

# JPS School Board approves appointments of two new assistant superintendents

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Jackson Public Schools announced Kathleen Grigsby and Dionne Woody have been appointed to serve as Elementary Assistant Superintendents in the 2019-2020 school year. These two administrators have served with excellence as principals of JPS elementary schools. They have both been recognized as JPS Administrators of the Year, which may be attributed to their notably similar philosophies of education.

Grigsby will continue to serve as the principal of Barack H. Obama Magnet School (formally Davis Magnet) until the end of the school year. Under her leadership, the school achieved and maintained the No. 1 ranking among elementary schools in the state of Mississippi based on results from end-of-year accountability tests. During Grigsby's tenure, the school received PREPS Value Added Awards in MAAP Reading and Math in 2019, 2018 and 2015. It received the award for Math in 2017 and for Highest Proficiency in Reading in 2016.

Grigsby has made history at two of her alma maters. At Mississippi College, she was the first graduate of the school's doctoral program. She also holds a specialist degree from the college. At the University of Mississippi in Oxford, she was the youngest alumna inducted in the School of Education Hall of Fame in 2018. She holds a Master of Education degree in Curriculum and Instruction and a Bachelor of Education degree in Elementary Education from the university.

She was named the JPS Administrator of the Year in 2018 and went on to be selected the Mississippi Congressional District 2 Administrator of the Year.

She believes educators must desire to teach and lead each child to his or her maximum potential through a whole child approach, seeking a balance between academic achievement and promoting the long-term development of all children.

"I am excited about the opportunity to lead



Grigsby

and support more schools in our district in my role as Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Schools," said Grigsby. "I am grateful for the service provided to Barack H. Obama Magnet and know that the school community will continue to thrive."

Woody currently serves as the principal of Key Elementary. She helped the school maintain its B rating for multiple years until it achieved an A rating and moved up to a No. 15 ranking in 2018. Key Elementary has been profiled as a symbol of success in at least two video features – one by WJTV News Channel 12 in 2016 and a more recent documentary produced by the School Improvement team at the Mississippi Department of Education. Prior to serving at Key, Woody steered a turnaround at Bradley Elementary. The school went from low performing to successful in the four years that she was at the helm.

Woody holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education and a Master of Science degree in Education Leadership from Jackson State University. Woody was named Administrator of the Year for Jackson Public Schools in 2016.



Woody

Also in 2016, the Jackson State University National Alumni Association honored her with its Black Tie Award and the Mississippi House of Representatives saluted her with a proclamation for her commitment in the field of education. Like Grigsby, she has emphasized a similar whole-child approach to educating children throughout her career. Furthermore, she believes in engaging the village, parents and school partners along with teachers, in that endeavor. As she moves forward to address new challenges in JPS, Woody is pleased with the legacy she is leaving among the faculty, staff, students and families of Key Elementary.

"Key has been a wonderful place to work and has a great family-like atmosphere that I was blessed to be part of," said Woody. "I'm so proud of the growth that the faculty and I have made together as a school family."

The JPS School Board unanimously approved the superintendent's recommendation to promote Woody and Grigsby to Assistant Superintendents of Elementary Schools at the regular Board meeting held Tuesday, April 16.

Grigsby's and Woody's appointments become effective July 1.

# The 2019 Masters: Tiger's incredible improbable comeback to win



Woods CNN / GETTY IMAGES

By Stacy M. Brown  
NNPA Newswire Correspondent

After 11 years, multiple surgeries and a myriad of personal drama, Tiger Woods won his fifth Masters Championship and his 15th career major on a sun-soaked Sunday at Augusta National.

It was the first time Woods had won at Augusta after he was trailing after 54 holes.

The victory also came following years of doubting whether he would ever be able to play at a high level.

"It's overwhelming because of what has transpired," Woods told reporters after he shot a -2 under 72 for -13 under overall to seal the victory. "It's unreal for me to be experiencing this. I'm kind of at a loss for words really," he said.

The victory, one of the greatest comebacks in sports history, had social media abuzz.

"The National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) congratulates and salutes Tiger

Woods as he wins the Masters Golf Tournament for the fifth time," NNPA President and CEO Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., tweeted.

Chavis also noted the tough road Woods had to take to re-emerge as Golf's biggest star.

"Resilience is in our DNA," Chavis said, referring to African Americans and other minorities and certainly acknowledging the challenges overcome by Woods.

Golden State Warriors superstar guard Stephen Curry called Woods' victory, "the greatest comeback story in sports. "Congrats Tiger Woods, let me hold one of those 5 jackets one time," Curry wrote on Twitter.

Tennis great Serena Williams said the win moved her to tears. "I'm literally in tears watching Tiger Woods. This is greatness like no other," Williams Tweeted. "Knowing all you have been through physically to come back and do what you just did today? Wow. Congrats a million times.

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# Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated – Alpha Delta Zeta Chapter Observes Finer Womanhood



Zeta Phi Beta Sorority members Anita Young, Lorenda Franklin, Martha Hester, Zoerean Neal, Lucille Green, Patricia Anderson, Clara Jackson, Jacqueline Brackett and Janice Smothers

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All over the world, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated annually observes one of its founding principles – Finer Womanhood. The observance begins the last

week in February and continues throughout the month of March. This is a time of remembrance, reflections and revitalizing "zeal" in the hearts and minds of members all around the world.

Since 1938, Alpha Delta Zeta, has been observing Finer Womanhood Week in Jackson, Mississippi. This year, Alpha Delta Zeta planned a series of activities that brought its members together to

rekindle the sisterly bond and exemplify the spirit of Finer Womanhood through mind, body and spirit.

March 22, 2019 the chapter hosted a legal workshop around

"Will Planning" with guest speaker, Judge Patricia Wise, a life member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated. The evening concluded with Zeta Bingo. Light refreshments were served

and prizes were awarded to each game winner.

This observance was collaboratively sponsored by the Finer

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# Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area receives award at 2019 Habitat Affiliate Conference

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Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area (HFHMCA) received the Sam Mompongo Award at the Habitat International Affiliate Conference recently held in Atlanta, Georgia, for tithing \$1 million to Habitat's work internationally over the last 3 decades.

The award created in honor of Sam Mompongo, who gave Millard Fuller, founder of Habitat for Humanity, the first donation towards Habitat's international building program. From his \$200 donation, the tithe program grew and is now one of the most effective ways Habitat affiliates can support the ministry overseas. For every house Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area builds locally, a donation of \$2,000 is made to support work in Honduras.

The Mississippi Capital Area affiliate is in the top 4.08% among the 1,200 Habitat affiliates to reach the million dollar milestone.

HFHMCA works to eliminate poverty housing in the tri-county area, and the affiliate tithes to support work abroad.



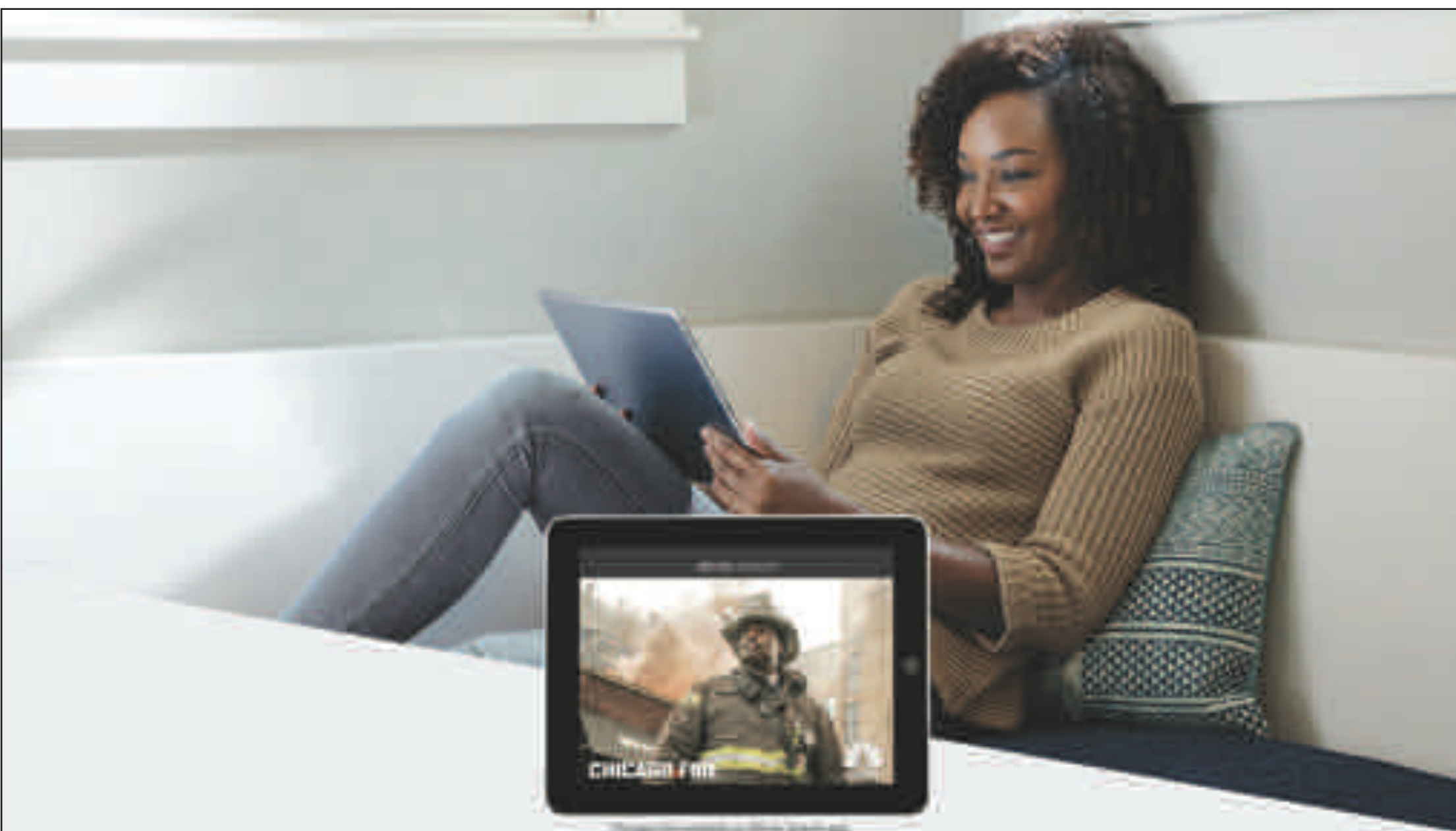
Pictured (L to R) Bridget Steed, HFHMCA executive assistant; John Armstrong, Bangladesh national director; Slade Exley, HFHMCA vice president; Harrison Young, HFHMCA board president; Christy Stickney, Nepal national director; Merrill McKewen, HFHMCA executive director; Jean Frenel Tham, Haiti national director; Victoria Stein, HFHMCA development associate





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## Dr. Roland Hayes Powell Sr.

*November 29, 1931 - April 1, 2019*



Dr. Roland Hayes Powell Sr. passed peacefully in his sleep in the early morning of April 1, 2019. He was born on November 29, 1931 in Rocky Springs, Mississippi, and was the middle child of three. He was preceded in death by his parents, John Benjamin Powell and Freida Randall Powell, and one sibling, William Jack Powell.

Roland's family moved to Jackson when he was three and he grew up on Valley Street in the "Gowdy Community" where he began his formal education at Mary C. Jones Elementary, Reynolds Elementary and Jackson State Prep School. Roland accepted Christ at an early age and grew up in College Hill Baptist Church where he joined the Boy Scouts at the age of 12 and later became the 8th Eagle Scout, a very high honor for youth in the Boy Scouts. Roland was very good at baseball and loved to play as often as he could.

He began his high school years at Holy Ghost Catholic School where he graduated in 1950; afterward he attended Tougaloo College and graduated in 1954 with a B.S. Degree in Biology with minors in Chemistry and Psychology.

Roland met his wife, Sondra, in the chemistry lab her freshman year at Tougaloo College, where they connected with the right chemistry. Roland and Sondra married on December 23, 1955 while he was serving in the U.S. Army, sharing their love for each other for 63 years. They moved back to Los Angeles after his Honorable Discharge from the Army in 1956 and converted to Catholicism.

Roland was a social worker for the City of Los Angeles. He was also one of the presidents of the Los Angeles-Tougaloo Alumni Association and founder/charter member of the Tau Tau Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity in Compton, Calif.

He became interested in veterinary medicine after meeting Dr. Tom Gipson, a Tuskegee veterinarian in Los Angeles from Greenville, Miss. who attended Alcorn College. Roland applied to the Tuskegee School of Veterinary Medicine, was accepted and moved his family to Tuskegee Institute where he graduated in 1965 with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Powell was one of seven veterinarians in Jackson and the first black veterinarian in Jackson when he returned in 1965. He and his wife operated the Valley Street Animal Clinic for 29 years. The Terry, MS Animal Clinic was added in 1990. The Valley Street Animal Clinic was relocated to Raymond Road in 1994 as the Powell Animal Clinic.

Dr. Powell retired in 1997 but came out of retirement to open the Monroe Street Animal Clinic with his son, Dr. David Powell, Dr. Sylvia Stewart (a mentee) and his wife in 2010.

His wife, Sondra, served as his administrative assistant, office manager and bookkeeper in all his business ventures. Their clinics served as pceptors, nurturing and mentoring over 100 students from the surrounding neighbor-

hoods, Jackson State University, Tougaloo College, Alcorn College, Callaway, Lanier and Jim Hill High Schools and Brinkley Junior High.

Some of their mentees have become deans of veterinary schools in Alabama and California, USDA supervisors, military veterinarians, veterinary clinicians, military dentists, medical doctors, teachers. His son, Dr. David Powell, worked by his side and served as a veterinarian for USDA and the US Army National Guard, retiring as colonel with a state retirement of brigadier general.

Dr. Powell was also an assistant professor of Biology at Jackson State University from 1966 to 1997. He assisted and advised researchers on health, contamination, disease control and other related areas. As a member of the Beta Beta Beta Honor Society in Biology (1969) he received the Jackson State University "Biomedical Summer Science Program Award" in 1982.

He was also an adjunct professor at the Mississippi State University School of Veterinary Medicine from 1976-1986. He served on the Board of Directors of Tuskegee Veterinary Medical Alumni Association and was a life member of the American Veterinary Medical Association, life member of the Mississippi Veterinary Medical Association, life time member of the Tuskegee Veterinary Medical Association and a member of the Jackson MS Veterinary Medical Association.

He was an active member of Holy Ghost Catholic Church, having served as a lector and extraordinary minister of Communion. He served in numerous organizations in the church including one of the chairs of the Holy Ghost Building Committee, Grand Knight of Knights of Peter Claver Council 171, coordinator of the Parish Life Center, president of the pastoral council and Holy Ghost men's group.

Over the years, Dr. Powell was very active in his community. He served as manager of the little league baseball team and commissioner of the City of Jackson Dixie Baseball League when his children were young.

About 5 or 6 of these kids went on to play in major leagues. He served on the Big Brothers Jackson Advisory Board. He led a Boy Scout Troop and was on the executive board of the Boy Scouts of America, Andrew Jackson Council-Jackson, MS where he was awarded their highest honor, the "Silver Beaver Award" in 1999.

He served on numerous boards in the community, some of which were: Basileus of Beta Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Fraternity, Executive Board of Kairos International Prison Ministry, the Kairos Horizon Board and the Mississippi Executive Committee of Kairos. Renewed Life Ministries, a non-profit corporation (2000-2005), was started from his prison ministry involvement, to help paroled inmates rehabilitate before re-entering their communities. He served as treasurer of the Central Mississippi 9th and 10th (Horse) Calvary Association, known as the "Buffalo Soldiers."

Dr. Powell and his wife were major owners of S&R Enterprises, small business investments from 1991-2000; Port Gibson Electric Manufacturing Corp. a dedicated supplier for GM Packard Electric from 1981-1990; and Amerimac Manufacturing Corporation with his son, Steven, which manufactured precision machined parts from 1998-2005.

His business associations included charter member of National Business League, Executive Committee of the Central Mississippi Planning & Development District, Board of Directors and president of State Mutual Federal Savings & Loan Association, and president of

Local Development Corporation of Central Mississippi.

He and his wife operated a tree farm in Simpson County until his death. He had served on the Board of Directors for the Simpson County Forestry Association and the Hinds County Forestry Association.

He loved to hunt, fish and landscape his yard. In later years, he began to learn to play golf with the help of friends, Atty. Eddie Tucker and Dr. Richard Middleton. He loved doing all kinds of activities with his family, which were numerous, especially cookouts on most holidays.

The family is especially indebted to Dr. Robert Smith for his services over the years in times of good health and later in times of illness of our loved one. We especially thank the Heart of Hospice team for their dedicated services over the many months and especially Kannetha "KK" Jones, Rebecca Luckett, Cheatham Stanton, Amber Munden and Janice Minor, as well as the staff of Home Instead Senior Services: Brenda Branson, Sherrie Scott and Phyllis Thomas.

D. Powell is survived by his wife Sondra Joan Custard Powell; daughter Sondra Elaine Powell of Terry, MS; sons Roland Powell, Jr. (Addie) of Byram, MS, Attorney Thomas Powell, Sr. of Jackson, MS, Colonel (Ret) David Powell, DVM (Carmen) of Terry, MS and Steven Devon Powell (Tina) of Byram, MS; 15 grandchildren Julian Taylor (Felicia) of East Pointe, MI, David Powell, Jr. of Boynton Beach, FL, Stephani Powell Morehead (Travis) of Orange Park, FL, Thomas Powell Jr. and Phillip Powell of Columbus, OH, Alexandria Powll of Jackson, MS, Denise Elaine Powell and Roland Powell III of Pearl, MS, Jacoby Ray of Lexington, KY, Warren Powell of Jackson, MS, Jillian Powell, Jocelyn Powell of Lexington, KY, Corrina Powell of Kissimmee, FL, Maricarmen Powell of Terry, MS and Sterling Powell of Houston, TX; 3 great grandchildren Davis, Verity and Maverick; sister Jean Powell Ficklin of Newark, CA.

He is also survived by his aunt Ruth Powell Hobbs (104) of Ridgeland, MS; nieces Darlene W. Green (Joe) of Union City, CA; Janice Wilkinson of Newark, CA; Venita Powell Howard (Kenneth) of Jackson, MS, Shearil Ulmer of Raleigh, MS, Ria Thomas Conerly of Gulfport, MS; nephews John Wilkinson of Antioch, CA and Arnold Ricard of Hayward CA; several great nieces and nephews; cousins Falvia Roberts (Chuck) of Ridgeland, MS, Ramona Jackson of Las Vegas, CA, Esther Sherrod Watkins of Encino, CA, Betty Blackburn of Baton Rouge, LA, Mildred Blackburn Jennings (Bennie) and A B Blackburn of Hermanville, MS, Joseph Powell (Janie) and Cora Powell Young of Jackson, MS, Charles Powell and Family of Crystal Springs, MS, Sheila Thomas, Edward and Marian Thomas of Detroit, MI; Cynthia Wright Ellis of Los Angeles, CA; numerous other cousins, other relatives and friends.

The family requests that contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association in memory of Dr. Roland H. Powell Sr. (Online: alz.org or Alzheimer's Association National Office; 225 N. Michigan Avenue, Floor 17; Chicago, IL 60601)

Public viewing for Dr. Powell began at 12 p.m. Friday, April 5, 2019 with the family hour beginning at 6 p.m. at Peoples Funeral Home, 886 North Farish Street, Jackson, MS 39202.

Funeral services was held Saturday, April 6, 2019 at 10 a.m. at Holy Ghost Catholic Church, Jackson, MS 39202 with internment at Autumn Woods Memorial Gardens on West Northside Drive, Jackson, MS 39213.

## John E. Brown

*February 14, 1920 - April 5, 2019*



A Time to Be Born: John E. Brown, affectionately known as "Durr or "Erby" was born February 14, 1920 to the late John and Bessie Sherrill Brown. He was the 6th of 15 children born to this union.

A Time to Seed: The seeds of his life were planted in Farmhaven, MS and Chicago, IL. He was educated in the Madison County public school system.

A Time to Serve: In 1942-45, John served in the U.S. Army, was assigned to Company G 92nd Engineers, and was in Italy during WWII. In 1949, he received his welding certification. Many years later, he retired from NATICO in Chicago, IL. In 1986, he completed the State Fire Academy as a Madison County Volunteer firefighter.

A Time to Love: John married Dorothy Luckett in 1947; they had five children. He

married Azzie Lee Adams in 1965; they had one son.

A Time for Joy: John accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior in 1946. He was a member of Church of God while in Chicago, IL and Crossroads Church of God in Farmhaven, MS. He was a trustee at Crossroads and sang in the choir.

Along with his brothers, John was a neighborhood "handy man" and building contractor for many years. John responded to plumbing, electrical, heating and general building requests around the clock. He charged less than minimal wages for services performed. He said his ministry was to help people. He had an open door policy in his home and all were welcomed.

A Time to Leave: On Friday, April 5, 2019, after an extended illness, John moved to his holy home. His earthly reward was exemplified through a praiseworthy and glorious life, and an abundant love for his family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, one daughter (Linda Brown Durr), 3 brothers and 7 sisters.

A Time to Remember: John is survived by his beloved children: Dr. Robert E. Brown (Wanda) of Saint Johns, FL, Peggy A. Craig (Canton, MS), Ronnie E. Brown (Chicago, IL), Randall L. Brown (Canton, MS), Michael Brown (Alma) of Louisville MS; son-in-law Raphael Durr III (Sacramento, CA); 12 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild; two brothers Jones Brown (Ada) and Leo Brown (Canton, MS), two sisters Estelle Williams (Jerome) of St. Louis, MO and Bessie Word of Chicago, IL; eight other in-laws; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, a plethora of dear friends and a special friend and caregiver Malcolm Dupree (Canton, MS).

## Rev. Edward Hightower



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# JPS hosts Microsoft Education training for IT and Ed Tech pros

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A team from Microsoft Education conducted sessions for school IT and education technology professionals April 3. Two sessions in the series, “EDU Tech Chats: Elevate Students,” were held simultaneously in the school board meeting room. The sessions covered device management and security and integrating technology in the classroom. Microsoft and CDWG partnered to present these sessions that drew participation from school districts across the state as well as within JPS.

The Management and Security training was designed to help IT departments manage and deploy Windows 10 devices in schools while protecting student information and preserving the integrity of the network. The classroom integration session, titled Stop, Collaborate and Inclusion, was presented to technology facilitators as a hands-on workshop. Participants explored applications that foster student and educator collaboration, accessibility tools to empower personalized learning and ways to spark students’ enthusiasm for STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) lessons.

“The sessions were educational and informative,” said JPS technology analyst William Terrell. “It was a real learning experience for technology.”

Anticipating a change in the way schools teach, learn and collaborate, Microsoft and CDWG, seek to help schools adapt their instructional environments. Microsoft Education envisions classrooms with technology-enriched learning experiences that improve student outcomes.

The program promotes inclusive, connected classrooms and offers devices, applications and other resources to ensure the security of the district’s technology framework. The idea is



Technology professionals from JPS and school districts across the state participated in job-specific Microsoft Education sessions on April 3.

that consistent access to devices and applications like Office 365 and Minecraft: Education Edition will cultivate curiosity and creativity in students.

The projected outcomes of schools transformed by device access and personalized learning tools include:

- Students’ reading and language skills increase as their interest in and excitement about learning continues at all levels.
- Teachers are better able to stay

organized, find and share content and monitor student progress.

For IT staff, device and user management becomes easier to manage and more affordable.

In partnering with Microsoft and CDWG to roll out Microsoft Education, the district’s Information Technology and Instructional Technology staffs are paving the way for transformational learning to take place in every JPS classroom.

# Mountain Dew challenges Walton fourth graders to multiplication challenge



Walton Elementary fourth graders take on employees of Mountain Dew for the partnership’s annual Multiplication Challenge.

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The “Are You Smarter Than Mountain Dew?” Multiplication Challenge was held at Walton Elementary School recently. Fourth-grade students challenged the team from Mountain Dew/Brown Bottling Group to a rapid-response math quiz. Once again, the fourth graders from Walton were victorious.

Eddie Graham, a former educator at the school, returned to serve as moderator.

The competition is serious fun for the students and the employees from Mountain Dew.

The program is designed to help students get ready for annual testing and develop their interest in mathematics. It also eases tension associated with taking the tests.

Mountain Dew/Brown Bottling Group has been an adopter of Walton for more than 20 years. Former owner Ken Brown initiated the partnership in 1987.

# JPS seeking parent and student feedback on needs assessment survey



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Jackson Public Schools is seeking the feedback of parents and students on the Comprehensive Needs Assessment.

Your participation will help us as we examine current practices and plan for the future in our district. Your voice is important to us. Your input is not only welcomed but will be much appreciated.

The submission deadline for both surveys is May 3.

**Parent Survey**

Districts and schools use parent involvement surveys to gather parents’ perspectives on their school’s parent involvement practices. This data will be used to inform the district or school about meaningful ways to engage parents that will impact the success of children.

**Student Survey**

The purpose of the Student Needs Assessment is to identify your campus’ educational strengths and the areas that need improvement. This survey will help your school and the district to prioritize the areas that most affect student achievement and guide the development of your campus improvement plan.

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# Hinds CC names Hinds Heroes for Spring 2019

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The Spring 2019 group of honorees in the Hinds Heroes employee recognition program have been named. Hinds Heroes are chosen because they represent the college well, provide exceptional customer service to all its customers and consistently promote the Hinds mission of service. Heroes selected receive a lapel pin, a token of appreciation and one free day off work.

In alphabetical order, this semester's honorees are:

- Curtis Wade Alexander, of Wesson, carpentry instructor at the Raymond Campus. His duties included being an instructor in the program. He was at Hinds for 23 years. He died Dec. 11, 2018.

- Bob Bairrington, of Utica, plant technician for the Maintenance Department at the Raymond Campus. His duties include work orders and small construction projects throughout the district, including building walls, hanging pictures, building decks, installing new acoustic ceiling, fixing furniture and installing new flooring. He has been with Hinds full-time for eight years and 18 overall, including as a contractor.

- Tammi Bowles, of Raymond, public relations/photography assistant in the Public Relations Department on the Raymond Campus. Her duties include the departmental budget, photography, photo editing, research of college archives and numerous other duties as assigned.

- LaTonya Bullie, of Madison, administrative secretary for the Jackson Campus-Nursing Allied Health Center. Her duties include managing budgets, generating reports, purchasing, providing office support, coordinating meeting and conferences, travel, entering courses for all 12 programs offered at the center and serving on college committees as assigned. She has been with Hinds for five years.

- Tela Erves, of Vicksburg, testing coordinator for the Vicksburg-Warren Campus. Her duties include coordinating an array of testing procedures for students and industry partners. She has been with Hinds for five years.

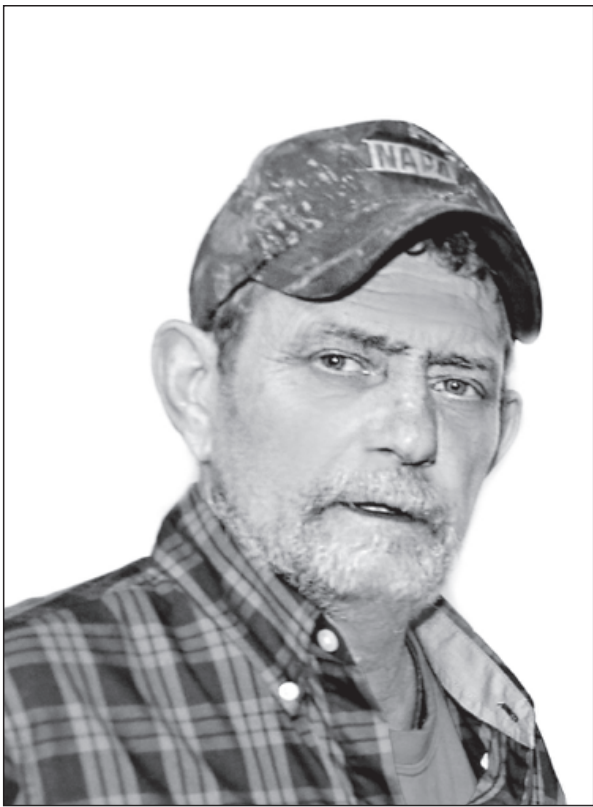
- Haley Hartfield, of Brandon, director of the Muse Center on the Rankin Campus. Her duties include managing the daily operations of the Muse Center, including reservations, event setup, facility staff and client services. She has been with Hinds for eight years.

- Dr. Leroy Levy, of Canton, dean for the Jackson Campus-Academic/Technical Center. His duties include the daily operations of the campus. He has been with Hinds for 25 years.

- Dr. Libby Mahaffey, of Raymond, dean for the Jackson Campus-Nursing/Allied Health Center and district dean of Health Services. Her duties include administrative oversight for Health Science programs and the Nursing/Allied Health Center. She has been with Hinds 37 years.

- Jason Pope, of Madison, director of the Office of Sustainability on the Raymond Campus. His duties include oversight of the office's initiatives, which include energy conservation, recycling, waste management, space utilization and being an adjunct instructor in the Business Administration and Business Office Technology programs. He has been with Hinds 14 years.

- Annie Smith, of Clinton, purchasing and travel specialist in the Purchasing Department on the Raymond Campus. Her duties include assisting with daily operations of the district purchasing travel operation and clerical functions in the office. She has been with Hinds for



**Curtis Wade Alexander**



**Bob Bairrington**



**Tammi Bowles**



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**Tela Erves**



**Haley Hartfield**



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**Dr. Leroy Levy**



**Jason Pope**



**Annie Smith**



**Timothy White**



**Joyce Woodhouse**

seven years.

- Timothy White, of Raymond, instructor in the Electrical Technology program on the Raymond Campus. His duties

include instructing and training students to become certified with the National Center for Construction Education and Research, as well as teaching

best practices as per the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. He has been with Hinds for four years.

- Joyce Woodhouse, of Ed-

wards, Title III administrative assistant and events coordinator for the Utica Campus. Her duties include clerical functions at various departmental meetings,

including taking minutes and scheduling the meetings, coordinating departmental events. She has been with Hinds for 10 years.





# MADDRAMA walks away with top honors at national drama and speech competition

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MADDRAMA recently competed at the 2019 National Association of Dramatic and Speech Arts Conference in Baltimore, Maryland (April 2-6) where they walked away with first and second place honors in every competitive category entered.

“We won more awards than any other school in attendance. Thank you to a committed group of students and an even more committed faculty; Prince Duren, Dr. Nadia Bodie-Smith and James Pettis,” said Dr. Mark Henderson, associate professor of speech and theatre and founder of MADDRAMA.

Over five days, students attended workshops that covered everything from acting, narration and the arts, while competing in various categories such as oral interpretation, persuasive speaking and duo acting.

Prince Duren, director of the Department of Speech and Theatre, shared that he especially enjoyed the artistic excellence presented during the competition portion of the conference.

“The art that’s being done at various institutions is a testament to the hard work of theatre faculty, administration support and dedication of the students. It was pure catharsis seeing all these elements come together for an unforgettable experience,” said Duren.

“I realized that acting is something I want to do for the rest of my life. Initially, I was on the fence. I thought it was fun but unsure if it was a sustainable career,” she explained.

Further confirmation came for DeShadrian Hopkins when she battled through an unexpected bout of acute laryngitis to win first place in the Oral Interpretation of Poetry category for her performance of the poem, “I’m Not Giving My Black Back.”

Hopkins shared that she was both enraged and embarrassed by her unexpected circumstances. However,



MADDRAMA performance troupe took home more awards than any other school at this year’s National Association of Dramatic and Speech Arts Conference. Dr. Nadia Bodie-Smith, associate professor and coordinator in theatre studies, said: “To Be in the company of other theatre practitioners, especially those from our sister HBCUs was refreshing. Not only did our students get to network with professionals in the field, but they also were afforded the opportunity to build relationships with other students who share their passion for the arts.” PHOTO SPECIAL TO JSU

she said the support she received from Henderson and Bodie-Smith gave her the courage to perform.

“It was not about me. ‘I’m Not Giving My Black Back’ is a poem that reveals that the blackness and the power that we have comes from other black people, so I realized it wasn’t about me. I needed to tell the story,” she said.

The senior, who recently accepted a summer internship with the Hatti Loo Theatre in Memphis, Tennessee, admits she was floored when they announced her name as the first place winner.

“It was an array of emotions for me. I was definitely crying. This is what further led me to believe that this what I’m supposed to be doing,” she said.

- Please see the following list of awards received by MADDRMA:
- Superior Rating** - Play Festival-Livin’ Fat
  - Superior Rating** - Persuasive Speaking- Clement Gibson
  - Superior Rating** - Oral Interpretation of Poetry- DeShadrian Hopkins
  - Excellent Rating** - Reader’s Theatre
  - Excellent Rating** - Oral Interpretation of Prose-Jaquan Walker
  - Excellent Rating** - Dramatic Monologue-Shameelah Abdullah
  - Excellent Rating** - Duo Acting-ParKer DeLoach and Michael Barber
  - Excellent Rating** - Playwriting-Clement Gibson
  - All-Star Cast Recipients** - Mikey Taylor and Denzel Fort.



Despite acute laryngitis, DeShadrian Hopkins, a senior, took first place for her oral interpretation of the poem, “I’m Not Giving My Black Back.” Hopkins, senior speech communication major with a concentration in theatre, described the conference as affirmation that she can excel in acting. After taking a two-year break from school, Hopkins said she returned to the HBCU with a new perspective.

## COB students secure top spots: National HBCU Stock Market Challenge

By LaToya Hentz-Moore  
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The National HBCU Stock Market Challenge and Financial Literacy Campaign is an educational and competitive event designed to help educate students in the areas of financial literacy as well as savings and investing.

The challenge is sponsored by the National HBCU Business Deans Roundtable and Harris Stowe State University, in conjunction with Stock-Trak, Inc., Rise Display and FactSet.

Dr. Sheila Porterfield, interim dean for the College of Business says, “As a member of the HBCU Business Dean’s Roundtable, I was extremely enthused and highly motivated to ensure that our students had the opportunity to participate in the National HBCU Stock Market Challenge this year.”

In October, each student participating in the challenge was given a virtual \$100,000 to create a stock portfolio. Additionally, they were required to complete 20 financial literacy lessons with topics including banking, budgeting, building credit, managing debt, savings, investing, insurance, taxes and retirement.

College of Business student Thay Montgomery earned second place among his peers from FactSet. The company will provide Montgomery with a pre-interview coaching and a fast track final round interview for full-time employment with FactSet post-grad-



Pictured from (Left to Right): Janice May, Thay Montgomery, Dr. Sheila Porterfield, interim dean for the College of Business, Cordarius Robinson and Larry Day, visiting instructor for Finance

uation.

“The experience from participating in this challenge was great and I think what I liked the most about the challenge was that it gave us a real experience in real time investing,” says Montgomery.

“When it comes to investing, it is an emotional roller coaster for those who do not understand the market. This contest takes the emotions out of it and can really open the eyes of people to how investing works and from there, they can apply it to their everyday life.”

COB students Janice May and Cordarius Robinson also finished among the top 20 competitors.

“Since entering this challenge, I am much more conscious about the stock market now than I have ever been,” says May. “Most importantly,

I have met a lot of great students from other schools that are also participating in the National HBCU Stock Market Challenge and we have formed lasting relationships.”

“For a beginner in the stock market, I think I did pretty well,” says Robinson. “This contest served as a learning tool for myself as I gained more overall knowledge regarding the stock market. This experience was an overall success and I had a great time participating.”

“I am pleased to say that several of our students participated in the challenge and were excited about their involvement in the project,” says Porterfield. “At one point, six of our student participants were competing among the top 30. Even more, one of our students secured second place

## JSU compete for championship title at 30th Annual Honda Campus All-Star Challenge (HCASC)

By LaToya Hentz-Moore  
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After winning a series of regional competitions, Jackson State is one of 48 schools that vied for the championship title at the 30th annual Honda Campus All-Star Challenge (HCASC), America’s premier academic competition for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

The HCASC National Championship Tournament was held April 13-17 on the American Honda campus in Torrance, California.

Jackson State University had the opportunity to win the HCASC top prize – a \$75,000 institutional grant from Honda.

Led by team coach Joshua Cotton, Jackson State was represented by Justin Clarke, a junior majoring in accounting from Memphis, TN; Kaitlin Alease Littleberry, a sophomore majoring in political science from Bakersfield, CA; Aaron Wilson Ridley, a freshman majoring in accounting from Memphis, TN and Gamica Theresa Norwood, a junior majoring in math education from Gary, IN.

“I was excited to participate in the HCASC with our students,” says Cotton. “My focus was to assist them with developing their own motivations. I wanted them to know they are in charge of their future and their efforts will determine their success.”

The fast-paced buzzer competition highlighted students’

academic prowess and ability to answer questions about history, science, literature, religion, the arts and pop culture.

“This was the first championship tournament for three of our team members so there was definitely some pressure to do well but it helped to know that Jackson State is behind us all the way,” says Cotton.

The HCASC is a year-round program that centers on academic excellence, community service, leadership, networking opportunities and mentorship.

Since 1989, Honda Campus All-Star Challenge, one of Honda’s longest running philanthropic initiatives in the United States, has celebrated and recognized the academic talents of HBCU students. More than \$9 million in grants from Honda have provided support for scholarships, facility upgrades and other investments to improve the student experience at HBCUs.

“For 30 years, Honda Campus All-Star Challenge has provided a platform for the nation’s top HBCU students to advance their dreams,” said Steve Morikawa, vice president of Corporate Relations and Social Responsibility at American Honda. “Honda congratulates the ‘Great 48’ for their incredible work ethic, teamwork and competitive spirit.”

The 2019 HCASC finals were live-streamed Tuesday, April 16 at 12 p.m. eastern standard time.

For more information visit [www.HCASC.com](http://www.HCASC.com).



# Crime victims, advocates awarded at annual ceremony

## The Mississippi Link Newswire

As the nation continues to recognize National Crime Victims' Rights Week, Attorney General Jim Hood was joined by other victims' rights leaders Tuesday in presenting four awards honoring Mississippi crime victims and those who are advocates for victims in our state.

The awards were presented at the annual Mississippi's Crime Victims' Rights Awards Ceremony, which held the theme "Honoring our Past: Creating Hope for our Future."

The Attorney General's Crime Victim Compensation Division presented the following award:

- Distinguished Service Award: Brenda Hendricks, billing specialist II, University of Mississippi Medical Center. Brenda was recognized for her diligence in providing the division with billing documentation essential to processing the requests for medical expenses from victims of violent crimes.

The Mississippi Coalition for Survivors of Homicide presented the following 2019 Amy Clayton Awards:

- The Amy Clayton Justice Achievement Award: Investigator Bill Lott, Lieutenant, Starkville Police Department. Lott was recognized with this award for his tireless dedication in solving the 1990 "Labor Day" murders of Betty Jones and Kathryn Crigler, whose killer was finally identified and arrested in 2018 after testing the DNA of more than 60 people.

- The Amy Clayton Victim



AG Jim Hood, Brenda Hendricks, Billing Specialist II, University of Mississippi Medical Center



Danny and Lisa Mann, volunteers for the Mississippi Coalition for Survivors of Homicide



Image of Resilience Survivor Award Shavonne Osborne



Investigator Bill Lott, Lieutenant, Starkville Police Department



Joy Jones, Bureau Director I, VAWA Administrator, Office Against Interpersonal Violence



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Service Award: Joy Jones, Bureau director I, VAWA administrator, Office Against Interpersonal Violence. Jones was recognized for her many years of exceptional work in assisting victims of violent crime. Victim advocacy has been Jones' chosen profession since 2001, where she has served in many different capacities such as grant coordinator and shelter director for Care Lodge in Meridian, deputy director of the Crime Victim Compensation Division with the Mississippi Office of the Attorney General, volunteer for the Mississippi Coalition for

Survivors of Homicide and Violence Against Women Act grant administrator for the Mississippi Department of Health, Office Against Interpersonal Violence.

- The Amy Clayton Volunteer Award: Danny and Lisa Mann, volunteers for the Mississippi Coalition for Survivors of Homicide. After the murder of her father in 1989, Lisa and her husband, Danny Mann, began volunteering at Shafer Center for Crisis Intervention in Hattiesburg, Mississippi and the Mississippi Coalition for Survivors of Homicide. Lisa is now a full time employee of the Sha-

fer Center, coordinating their efforts for victims of homicide, and both she and Danny continue to use the insight they have gained from their personal experience as homicide survivors to bring awareness to victim issues and provide supportive services to victims of violent crime.

Paula Granger, Training and Technical Assistance Coordinator of the Mississippi Coalition Against Domestic Violence, presented the following award:

- Image of Resilience Survivor Award: Shavonne Osborne. Shavonne is a survivor of do-

mestic violence who has used that negative situation to give a voice to the voiceless by helping other victims through her volunteerism with domestic violence organizations.

"I speak for many in the attorney general's office in saying how thankful I am for each of these award recipients for using their time and talents to assist victims of crime in our state," Hood said.

"One of my proudest efforts during my time as attorney general has been helping victims and making sure our office is staffed with and collaborates

with people who truly care about someone in their darkest moment. I'm incredibly appreciative of the hard working staff in our office's Bureau of Victim Assistance who spend each day doing whatever they can to make sure victims receive the financial assistance and direct services needed during the aftermath of a violent crime."

The Crime Victim Compensation Program, administered by the Attorney General's Bureau of Victim Assistance, reimburses eligible crime victims or next-of-kin for crime related expenses not covered by other sources, such as insurance.

This past fiscal year, the program distributed more than \$2.5 million to 999 Mississippi victims of crime who were in need of financial support due to injuries related to the criminal acts perpetrated against them.

Eligible applicants may receive compensation for medical treatment, mental health services, funeral costs and several other types of expenses. The maximum amount distributed per crime is \$20,000.

This year's ceremony was made possible through partnerships with the Mississippi Department of Corrections, Mississippi Coalition for Survivors of Homicide and Mississippi Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

For more information on the services provided by the Bureau of Victim Assistance, call 800 829-6766 or 601 359-6766 or visit [www.agjimhood.com](http://www.agjimhood.com)

## MDEQ awards Solid Waste Assistance grant to Hinds County

### Mississippi Link Newswire

The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) awarded Hinds County a solid waste assistance grant of \$22,049 that will be used by the county for their unauthorized dumpsite cleanup program.

"The Solid Waste Assistance Grants support a variety of useful solid waste management activities for cities and counties, and

this grant will assist Hinds County's efforts in improving their management of solid waste," said Gary Rikard, MDEQ executive director.

Cities and counties may apply for solid waste assistance grants through the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality. These grants are used by local communities for programs to prevent and clean up unauthor-

ized dumps; to aid in hiring local solid waste enforcement officers; for public education efforts on solid waste disposal and recycling; and to establish programs for the collection of white goods, bulky wastes and recyclables.

Information about this grant program and other initiatives is available at [www.mdeq.ms.gov/solid-waste-management-programs](http://www.mdeq.ms.gov/solid-waste-management-programs).

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\$125,000 to Community Students Learning Center located in Lexington, Mississippi.

These funds will provide direct assistance to individuals who feel they have been discriminated against while attempting to purchase or rent

housing.

FHIP also has initiatives that promote fair housing laws and equal housing opportunity awareness.

For additional information contact Beulah Greer at 662-834-0905.



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bers in southern and western Mississippi.

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# Suspect in black church burnings influenced by music sometimes tied to hate, police say

By Michael Edison Hayden  
*TriceEdneyWire.com*

Holden Matthews, the 21-year-old man accused of burning three historically black churches in Louisiana, was influenced by “black metal,” police say – a music genre sometimes tied to organized hate. Matthews engaged in a conversation about Varg Vikernes on Facebook. Vikernes is a musician who is linked intimately to National Socialist Black Metal (NSBM).

NSBM is a subgenre within black metal that is explicitly racist and fascist in nature. Vikernes, who is Norwegian and founded the band Burzum, burned down three historically significant churches in his homeland during the 1990s. He also murdered a guitarist for the black metal band Mayhem.

From prison, Vikernes expressed views closely aligned with neo-Nazism, even though he objected to that term.

Anders Breivik, the Norwegian far-right terrorist who murdered 77 people including children during a 2011 rampage, mailed Vikernes his manifesto before his arrest. In a 2012 blog post, Vikernes took issue with Breivik’s methods and wrote that Breivik should kill himself, and argued there were more constructive ways to deal with “internationalists lead [sic] by their Jewish masters.”

Matthews, the son of a Louisiana



Matthews

sheriff’s deputy, is in St. Landry Parish jail. He’s charged with three counts of simple arson of a religious building. The churches Matthews allegedly burned were the St. Mary Baptist Church in Port Barre, the Greater Union Baptist Church in Opelousas and the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Opelousas.

The fires occurred March 26, April 2, and April 4. It is unclear if Matthews chose the churches because of their connection to the black commu-

nity.

Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards told the media that Matthews’ motive was unknown and described the church burnings as “evil acts.”

Metal music may have played a role in inspiring Matthews, who on Facebook praised the 2018 film *Lords of Chaos*, a fictionalized retelling of Vikernes’ crimes in the Norway black metal scene in the ‘90s. The film’s director is Jonas Åkerlund, a former drummer of the seminal Swedish black metal band Bathory.

The film was inspired by the book *Lords of Chaos: The Bloody Rise of the Satanic Metal Underground*, which was co-written by Michael Moynihan. Moynihan edited together the collected writings of neo-Nazi James Mason for the book *Siege* in 1993. *Siege* has become influential with more terroristic corners of the racist right in recent years, and the words “Read SIEGE” are sometimes used as a rallying cry by extremists on social media.

Atomwaffen Division (AWD), a neo-Nazi group linked to five murders since 2017, has members who are connected to the black metal scene. John Denton, who goes by the name “Rape,” once served as a leader of the group, and was spotted last April throwing up a Hitler salute at the Houston concert for the black metal band Horna.

Denton also has been photographed

wearing a T-shirt of Burzum, Vikernes’ band. Horna, who has ties to the NSBM scene, was forced to cancel or move shows on its current U.S. tour due to protests from antiracist activists.

## Incidents of arson linked to NSBM

While NSBM is far from the most visible strand of black metal (the genre also features contemporary bands that are explicitly antiracist and antifascist) – the specific subgenre has been tied to racist crimes and acts of arson in the past. Brian Moudry, a man from Illinois who was linked to the NSBM scene, was sentenced to 10 years in prison in 2013 for setting fire to the home of his black neighbors.

Maurice Thompson Michaely pleaded guilty in that same year to attempting to burn a historically black church in Virginia. Michaely is a member of a neo-Völkisch group called the Wolves of Vinland (WoV). Members of WoV, including one of its founders, have expressed affinity for bands or played in bands connected to or close to the hate metal scene, including NSBM.

A black metal drummer was charged April 2 with burning down two Mormon churches in New Zealand, a country that is still reeling from a domestic terror attack that claimed the lives of 50 Muslim worshippers last month. The drummer, Jacob Lowenstein, played for the band Ignyi.

It’s unclear if he or his band have any ideological motivations beyond making music.

## Trend of recent incidents impacting the Black community

The southeast pocket of the U.S. has seen a smattering of incidents that have either targeted or impacted the black community in recent weeks. Nancy Rushton McCorkle, 50, and Ryan Francis Barnett, 31, were arrested April 8 in connection with vandalizing the University of North Carolina’s *Unsung Founders Memorial* March 31. The pair are accused of defacing the memorial, a dedication to slaves and black workers, with permanent marker and urine.

Hatewatch reported April 2 about a white supremacist symbol that was left at the scene of a fire. The fire destroyed the offices of the Highlander Research and Education Center in Tennessee March 29, according to neighbors. The Highlander Center is a civil rights institution which once hosted Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks. The symbol, which has been popularized by figures in the “alt-right” movement, stems from a 20th century Romanian group called the Iron Guard that perpetrated gruesome mass killings of Jews in the 1940s.

Police are investigating the source of the blaze.

# After protests: D.C. music store wins against gentrification threat

*TriceEdneyWire.com*

The first implication that something wasn’t quite right on the corner of Florida Avenue and 7th Street N.W. was the eerie silence that punctuated the ordinarily bustling corner in a rapidly gentrifying neighborhood in Northwest Washington.

The second indication came in a tweet.

“I’m not a fan of gogo, but the dudes down at Metro PCS on Georgia have stopped playing their music. Apparently, the new [white] neighbors were complaining about the “noise,”” Howard University student Julien Broomfield wrote on Twitter along with the hashtag #DontMuteDC April 7.

The MetroPCS store in Shaw had gone silent and, according to its owner, had been ordered to stop playing go-go music outside of the store or face lawsuits.

Owner Donald Campbell’s store offers phone services and also plays and sells go-go music – the booming, percussive sound native to D.C. – since opening 24 years ago. He says traffic to his store has been steady through the years.

DCists reported that the Campbell said the report came from a resident who lives in the luxury apartment development, The Shay, that opened in 2015. The building, built by JBG Smith and now owned by Gates Hudson, offers luxury apartments and retail spaces.

“There really hasn’t been a significant change up until they began bothering us about the speakers, but I guess they want to dictate what we can and cannot play,” Campbell explained. “That’s the biggest thing I’ve seen mostly.”

The concierge who answered the phone April 8 said, “No thank you. We’re not going to be able to answer any of your questions,” in response to questioning.

Moments before, the building released a statement on Facebook.



DC residents express outrage after newcomers attempt to stop music store from playing historic music heard in Shaw neighborhood near Howard University. PHOTO: SCREENSHOT HU NEWS SERVICE VIDEO BY VICTORIA M. WALKER

“I can only imagine how native D.C. residents feel.”

When Broomfield, a Howard University senior, realized she could no longer hear the go-go music playing from the store, she took to social media. “I’ve only been here five years, I can only imagine how native D.C. residents feel,” she said addressing her reason for tweeting.

Her original Twitter thread gained public attention from media outlets, citizens and D.C. councilmembers. Her thread also sparked a series of protests starting with one April 9 led by Kymone Freeman, co-founder of We Act Radio. Freeman said he was inspired to organize the rally because he feels this is bigger than just the music.

“What we’re addressing here today is that gentrification is indeed cultural genocide. Them taking that speaker may be a small thing to some people, but it’s actually a very large piece in a big puzzle,” he said.

Reaction to the news of the silencing of the MetroPCS store reverberated quickly through D.C. and the country. By April 8, #DontMuteDC was trending in the district. Protesters demonstrated in the parking lot across from the MetroPCS for days, playing go-go music. A larger demonstration on 14th Street NW April 9 brought out

D.C. celebrities such as Wale, whose early music drew inspiration from go-go. Mayor Muriel Bowser (D) and Ward 1 Councilwoman Brianne Nadeau wrote to T-Mobile, which owns MetroPCS.

## ‘She Has Arrived:’ Gentrification in Shaw

The noise complaints highlight ongoing, and for some, painful changes in the neighborhood. And The Shay, the apartment building Campbell said complaints stemmed from, rests squarely in the middle.

The apartment is located on what used to be a flea market where neighborhood residents gathered and sold goods. Today, apartments in the building can cost as much as \$3,200 a month. Just 19 units in both buildings at the Shay are designated as affordable units.

The apartment building came under fire previously for advertising apartments with a billboard that featured a white woman gazing down on the neighborhood – seemingly at residents who couldn’t afford to live there even if they wanted to – proclaiming “she has arrived.”

As the city grows, the district has experienced the highest “intensity of gentrification” of any city in the nation, according to a study by the National Community Reinvestment Coal-

tion. The study also found that 20,000 African-American residents were displaced from the city between 2000 and 2013. According to the *Washington Post*, Shaw’s demographics shifted from 70 percent black in 1970 to just 30 percent in 2010.

Just blocks away from the store on U Street lies what was once known as “Black Broadway,” where pianist Duke Ellington and Dr. Charles Drew would congregate.

“[Segregation] kept us all in the same community and patronizing our own businesses. We learned to produce and provide everything we needed, and because of that, the community flourished,” B. Doyle Mitchell Jr., whose grandfather founded Industrial Bank in 1934, told *Washingtonian* in 2017.

## The birth of go-go in D.C.

Shaw suffered extensive damage after the 1968 riots that racked the city following the death of Martin Luther King Jr. A report by the *Washington Post* said that businesses along the corridor where the MetroPCS is currently were hit heavily by the riots, with 200 of the 250 businesses in the area hit. Much of Black Broadway was also destroyed.

One block away from the store is, ironically, Chuck Brown Way – named after the

father of go-go music.

“Go-go is D.C.’s indigenous music,” Howard University professor Natalie Hopkinson, author of the 2012 book *Go-Go Live: The Musical Life and Death of the Chocolate City*, told *Complex* in 2017.

“It came about in the years after the Civil Rights Movement, when D.C. was devastated by the fires of the riots in 1968 that burned black communities. It’s the art form that emerged from the void created by white flight and black middle-class flight.”

Go-go, a percussive subgenre of music with roots in funk, has withstood the test of time. When the district was called the “murder capital” of the country, when crack cocaine flooded the streets, when “go-gos” were shut down throughout the city, one could count on Campbell’s store to play the music.

## ‘The music will go on’

Despite changing demographics in the city, go-go is still the official sound of black D.C., and the music does not seem to bother many of the other businesses surrounding the MetroPCS.

The manager at the CVS Pharmacy across the street, Betrece Jackson, says the store and their customers actually enjoy the music. “It doesn’t bother us over here at CVS; the customers



Neighborhood residents gather to protest against order for music store to stop playing popular music heard outside. Similar cultural battles are happening across the country due to gentrification. PHOTO: HU NEWS SERVICE VIDEO BY VICTORIA M. WALKER

actually love it.”

She also added, “The issue is the neighborhood is changing, and the new people that are coming into the neighborhood may be the ones that are complaining. The music is fine with me. D.C. is the city of go-go!”

Gabriela Briones, the business manager of HalfSmoke which is across the street, said, “This is directly impacting the community by removing a staple. Taking away their music is like taking the culture out of D.C. and removing it from Shaw’s history.”

The store has received support throughout the region.

“People are coming in here shaking our hands and waving at us. The people of D.C. have been very supportive. We’re appreciative,” Campbell says.

Even the CEO of T-Mobile weighed in.

“The music will go on, and our dealer will work with the neighbors to compromise volume,” John Legere said April 10 on Twitter.

“They’ve earned their right to play it,” Briones added. “Everyone knows Metro PCS is where you can hear the go-go music and even go get go-go CD’s. There was definitely a better way to handle this situation, especially if you’re trying to move into the city.”



# The cost of rebellion

PART 2

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



What happened at Kadeshbarner? Unbelief and rebellion got hold of the people of God. Because of that, everyone from twenty years old and up died in the wilderness, except Joshua and Caleb. They spent forty years, one year for each day that the spies searched out the land, wandering in the wilderness. They had stirred up the anger of God. He was so angry that He pronounced judgment and that judgment did not change. It happened exactly as God said it would. What did the Psalmist say would be the life of one who rebels? Psalm 107:9-13 reads: “For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hun-

gry soul with goodness. Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, being bound in affliction and iron; Because they rebelled against the words of God and contemned the counsel of the most High: Therefore he brought down their heart with labour; they fell down, and there was none to help. Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them out of their distresses.” God can help those who rebel. In the midst of your trouble, you need to cry to the Lord. Dear one, if you have rebellion in your heart, you need to have God deal with you in a special way. It is a terrible spirit. It will affect you in the house of God, at work, with your family and in all avenues of your life. What did the Psalmist mean when he said the people “con-

temned the counsel of the most high?” To condemn is “to abhor, to despise, to detest, to dislike, to hate, to loathe and to scorn.” Because they rejected the counsel that God sent, He brought down their hearts with labor. He brought down, their self-sufficiency, their self-complacency and their pride. They thought that they could do all right without God. They relied on their own resources and they were self-satisfied; however, God humbled them. How did God humble them? The Psalmist said He did it with labor, trouble, affliction, disappointment, reverses and sorrow. Deuteronomy 26:6-8 reads: “And the Egyptians evil entreated us, and afflicted us, and laid upon us hard bondage: And when we cried unto the LORD God of our fathers,

the LORD heard our voice, and looked on our affliction, and our labour, and our oppression: And the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great terribleness, and with signs, and with wonders.” Rebellion brings affliction, suffering, labor, distress and oppression. These were all things brought on by sin. Labor is a difficult or a tedious undertaking and oppression is a feeling of being heavily weighed down in mind or body. Next week – “A day of retribution is coming.” Rev. Simeon R. Green III is pastor of Joynes Road Church of God, 31 Joynes Road, Hampton VA 23669. He is a member of the National Association of Evangelism Church of God, Anderson, Ind.



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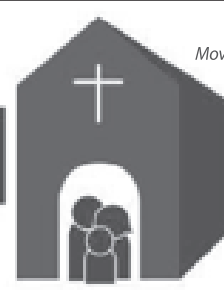
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# PRESERVED A prayerful resurrection

By Shewanda Riley  
Columnist



“I can’t believe I’m wide awake.” This was my thought recently as I found myself awake in the middle of the night. After slowly opening my eyes, I realized that I was wide awake once again very early in the morning. Because I was still a little tired, I hesitated looking at my alarm clock. I knew that it was early but I didn’t want to see how early it was just yet. I finally turned my head and squinted my eyes trying to make out the fuzzy blue numbers on the digital alarm clock. 3:07 a.m. was staring back at me. I groaned because I actually still had 1 full hour before I had to get ready for work.

at the end of the day, waking up with prayer is a big change. Even though I’m praying more frequently (morning and night), I notice one thing about those prayers. Sometimes, I’m not necessarily praying what I consider new prayers. I find myself repeating prayers about previously prayed about issues which goes against what I was taught years ago about prayer. The idea was that God hears the prayer the first time and to pray it again means that we didn’t mean it the first time. Right or wrong, I eventually got in the habit of praying “thank you for the manifestation” but not the original prayer. Now though, I’m starting to see that God urging me to repeat the prayer isn’t necessarily a sign that I prayed it “wrong” like James 4:3.” And even when you ask, you don’t get it because your motives are all wrong – you want only what will give you pleasure.” At first, I thought God was waking me up early so I could correct some “wrong” prayers. However, over time, I see that time as a peacefully refreshing time of fellowship with God. The repetition of prayer isn’t necessarily a sign that the prayer wasn’t prayed right the first time. Repeating the prayer could also be a reminder of the promise that God will answer the prayer and a sign that God wants to keep open the lines of communication. Shewanda Riley is a Dallas, Texas based author of “Love Hangover: Moving From Pain to Purpose After a Relationship Ends.” Email [preservedbypurpose@gmail.com](mailto:preservedbypurpose@gmail.com) or follow her on Twitter @shewanda.

I know God speaks to us and wants us to speak to him at all times of the day but I thought, “Can I just get a few more minutes of sleep and talk to you while I’m driving to work?” I’d been through this enough times to know that even expecting an answer to that was ridiculous and I was better off praying then trying to get back to sleep. These early morning prayer wake up calls seem to happen more during times when I’m fasting like Lent. The emphasis of Lent on personal sacrifice has made me see prayer less as a 10 minute “now I lay me down to sleep” ritual and more of a natural extension of who I am as a Christian. For me, in particular, prayer has become a more frequent part of my morning routine. Since I normally pray before I go to bed

## REIGNING ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Women’s Missionary Society of the Historic Farish Street Baptist Church** located at 619 North Farish Street will celebrate its 67th Annual Woman’s Day Program Sunday, April 28, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. Our theme is “Christian Women Serving in Faith.” The guest speaker will be Mary Coleman, executive director of the Woman’s Auxiliary of the General Missionary Baptist State Convention of Mississippi. For additional information, please contact Ivy Lovelady at 601.832-0289 or Juanita S. Brown at 601 918-5137.

**On Sunday, Apr. 28, 2019, St. Mark Church**, 1638 Clinton-Raymond Road, Clinton, MS, will have its 69th Year Church Anniversary, Homecoming Program and Fellowship Lunch at 10:15 a.m. Our guest speaker will be Wayne Moore of Mt. Olive M.B. Church of Bolton, MS. Everyone is invited. Willis Washington Jr. is pastor-teacher. For more information, please call 601 813-8704.

**Green Pastures Baptist Church**, 2239 Flag Chapel Road, invites you to share in our annual “Good Friday” services, which will be held April 19, 2019 at noon at the Green Pastures Church. The seven words from the cross will be spoken by Elder Joseph Pridgen; Dr. Hickman Johnson; Rev. Klaus Tate; Rev. Willie Tobias; Rev. Larry Young; Rev. John Johnson and Dr. Marion Talley. A blessing is in store for you.

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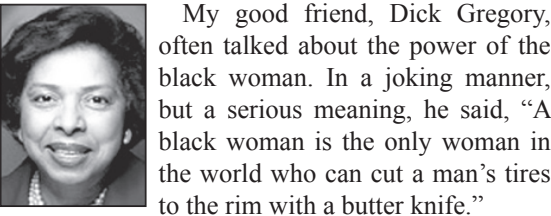
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# We must not be afraid

By E. Faye Williams  
Trice Edney Newswire



My good friend, Dick Gregory, often talked about the power of the black woman. In a joking manner, but a serious meaning, he said, “A black woman is the only woman in the world who can cut a man’s tires to the rim with a butter knife.”

He also said the two strongest forces in the nation are the black church and the black woman.

Despite all of our hardships, discrimination, disrespect by gangsta rappers and others, black women have shown the strength and the know-how to overcome whatever gets in our way. We jump through the hoops and accomplish what we set out to accomplish.

When white women received the right to vote with the support of black women, some were okay leaving us out. It took another 40 years through dangerous conditions and numerous efforts for us to vote. We’ve pushed our way to victory for not only black women, but for those who offered to support our issues when black women were not in the race. Sometimes we had to vote for the lesser of two evils. We always did what we had to do. Our efforts are beginning to pay off, but some are trying to diminish our strength.

In this last election, we played an important role in electing black women in a larger number than ever, and played an important role in the victories of others. A black woman is now facing threats on her life for saying far less damaging things than #45 says daily and he goes unpunished. I’ve faced my share of threats for speaking truth, but I’ve never backed down from saying what I believed to be right.

Now, we’re faced with threats against one of our sisters, Congresswoman Ilhan Omar. A Trump supporter boldly threatened to “put a bullet” through her skull. We must not be afraid to stand up for her. We don’t have to agree with everything she says to defend her right to speak. If we don’t stand with her, and other black women when they speak up on issues with which others agree, but are afraid to say so, when they come in the morning, it could be for any one of us. It’s tragic that so many for whom black women have done so much, leave the words of others unchallenged, but make only luke warm statements in support of Omar or criticize her for what she says.

You don’t have to agree with everything she says, but, she is our sister and we must speak up for her rights. The system tries to crush her today, but it could be any one of us tomorrow. Those of us who understand that are not afraid; those of us who’ve been through similar treatment, know how lonely it can be when even our friends are afraid to protect our rights.

What’s happening with Omar is one more effort to silence black women. Critics see the power we have. Twenty black women mayors in Louisiana – including the 3 largest cities, is an example of the power of black women. We have black women mayors in San Francisco, Washington, Baltimore, Rochester, Charlotte, Flint, Toledo, Atlanta and Chicago. There’re others, but you get the point. We have a black woman running strongly for president of the United States. We have many new black women in Congress, joining a strong group already there.

Think about what Sojourner, Harriet, Ida B, Fannie Lou, Shirley and others went through to bring us to where we are today. Let’s not lose the momentum by our silence that is interpreted as our consent when one of our sisters is attacked.

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# Find out how your state was graded on the NUL report cards for Education Equity Plans

By Marc H. Morial  
President and CEO  
National Urban League



*“This bill upholds the core value that animated the original Elementary and Secondary Education Act signed by President Lyndon Johnson – the value that says education, the key to economic opportunity, is a civil right. With this bill, we reaffirm that fundamental American ideal that every child, regardless of race, income, background, the zip code where they live, deserves the chance to make out of their lives what they will.” President Barack Obama, upon signing the Every Student Succeeds Act in 2015*

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the 2015 reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, establishes civil rights standards for educating students from historically underserved populations – like children of color, students with disabilities and those learning English as a second language – receive the resources they need.

Not every state is meeting its obligations, however.

The National Urban League reviewed the plans states are required to submit to the federal government, outlining how they will meet their commitments to ensure equity and excellence to every student and every community. We found that only nine state plans qualified as “Excellent.”

We reviewed plans in the 36 states and the District of Columbia where Urban League affiliates are located.

The review comes at an important time in our history. The landmark 2016 election marked a shift in conversations about race, socioeconomic status and the systemic impact of these social markers on the experiences of people across the nation. With Education at the forefront, advocates and stakeholders are looking critically at what states have committed to do for students and how they are going to do it.

The nine state plans identified as “Excellent” are Colorado, Ohio, New Jersey, New York, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Kentucky, Illinois and Rhode Island. These states are off

to a strong start making the most of opportunities to further advance equity with some areas for improvement and a small number of areas deserving urgent attention.

The eight state plans identified as “Poor” are Virginia, Florida, Arizona, Georgia, Missouri, Kansas, Michigan and California. These states missed opportunities to further advance equity in a majority of areas with several areas needing urgent attention.

The other 20 states, rated “Sufficient,” were adequately attentive to opportunities to further advance equity while missing several opportunities, all of which having a few areas deserving urgent attention.

The report cards are not meant as an or analysis of a state’s school system on the whole. Rather, they identify the extent to which states have addressed specific equity concerns, such as breaking the school-to-prison pipeline, expanding access to early childhood education, cultural competence training for staff and disparate per-pupil spending in their state plans.

For example, California – one of the states ranked “Poor” – makes

little mention in its plan of out-of-school time learning. It sets the number of students needed to form a student subgroup for federal reporting and accountability purposes unreasonably high. The definition it uses for “consistently underperforming schools” is not specific enough to identify any schools for additional support under the law.

On the other hand, Louisiana – one of the states ranked “Excellent” – has set a goal of 63.5 percent of students proficient in reading and 56.5 percent of students proficient in math by 2025. That’s double the current rates, and it has set the same long-term goals for each “subgroup” of underserved students. Louisiana is also tackling the school-to-prison pipeline, targeting schools with unusually high suspension rates for support and improvement.

These are just a few examples of what went into our evaluation of the plans.

You can check out each state’s detailed report card along with our policy recommendations for improving education equity at [www.naturbanleague.org](http://www.naturbanleague.org).

# Don’t mess with Max: Mnuchin madness

By Julianne Malveaux  
NNPA News Wire Columnist



Who does Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin think he is? Simmering in his putrid privilege, he seemed to think that he was in charge of the House Financial Services Committee. He was rude and rogue when he snapped back at Congresswoman Maxine Waters, the committee chair, because she checked him on his nonsense.

The hapless Mnuchin, forgot his place and was publicly and unacceptably disrespectful to Waters (D-CA), the chair of the House Financial Services Committee. Waters compelled his presence to testify and then summarily dismissed him (“you can leave if you want”) when he got testy and disrespectful with her.

Mnuchin is really above his Peter Principle as treasury secretary in any administration but 45’s. And those birds of a feather stick together because they share values and shady self-serving morals.

Mnuchin, who boldly requested government planes to facilitate his honeymoon, is taking his cues from the man who has turned the presidency into a profit center, operating government on a “pay-to-play” basis with possibly Russians and Saudis, and who knows who else.

No wonder Mnuchin won’t release 45’s taxes. No wonder he could not answer the direct questions of a congressional commit-

tee. No wonder he whined about being the “worst treated” treasury secretary in history. Was that comment supposed to impress someone?

It surely didn’t impress Waters who handled Mnuchin the same way one might treat a bag of dog poop abandoned by its careless owner. You wouldn’t put your hands on it. You might not even kick it. But you’d sniff at it and turn away. That’s just what Waters did when she told him that he could leave the hearing he’d committed to participate in. Then, she icily told him not to presume to instruct her on how to hold a hearing, and how to use a gavel (he said gravel – inarticulate).

Waters took the hapless Mnuchin to Liberation School, but since he graduated from the Klux Academy of White Supremacy, he will probably have to subject himself to further detoxification from his racist behavior.

Mnuchin’s behavior toward Waters was his exercise in white supremacy, pure and simple. White supremacy is the belief that the white race is inherently superior to other races, and that white people should have control over people of different races, especially people of African descent.

White supremacy manifests itself in public policy that allows white so-called “law and order” officers to kill unarmed black people because they think they are superior and tell the lie that they are in fear for their lives.

White supremacy manifests

itself in the ways that African Americans earn unequal pay for the same work and the ways that supremacists justify it.

White supremacy occurs when colonizers come into predominantly black communities and then insist that others play by their rules and kowtow to their desires. They want someone to turn down the go-go music, but readily accept other loud noise. Because they are loud noise. Loud, myopic, uncompromising noise. And Munchkin Mnuchin was the noisiest of all when he presumed to instruct an African-American icon on how to use a gavel after she has spent nearly 30 years in Congress.

Mnuchin’s performance was a tribute to the racist capitalist patriarchy that is the foundation of white supremacy. He would not have even slightly presumed to tell a white man, or a black one for that matter, how to close a hearing. He might have told a white woman, possibly adding the term “honey” in to soften or sharpen the bow. But the only person he’d dare get huffy with, just based on the white supremacist belief of his privilege, was a black woman. Waters was the wrong black woman.

Excuse my Ebonics, but Max don’t play. She takes no tea for the fever. She takes back her time, stands up for her rights and was not about to have a pathetic 45 lackey disrespect her.

The House Judiciary Committee held hearings around the same time the House Financial Servic-

es Committee was. So while the treasury secretary was disrespecting Congresswoman Waters, the House Judiciary Committee was holding a hearing about the dangers of white supremacy. White supremacy was displayed at its most privileged, when an elected member of Congress is inappropriately chided by a cabinet member, who does not have peer status.

White supremacy attempts to reinforce the egregious nature of the Dred Scott decision in which the Supreme Court of these United States declared that the black man had “no rights that a white man is bound to respect.” For Mnuchin, Waters had no rights he was bound to respect. For Mnuchin, and too many others in the 45 circle, the Dred Scott decision still stands.

Mnuchin may have simmered in his faux white superiority for much of his life, but his simmer turned into a boil when he tangled with the House Judiciary Committee, and his boil was on the hot seat.

He learned, I hope, not to mess with Max. I hope he also learned that his white supremacy will not protect him from a band of tenacious Democrats who will continue pushing him for both truths and tax returns.

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# Adult congenital heart program receives coveted national accolade

## The Mississippi Link Newswire

At age 22, Jared Gould is transitioning from seeing a pediatric specialist for his congenital heart disease to his first appointment with the adult congenital heart program at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

“I’ve had four open-heart surgeries, but I only recently had to go on some medications,” said Gould, a Petal resident who will graduate in May with a degree in history from the University of Southern Mississippi.

He was diagnosed in 1996 as a newborn with hypoplastic left heart syndrome, a defect that leaves the left side of the heart critically underdeveloped. Gould will continue to be monitored through his adult life, and he’s heartened by the knowledge that UMMC’s adult congenital heart program has been honored as one of the best in the nation.

The Adult Congenital Heart Association March 28 gave UMMC the news: It’s been certified as an Adult Congenital Heart Disease Accredited Comprehensive Care Center. Of just 30 programs recognized so far nationally, UMMC’s is the only one from Mississippi.

“Patients can know with certainty that no matter how complex the disease is that they were born with, we have the people in place who are certified and qualified to take care of them,” said Dr. Mike McMullan, professor of cardiology, medical director of the adult congenital heart program, and director of the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine. “We are able to manage all types of congenital heart disease here.”

UMMC’s program joins Accredited Comprehensive Care Centers at institutions including Stanford University, the Children’s National Heart Institute and Children’s National Health System in Washington, D.C.,



UMMC’s Adult Congenital Heart Team includes, from left, McMullan, Marlene Holloway, Teresa Temple, Camille Richards and Dr. William Campbell. The team also includes Dr. Brian Kogon and Laura Sumrall.



Dr. Mike McMullan confers with Jared Gould of Petal, a congenital heart disease patient.

Emory University, Washington University in St. Louis, New York University and Duke University.

When he was a child, Gould said, he and his family experienced “the fear of when I have an adult-sized heart, who would treat me? I don’t have to worry about that anymore.”

“This program gives me the hope that I don’t have to worry about the circumstances of my

condition,” he said.

UMMC earned the designation after three years of hard work and documentation that included meeting requirements on both staffing and medical services. “The person responsible for making this happen is Camille Richards. This would not have happened without her,” McMullan said.

Richards, a cardiology nurse practitioner and director of adult

congenital heart/structural heart programs, is interim executive director of University Heart and has served as a member of the ACHA board of directors. “She put together the 100-plus page report for the application. We’re excited that it’s finally happened,” McMullan said.

The Adult Congenital Heart Association is dedicated to supporting individuals and families living with congenital heart disease and advancing the care and treatment available to them through education, advocacy and the promotion of research.

Congenital heart disease is the most common birth defect in the United States and is diagnosed in close to 1 percent of all births, the association says. Two-thirds of the U.S. congenital heart disease population, many with moderate to complex disease, are now adults numbering about 1.3 million.

Visits to UMMC’s adult congenital heart clinic, which opened in 2014, now top 700 annually. Mortality rates have decreased to almost zero since then; in 2013, 35 of 615 patients died, a mortality rate of 5.69

percent. In 2017, four of 789 patients died, a mortality rate of 0.51 percent.

The quality of care available to congenital heart disease patients varies significantly in different areas of the country, meaning patients often don’t know the qualifications of the program they are visiting. That’s one of the reasons ACHA officials say they began an accreditation program in 2016.

Comprehensive Care Centers must have a minimum two ACHD-certified cardiologists, board-certified or board-eligible in either pediatric or internal medicine cardiology, and who have advanced cardiovascular life support certification.

They also must have a medical program director, at least one full-time advanced practice nurse or physician assistant, and at least one dedicated full-time registered nurse with advanced cardiovascular life support certification. The centers must have a cardiothoracic surgery and cardiothoracic intensive care unit led by an ACHD-certified surgical director who is board-certified as a congenital

heart surgeon by the American Board of Thoracic Surgery. That person also must have advanced cardiovascular life support certification.

Other requirements include having access to heart failure and heart transplant programs; offering interventional cardiac catheterization and interventional electrophysiology; and offering inpatient, outpatient and transitional services, patient-centered care and psychology and social work services.

It also requires that the program offer cardiac MRI, cardiac computed tomography, pulmonary arterial hypertension services, exercise testing and cardiac rehabilitation and reproductive services.

There’s one heart scan that Carol Sykes, a UMMC adult and pediatric MRI technologist, can’t perform: her own. Diagnosed as a child with an enlarged aortic root, Sykes had surgery several years ago at the medical center to repair the congenital defect.

Her disease is a complication of Marfan syndrome, a genetic condition that affects the body’s connective tissues. Sykes had her son Emmett, 5, tested. He carries the gene.

“Once I found out Emmett had it, I wanted to be proactive,” she said. Emmett has been on medications since he was 15 months old for an enlarged aorta and sees Dr. Avichal Aggarwal, associate professor of pediatric cardiology. Aggarwal “is on top of it,” Sykes said.

Sykes said she reached out to the Mayo and Cleveland clinics when her son was diagnosed. “They said, ‘UMMC is doing everything we would do,’” Sykes said. “That made me feel a lot better.

“I’m excited to see what this (ACHA) designation does for the university,” she said. “This is something that (Emmett) can take advantage of.”

# Forrest General’s pathology lab acquires new equipment for quicker test results and expanded options



Photographed, left to right: Nancy Smith, pathology technical assistance; Thomas Puckett, MD, pathologist; Elizabeth Farlow, HT histotechnologist ; Kimberly Wright, pathology team leader; Stephanie DeMarco, CT (ASCP), cytotechnologist; Brad Roney, CT(ASCP) cytotechnologist; Rosie Sledge, HT(ASCP) histotechnologist; Jack Heath, PhD, Leica application specialist; Lindsay Thorn, Leica product specialist

## The Mississippi Link Newswire

Forrest General’s Pathology Department recently acquired the new Leica BOND 111, which will enable faster turnaround time for receiving test results and add additional testing options to what the lab currently offers.

“This equipment will give us faster turn-around on test

results as well as helping us to add new testing online. One of the first new tests we’ll offer is the PDL-1, making our lab the only one in Mississippi able to perform that test in-house. Previously, it has taken around 2 weeks to get results back. Now, we’ll get results in about two days,” said Kimberly Wright, pathology team

leader.

The PDL-1 is used to diagnose patients with non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC). This test will determine if patients meet the criteria to use the drug Keytruda, which is used in cancer immunotherapy.

“Leica has a vision of reducing the amount of time it takes

for patient clarity about their diagnosis. It’s going to greatly reduce the wait time for patients to know about their diagnosis to just a couple of days,” said Jack Heath, PhD, Leica application specialist.

For more information about Forrest General or the Forrest General Cancer Center, visit [forrestgeneral.com](http://forrestgeneral.com).

# Free breast, cervical cancer screenings June 1 for uninsured, underinsured women

## The Mississippi Link Newswire

Uninsured and underinsured women ages 21 to 64 can register now for free cervical and breast cancer screenings to be offered Saturday, June 1, by the University of Mississippi Medical Center Cancer Institute.

The screenings, from 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Cancer Institute, 350 West Woodrow Wilson Drive in the Jackson Medical Mall, are part of the College of American Pathologists Foundation See, Test and Treat program.

Women will be given their results within two to three hours from a Pap test for cer-

vical cancer screening and a mammogram for those ages 40-64.

UMMC caregivers and community providers will give out health information from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. that includes education about available community resources, diet and physical fitness.

Additional education will be provided on women’s cancer screenings.

Space is limited; a light snack/meal will be served and limited child care is available.

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JMAA reserves the right to amend the plans and specifications for the Work by Addendum issued before the Bid Deadline; to reject any and all bids; and to hold and examine bids for up to ninety (90) days before awarding the Contract to perform the Work.

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# FILM REVIEW: NANCY DREW AND THE HIDDEN STAIRCASE

## SOPHIA LILLIS SHINES AS LEGENDARY TEEN SLEUTH IN ADAPTATION OF CAROLYN KEENE CLASSIC

By Kam Williams  
*Columnist*

After the untimely death of his wife, Carson Drew decided he and his daughter Nancy (Sophia Lillis) might benefit from a change of scenery. So, they moved from Chicago to an idyllic oasis in suburbia called River Heights.

The relocation proved to be far more of a challenge for Nancy than her civil rights attorney father, a pillar of the legal community, since the 16-year-old found herself having to adjust to a new school. Plus, the picture-perfect town seemed pretty dull, at first blush, to a thrill-seeker born with a sense of adventure.

When we're introduced to our heroine during the opening credits, she's careening around corners on a skateboard, the driving soundtrack repeating

the refrain, "I'm more than just a girl!" ad infinitum. And after star Sophia Lillis takes off her helmet and shakes her fiery red mane in the wind, one can't help but notice her uncanny resemblance to a young Amy Adams.

But I digress. Fortunately, it doesn't take long for Nancy to find a couple of kindred souls in George (Zoe Renee) and Bess (Mackenzie Graham), classmates also saddled with a low social status.

Bess is being teased by "boy most likely" Derek (Evan Castelloe). Feisty Nancy puts an end to the bullying by setting up a stunt that turns his skin blue while showering. Sure, she has to do some community service for the prank, but it solidifies her relationship with Bess and George.

All of the above is prologue

for the ensuing case of "The Hidden Staircase," a multi-layered mystery which holds up well for a story published in 1930.

The plot thickens when Flora (Linda Lavin) asks Nancy and company to investigate the paranormal activity inside her scary, old mansion, the Twin Elms.

Is the house haunted or might this merely be a hoax and the handiwork of a revenge-minded Derek? A delightful whodunit/tale of female empowerment!

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### Weekly Previews That Make Choosing a Film Fun

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**Wide Releases**

**Breakthrough** (PG for peril and mature themes) Adaptation of Joyce Smith's (Chrissy Metz) faith-based memoir about reviving her drowned son's (Marcel Ruiz) via a combination of divine intervention and state of the art medical care. Cast includes Josh Lucas, Topher Grace and Mike Colter.

**The Curse of La Llorona** (R for violence and terror) Sixth installment in The Conjuring horror series, set in L.A. In the Seventies, revolving around a widow (Linda Cardellini) who enlists the assistance of a skeptical priest (Tony Amendola) to protect her family from the wrath of a deadly ghost (Marisol Ramirez). With Sean Patrick Thomas, Raymond Cruz and Patricia Velasquez.

**Penguins** (G) Ed Helms narrates this nature documentary chronicling a young male penguin's quest to build a nest and to find a life partner.

**Under the Silver Lake** (R for drug use, frontal nudity, graphic sexuality, violence and pervasive profanity) Suspense comedy, set in L.A., revolving around a jaded 33-year-old's (Andrew Garfield) effort to solve the mysterious disappearance of a young woman (Riley Keough) he saw swimming in his apartment complex's pool. With Topher Grace, Grace Van Patten and Chris Gann.

**Independent & Foreign Films**

**Fast Color** (PG-13 for violence and brief profanity) Sci-fi thriller about a woman (Gugu Mbatha-Raw) forced to abandon her family and go on the run by a sheriff (David Strathairn) who discovers she has superpowers. With Lorraine Toussaint, Saniyya Sidney and Christopher Denham.

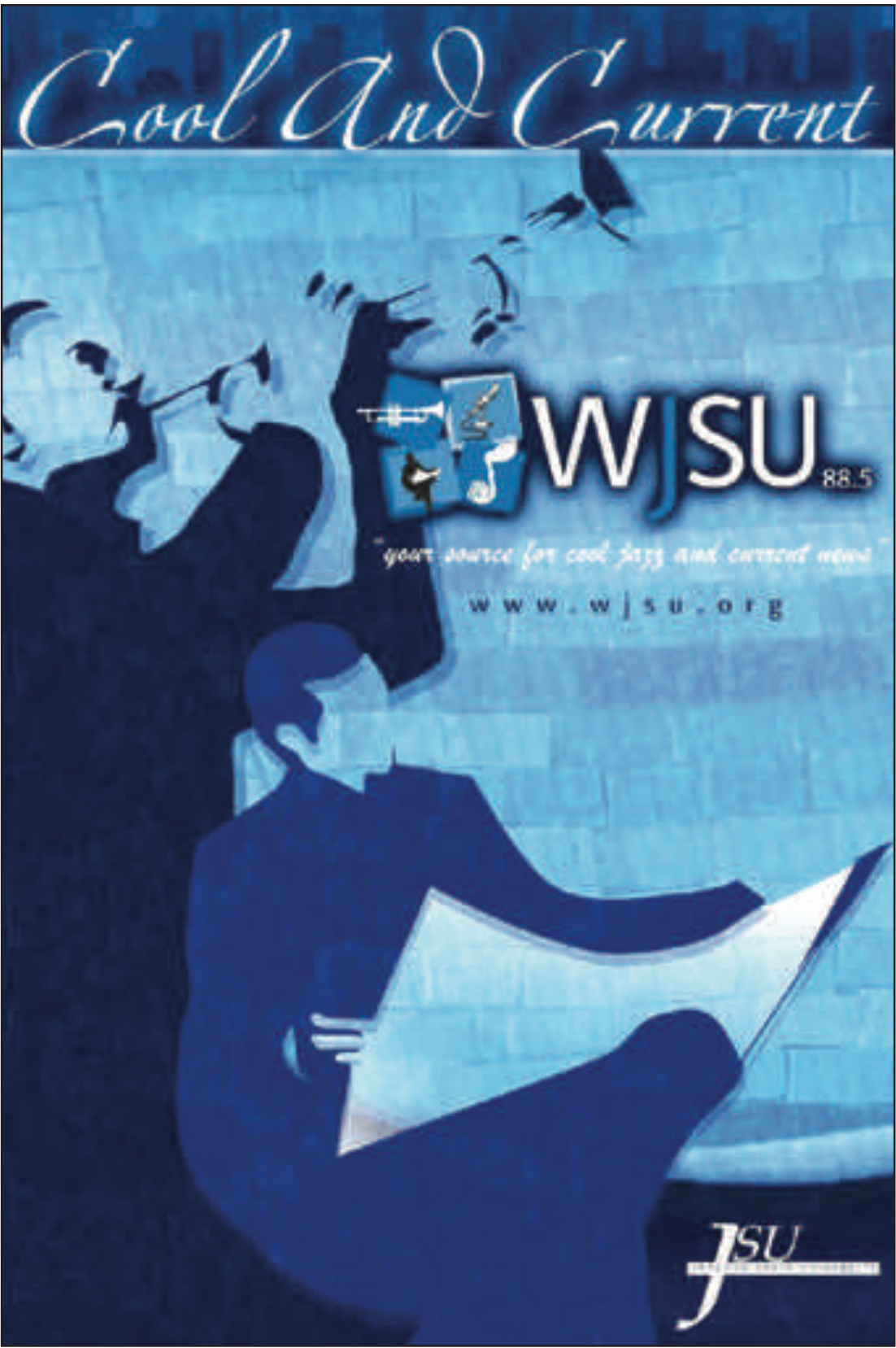
**Hail Satan?** (R for profanity and graphic nudity) Documentary examining Freedom of Religion by tracing the rise of the Satanic Temple, a controversial cult founded by the charismatic Michael Wiener

just six years ago.

**High on the Hog** (Unrated) Action thriller about the patriarch (Sid Haig) of a pot cartel's effort to protect his family from drug agents descending on his tiny farm town. With Joe Estevez, Fiona Dorena and Robert Z'Dar.

**Little Woods** (R for profanity and drug use) Sibling rivalry drama, set in North Dakota, about a couple of long-estranged sisters (Tessa Thompson and Lily James) who set aside their differences in order to prevent the impending foreclosure of their recently-deceased mother's estate. Cast includes Lance Reddick, Luke Kirby and James Badge Dale.

**Rafiki** (Unrated) Romance drama, banned by the Kenyan government, about the forbidden love which blossoms between two girls (Samantha Mugatsia and Sheila Muniya) from rival political families. With Neville Njoroge, Njoroge Githinji and Charlie Karumi. (In English and Swahili with subtitles)



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### Cryptogram

A cryptogram is a puzzle where a sentence is encoded by substituting the actual letters of the sentence with different letters. The challenge of the puzzle is to 'decode' the sentence to reveal the original English sentence. We have provided a few of the decoded letters to help get you started.

Hint: Quote by Bob Barker

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

E F M R T E K H X X V G B K N M K E ' D S M K N H S

Z H U E A A H D Z V Q V D G P A T K N M R

Z V A G Q H C H G C X H E ' T H U R G O R

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### Sudoku

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

			1					
	3			8				
		4			7	6		1
		8						3
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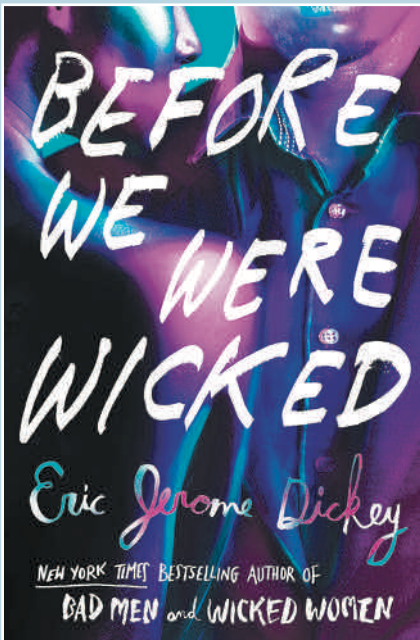
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BOOK REVIEW:

“BEFORE WE WERE WICKED”

BY ERIC JEROME DICKEY

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They said it would never work. He married up too high. She was a gold-digger and he didn’t realize it yet. She wanted a daddy figure; he was mama’s boy. Neither was good enough for the other, so they said it wouldn’t work. And in the new novel, “Before We Were Wicked” by Eric Jerome Dickey... they were right.

When Ken Swift first spotted Jimi Lee, he wasn’t looking for a woman.

He was looking for the man his boss, San Bernardino, had sent him to punish, because that man hadn’t paid his loan. San Bernardino didn’t mess around.

When it came to women, neither did Ken Swift.

Jimi Lee was gorgeous, an Ethiopian in a white skirt who could dance like nobody’s business. She came to the club with another guy but she left with Ken Swift, who took her to his condo. She told him her birth name, told him that she was headed for Harvard in the

fall, said her parents were very strict and would be angry at her audacity. Then she said she was a virgin.

She learned about lovemaking fast. Jimi Lee and Ken Swift broke all her parents’ rules and some her parents didn’t even know about, and they were purposefully careless about birth control. Even so, her pregnancy came as a surprise.

Jimi Lee’s parents kicked her out of their house. Ken Swift married her at the L.A. courthouse. She was nineteen

and her dream of Harvard was gone; he was twenty-two, a husband, father, and an enforcer who busted skulls to pay for diapers for his baby girl and clothes for his increasingly unhappy wife.

And then, while on a job for San Bernardino, Ken Swift murdered a man in self-defense. Jimi Lee knew it, which only increased her discontent: she started sleeping around, drinking, leaving home the second Ken Swift arrived. Eventually, Jimi Lee told him what she wanted out of a divorce, which was ev-

erything he owned.

And that was fine with Ken Swift; things were not important. He’d never miss them, but could he ever give up Jimi Lee?

What you’ll need to know about “Before We Were Wicked” is this: there are bedroom scenes in this book. Lots of them.

There’s also a lot of dialogue here, which may seem like overkill and can be confusing but it’s important to read it all, to set the moods of love and anger. It’s through that dialogue that author Eric Jerome Dickey lets readers

watch the unfolding of a fast-paced, passionate relationship that really has no future.

To shake things up, then, in the midst of our voyeurism, we glimpse the Elephant in Swift’s Room, which is his work for San Bernardino, who doesn’t appear in this novel but who acts as an irritant that prods the marriage until it explodes.

That all makes this the tightest of novels but with lots of spice, so beware. This book is hot and violent and if you can handle that, “Before We Were Wicked” will work right fine.

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