader



“Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely,” Lord Acton.

On the last day of the 2019 Session, Mississippi lawmakers were stunned to discover that school vouchers were sneaked into an appropriation bill at the very last minute. Aside from a handful of co-conspirators, no one had any inkling that the \$2 million in taxpayer money had been slipped into a bill to fund the Department of Finance and Administration.

Earlier the same day, House Education Chair Richard Bennett presented the conference report on Senate Bill 2770 – the teacher pay raise. Under questioning, Bennett repeatedly denied that he was aware of any school voucher language existing in any measure under consideration. He even allowed that he “had been searching for it.” The House believed Bennett and it now appears that he was deceived along with the rest of the legislature – save a cabal of insiders privy to the plot.

This situation is a blatant example of the pitfalls of the method by which conference reports are shoved through the process

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at literally the last few hours of a 90-day session. It is apparent that those who managed the DFA bill did not intend for the sneaky inclusion to be noticed.

There is no other way to explain the fact that Senate Bill 3049 contained this accidentally discovered language than to lay it at the feet of leadership who thought they’d get away with it. They were caught red-handed, but because they have a supermajority, they did it anyway. There were Republican members of the House who joined with Democrats in an attempt to undo the wrong and stop the appropriation from becoming law. Many of them risked arm-twisting, threats and denigration from their own leaders to do so. However, in the end, the powerful Speaker of the House was able to twist enough arms to move the necessary votes into his column.

Some would say that legislators should have read the DFA bill before voting. However, as Capitol reporter Bobby Harrison correctly pointed out, “... the DFA appropriations bill was filed at 5 p.m. Thursday and was taken up in the Senate at 5:19 p.m. – the last of more than 100 budget bills dealt with by legislators in the final three days of the session. It was passed at

5:20.”

In the House, a similar scenario occurred. However, a list of 70 projects included in the bill and distributed to senators was not distributed to members of the House. Ultimately, members had mere minutes to read a 21-page bill and no reason to look for education vouchers in the DFA budget.

All state business is conducted at the Capitol in a manner similar to the way Senate Bill 3049 was handled. For instance, while there is a requirement that conference committees (like the one that sneaked \$2 million for education vouchers into an unrelated appropriations bill) meet in public, they rarely if ever do so.

When committees conduct their business in the plain light of day, such chicanery can’t happen. However, working in the sunshine is not the preferred method of the current Lt. Governor and Speaker of the House.

As a result, nobody in the legislature has any idea about the state budget until the leadership decides to roll it out in a series of conference reports in the waning hours of the session when there is insufficient time to read them, and the only option is a yes or no vote.

To say that the process is insulting to members of the legislature is an understatement, but

the process is more than insulting to members of the public who are consistently misled and excluded from a secretive game played by a few top insiders.

These insiders have created a \$30 million slush fund that they split 50/50 between the House and Senate and use to reward themselves and their chosen few.

The House Speaker even had the audacity to tell the press that the \$2 million in hidden voucher money came from “the senate’s money.” As if this type of justification isn’t bad enough, the Speaker had worked hard in the days before the end of the session to convince the public that the legislature doesn’t have money of its own because it’s all taxpayer money, and the taxpayers just couldn’t afford to spend more than \$1,500 on a teacher pay raise. Of course, even as those words were passing his lips he knew that the Lt. Governor was using \$2 million in “senate money” to fund a pet project.

If anything above distresses you, there is something you can do about it. Vote! In the end, people will get the government they vote for. My hope is that enough Mississippi voters will awake to the manner in which their government is being run at their State Capitol and decide to make a change when they go to the polls in November 2019.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

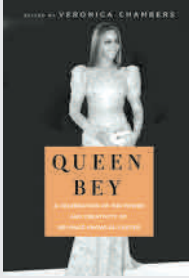


Elayne Anthony, chair, Department of Journalism and Media Studies and Robin Roberts, anchor of ABC's Good Morning America at Louisiana-Mississippi AP Awards

100 Black Men Officers and New Members Installation



Queen Bey



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Links, Inc. participate in Read Across America

The Mississippi Link Newswire

In celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday, members of the Jackson (MS) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated participated in the national Read Across America Day at Isable Elementary school.

The activities were held the week of March 4 through March 8. Chapter members Mary Cox, Karen Livingston-Wilson, DeLores Bolden Stamps, Jasmin Chapman, Brenda Middleton, Cassandra Williams and Kira Johnson participated in the activity.

The Links volunteers served over 20 headstart students, 80 kindergarteners, 70 first graders and 76 second graders. Cox and Livingston-Wilson served as celebrity readers and read to approximately 80 children in kindergarten, first and second grade classes.

Members of the Links provide weekly tutorials with the children at Isable Elementary. However, the National Read Across America Day is an event the students and members of the chapter look forward to each year. Activities like this help to implement the organization's Arts Facet and Services to Youth Facet. The facet's goal is to expose children to the arts and to promote early literacy for elementary age children.

Students enjoyed painting Thing 1 and Thing 2, creating a healthy snack using sorting and coding skills and painting the Cat in the Hat traditional red and white striped hat.

Catrina Crawford, principal and Tracy Caradine, librarian



joined chapter members in the STEM inspired art activities that encouraged the importance of reading.

Following the activities, Dr. Seuss books were provided to

all participants. The activities were joint venture between the organization's Arts Facet and Services to Youth Facet.

The Links, Incorporated is an international, not-for-profit

corporation, established in 1946. The membership consists of over 15,000 professional women of color in 288 chapters located in 42 states, the District of Columbia, the Common-

wealth of the Bahamas and the United Kingdom.

The Links is one of the nation's oldest and largest volunteer service organizations comprised of extraordinary women

who are committed to enriching, sustaining and ensuring the culture and economic survival of African Americans and other persons of African ancestry.



Hinds County Human Resource Agency announces new board officers

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Hinds County Human Resource Agency (HCHRA) is pleased to announce the new officers of its Board of Directors.

The HCHRA Board of Directors elected Chera Harper to serve a second consecutive term as board chairman. Harper first became affiliated with HCHRA in 2013 when her child was enrolled in the agency's Head Start program and she served as a parent representative for the St. Thomas Head Start Center. Harper served as chairman of the Head Start Policy Council (2014-2015) and in 2015, she was selected to serve on the Board of Directors as a representative of the private sector. During that time, she was also elected to serve as secretary of the Board of Directors.

Marshand Crisler was elected vice chairman of the Board; Veniti Williams was elected secretary; and Karla Turner-Bailey was elected assistant secretary.



Crisler



Harper



Turner-Bailey



Williams

Crisler, who has over 22 years of leadership experience in the military, education and local government, is a retired major of the U.S. Air Force and also served 20 years in the field of law enforcement. He is the owner of Crisler Clear Consulting and was elected by residents in his Supervisory District to represent the poor sector (District III).

Williams is a budget analyst for Jackson Public Schools and was selected by her district supervisor to serve on the Board of Directors to represent the public sector (District III). This is her second term as secretary.

Turner-Bailey, who recently earned her doctoral degree in agricultural extension and education, is an agricultural edu-

cation teacher. Turner-Bailey was also selected by her district supervisor to represent the public sector (District V).

"I am very pleased to work with such a diverse group of individuals who hold so many talents. Each of them has demonstrated a deep commitment to HCHRA's mission and the work we do to move citizens from poverty to self-suffi-

ciency," said Kenn Cockrell, HCHRA president and CEO. "We look forward to continued growth and improved performance under the new board leadership."

HCHRA is a public nonprofit community action agency created by the Hinds County Board of Supervisors. It is part of a state and national coalition of community action agencies

whose goal is to eradicate poverty by systematically identifying community needs and strategically developing solutions that yield high outcomes.

HCHRA is managed by a president and chief executive officer who is responsible to a volunteer Board of Directors.

For more information on HCHRA and its programs and services, visit www.hchra.org.

MVSU mourns loss of band director Leonard "Chief" Tramiel



Tramiel

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The Mississippi Valley State University community is saddened by the passing of alumnus and long-time former band director Leonard "Chief" Tramiel of Greenwood.

Tramiel passed away Saturday, April 6, 2019. He was 75.

"Mr. Leonard Tramiel is indeed a Valley legend," said MVSU President Jerryl Briggs. "He will truly be remembered, loved and revered by our MVSU family. Many of our alumni have shared the positive impact that he has had on their careers and lives. We are saddened by his passing, but his lore remains with us."

A native of Shreveport, La., Tramiel first joined the MVSU family as a student. Upon graduating from The Valley in 1965, Tramiel launched his career as a band director in Fayette, Ala. He then continued his career as band director of Druid High School in Tuscaloosa as he earned a master's degree from the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa.

Under his leadership, the Druid band became the first black ensemble to integrate the Alabama Bandmasters Association concert band festival in 1969.

Tramiel returned to MVSU in 1973 as the director of university bands. Known for his

energetic spirit, visionary leadership and unassuming humor, he led the "Mean Green Marching Machine" for more than 30 years, becoming Valley's longest-tenured band director to date.

While at MVSU, Tramiel's iconic ensembles included symphonic, marching and variety pep bands, the "New Jack Swing" floor show band as well as trombone, euphonium and tuba ensembles.

In addition, he served as the chapter sponsors for Kappa Kappa Psi/Tau Beta Sigma Honorary Band Fraternity and Sorority.

Following a successful career decorated with several awards and much recognition, Tramiel retired from MVSU in 2013. However, his influence and spirit continue to guide the Mean Green Marching Machine.

"When you talk about SWAC bands, Tramiel's name definitely makes the list. The man is a legend," said MVSU Director of University Kenneth Milton, who worked with Tramiel for several years.

"I've always had a lot of respect for him, even before I became employed with the university," he added.

Tramiel is survived by his two sons, Marvin and Nelrich, and three granddaughters.

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Spring Parent & Family Engagement Conference

Apr. 25, 2019
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Description
Join Jackson Public Schools for its Spring Parent and Family Engagement Conference. The event will be held Thursday, April 25, 2019, from 5:30–8:30 p.m. at Callaway High School located at 601 Beasley Road. The conference is free for JPS parents. Childcare will be provided.

Parent Conference Highlights
Inspirational and Motivational Speaker, Captain Barrington Irving
Parent Sessions
Summer Programs & Services (Vendors)
Teacher Recruitment
Exhibitors
Food
Door Prizes
Free Summer Reading Books (Parent registration is required.)

Transportation
Transportation by school bus will be provided with pick-up and drop-off locations at each JPS high school. Pick-up times are 4 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 4:45 p.m. Buses will depart from Callaway at 8:30 p.m. to return parents to high schools.

Pre-Registration
The deadline to pre-register is Friday, April 12, 2019. Pre-register today by completing the online pre-registration form.
Pre-registration forms are available at your child's school and the JPS Enochs Family Resource Center, 601 960-8945.

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Conference Highlights:
Parent Sessions
Summer Programs and Services (Vendors)
Early Registration 2019-2020 School Year (See JPS website for required documents)
Teacher Recruitment
Exhibitors
Food
Door Prizes
Free Summer Reading Books for Attendees (Parent Registration is Required)

The Conference is FREE for JPS Parents.

Make your reservation TODAY!
Deadline is Friday April 12, 2019.
You may pre-register by visiting the JPS website at www.jackson.k12.ms.us.
Pre-registration forms are also available at schools and the JPS Enochs Family Resource Center.
For more information, please call (601) 960-8945.

INSPIRING MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER

Captain Barrington Irving
Keynote Speaker

Alumni Association donates \$10,000 to Lanier H. S.

The Lanier High School National Alumni Association makes a \$10,000 contribution to the school.

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The Lanier High School National Alumni Association made a \$10,000 contribution to the school for student supplies, materials and activities. This is the second consecutive year the organization has donated these funds. Additionally, they have awarded more than \$50,000 in scholarships to the school's seniors over multiple years.

Funds for the scholarship are raised through proceeds from the sale of Lanier High School specialty license plates registered in the state of Mississippi.

Other areas of ongoing support include:

- Over \$11,000 in support of the school's athletic teams.
- Funding concussion screenings for members of the football team.
- Maintaining a clothes closet for students.

- Leading an effort to reopen an on-site health clinic.
- Providing financial assistance for a mobile simulation lab used by the school's Health Academy classes.

The partnership has plans to expand its initiatives to include supports aimed at increasing student scores on subject area tests and the ACT test and offering training and health services to parents.

The National Alumni Association has been an adopter of Lanier since 1998. This year, they were recognized as the Outstanding High School Partnership of the Year at the 2019 Partners in Education Highlight Awards.

Operating as a nonprofit fundraising entity, the Lanier National Alumni Association is dedicated to supporting the academic, social and economic needs of the school's students and facilitating the involvement of families in the education of their children.

JPS schools receive mape and preps value-added awards

Spann Elementary was honored along with several partners for the “Keys to Success” program designed to boost student achievement.

Blackburn, Hardy and Powell middle schools were recognized along with their partners for the A-TEAAM mentorship program.

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Multiple JPS schools were recognized for outstanding partnerships and academic achievement during the Mississippi Education Partnership Conference in February.

Spann Elementary and Blackburn, Hardy and Powell Middle Schools were recognized with Governor's Awards. The award is presented to school partnerships that have produced outstanding results for K-12 students. The prestigious award was presented to the top school-community partnerships in the state.

2019 Governor's Award Recipients

Spann Elementary School with 99 JAMS radio, Jackson Federation of Teachers, Junior League of Jackson, Bellwether Church, Jackson Rotary Club, Northminster Baptist Church and Raising Cane's #30 – “Keys to Success” program to address language, math and technical challenges and improve student achievement.

Blackburn, Hardy and Powell middle schools with Juanita Sims Doty Foundation and Medgar & Myrlie Evers Institute – Ambassadors of the Evers Academy for African-American Males (A-TEAAM) character and leadership development mentoring program

Also during the conference, nine JPS schools were presented PREPS Value-Added Awards. The PREPS Value-Added Awards Program identifies high performing schools among Mississippi public school districts who are members of the PREPS Consortium. Recipient schools perform significantly better than other schools with comparable socioeconomic circumstances based on PREPS' analysis.

2019 PREPS Value-Added Awards

Bailey Middle – English Language Arts & Math
Barack Obama Elementary – English Language Arts & Math
Casey Elementary – English Language Arts & Math

Key Elementary – English Language Arts & Math
McWillie Elementary – English Language Arts
Murrah High – English II & History
Northwest Middle – Algebra I & English Language Arts
Power APAC – English Language Arts & Math
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Member:

Mississippi's Piney Woods School announces 5th annual celebrity fundraiser

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The Piney Woods School is hosting its fifth annual “Give from Your Heart” Gospel Festival, Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the campus of the historic co-ed boarding school. “This is a great way to raise money for the school while also allowing the public to get a glimpse of what we do here,” says Piney Woods School President Will Crossley.

A variety of food vendors will be on hand to feed the hungry crowd and there will be recreational activities for the youth. The all-day concert will feature the Grammy® nominated artists Brian Courtney Wilson and Anthony Brown & group therA-Py. Also performing will be Jor’dan Armstrong, Fred Jerkins & Last Call, Tim Bowman Jr., Jermaine Dolly, as well as, Jackson’s very own, Four Washington, a dynamic urban inspirational group of teenage siblings.

The Piney Woods School choir, the Cotton Blossom Singers, will be on hand as well

Ticket prices are \$15 or a family pack of 4 tickets for \$50. Children under 15 years old are free. All tickets are available from www.pineywoods.org or by calling 601 845-2214.

The 100-plus year old institution boasts an international student population with pupils hailing from over seventeen states and foreign jurisdictions.

Piney Woods offers a rigorous educational, spiritual and vocational curriculum and provides an environment where students are expected to excel academically and socially. Over 95 percent of the graduating seniors are admitted to colleges and universities.

For further information contact Bill Carpenter at 202 506-5051 or carpenterbill@me.com



Confidence gained at Hinds CC opens up the world for alum, Navy man

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Rakim Rowley arrived on the Raymond Campus out of high school like a lot of inner-city youth, in need of a direction and guidance.

“I could’ve easily ended up a product of my environment,” Rowley said. “There was a lot of violence and criminal activity.”

Rowley, a native of Indianapolis, moved to the Jackson area in 2006 and attended Provine High School. A back injury playing sports in high school affected his planning at the time mightily. “I really couldn’t afford to go to college, but that and the military were really my only plan.”

A life spent having no help was about to change for the better. He credits the environment of support he experienced at Hinds for a successful career he’s building in the U.S. Navy.

“It was really a second opportunity at life,” said Rowley, currently a master at arms second class stationed at Naval Support Mayport, in Jacksonville, Fla. “Before, I didn’t apply myself as well as I should have. I was in the right place at the right time at Hinds.”

Once on campus, he served as district student government association president and became an officer in the Gamma Lambda chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, where the world first opened up to him as part of the group’s international studies in England and Costa Rica. He was named a 3E outstanding student and was also a resident assistant in the men’s residence halls.

“So many people at Hinds molded me in ways where I could be a leader,” Rowley said. “These people weren’t bluffing back then when they told me I could go to greater heights.”

Among them were his PTK advisers, Honors Institute Dean Debbie McCollum and Ben Cloyd, who is now Ray-



Rowley

mond Campus academic dean, as well as Vice President Theresa Hamilton.

“The first thing you notice about Rakim is his huge smile,” McCollum said. “He just knows how to engage other people and make them feel welcome.”

McCollum remembers the study trip to Bridgewater College in England fondly, as it foreshadowed his job in the Navy working as a K9 handler with bomb-sniffing dogs like Raven, his black Labrador.

“Rakim was new to international travel, and when in London, he ate the best pizza he said he’d ever had,” she said. “So, he bought an extra pizza and stuffed it into his bag. When we came back through customs, a TSA dog hit on it. Former Honors Dean Kristi Sather-Smith had quite a time talking customs officials into not giving Rakim a huge fine. This story is particularly ironic and perhaps provided a glimpse into his future, when you consider Rakim has worked internationally and trained dogs for the military to sniff out bombs.”

After Hinds, he finished his bachelor’s in history from the University of Mississippi, where he remained active

in PTK as an officer, then entered the Navy. He termed his start with the K9 unit much the same way most dog owners do when it comes to their own furbabies.

“I didn’t choose it, but it did choose me,” he said. “There’s only about 300 of us in the Navy, roughly, and there’s a rigorous interview process beforehand. Being the person I am, I thought, ‘Only the best can get in? Well, I’m going for it.’ I’ve always gone after leadership positions, so I grinded hard after it.”

His Hinds mentors credit that kind of persistence for his success as a student then and such an outstanding officer now that he was named Patrolman of the Year for 2018 by his superiors at the Naval facility. His most recent award, in January 2019, is the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal from the Navy.

“Rakim was part of a highly successful PTK officer team that had tremendous energy, curiosity, passion and a desire for excellence,” Cloyd said. “Rakim personifies all the attributes that make the Honors Program and Gamma Lambda such a worthwhile endeavor.”

Another part of his job involves supporting the Secret Service, which has let him travel with two presidents so far and have assignments for former presidents. In December, he was assigned to work the funeral for former President George H.W. Bush, who died Nov. 30.

Of his Hinds experience, he said, “The vibe I got was ‘come take some classes and do something with your life.’ They changed my mindset to not be scared and lazy, but to be confident.”

His mentors haven’t lost confidence in him, either.

“With all his gifts and accomplishments, he is still a humble person,” Hamilton said. “I am looking forward to what he will accomplish.”

Mississippi Public Universities focus research efforts on K-12 education

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Everyone supports improving education and there are many programs, initiatives and services that purport to do just that. School leaders are often bombarded with pitches for new approaches. Researchers at Mississippi Public Universities conduct research to separate fact from fiction and determine what works and what does not work in the classroom and beyond.

Delta State University has been improving K-12 education since its founding as a teacher’s college in 1924. One current example is through The Delta Center for Culture and Learning’s venerable summer workshop, “The Most Southern Place on Earth: Music, History and Culture of the Mississippi Delta.” More than 600 teachers in public and private primary and secondary schools have participated in free week-long workshops in this 10-year, \$1.57 million endeavor that is funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

“Teachers examine the Delta’s past and present, experientially and intellectually, focusing especially on the region’s place in the civil rights movement and the development of blues music. They listen to local musicians, walk the landscape and eat regional cuisine at local restaurants; they attend scholarly lectures and panels led by civil rights activists and FBI agents,” stated the National Humanities Alliance (NHA), the official advocacy organization for the NEH. “When they return to their classrooms around the country, the teachers bring not only a new appreciation for the Mississippi Delta’s role in our national history and culture, but also new methods – focused on food, music and landscapes – by which to teach regional history to their students.”

In February, the NHA shared glowing results of a survey conducted of 137 Most Southern alumni – more than 20 percent of all participants. Feedback was anonymous and unanimous: “This has been the best professional development I have ever attended.” “The highlight of a 30-year career.” “I came back to my daily life invigorated and transformed.” One hundred percent said the workshop helped them grow as an educator and 100 percent rated Most Southern superior to other professional development opportunities.

Delta State’s Department of Teacher Education, Leadership and Research’s Administration and Supervision Programs hosted a free School Improvement Forum in March for area superintendents, principals and other administrators. The well-attended daylong event, offered in partnership with the U.S. Department of Education’s Delta State Leadership Pipeline grant and the Delta Area Association for Improvement of Schools, focused on improvement of local schools from the viewpoint of various award-winning practitioners – superintendents, principals, teachers – plus DSU faculty and others.

Delta State’s Center for Business and Entrepreneurial Research also provides professional development for primary and secondary teachers. It offered a free daylong “hackathon” workshop in January for 6th through 12th grade teachers – a first of its kind in Mississippi. They learned how to teach the economics of entrepreneurship. In February it offered a free daylong workshop on entrepreneurship for special education teachers in the Mississippi Delta. Participants could apply for up to \$500 in seed funds to start a classroom-based business.

For six years running, Delta State has offered the Janie Allen-Bradley Literacy Endowment Free Workshop for classroom teachers, pre-service teachers, librarians and parents.

This year’s event, held in March, was themed “A Legacy of Literacy” and was sponsored by the DSU College of Education and Human Services and the Bell Academy for Math, Science and Health Education in nearby Boyle, Miss.

To inspire the next generation of STEM educators and practitioners, Delta State’s Continuing Education Depart-

ment hosts an annual Region III Mississippi Science and Engineering Fair. Grades 1-6 and grades 7-12, respectively, come to campus to display their STEM projects. Judges include Delta State students who receive a real-world experience. Judges are also DSU personnel and community members with undergraduate and graduate degrees, depending on the grade-level projects – furthering campus and town-gown relations. Through assistance from a STEM Pipeline grant from Monsanto Fund, the department works with regional school districts to implement or advance their local school STEM fairs. This grant allowed extensive outreach to the nine-county region, resulting in a 39 percent increase in STEM project participation.

For the past two years, AHM Ali Reza, associate professor of biology and coordinator of the Wildlife Management Program at Delta State, has offered an economical outdoor youth camp during spring break for children in grades 3-6. They hunt, fish and pursue nature-related activities, best practices and cutting-edge techniques. The camp, a partnership with the Mississippi Department of Wildlife Fisheries and Parks and Mississippi Delta National Heritage Area, educates and trains the next generation to appreciate the outdoors while encouraging them to hunt and fish responsibly.

Similarly, Liza Bondurant, assistant professor of math, and Lee Virden, associate professor of math, started a Crazy 8s afterschool math club at Presbyterian Day School, a primary school in Cleveland, in fall 2018. Once a week for an hour for eight weeks, students in the upper grades learn to like math through hands-on activities such as glow-in-the-dark geometry, bouncy dice explosion and toilet paper Olympics. The club promotes DSU in the community, serves as a recruiting tool and provides field experiences for DSU STEM and education majors.

Mississippi State University received the Teaching with Primary Sources (TPS) Mississippi grant from the Library of Congress. The grant provides for statewide professional development for K-12 social studies and English language arts teachers. Additionally, grant co-PIs have collaborated with Mississippi teachers to develop primary source infused lesson plans for grades 3-12 aligned to Mississippi standards. These lesson plans and other resources for teaching with primary sources are available on the TPS Mississippi website.

Mississippi State also has a program to increase the number of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) teachers in the classroom. Capacity Building STATE-STEM: Strengthening and Advancing Teacher Education in STEM is a collaborative capacity building proposal between the Department of Curriculum, Instruction and Special Education, COE, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Department of Mathematics and Statistics and Starkville-Oktibbeha School District and enters into a mentoring relationship with the University of Kentucky’s Noyce Scholarship Program PI.

This cross-institutional and cross-college team aims to systematically gather and analyze recruitment strategies, barriers to program retention and teacher candidates’ demographics including diversity of candidates, as well as the characteristics of STEM teachers who have remained in the classroom.

MSU faculty have partnered with teachers in the West Point Consolidated School District to focus on struggling readers in first through fourth grades.

Funded by a 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant, the program uses place-based curriculum co-created between MSU faculty and West Point teachers to build an after school program focused on reading to learn and learning to do. This past year, the project served 155 elementary-aged students, and the project has been awarded for the next two years.

The group reconvened in September of that year at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in New York. It was the consensus of this now broader group that the problems facing black political scientists, independent of their geographical location or institution, were sufficiently similar to warrant establishment of a national organization. Consequently, the people present at the September 1969 meeting voted to establish themselves as the National Conference of Black Political Scientists. The organization's first annual meeting was held in May 1970 at Atlanta University in Atlanta.

Ms. Legislative Black Caucus elected Senator Angela Turner-Ford and Representative Kabir Karriem

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Mississippi Legislative Black Caucus recently elected Senator Angela Turner-Ford, D-West Point, its new chairman and Representative Kabir Karriem, D-Columbus, replaced her as vice chairman.

Turner-Ford, an attorney, has served since 2013 and is vice chairman of the Senate Constitution Committee. She sits on the senate's Appropriations, Judiciary A and Judiciary B committees among other assignments.

"I look forward to leading the Caucus as we continue to work for Mississippians of color. The mission of the Caucus has always been to help those individuals and segments of our communities who have been overlooked or ignored in the legislative process. We will be calling for the support of our partners and friends throughout the state. Join us as we push for positive changes in 2020," Turner-Ford said.

They were sworn March 27, 2019, to a two-year term by Mississippi Court of Appeals Judge Latrice A. Westbrook.

Other officers are:

- Representative Oscar Denton, D-Vicksburg, treasurer.
- Senator Tammy Witherspoon, D-Magnolia, re-elected secretary.
- Representative Bryant Clark, D-Pickens, parliamentarian.
- Representative Kathy Sykes, D-Jackson, assistant secretary.
- Representative Otis Anthony, D-Indianola, chaplain.
- Representative Cheikh Taylor, D-Starkville, sergeant-at-arms.



Turner-Ford



Karriem

North Mississippi CWD Management Zone expands

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks (MDWFP) has collected more than 7,600 samples for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) since October 1, 2018. All samples were from hunter-harvested, road-killed or reported diseased white-tailed deer.

To date, 19 deer have been confirmed as CWD-positive. The most recent confirmations were female deer (2) from Panola and

Tallahatchie counties. Per the MDWFP CWD Response Plan, the North MS CWD Management Zone has expanded (see map) in response to these confirmations.

For any MDWFP-defined CWD Management Zone it is unlawful to:

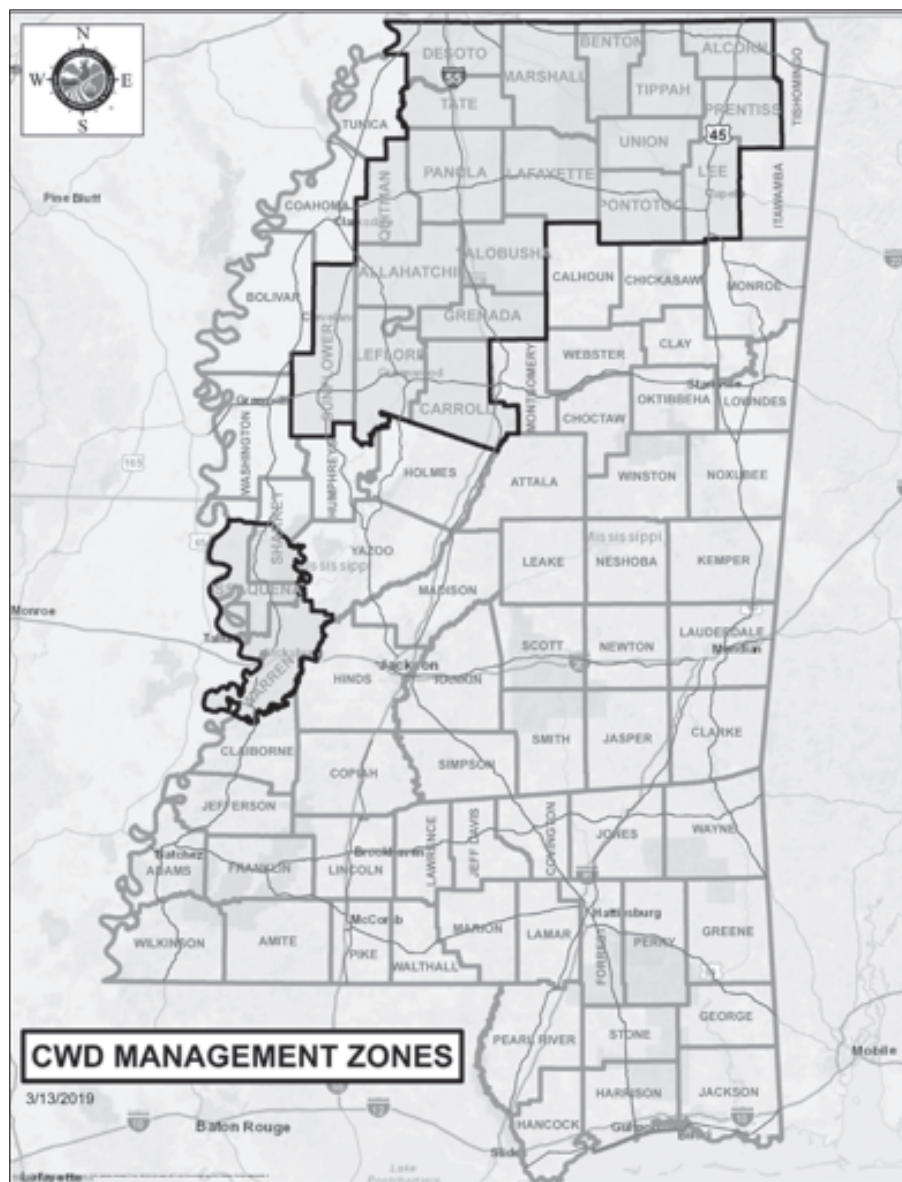
- Supplemental feed
- Establish new mineral sites or add supplements to existing sites
- Remove certain portions of

cervid carcasses from the zone (carcass regulations)

- Trap wild hogs without a permit from MDWFP.

These proactive measures are important in minimizing the unnatural concentration of deer and potential spread of CWD.

For more information about Chronic Wasting Disease visit www.mdwfp.com/cwd. Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/mdwfp or on Twitter at www.twitter.com/MDWFPonline.



Marshall County pond management workshop

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The Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks (MDWFP) Fisheries Bureau and the Mississippi State University Extension Service are hosting a pond management workshop in Marshall County. The workshop will be held at the Marshall County Extension Office at 120 South Spring Street in Holly Springs Thursday, April 11 at 6 p.m.

The hour-long presentation

will include topics on pond design, fish stocking, harvest, vegetation control, liming and fertilizing. A question-and-answer period will follow.

"This workshop will allow biologists and private pond owners the opportunity to discuss management options to improve fish populations and habitat," MDWFP Fisheries biologist Keith Meals said. "This is a great way for us to provide how-to information that can help pond own-

ers achieve their goals."

Anyone interested in attending the workshop is asked to register by calling the Marshall County Extension Office at 662-252-3541.

For more information regarding fishing in Mississippi, visit our website at www.mdwfp.com or call us at 601-432-2212. Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/mdwfp or on Twitter at www.twitter.com/MDWFPonline.

Statewide archery tournament/finals



Mississippi Link Newswire

The state championships of the Archery in Mississippi Schools (AIMS) program are underway at the Fordice Equine Center on the state fairgrounds.

AIMS is designed to introduce 4th-12th grade students to the sport of International-Style Target Archery during their physical education class and as an extracurricular team sport.

Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks

(MDWFP) is the driving force behind AIMS.

The program, which began in 2005 with 10 schools, is now over 500 schools and in over 50 counties with more than 80,000 students participating each year. The growth of AIMS has followed the national trend of archery being the fastest growing sport nationwide and statewide.

The first statewide Archery Invitational was held in Mississippi in 2011 with 400 student

archers competing; and that number has expanded to over 5,000 student archers competing annually in the AIMS State Championships.

Mississippi students also rank at the highest levels in both National and International Archery competitions every year.

The cumulative scores are posted at <https://xnet2.mdwfp.com/archery/scores/all/divisions/?tournamentid=1903>

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After 51 years, fair housing still an unfinished journey

By Charlene Crowell
NNPA Newswire Contributor

Fifty-one years this month, the Fair Housing Act (the Act) was enacted to ensure that housing discrimination was illegal. Yet just days before the annual observance of Fair Housing Month began, headline news articles reminded the nation that housing discrimination still exists.

For example, March 19, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) fined Citibank \$25 million for violations related to mortgage lending. At issue was Citibank's "relationship pricing" program that afforded mortgage applicants either a credit on closing costs or a reduced interest rate. These cost breaks were intended to be offered to customers on the basis of their deposits and investment balances.

According to OCC examination at Citibank, these "relationships" did not include all eligible customers – particularly people of color. The regulator's conclusion was that the bank's practices led to racial disparities.

The settlement calls for all 24,000 consumers affected to receive \$24 million in restitution.

Days later, March 28, the federal department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) charged Facebook with violating the Act by enabling its advertisers to discriminate on its social media platform. According to the lawsuit, Facebook enabled advertisers to exclude people based on their neighbor-



hood – a high tech version of the historical redlining of neighborhoods where people of color lived.

With 210 million Facebook users in the United States and Canada alone, the social media mogul took in \$8.246 billion in advertising in just the last financial quarter of 2018.

As April's annual observance of Fair Housing Month began, the chair of the House Financial Services Committee used that leadership post to bring attention

to the nagging challenges that deny fair housing for all. In her opening statement at the hearing held April 2, Chairwoman Maxine Waters set the tone and focus of the public forum.

"According to the National Fair Housing Alliance, individuals filed 28,843 housing discrimination complaints in 2017," said Waters. "Under the Trump Administration, fair housing protections are under attack.... According to news reports Secretary Carson proposed

taking the words 'free from discrimination' out of HUD's mission statement."

"He also reportedly halted fair housing investigations," continued Waters, "and sidelined top advisors in HUD's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity. These are unprecedented attacks on fair housing that must not go unanswered."

Several committee members posed similar concerns and offered comments that echoed those of Waters. Additional issues raised during the hearing spoke to a lack of enforcement, data collection, gentrification, racial redlining, restrictive zoning and disparate impact.

A panel of housing experts provided substantive testimony that responded to many of these issues, while also acknowledging how many fair housing goals have not yet been achieved.

Cashauna Hill, the executive director of the Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center provided additional information on delays encountered with HUD's Fair Housing investigations. Although HUD set a standard for these complaints to be investigated within 100 days, many complaints go well beyond the agency's own guidelines. Cases older than 100 days are categorized as "aged" in HUD parlance.

"In 2017, HUD had 895 cases that became aged during that same year, and it had 941 cases that were already considered aged at the beginning of the fiscal year," noted Hill. "During that same time period, Fair Housing Assistance Program

agencies had 3,994 cases that became aged and 1,393 cases that were already considered aged at the beginning of the fiscal year."

"Practically, what this means for groups like the Fair Housing Action Center," continued Hall, "is a delay in making victims of discrimination whole, and a delay in correction of housing providers' discriminatory behavior."

Speaking on behalf of the Zillow Group, Skylar Olsen, its director of Economic Research, cited additional data that underscored racial disparities and problems that continue with access to credit.

"Homeownership is a key tool for building wealth, and more than half the overall wealth held by American households is represented by their primary residence," said Olsen. "But access to homeownership is not shared equally. In 1900, the gap between black and white homeownership rate was 27.6 percentage points. Today it is 30.3 percentage points."

Further according to Olsen, the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA) shows that "black borrowers are denied for conventional home loans 2.5 times more often than white borrowers."

Even among renters, Skylar noted racial disparities in major metro areas like Atlanta, Detroit, Houston and Oakland, California adding, "local establishments and amenities including banks, health institutions and recreational facilities are less prevalent in communities of

color than white communities."

Debby Goldberg, vice president of Housing Policy and Special Project with the National Fair Housing Alliance (NFHA) was also a panelist.

"Not all neighborhoods were created the same," testified Goldberg. "The long history of housing discrimination and segregation in the U.S. has created neighborhoods that are unequal in their access to opportunities. They are not unequal because of the people who live there. They are unequal because of a series of public and private institutionalized practices that orchestrated a system of American apartheid in our neighborhoods and communities, placing us in separate and unequal spaces."

Goldberg also stated that racial discrimination included consumers of color with varying incomes.

"While many low-income communities, no matter their racial composition, suffer from disinvestment and lack of resources, even wealthier, high-earning communities of color have fewer bank branches, grocery stores, healthy environments and affordable credit than poorer white areas."

Goldberg also posed a core question that was as basic as it was direct.

"How do we ensure that future generations of all backgrounds live in neighborhoods rich with opportunity?" said Goldberg. "Fair housing. Fair housing can ultimately dismantle the housing discrimination and segregation that caused these inequities in the first place."

Stateswomen for Justice Luncheon draw hundreds to National Press Club for Issues Forum

By James Wright
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Hazel Trice Edney, one of the leading women entrepreneurs in the Black Press realm, recently feted noted African-American women who are making a difference in the lives of blacks and don't bite their tongues when it comes to issues that black people have to deal it.

Edney, president/CEO of Trice Edney Communications and editor/publisher of Trice Edney News Wire, held her ninth annual "Stateswomen for Justice" luncheon to honor outstanding black women March 29 at the National Press Club in Downtown D.C.

The luncheon had a packed room as African-American women of accomplishment, joined by men, pondered on the theme: Breaking the Chains after 400 Years: Now Where? Direction, Leadership, Vision!"

"This is the 400th year of us being here," Edney said in her opening remarks. "We as black people have survived slavery, segregation, lynching and other pains – and we still suffer. Many of us have sons and when they leave the house, we hope they come back."

Edney referred to the arrival of African slaves in 1619 at the English settlement of Jamestown in Virginia. Princess Asie K. Ocansey, a member of a royal family in Ghana, spoke about the departure of Africans from the continent to the Americas and implored her fellow members of the diaspora to go back to their



E. Faye Williams, national chair, National Congress of Black Women, stress importance of unified black women. PHOTO: ROY LEWIS/TRICE EDNEY NEWS WIRE

ancestral roots.

"Don't come to visit, come back home," Ocansey said.

Julianne Malveaux, president emerita of Bennett College and Black Press columnist; Kim Saunders, president and CEO of the National Bankers Association; Janice Mathis, executive director of the National Council of Negro Women; Lezli Baskerville, president and CEO of the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO); E. Faye Williams, national chair of the National Congress of Black Women; and Kristen Clarke, president/executive director of the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, served as panelists for the discussion while Kezia Williams, CEO of the Black Upstart, served as the moderator.

Malveaux gave the audience a lesson in economics, saying that America became great

off the backs of black women. She pointed out that in 1910, 110 black banks operated but in 2019, there are only 22. She made a call for reparations for people of African descent who didn't receive any type of compensation for slavery.

Malveaux supports raising the minimum wage to \$15 an hour, saying "it will lift black women out of poverty."

Baskerville said historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) are the backbone of the black community.

"HBCUs generate \$15 billion for the black community and created the black middle class," she said. "Black colleges offer information and inspiration."

Baskerville encouraged the audience to ask their federal lawmakers to support Title III dollars for the national budget and request that HBCUs have access to Opportunity Zones,



In celebration of Women's History Month and the 192nd anniversary of the Black Press, Hazel Trice Edney presented the 2019 Stateswomen for Justice luncheon and panel discussion at the National Press Club in Northwest March 29. Trice Edney with panelists (L-R): Kezia Williams - CEO of the Black upstart, Lezli Baskerville - president and CEO of the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO), E. Faye Williams - national chair, National Congress of Black Women, Hazel Trice Edney, Princess Asie Ocansey – Nekotech Center of Excellence, Kristen Clarke, president and executive director of the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Janice Mathis, executive director of the National Council of Negro Women and Kim Sanders, president and CEO of the National Bankers Association. Not pictured: Julianne Malveaux who had to leave early. PHOTO: SHEVRY LASSITER/THE WASHINGTON INFORMER

economically weak areas where businesses will get a tax incentive to set up.

"There are more HBCUs that exist outside of Opportunity Zones than in them," Baskerville said.

Williams said black women need to come together for commonality.

"We've got to get it together," she said. "There is too much dissension because one sister doesn't like another sister."

Williams also said black women need to strongly support U.S. Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-Minn.) for denouncing President Trump's policies and preferences for the Israeli government.

Mathis said, "Black women

magic has help run this country," noting that 94 percent of African-American females voted for 2016 Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton while 53 percent of white women cast their ballot for Trump and 15 percent of black men voted for Trump, also.

"There were some people who got confused in 2016, while black women didn't," Mathis said.

Clarke noted the role her organization played in stopping the deportation of 4,000 Liberians and emboldened the women to remain politically active.

"Elections do have consequences," Clarke said. "We are in the fight for our lives."

Saunders repeated Malveaux's

statistics on black banks but didn't play the blame game.

"Blacks have \$1 trillion [in spending power and assets] and we are down to 22 black banks," Saunders said. "Not one black bank has a billion dollars [in its portfolio] and it's not 'The Man's fault, it's our own fault."

"We make loans to black people and HBCUs," Saunders said. "You should put something in a black bank. No excuses."

Upon the urging of Washington Informer publisher Denise Rolark Barnes, all of the panelists agreed that the 2020 census and a fair count meant a great deal to blacks in terms of political representation and resource allocation.

The cost of rebellion

PART 1

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



In the Word of God, you can read of severe judgments that came upon those who rebelled. Today, some people will not take the Word of God. They are stubborn and they are determined to hold out for their own way, even if it costs them their souls in the end; and that is exactly what it is going to cost them. Let us look in the Word of God to see how God dealt with people who were rebellious.

In Deuteronomy, Chapter 1, we have a great lesson. When Israel was camped at Kadeshbarnea, before going into Canaan, some of the people rebelled and that rebellion was very costly. Deuteronomy 1:19-26 reads: “And when we departed from Horeb, we went through all that great and terrible wilderness, which ye saw by the way of the mountain of the Amorites, as the Lord our God commanded us; and we came to Kadeshbarnea. And I said unto you, ye are come unto the mountain of the Amorites, which the Lord our God doth give unto us. Behold, the Lord thy God hath set the land be-

fore thee: go up and possess it, as the Lord God of thy fathers hath said unto thee; fear not, neither be discouraged. And ye came near unto me every one of you, and said, we will send men before us, and they shall search us out of the land, and bring us word again by what way we must go up, and into what cities we shall come. And the saying pleased me well: and they turned and went up into the mountain, and came unto the valley of Eshcol, and searched it out.”

“And they took of the fruit of the land in their hands, and brought it down unto us, and brought us word again, and said, it is a good land which the Lord our God doth give us. Notwithstanding ye would not go up, but rebelled against the Commandment of the Lord your God.”

In these verses, we find that at Kadeshbarnea Israel was in rebellion. Twelve men (one leader from each of twelve tribes) were sent to search out the land. Moses said the saying pleased him well. They were going to go up to search out the land and then return to tell Moses what they saw and the best way to enter the land.

The twelve spies found that the land was a good land, and they brought back some

of the fruit of the land. They returned with grapes, pomegranates and figs, and the fruit was plentiful in the land, as God said it was. Truly it was a land flowing with milk and honey. They searched the land for forty days and found it to be as God said: it was a land of abundance.

Ten of the twelve spies brought back an evil report. (There are still people today who see the enemy bigger than God.) Those ten men testified that it was surely a good land, but Deuteronomy 1:26 says they “rebelled against the Commandment of the Lord.” They got their eyes off the Commandment of the Lord and fixed their eyes on the enemy that dwelled there. They could not get out of their minds what the enemy looked like. They brought back some good news, but it was not long until they began to amplify the enemy.

Yes, it was a land flowing with milk and honey, a land plenteous in fruit, just as God said, but an enemy was there too. Once they began to report on the enemy, they did not speak of the fruit anymore; they just kept amplifying the enemy.

When all people see is the enemy, the devil will amplify

the enemy’s strength beyond the promises of God.

The Commandment of God in Deuteronomy 1:21 was this: “Behold, the Lord thy God hath set the land before thee: go up and possess it, as the Lord God of thy fathers hath said unto thee; fear not, neither be discouraged.” Why did God say that? He knew they were going to see the enemy, but He instructed them not to let the enemy discourage them and not to fear the enemy. The people rebelled, and it was costly. It was so unnecessary and from the rebellion came complaining and murmuring with the desire to return to Egypt, which was a type of bondage in sin.

The enemy has not changed; he just uses different avenues. He will tell you that the way of truth is too difficult. He will say that no one can live holy and that the way is unattainable. He will attack the pastor by saying, “Don’t preach it so close.”

Next week, Part II “The cost of rebellion”

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Fear of commitment or committed to fear

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



What’s going on with Christian marriages? Why are so many marriages of ministers and those who serve faithfully in church end in divorce? With the divorce rate for Christian marriages approaching nearly 60 percent, many wonder why? It’s not just a matter of Satan strategically attacking marriages. If that were the case, those of us who are single would never experience spiritual warfare.

It’s now even more important for individuals who believe in the power of prayer to earnestly pray. Not only do we need to pray for marriages, we also need to pray that those who are considering marriage. Regardless of what caused the individual marriages to suffer, we have to be careful that these situations do not allow fear to become more powerful than God’s love.

More importantly, we have to pray for our commitments to our relationships and to our God to remain strong. Some relationship problems are caused because people are already committed to something other than God or that “special someone.” They can’t commit to someone because they are already committed to fear. For some, it is the fear of being by (or in some cases being) yourself.

Scriptures are full of solutions to break the stronghold of fear. Proverbs 9:10 says that “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom” and others tell us that

the only healthy fear is the fear of God.

Psalm 34:4 reminds, “I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.” We also have to be reminded of 2 Timothy 1:7 which says, “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”

It’s not just marriage and families that are under attack. The idea of commitment is under attack. Some believe that the increase in the divorce rate and numbers of people living together without being married caused a fear of commitment.

There are many reasons why commitment in a relationship mirrors the commitment that we have to God in our faith walk.

Often, you can’t commit to a person because of one four letter word...and it’s not love or the lack of it. It’s fear. We can’t make a 100 percent commitment to someone else because of fear of being hurt or rejected. Likewise, we can’t make a 100 percent commitment to God because of fear.

Whatever the cause of the fear, you won’t be able to love (God, yourself and someone else) completely when you fear.

1 John 4:18 promises, “There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.”

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Grateful

By E. Faye Williams
Trice Edney Newswire



I have for the most part had a blessed life. I don't mean that I didn't grow up in poverty, that I didn't face racism or sexism or that I did not experience bad breaks in life. I've experienced all of those things, but I was never bogged down in ungratefulness. As a matter of fact, no matter how little I've ever had, I've felt a need to share what I had with someone who may have had less. I've never asked to be served by others, but I've felt compelled to be of service to anyone who needed my help.

I've often given my best and my last to help others. I've always been energetic, willing to study many things so that I could qualify to help more people even when some didn't show that they were grateful for the help I often gave. I know that I'm by no means the perfect servant. Others have given far more than I have, but I'm pretty satisfied that I've given my best whenever someone needed my help.

Sometimes I gave family help, church help, organizational help, financial help, living space help, counseling help, legal help, advisory help, clothing help, help with food, help with advice – you name it. I was always grateful that I had the ability to help.

Sometimes people said thank you. Sometimes they didn't, but even when they didn't and came for my help again, I've tried to be there. However, recently the time came that I began to feel totally worn out, realizing that I was helping everyone I could, while not always helping myself. An elderly neighbor once said to me, "Be grateful that you're the one giving the help rather than always needing the help." I think that's good advice, but sometimes you just feel that you need someone to give you some of those things you've so often given to others – your time and attention.

Sometimes givers need help, but never ask. I'm taking it upon myself to speak for those who serve and never ask others to do for them. Givers rarely ask for anything from others, but it doesn't mean the smallest gift of gratefulness does not lift the giver's spirit. My spirits were lifted beyond measure when Hazel Trice-Edney, president and CEO of Trice-Edney News Wire, contacted several of us who write, publish and appear on radio or television to tell us we were being honored for our service with the Stateswomen of the Black Press Award. I'm sure I speak for my sisters who received the award to say that we're grateful and proud of the recognition of our efforts to "plead our own cause" day after day. We feel that it is our duty to do so.

The day after receiving that award, I received the "Champions of Peace and Nonviolence" Award from The National Women's History Alliance. In a beautiful ceremony, I met two women who were in Iraq when I was there in an effort to prevent the first Gulf War. That was a pretty emotional meeting for which I'm grateful, and that taught me how soldiers who were in the same war must feel when they run into each other years later.

The Sunday following those two awards, I went to church not knowing they, too, had planned to recognize my work. I have just learned of three more awards coming soon, so I'm re-energized and grateful that much of my work has not gone unnoticed. I deeply appreciate all of the awards, and I am ready to go back to the drawing board to work just a bit harder to be of service to somebody in need.

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By Glenn Ellis
TriceEdney Newswire



Measles cases have cropped up across 12 states over the last ten weeks, nearly two decades since the highly contagious disease was said to be eradicated in the U.S.

Temple University in Philadelphia has reported over 100 cases of mumps in an outbreak and more cases are spreading across the Philadelphia region.

Regrettably, I believe we are at the tip of the iceberg, thanks to the enormous amount of false and misleading MIS-information from the anti-vaccine movement.

Vaccines are one of the most successful programs in modern health care, reducing, and in some cases even eliminating, serious infectious diseases. Public support for the vaccination program remains strong, especially in the United States where vaccination rates are currently at an all-time high of more than 95 percent of the population. Yet, despite a long history of safety and effectiveness, vaccines have always had their critics: some parents and a tiny fringe of doctors question whether vaccinating children is worth what they perceive as the risks. In recent years, the anti-vaccination movement, largely based on poor science and fear-mongering, has become more vocal and even hostile.

In January 2019 alone, measles were confirmed in ten states: California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Texas and Washington, according to the CDC.

Of course, vaccines are not without risk (no medical intervention is), although the benefits far outweigh those risks.

In 1998, researcher Andrew Wakefield and some of his colleagues

published a study in the prestigious English medical journal *Lancet* that claimed to show a connection between the Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR) vaccine and autism.

Subsequent to the seminal article in the *Lancet*, many follow-up studies were performed testing the autism-MMR vaccine correlation.

As the follow-up studies began to be published, however, it became increasingly clear that there was no link between MMR and autism. For example, a study in the *British Medical Journal* found that autism rates continued to climb in areas where MMR vaccination rates were not increasing. Another study found no association with MMR and autism or GI (gastrointestinal) disorders. Other studies showed no difference in the diagnosis rate of autism either before or after the MMR vaccine was administered, or between vaccinated and unvaccinated children. Most recently, a study found that there was no decrease in autism rates following removal of the MMR vaccine in Japan.

In 2001, the Institute of Medicine (IOM) reviewed all of the MMR-autism data available to date and concluded that there was no association and essentially closed the case – a conclusion confirmed by still later studies.

If Wakefield had simply been wrong in his preliminary findings, he would be innocent of any wrongdoing – scientists are not faulted if their early findings are not later vindicated. However, in May 2004, ten of Wakefield's co-authors on his original paper withdrew their support for its conclusions. The editors of *Lancet* also announced that they withdrew their endorsement of the paper (the first time in almost 200 years) and cited as part of the reason an undisclosed potential conflict of interest for Wakefield, namely that at the time of its publication he was

conducting research for a group of parents of autistic children seeking to sue for damages from MMR vaccine producers (*Lancet* 2004).

It gets worse...

The attorneys representing parents in that lawsuit against measles vaccine manufacturers paid Wakefield to fabricate evidence showing that the vaccines were linked to autism. Despite the fact that the paper was quickly retracted, and Wakefield was found guilty of professional misconduct and had his medical license revoked, anti-vaccination sentiment has only become more entrenched in the years since.

Wakefield had also applied for patents for an MMR vaccine substitute and treatments for his alleged MMR vaccine-induced gut disorder. So, not only was he allegedly paid by lawyers to cast doubt on the MMR vaccine, but he stood to personally gain from the outcome of his research.

It's not an overstatement to say that measles is one of the most infectious diseases known to mankind. When people aren't immunized, it's extremely easy to catch measles. In an unvaccinated population, one person with measles can infect 12 to 18 others. That's way higher than other viruses like Ebola, HIV or SARS. (With Ebola, one case usually leads to two others. With HIV and SARS, one case usually leads to another four.)

Measles vaccine is 97 percent effective after two doses, which usually also protect against mumps, rubella and sometimes varicella, or chickenpox, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. A well-vaccinated population takes on a "herd immunity" that hinders outbreaks. As soon as vaccination coverage drops below 95 percent, outbreaks are inevitable.

Most of the people with measles and mumps right now weren't immunized from the viruses. They all live

in places that permit a variety of non-medical – religious or philosophical – exemptions from vaccines. In 45 states, even without an exemption, kids can be granted "conditional entrance" to school on the promise that they will be vaccinated, but schools don't always bother to follow up.

Even though all 50 states have legislation requiring vaccines for students entering school, almost every state allows exemptions for people with religious beliefs against immunizations, and 17 states grant philosophical exemptions for those opposed to vaccines because of personal or moral beliefs.

Two caveats: the legacy of the Syphilis Study at Tuskegee lingers in the minds of many people, fueling mistrust; and the majority of people supporting the antivaxx movement are highly educated white parents.

I'm always amazed at the number of people who claim, "religious exemption," but have never set foot in a church, mosque or synagogue.

Facts don't lie, people do. Truth matters.

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.

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Unfit, unprepared, unworthy: Betsy DeVoid and the Department of Education

By Julianne Malveaux
NNPA News Wire Columnist



Betsy "Devoid" (of good sense), also known as Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, is an aberration, an abomination, an absciss on the complexion of educational policy and equity. She has been so egregious that at least two members of Congress, Katherine Clark (D-Ma) and Mark Pocan (D-WI) have called for her resignation because of her abject indifference to young people, especially those who are black, brown and poor.

Additionally, Ronald J. Mason, president of the University of the District of Columbia, has written an open letter to DeVos, challenging her interpretation of meritocracy. The letter, published in a recent issue of *Diverse Issues of Higher Education*, suggests that education can be a bridge to maximize human potential, but only if we are open to the contributions of every human being and especially every young person who aspires to greatness.

Instead of supporting our young people, DeVos has attacked them. There are alarming statistics that the Obama administration attempted to deal with. Black boys are three times as likely to be suspended as their white counterparts. More disturbingly, black girls are twelve times more likely to be suspended than white girls. Why? Be-

cause black girls have no girlhood, no presumption of innocence. We are the recipients of Afro-phobia or the fear of black people. President Obama didn't do much for black folks, but he did introduce civil rights division protections for these overly suspended students. DeVos would roll them back.

That's not the only thing she'd roll back. She wants to change the rules on campus enforcement of sexual harassment, giving the attacker the "presumption of innocence," and more jarringly the right for a rapist to question his attacker. And she wants to protect for-profit colleges while Obama said that students should be protected against these predators.

Understand this. These for-profit colleges only exist to take people's student loan money. They provide little in services and even less in educational support. But DeVos, whose family seems to benefit from their involvement in the for-profit college space, is protecting her own interest. That's not unusual in an administration where the presidential daughter has garnered patents with China, perhaps influencing our nation's foreign policy.

DeVos's ignorance was most recently exhibited when she attempted to defend budget cuts that would affect the differently abled, including cuts to the Special Olympics, our nation's only deaf-focused university, Gallaudet, and to the National Technical Institute for the Deaf. Really, DeVos? Don't you understand that those who

are differently abled transcend political party? Don't you know that these are folks who need special services?

DeVos's tepid response to aggressive questioning by Congresswoman Barbara Lee (D-CA) among others exhibited her unpreparedness and unfitness. We know that the man who lives in the house that enslaved people built is sufficiently uneducated to be clueless about this, but even he had to back up and acknowledge that cuts to the Special Olympics sent the wrong signal.

DeVos favors charter schools over public schools and would put money into charter schools, taking it away from public schools. DeVos is someplace past wrong on this, but that woman is doing the work she was sent to do – her job is to dismantle public education in favor of publicly supported private education.

If folks want to do private schooling, that's their business, but should public schools suffer for elitism? And should someone whose biases are so publicly visible be in charge of this? I think not.

We knew that DeVos was unqualified when she narrowly squeaked past Senatorial confirmation, only earning it because Vice President Mike Pence cast a historical tie-breaking vote for her. Even Republicans find her out of order, out of line, unqualified, unprepared and unfit. She has spent her time in public office attacking student rights, ignoring students of color and

attacking young people who have experienced sexual assault. She is entirely consistent with the cretin who appointed her, and young people are paying for her ignorance.

Members of Congress can request the DeVos resignation, but she is fully supported by the man who has enabled her to wreak havoc on our educational system. The blessing in her presence is that she can, perhaps, motivate our activism at the local level. More progressive activists must run for school boards. More progressive activists must reject the ways this administration is attacking education. And we must be clear that it did not start with this administration, but it is amplified and exacerbated by this administration. If we believe that education is a human right, we must resist this nonsense.

DeVos is the tip of the iceberg that began melting when black activists attacked school segregation in a series of lawsuits that culminated in *Brown v. Board of Education*. DeVos is on the frontline of a cultural war designed to sideline folks who don't look or spend like her. Are we ready to fight back, resisting a woman who is unfit, unprepared and unworthy of educational policy leadership?

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Jackson Prep presents scholarship funding in honor of Walker Wilbanks

The Mississippi Link Newswire

On April 3, Jackson Preparatory School (Prep) presented Mississippi Organ Recovery Agency (MORA) with the proceeds from the Walker Wilbanks Classic baseball tournament hosted by Prep and Hartfield Academy in March. The Walker Wilbanks Classic was created to establish a scholarship in honor of Walker Wilbanks, a Prep student who was an organ donor in 2014.

“It was important to myself and coach Chuck Box at Hartfield that we create an event that continues to honor Walker’s legacy,” says Brent Heavener, Jackson Prep baseball coach.

Walker’s father, David Wilbanks, expressed gratitude for the tournament played in his son’s memory. “Shelia (Wilbanks) and I want to thank our Prep Family and Hartfield for hosting the tournament and all of the schools and fans who participated,” says Wilbanks. “Walker’s legacy continues not only in the lives he saved as an organ donor, but in the lives of those he continues to inspire.”



Annie Lucious of Mississippi Organ Recovery Agency is presented the check from the inaugural Walker Wilbanks Classic by David Wilbanks, Jackson Prep baseball coach Brent Heavener and Jackson Prep Athletic Director Will Crosby.

The first Walker Wilbanks scholarship will be available for class of 2020 graduating seniors as part of MORA’s annual scholarship program. *To learn more about MORA to register as an organ, eye, and tissue donor, please visit msora.org.*

As autism prevalence rises, diagnosis gap remains between socioeconomic groups

Recognizing the signs and talking with physicians can help narrow the disparity

The Mississippi Link Newswire

According to a recent study led by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), about 1.5 million U.S. children – or 1 in 40 – have been diagnosed or are living with autism, a developmental disorder characterized by difficulty in social interaction and communication and restricted or repetitive patterns of thought and behavior.

As prevalence of autism continues to grow, so does the diagnosis gap between children from different socioeconomic backgrounds. According to a report based on data from the National Survey of Children’s Health (NSCH), diagnoses were higher in groups with higher income and more access to insurance. The report identified a dramatic increase – by 36 percent – for children in households with incomes 400 percent or higher above the federal poverty line between 2003 and 2012. Children living below the poverty line saw only a 13.3 percent increase in the same time period.

The delay in getting a diagnosis or even the lack of a diagnosis can have detrimental effects, said James Laughman, president of PerformCare, a full-service managed behavioral health care organization that is a part of AmeriHealth Caritas, a national leader in Medicaid managed care and other health care solutions for those most in need.

“The existence of a developmental disability combined with lower levels of socioeconomic status can result in undesirable outcomes, including poorer health and a lower quality of life,” Laughman said. “Low income and poor education can present increased barriers to obtaining health care and even greater challenges when a health issue like autism exists.”

There is no known cause of – or cure for – autism, but early diagnosis, intervention and access to appropriate services and supports have been known to lead to significantly improved outcomes.

The range and severity of autism symptoms can vary widely, but parents and caregivers should take note of the following be-

Autism Facts and Figures

AmeriHealth Caritas

One in 40 children have been diagnosed, or are living, with autism.

Boys are **four times** more likely to be diagnosed with autism than girls.

Nearly two-thirds of children with autism between the ages of 6 and 15 years have been bullied.

\$60K estimated cost per year through childhood, with the bulk of the costs in special services and lost wages related to increased demands on one or both parents. Costs increase with the occurrence of intellectual disability.

Source: "Autism Facts and Figures." <https://www.autismspeaks.org/autism-facts-and-figures>

www.amerihhealthcaritas.com

havioral, cognitive and psychological signs:

- Poor eye contact
- Impulsive or repetitive movements
- Persistent repetition of words or actions
- Deficits in language comprehension
- Delay in learning to speak
- Inability to understand or be aware of other people’s emotions.

While children develop at their own pace, children with autism usually show some signs of delayed development before the age of 2. Parents concerned about these symptoms or other signs that may point to developmental delays should speak with their child’s primary care provider to request a screening.

MORA to partner with YMCAs for cycling events during National Donate Life Month

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Mississippi Organ Recovery Agency (MORA) is partnering with Mississippi YMCA locations to host cycling classes to promote organ, eye and tissue donation in celebration of National Donate Life Month’s (NDLM) theme: “Life is a Beautiful Ride.”

Like the donation and transplantation journey, a bicycle serves as a symbol of progress, renewal and the moving circle of life.

“We are committed to giving back and supporting our communities,” said Jara Miller, president and CEO of the Metropolitan YMCAs of Mississippi. “We are honored to partner with MORA to increase awareness of the need for organ, eye and tissue donation by hosting these events at our Ys.”

“We’re excited to have participants ‘ride for organ, eye and tissue donation,’” said Kevin Stump, MORA CEO. “As we celebrate NDLM, we hope that our communities will be reminded of those waiting on a life-saving transplant and those heroes who have given the Gift of Life,” Stump added.

Life is a Beautiful Ride events:

- April 8- 8:30 a.m. Reservoir YMCA, 6023 Lakeshore Park, Brandon, MS, 39047
- April 8- 5:30 p.m., Clinton YMCA, 400 Lindale Street, Clinton, MS, 39056
- April 13- 9 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.*, Flowood YMCA, 690 Liberty Road, Flowood, MS, 39232
- April 13- 9:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.*, Ocean Springs YMCA, 1810 Government St., Ocean Springs, MS, 39564

**denotes open to the public*

Please contact participating YMCAs for more information on how to participate in one or more of these classes.

NDLM was established by Donate Life America and its partnering organizations in 2003. Celebrated in April each year, NDLM features local, regional, and national activities to encourage Americans to register as organ, eye and tissue donors and to celebrate those that have saved lives through the gift of donation.

To learn more about MORA to register as an organ, eye, and tissue donor, please visit msora.org.

Drug company payments to doctors may influence prescription choices

By Trudy Lieberman
Rural Health News Service

Recently Peggy, an Indiana woman and reader of this column, sent me a lengthy email about her 94-year-old mother who is rapidly spending down her minimal savings to pay for prescription drugs.

Peggy didn’t hold out much hope that prices would come down before it was too late for her mom. But she succeeded in lowering her mom’s drug costs and what she learned along the way can be helpful to others strapped by high pharmaceutical bills.

Her mother is typical of many women in old age who have only a tiny financial cushion to absorb the continual price hikes imposed by the drug makers. She was raised during the Depression, didn’t work much outside the home, lived in a condo her son bought, and then moved to an assisted living facility almost two years ago.

The facility’s \$3,100 monthly fee plus drug copays bit into her savings, which totaled about \$30,000 when she moved to assisted living. Government benefits earned by Peggy’s father who served in the Korean War, a very small pension from a former employer, and Social Security benefits cover all but about \$600 of the assisted living fee. The rest comes from her savings, which now are about half of what they were in 2017.

While most of her mother’s drug copays and other out-of-pocket pharmaceutical expenses have been manageable, Peggy explained it was the \$313 copay for a three-month supply of a well-known, heavily advertised blood thinner a cardiologist had ordered that was the biggest culprit causing her mother’s savings to shrink.

That was the price her mom was paying when she hit Medicare’s infamous donut hole last year.

Peggy said every time her mom visited the physician, the doctor told her she was lucky to take the expensive blood thinner instead of the other “stuff” which he called “rat poison” implying a cheaper drug was inferior, even dangerous. Peggy said at every visit he told her that she was fortunate to be taking something better.

Then a family member discovered openpaymentsdata.cms.gov, a database maintained by the Medicare program that reveals the amounts of money pharmaceutical companies pay to doctors in speaking and consulting fees, in research fees and for food and drink expenses. Her mom’s cardiologist had received nearly \$80,000.

Peggy had a bad feeling about the doctor and switched her mom to another physician who kept her on the high-priced drug for a couple months. Then she was diagnosed with anemia, taken off blood thinners and prescribed low-dose aspirin.

In the meantime, Peggy’s husband had a heart attack and developed a blood clot. His doctor prescribed a low-cost blood thinner that’s been on the market for years. She said he’s doing just fine on the “rat poison” disparaged by her mother’s first doctor. His cost: a \$6 copay every 30 days.

For a long time impartial medical experts have thought that the choice of drugs and devices may be related to payments doctors receive from drug and device companies.

Since 2014 the Physician Payments Sunshine Act requires drug and device makers to report to the government the payments they make to doctors. The Medicare database is a treasure trove of some 11 million payments to physicians.

The online publication ProPublica found that drug and device makers gave more than one billion to doctors and hospitals from August 2013 to the end of 2016. Some of them have received payments totaling millions of dollars.

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Proposal forms and detailed specifications may be obtained free of charge by emailing jewalker@jackson.k12.ms.us, calling (601) 960-8799, or documents may be picked up at the above address or downloaded from JPS website at www.jackson.k12.ms.us.

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Specification responses must be submitted for this bid event. Specifications are due no later than (5:00 p.m., April 23, 2019 local time to be the given the opportunity to participate in the auction. Vendors submitting acceptable specification responses will be invited to participate in the electronic reverse auction at www.centralbidding.com on April 29, 2019 beginning at 10:00 a.m. local time. Vendors must be registered with Central Bidding in order to participate in the reverse auction. For any questions concerning the reverse auction process or how to register, please contact Central Bidding at 225-810-4814. Bid specifications will also be listed on JPSPD Website at www.jackson.k12.ms.us.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Jackson, MS will conduct Public Hearings and an Application Workshop regarding the development of its 2019 One-Year Action Plan of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. The Annual Action Planning process requires broad public participation by citizens and entities which are interested in, or are providing assistance in, the areas of housing, services for the homeless, public services and other community development activities.

The draft 2019 One Year Action Plan will contain applications for funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The City of Jackson estimates that we will receive \$1,886,268 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds; \$967,752 in Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds; \$148,069 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds; and \$1,453,290 in Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds for a total of \$4,455,379. Due to the Federal budget negotiations, the actual amounts funded may differ.

This notice's amounts originated from last year's allocation; however, the City anticipates adjusting the amounts after final Federal budget negotiations.

The Public Hearings will explain the purpose of the City's Annual Action Plan; discuss the City's goals and accomplishments with HUD funds; and consult with the public by accepting public comments regarding proposed activities for the programs. The Public Hearings will be held at the following locations:

April 9, 2019 6:00 p.m.	Grove Park Community Center 4126 Parkway Ave. City Council Chambers 219 S. President St.
April 24, 2019 6:00 p.m.	Bolden Moore Library/Westside 1444 Wiggins Rd.
May 7, 2019 6:00 p.m.	Champion Gymnasium 1355 Hattiesburg St.
May 9, 2019 6:00 p.m.	Warren Hood Building 200 S. President St. (Final Public Hearing)
June 5, 2019 6:00 p.m.	

Further, the City of Jackson will conduct an Application/Proposal Workshop on Friday, May 10, 2019, beginning at 9:30 a. m., at the Jackson Police Department Training Academy, 3000 St. Charles St. for non-profit organizations interested in applying for CDBG, ESG, HOPWA, and HOME funds. Non-profit organizations may obtain Application/Proposal packets at the workshop.

Application/Proposal packages for CDBG, ESG, HOPWA, and HOME funds should be delivered to the Development Assistance Division, Richard Porter Building, 218 South President St., 2nd Floor, Jackson, MS 39201, no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, June 10, 2019. No Application/Proposal packages will be accepted after this deadline.

The draft Annual Action Plan will be available for review at the final public hearing and on the City's website at www.jacksonms.gov on June 5, 2019. The City will be accepting public comments on the draft Annual Action Plan until no later than 5:00 p.m., on Monday, July 8, 2019. Residents with disabilities are encouraged to notify the City at least five (5) days before the public hearing of any needed accommodations. For more details contact the Office of Development Assistance Division at 601-960-2155.

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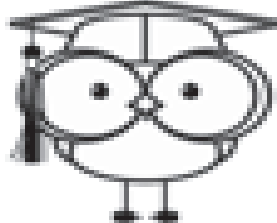
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JPS celebrates the power of partnership at annual highlight awards

Mississippi Link Newswire

The Jackson Public Schools Office of Partners in Education held its annual Highlight Awards Celebration March 4 at Northwest Jackson Middle School. The theme of the 2019 program was “Working Together.”

Each year, the district hosts this program in honor of the businesses, organizations, faith-based groups and individuals who have partnered with Jackson Public Schools.

This year, there are 111 specialty partners, 121 school adopters, and 55 district-level partners that have committed resources toward enhancing educational experiences for JPS scholars.

Awards were presented for Outstanding Partnerships at the elementary, middle and high school levels and anniversary milestones. Two individuals were surprised with the Allstate Award for their substantial contributions to a school.

“I want to thank you for your ongoing commitment to supporting our teachers and scholars,” said JPS Superintendent Errick Greene. “We sincerely appreciate your investment of time and resources to enhance the educational experiences for our children, and we celebrate the collaborative spirit that you’ve demonstrated over the years.”

“We’re here to say thank you to our community partners,” said Thea Faulkner, director of Partners in Education in JPS. “Our children are learning that it’s important to invest in the lives of others because you, our community partners, have communicated this.”

Allstate Award
Allstate was the district’s first school adopter. Each year, the organization honors a fellow JPS partner or adopter with the Allstate Award. This year, two awards were presented. Frank Lenoir received an Allstate award in recognition of his significant financial contributions used to establish a uniform and supply closet at Hardy Middle School. Rev. Marshall Wade of Meadowbrook Church of Christ received the award for book donations to the Bailey Middle School library valued at \$7,500 as part of Partners in Education’s Time, Talent and Treasure initiative.

Outstanding School Part-



Rev. Marshall Wade (center, holding award), Allstate Outstanding Partnership Award recognizing Meadowbrook Church of Christ and Bailey APAC Middle School



Frank Lenoir, Allstate Outstanding Partnership Award recognizing his support to Hardy Middle School



Juanita Sims Doty Foundation and the Medgar & Myrlie Evers Institute, Outstanding Middle School Partnership Award for support of Blackburn, Hardy and Powell Middle Schools



Center for Social Entrepreneurship, Outstanding Elementary School Partnership Award for support of Barr Elementary



Lanier High School National Alumni Association, Outstanding High School Partnership Award and 20-Year Anniversary with Lanier High School

Partnerships

- Elementary – iVillage After-school Program at Barr Elementary
- Middle School – Juanita Sims Doty Foundation and the Medgar & Myrlie Evers Institute at Blackburn, Hardy and Powell Middle Schools
- High School – Lanier High School National Alumni Association at Lanier High School
- Anniversary Awards**
- 35 Years**
- Irby Electrical – Pecan Park Elementary
- 30 Years**
- Wells United Methodist Church – Galloway Elementary
- Bancorp South – Oak Forest Elementary
- 25 Years**
- Jackson State University – Blackburn Middle
- 20 Years**
- Lanier High School National Alumni Association – Lanier High
- 15 Years**
- Morning Star Baptist Church – Brinkley Middle
- EP Engineered Clays Corporation – Key Elementary
- 10 Years**
- Greater Jackson Chamber of Commerce – Lake Elementary and Murrah High
- Beth Israel Congregation –

McLeod Elementary

- Junior League of Jackson – Oak Forest Elementary
 - 5 Years**
 - Hinds Community College Nursing Program – Bates Elementary
 - Springboard to Opportunities – Dawson Elementary
 - TCL Financial and Tax Services – Dawson Elementary
 - Ascensions Lutheran Church – McLeod Elementary.
- The goal of Partners in Education is to connect schools with community supporters through programs that enhance educational experiences for students.
- The Adopt-a-School program offers opportunities for businesses and organizations to support and encourage a specific school. All activities in a partnership are based on mutual needs and the resources of the school and adopters. Among the many programs Partners in Education executes annually are the PIE Store for the exclusive use of the district’s classroom teachers, a uniform closet for families in need and the ARISE2Read literacy program.
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ACROSS
 1. Typing rate
 4. Infamous Nazi concentration camp
 10. Expression of surprise
 11. Waits for
 12. Twitch
 13. Anxiety
 14. Favorite vacation spot
 16. Hotel
 17. Hole
 18. Texas Instruments (abbr.)
 20. Canadian prov.
 22. Bubble
 26. Fuel
 29. Electric resistance
 31. Give in
 33. Lay
 34. Two-dimensional
 35. Dynamite
 36. Gold finder's phrase
 37. Pigeon

DOWN
 1. Unit of electric power
 2. Vial
 3. Masculine
 4. Nuts
 5. Wait for
 6. Metal container
 7. Slaps
 8. A spinning toy (2 wds.)
 9. U.S. Department of Agriculture
 15. ___ A Small World...
 19. Computer makers
 21. Film brand
 23. Keeps
 24. Clerk
 25. Miss Boop
 26. Gawk
 27. American Civil Liberties Union (abbr.)
 28. Blemish
 30. Zeus' wife
 32. East northeast

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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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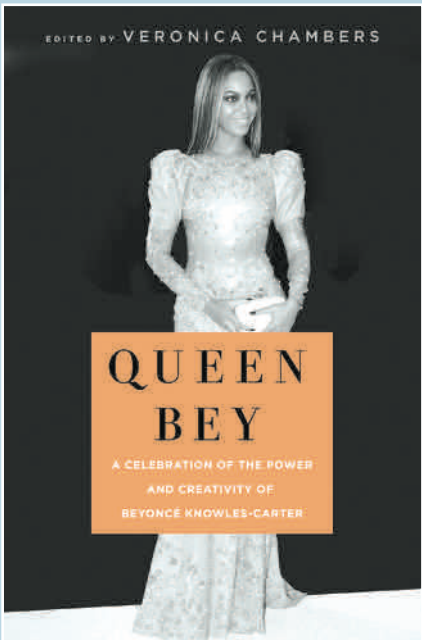
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BOOK REVIEW:

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

You were Crazy in Love. It happened the first time you heard Beyoncé Knowles, before she won a Grammy, before she added to her life with a man and motherhood. It happened the first time you saw her, a skinny child with a mispronounced name, and in “Queen Bey,” a book of essays edited by Veronica Chambers, you’ll want to say that name again.

“What might a black girl be in this world?”

That’s a question Veronica

Chambers says she’s spent her lifetime asking. The answer arrived in the songs of a performer who “has no interest in separating herself from the struggle of being a black woman...” That singer, Beyoncé Knowles-Carter, “is the greatest performer alive,” according to Luvvie Ajayi, one essayist here.

When Beyoncé was first seen (on TV’s Star Search in 1993), viewers recognized her talent. Even then, she was “our generation” and that never changed: these days, she’s “named the pain of... black women who...

love black men...” Through her actions and music, she’s shown that “black men’s apologies to black women matter.” Writer Ylonda Gault says that there were times when Beyoncé’s life eerily paralleled Gault’s. Meredith Broussard calls Beyoncé “a constant presence in my own life.”

She’s a businesswoman who reportedly has a climate-controlled archive of every print and digital bit of press with her name in it. She’s a writer, mother, feminist, actress and award-winner; a “hard-working pro-

fessional,” a champion for gay rights, an inspiration for young black girls and a comfort for women who’ve miscarried. And she’s a dancer: who among us hasn’t memorized the incredible moves seen in her music videos?

Naysayers and haters might scoff, but for a fan, there’s probably nothing Beyoncé can’t do. Says writer Edward Enninful, “She’s above trends. She can’t be put in a box. Frankly, she can do whatever she wants.”

Let’s stop right here a second: if you barely know who Beyoncé is and can’t name at least

five of her songs, you can put your newspaper down now. Go do something else, because this book is not for you.

Come to think, it’s not a book for mere casual fans, either. No, “Queen Bey” is a book for rabid, die-hard, sing-all-the-songs fans who know what the Hive is, and exist in it. It’s for the readers who’ve listened to Beyoncé’s albums and watched all the videos over and over again, because all the contributors to this book have done that, too. It’s for fans who’ve played the “Michael, Whitney or Beyoncé?” game.

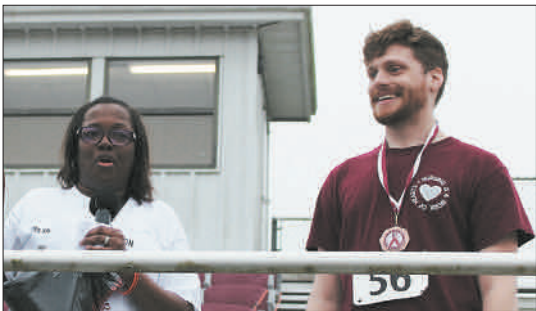
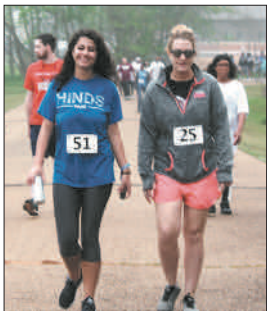
Just beware: this over-the-edge rhetoric here can get excessively florid, sometimes making Knowles-Carter seem like a deity, and that lack of perspective can mar the messages behind the outpouring of love. Readers with a tendency to roll their eyes might do that here, Beyoncé fan or not.

Keep that in mind when you see this book. If you’re a sometime follower, you’ll probably be happier just taking a pass. If you can’t get enough of “Queen Bey,” you’ll like it and you shoulda put a bookmark in it.

Hinds County School District Weekly Update

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