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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Justice served for former Hinds County Sheriff Tyrone Lewis

By Othor Cain
Editor

“I stood up against lies to reclaim my good name and reputation in this community,” said former Hinds County Sheriff Tyrone Lewis, after a Hinds County Chancery Court judge ruled in his favor this week.

Judge James Bell ruled that Lewis was the victim of an intentionally false social media campaign which likely cost him his 2015 re-election. Lewis initially sought a temporary restraining order to prevent Shelia Lewis, his ex wife, Tangué Davis, Kristie Nichols, Tony Davis and others from publishing untrue allegations related to his divorce and the paternity of a now-adult child.

Despite previous court documented findings that clearly indicated that Lewis’ ex-wife Shelia was found to be at fault during divorce proceedings and Lewis was granted a divorce from her and two paternity tests that cleared Lewis, the group proceeded to make false accusations and claims.

Bell said that while free speech and the First Amendment are important and should be protected, there is no protection when “lies are conjured up and made up and people work together in order to conjure up and make up lies, that’s a definition of conspiracy.”

“Although I am pleased to have victory in a court of law, this has been a difficult time for me and my family,” Lewis said. “I stood up to put an end to the use of social media to defame, malign and destroy a person’s reputation just to win an election or influence a campaign.”

Bell awarded Lewis \$50,000 in total from the four defendants. He added an additional \$5,000 in punitive award against Davis. Though a small amount, Bell stated that the amount would “hopefully have some impact on persons who would have similar

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OPEN LETTER

To The Citizens of Hinds County and Beyond

My name is Tyrone Lewis and this letter is another step toward regaining something that was maliciously taken from me: my good name and reputation.

From 1983-2015, I served you as a Jackson Police Officer, Chief and Hinds County Sheriff. These were not second choices or fall back positions. I chose to serve my community in this way and believe I did a good job.

In my re-election campaign, I was the subject of a vicious and false social media campaign. I was wrongly accused of victimizing an ex-wife, molesting a child and fathering a child with an underage woman. None of these things were true. In fact, a divorce decree proved my ex-wife was at fault, there was no molestation and two paternity tests cleared me of fatherhood in the other case. Those who sought to destroy my reputation ignored these facts or set them aside. I went to court and got a temporary restraining order to make these people stop, but they would not.

As the campaign continued, support waned and positive polling reversed. At public events, no one asked about the important issues or what progress the Sheriff’s Department had made under my watch, all they asked about was the gossip. This not only affected me, but my

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Justin Fairfax deserves a fair hearing

When African-American men are accused of rape, a sordid history is evoked

By Frederick H. Lowe
TriceEdneyWire.com

Justin Fairfax, the lieutenant governor of Virginia, has asked the FBI to investigate allegations by two women that he sexually assaulted them. The alleged assaults, which occurred years earlier, were never reported to police or to physicians but were reported to the women’s friends.

Vanessa Tyson and Meredith Watson, the two women, indicated they are willing to testify at a hearing to impeach Fairfax. Virginia delegate Patrick Hope recently said he soon would introduce articles of impeachment against Fairfax.

Tyson said that Fairfax forced



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her to perform oral sex on him after they kissed consensually while

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they were attending the 2004 Democratic National Convention in Boston. Meredith Watson, says she was raped by Fairfax in 2000 while the two were students at Duke University. Fairfax has denied the allegations of both women but that hasn’t stopped almost everyone, including Senators Tim Kaine (D., Virginia), Mark Warner (D., Virginia), Kamala Harris (D., California) and Virginia’s Legislative Black Caucus from demanding that he resign.

The sexual assault allegations against him also have taken attention away from Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam who admitted wearing black face at a Michael

Jackson dance contest and Virginia Attorney General Mark Herring wearing black face at parties. Both men said they will not resign from office and they may survive.

Appearing on CBS’s Face the Nation, Gayle King interviewed Northam who said it was 400 years ago when black indentured servants were brought to the Commonwealth. That comment seemed to go right over King’s head because blacks brought to Virginia were slaves. Indentured servants paid for their passage and worked for their employer a set number of years until they paid off their debt and were free. King claims she corrected the

governor, but I didn’t hear it.

Margaret Brennan, Face the Nation’s host, asked King about the allegations against Fairfax.

She said Tyson’s and Watson’s allegations were very credible. King is a black woman, but no black men or someone who could add a historical context to rape allegations against black men appeared on the show.

U.S. history has plenty of tragic examples.

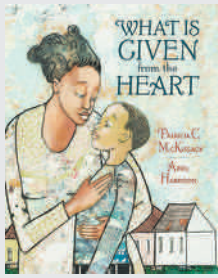
On June 15, 1920, a white mob in Duluth, Minnesota, lynched three black circus workers – Elias Clayton, Elmer Jackson and Isaac McGhie – after Irene Tusker, a 19-year-old white woman charged that the three men had

raped her, although a physical examination by a physician established she had not been raped, according to the book “The Lynchings in Duluth.”

Recently, Rick DeSantis, Florida’s governor, pardoned four black men for the 1949 rape of a white woman that never occurred.

U.S. Rep. Rodney Davis (D., Illinois) and U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth (D., Illinois) said they will introduce legislation that would designate the site of the 1908 Springfield Race Riots a National Historic Monument after whites and immigrants burned

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Grant given to Mississippi nonprofits to aid multiple community missions

BankPlus and FHLB Dallas award more than \$40K in funds through partnership grant program

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Local dignitaries joined representatives from BankPlus and the Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas (FHLB Dallas) Friday morning to award \$42,470 in Partnership Grant Program (PGP) funds to three local nonprofits.

Center of Social Entrepreneurship (CSE) received \$16,000, Dress for Success Metro Jackson received \$10,470 and Madison Countians Allied Against Poverty (MadCAAP) received \$16,000.

“I applaud all the parties involved in contributing to these great causes that bring so much positive change to our community,” said U.S. Congressman Bennie Thompson, D-MS, who represents Mississippi’s second district. “Because of this partnership between BankPlus and FHLB Dallas, Mississippi residents will experience tremendous benefits through expanded programs and services.”

CSE, whose mission is to enhance lives of all people in target communities in the areas of education, economic business development, housing and community engagement, will use the PGP grant to hire a local architecture firm to design a new building in the community: the Lillian M. Cooley Youth Entrepreneur & Workforce Development Center (LMC Center).

“In receiving the partnership



Nonprofit, Dress for Success Metro Jackson, was one of the three organizations that was awarded a grant through the Partnership Grant Program by the Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas and BankPlus.

grant, the LMC Center will serve to be a safe haven that fosters the spirit of entrepreneurship and provide the tools, resources and services needed for job searching, career planning and skills training,” said Shante Crockett, executive director of CSE. Construction for the LMC Center is slated to begin this August.

Dress for Success Metro Jackson’s PGP grant will be applied toward the costs associated with its Professional Women’s Group (PWG) networking association. This is the second PGP grant to Dress for Success Metro Jackson, which focuses on empowering women in the community by providing a support network, professional attire and development tools to thrive in both work and life.

“We are so excited that Bank-

Plus and FHLB Dallas see our mission as a good fit for their community outreach,” said Dress for Success Metro Jackson Executive Director Pat Chambliss. “We, as an organization, are about changing the lives of women and their families in our community and these funds will go a long way in securing the support and leadership our clients need to move to the next level in their employment career.”

MadCAAP will use the PGP award toward its year-round programs targeted to those living below the poverty line in Mississippi’s Madison County. MadCAAP offers education programs and resources such as a food pantry, clothing closet, emergency utility assistance and home repair programs, among other services.

“Because of the PGP, we are able to continue our fight against poverty in Madison County,” said Karen Robison, executive director of MadCAAP. “More often than not, demand for our services outweighs our financial capabilities and the PGP grant allows us to utilize the funds for programs or to offset administration and operating expenses where the greatest need is at the time.”

The funds were awarded at ceremonial check presentation in Jackson Friday. The event was attended by Jackson city staff, representatives from the offices of U.S. Senator Cindy Hyde Smith, R-MS, U.S. Congressman Bennie Thompson, D-MS, BankPlus officials and FHLB Dallas staff.

“The FHLB Dallas and Bank-

Plus investment in these local projects will create opportunities that can have lasting benefits for many people. Reaching this point is a positive sign that everyone is coming together to bring positive change in local communities, and I applaud this effort,” said Senator Hyde Smith.

Revitalizing the community through grant programs like the PGP also aligns with BankPlus’ core company mission.

“BankPlus takes pride in its commitment to the community, and contributing to different groups and causes,” said Mark Ouellete, first vice president and director of affordable housing at BankPlus. “What better way to do this than to exercise our partnership with FHLB Dallas to make positive impacts to the

lives of many.”

The PGP grant enables FHLB Dallas member institutions like BankPlus to make a contribution of \$500 to \$4,000 to a community-based organization (CBO), which FHLB Dallas will match at a 3:1 ratio. In 2018, FHLB Dallas awarded \$300,000 in PGP funds through 31 member institutions to assist 32 CBOs. Combined with the \$114,010 contributed by FHLB Dallas members, a total of \$414,010 has been awarded to the organizations.

“I commend BankPlus and the Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas for supporting community-based organizations in Mississippi,” said Senator Wicker. “The Center for Social Entrepreneurship, Dress for Success, and Madison Countians Allied Against Poverty will use these grants to provide greater opportunities and resources to Mississippians.”

“With the Partnership Grant Program, we work with members of FHLB Dallas to help stimulate the communities in which they serve,” said Greg Hettrick, first vice president and director of Community Investment at FHLB Dallas. “Making a difference in communities encourages us to continue our part in teaming up with members to help fulfill local missions.”

To learn more about the PGP, visit fhlb.com/pgp.



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down an entire black neighborhood after a white woman claimed a black man raped her. The woman later admitted she made up the story.

Black women are not unbiased observers of the way society treats black men. Some are sympathetic, while others know they have cachet with whites, especially white men, because they are women and women who are expected to be especially deferential.

I have had this happen to me. I was a member of the Art Institute of Chicago. I was waiting in the gift area of the modern wing for my wife and son, who were shopping nearby, to join me.

A black woman security guard, dressed in plainclothes, said to her white partner, “I am going to see what he’s up to.” With an angry look, she pressed her face close to mine and said nothing. When my wife and son ran up, she told her partner, “Let’s go,” and they left.

Another abhorrent incident of this ilk took place while I was a fellow at Northwestern University. The fellows were waiting to visit Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart after twice clearing jail security. I was the only black man among the fellows who were

all younger white women except for one older black woman and an older white man.

A black woman deputy sheriff walked up to me and wanted to know why I was there. I explained to her that I was a fellow, which she didn’t believe. My answer angered her.

She moved her watch hat with one hand in a threatening manner. Her other hand rested on the butt of her gun, leading me to fear that she was going to shoot me.

I was waiting with the others to go inside the jail. I wasn’t breaking out. I wasn’t an inmate. I was an invited, registered guest.

At some point, I must have dissociated because I can’t remember what happened next. I was subsequently aware the deputy sheriff had left without explanation. None of the other fellows came to my defense to say I was with them. A few just stared at me. The black woman fellow said something which I don’t remember.

I wonder who will come to Fairfax’s defense. People are already building gallows to lynch him over the Internet. He deserves a fair hearing.

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conduct.”

Attorney Dennis Sweet, who represented Lewis in this case said, “This is important not only for my client and my

friend [Lewis], who fought to have the truth told and clear his name; weaponizing social media to engage in personal attacks and influence elections should and will be punished.”

ourMississippi Honors Gala to be held March 23

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The sixth annual ourMississippi Honors Gala will be held Saturday, March 23, 2019 at the BancorpSouth Conference Center in Tupelo. This statewide celebration of corporate diversity will honor 11 corporations for their diversity and inclusion practices.

The corporations to be honored include: Atmos Energy, Caterpillar, CenterPoint Energy, Chevron, Entergy, Ingalls Shipbuilding, Kimberly Clark, Mississippi Power, Nissan, Tennessee Valley Authority and Toyota Mississippi.

“First of all, congratulations to all these corporations,” said event chair, Wesley Wells. “We

are so proud of what they stand for. Diversity works for them and for the state of Mississippi. They understand the advantages of a diverse work environment.”

Wells said the honorees were chosen from four different categories, which include: corporate management, corporate board, supplier diversity and philanthropy.

“All four of these categories are important elements of diversity,” Wells added. “Some companies excel in one category,

some excel in multiple categories. Whether you have minorities and women in the corporate boardroom or you invest in programs that support uplifting those groups, they’re all important. We thank these companies for what they are doing to make Mississippi a better place for us all.”

The event also honors individuals. Former Clarion Ledger investigative reporter Jerry Mitchell will be honored with this year’s Lifetime Achievement Award.

“Mr. Mitchell’s bravery and persistence has led to justice being served to several atrocities in the state of Mississippi,” Wells said. “We salute him for the work

he has done for Mississippi.”

Joining in the celebration as guest speaker will be nationally-renown and Emmy-Award winning actress Lynn Whitfield. Whitfield has been a Hollywood staple for a number of years on both big and small screen.

“We are so excited to have Ms. Whitfield come to Tupelo,” Wells said. “I’ve always been such a big fan of her work. She’s had an incredible career and is still very active. We’re looking forward to having her celebrate with us.”

The event kicks off at 6 p.m. Tickets and tables can be purchased and reserved online at www.ourmissmag.com or by calling 662 844-2602.



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Dr. Timothy Quinn honored for his dedication to family medical care



Standing left to right are: Kenisha Potter, Evonne Berry, Melissa Davis, Senators Sollie B. Norwood and Tammy Witherspoon, Dr. Quinn, Senator John Horhn who is primary author of the resolution, Senator Hillman T. Frazier, Evelyn B. Henderson, who won first place in an essay concerning healthy practices, Kameron A. Odies, 2nd place essay winner and Nijah Horn, 3rd place essay winner and Dr. Crystal Hill.

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Dr. Timothy Quinn was honored February 11, 2019 with presentation of Senate Concurrent Resolution 532 commending his dedication to family medical care by “Recognizing the Month of July 2019 as Take Your

Child for a Medical Checkup Month.” Dr. Quinn, the Mississippi State Medical Association, the Mississippi Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians, and Jackson Public

Schools have created the Jackson Public Schools pilot School Health Initiative to encourage school-age children to learn about the importance of yearly medical checkups. Dr. Quinn was the recipient of the 2018 Mississippi

State Medical Association (MSMA) “Excellence in Wellness Promotion Award” for his leadership and work in promoting the importance of children getting annual medical checkups. Dr. Quinn spearheaded a pilot project with Callaway

High School this year and Murrah High School last year to encourage parents to take their high-schoolers in for preventive checkups. The House of Representatives recognized those efforts in the 2018 Regular Session.

“Kids and Coding” program starting soon at Alexander Library

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The Jackson Hinds Library System is offering a “Kids and Coding” program at the Margaret Walker Alexander Library starting Wednesday, February 20, 2019, 4:30 p.m. This entry-level program, which continues for six weeks, will allow children in grades 2-6 to explore the world of computer coding by programming robots and learning about communicating in computer code. No experience is needed, but the class is limited in size. The first 30 children registering in person at the library will earn a seat in the class. Participating kids are expected to attend each Wednesday, as the lessons build on the last experience. The dates are as follows: February 20, March 6, March 13, March 20 and March 27. This class will also be offered at other Jackson Hinds Library System branches in the Spring and Summer of 2019. For more information, please contact the Alexander Library at 601-354-8911.

James Patterson honored for Excellence in Photography



The Mississippi Senate posthumously honored photographer James Patterson, February 7, 2019 with Senate Concurrent Resolution 561 for being named a recipient of the 2019 Governor’s Arts Award for Excellence in Photography. Patterson’s wife, Jane Tucker, accepted the resolution from Senator John Horhn on his behalf, accompanied by their good friend, Tom Roster. Also pictured is Senator Hillman T. Frazier and (left), Senator David Jordan.

Canton Spirituals honored for Lifetime Achievement



Members of the Canton Spirituals saluted the senate as Senate Concurrent Resolution 555 was read by Senator John Horhn as Senator Barbara Blackmon looked on. Standing right to left are Shannon Lee, William Voss, Merlin Lucious, Roderick Jones and Harvey Watkins Jr.

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The Mississippi Senate honored the Canton Spirituals with presentation of Senate Concurrent Resolution 555 celebrating their selection as the 2019 recipient of the Governor’s Arts Award for Lifetime Achievement. The Canton Spirituals are one of the nation’s most popular and influential gospel quartet groups. For more than four decades, the Canton Spirituals have mixed blues and R&B with traditional gospel, creating a sound that is all their

own. The group’s innovative blend has been recognized worldwide for its excellence. More than 40 years ago, they released “That’s My Train Fare Home,” their first of 20 releases. They have won or been nominated numerous times for every major music industry award, including GRAMMY Awards, the Stellar Gospel Music Awards, Dove Awards and Soul Train Music Awards. Their 1993 album, “Live in Memphis,” was nominated for a Grammy. They have two Gold-

certified recordings, and their songs “It’s Gonna Rain,” “Mississippi Poor Boy,” “Fix It Jesus,” “Glad I Got Jesus” and “Heavenly Choir” are in recurrent rotation on gospel radio across the country. The original Canton Spirituals were founded in 1943 in Canton and still perform today. Decades later, original member Harvey Lee Watkins Sr., handed leadership of the group to his son, charismatic vocalist Harvey Lee Watkins Jr., who has helped propel the group to new heights.

Dr. London Branch honored for Excellence In Music and Education

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London Branch, an accomplished classical and jazz musician and educator was honored by the Mississippi Senate with presentation of Senate Concurrent Resolution 557 saluting his being named the 2019 Governor’s Arts Award for Excellence In Music and Education. Branch is the founder of Jackson State University (JSU) Symphony Orchestra. Branch taught at JSU for more than three decades, performed for 25 years with the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra as a jazz bassist, and was the first African American to be a guest conductor with the Mississippi All-State Orchestra in 1984. Branch also continued a lifelong career of performing as a jazz bassist with many great musicians, including Clark Terry, Alvin Fielder, Milt Hinton and Kenny Burrell. He pioneered jazz improvisation in Mississippi with the group MoBiTra. He was the first African-American member of the Chattanooga Symphony.



Dr. London Branch accepts Senate Concurrent Resolution 557 from Senator John Horhn as relatives Bolita and McKenzie Branch look on. Also pictured from right to left are Senator Sollie B. Norwood, Hillman T. Frazier and David Jordan.

In Memoriam

Celia Williams Carr

December 7, 1928 - December 28, 2018

Mississippi Link Newswire

Celia Williams Carr, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, friend and soror died December 28, 2018 while at home, a requested desire of hers.

Sister Carr was born December 7, 1928 in Madison County, Mississippi to the late Haven Walter Williams and Lucille Powell Williams, the oldest child and only daughter. Later two brothers were added to the family, Haven Alvin and Roscoe Earl.

Celia's education began with training from two aunts, Josephine Powell and Julia Jones, who taught all grades from pre-primer to eighth grade in church schools. Under their tutelage, Celia could already

read when she began school.

Her introduction to music began when her grandfather, Albert Powell, who worked as a slave, received two instruments, an organ and a piano from his employer. Albert gave the organ to his wife and gave the piano to his daughter, Lucille, who taught herself how to play. Lucille exposed her daughter, Celia, to the piano and birthed in her a love for music which influenced her to pursue a career as a music teacher.

Lucille worked at Tougaloo College which allowed her daughter, Celia, to attend Daniel Hand School and elementary school provided by Tougaloo College. Celia later attended Tougaloo Preparatory

School where she was crowned "Miss Tougaloo Prep" and graduated as the valedictorian of her class.

She matriculated through Tougaloo College from which a Bachelor of Arts degree in English was obtained in 1951.

Celia was one of the charter members of Tougaloo's Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Beta Delta Omega Chapter.

On December 23, 1951, Celia married her college sweetheart, the late Walter Edward Carr, and from this union two children were born, Kenneth Erwin and Dwayne Fitzgerald.


Walter preceded her in death on April 9, 2008.



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Partnership For A Healthy Mississippi awards ‘Culture Of Health’ grants to six JPS schools

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The Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi (PHMS) has awarded grants of \$1,000 each to seven JPS schools. The Improving the Culture of Health in Schools Grant provides funds to assist with projects that are designed to create healthier learning environments. Grants may be used for initiatives that address family engagement, community involvement, academic enrichment, chronic absenteeism, health education and physical activity.

One of this year’s grant recipients, Barack Obama Elementary, will use the award to help with renovations to the school’s playground. A swing set, a basketball goal and a tetherball pole will be added as part of the overall project. The type of equipment they want to install offers enjoyable and structured play options for students. One of the state’s most successful schools, Barack Obama recognizes that healthy bodies and strong minds go hand-in-hand. The project has support from faculty, parents, partners and neighbors of the school. The school’s health council has guided this and other health and wellness initiatives at the school with assistance from the Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi.

Murrah High School will launch a campaign to educate students about a variety of skills that will help them beyond high school. The school will hold monthly seminars and invite guest speakers to interact with the students about life after high school. Topics will include etiquette, self-esteem, proper hygiene and physical education.

Marshall Elementary will launch “It Pays to be at School.” The idea is to reduce tardiness and absences by motivating and encouraging regular school attendance. Students will receive weekly incentives and monthly celebrations for being on time and at school. The program seeks to instill in students the importance of attending school every day and being consistently punctual.

Galloway and G.N. Smith Elementary Schools and Hardy and Siwell Middle Schools also received Improving the Culture of Health in Schools Grants for projects that will improve the well-being of their students and staff.

The Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi got its start in 1994 to increase awareness about the impact of tobacco on Mississippians. The organization’s interactive educational and training programs make it a national leader in reducing tobacco prevalence among youth. The organization’s mission extends to improving the overall culture of health in Mississippi through programs like the school health grant.



The Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi presents Barack Obama Elementary School with a grant check that will be used for playground equipment. Participants are (from left) D’Angelique Lister, PHMS school health coordinator (Jackson); David Schommer, Barack Obama teacher and playground project coordinator; Sandra Shelson, PHMS executive director; Kathleen Grigsby, Barack Obama principal; and LaCiana McIntyre, PHMS director of Health and Wellness.



D’Angelique Lister of PHMS (from left) with Murrah Graduation Coach Jana Williams, Food Service Manager Greg White and LaCiana McIntyre, PHMS director of Health and Wellness



D’Angelique Lister of the Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi (from left) presents a grant award for \$1,000 to Marshall Elementary teachers Margaret Jurden and Dawn Barnhill, Principal Helen Young and Assistant Principal John Johnson.

Health officials investigate active TB case at Provine High School



MSDH will hold a meeting with parents at the Provine High School auditorium Thursday, February 14, from 6-7 p.m. to address questions and provide information.

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The Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) announced that a case of active tuberculosis (TB) has been confirmed in a student at Provine High School in Jackson. MSDH has been working with school officials to identify students and staff who may have been potentially exposed to the active TB case.

In the coming weeks, MSDH will test approximately 200 students and faculty for TB infection. They will be notified by a letter with details about the upcoming testing. Testing for TB is only recommended for those individuals notified by the MSDH.

The risk of infection from this diagnosed case is minimal. The most common way to become infected with TB is to have direct, extended contact with someone who has active TB disease. TB is a respiratory infection that spreads when a person inhales airborne germs over an extended period of time in a confined area with someone who has the active disease. Symptoms of active TB disease include persistent coughing, coughing up blood, night sweats and weight loss.

Exposure to active TB disease can

result in TB infection. TB infection is not contagious and has no symptoms, but can develop into active TB disease over time. A course of treatment is recommended for those with TB infection in order to prevent future TB disease.

“Provine High School officials have taken all the necessary safety precautions and have cooperated completely with us to ensure the further safety of all students, faculty and staff,” said MSDH State Epidemiologist Dr. Paul Byers.

“It’s important to remember that cases of TB are seen every year in the state, and sometimes these kinds of investigations in school settings are necessary. Identifying diseases and limiting the spread to others is an activity we do routinely, and there is absolutely no cause for concern,” said Dr. Byers.

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For more information on TB, visit www.HealthyMS.com/TB. Follow MSDH by email and social media at HealthyMS.com/connect.

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Sale of Junior Champions celebrates 50 years

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Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson kicked off the 50th Annual Sale of Junior Champions recently by recognizing the collaborative efforts of the Mississippi State University Extension Service, FFA, and the Sale of Champions Committee in making the Sale of Junior Champions a success year after year.

Gipson stressed the importance of investing in our youth and recognized the hard work and dedication of the youth livestock exhibitors like Ry-lie Melancon, beef cattle premiere exhibitor with Lincoln County 4-H.

“The most important investment that we can make is in our youth. Investing in youth livestock activities like the Sale of Junior Champions, whether it is financially or through an investment of time, is investing in our future. These 4-H and FFA livestock exhibitors are the agricultural leaders of tomorrow,” said Gipson. “The leadership skills that these young people are learning through their involvement with 4-H and FFA will guide them throughout their lifetime and result in a direct benefit to Mississippi.”

“How appropriate that we pause to celebrate the 50th Annual Sale of Junior Champions,” said Mississippi State University President Mark E. Keenum. “The partnership between MSU and the Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo has long been meaningful to our university, as many 4-H and FFA members get their first significant exposure to MSU and our wonderful Extension Service through this means. We’re grateful to Commissioner Gipson and the entire MDAC staff for keeping MSU’s ties to this important event strong and vibrant.”

Numerous 4-H and FFA students compete in district livestock shows with the goal of moving on to compete in the Dixie National Junior Round-Up Livestock Show at the Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo. This year 1,635 4-H and FFA members from across Mississippi participated in the Dixie National Junior Round-Up Livestock Show showing 2,263 head of various livestock including pigs, sheep, cattle, and goats. The Junior Round-Up participants winning Champion and Reserve Champion for their market animals have the opportunity to sell their livestock at the Sale of Junior Champions auction. The Sale of Junior Champions, made successful each year by the Mississippi State University Extension Service, is one of the highlight events of the Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo.

“The honor of competing at this level in an independent livestock show motivates 4-H’ers and FFA exhibitors to do their best in and out of the ring, as they grow in responsibility, hard work, community service, and self-confidence. We value the opportunity to support MDAC and the committee as they recognize and reward Mississippi’s young leaders,” said Dr. Gary Jackson, Director of the MSU Extension Service. “Extension’s shared appreciation for the foundational life skills our young livestock exhibitors are learning makes our partnership with the Dixie National Sale Committee a pleasure



Mississippi State University President Mark E. Keenum addressed opening ceremonies of the 50th Annual Sale of Junior Champions at the Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo in Jackson. Keenum praised the event, saying: “The partnership between MSU and the Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo has long been meaningful to our university, as many 4-H and FFA members get their first significant exposure to MSU and our wonderful Extension Service through this means.”



Mississippi State University President Mark E. Keenum was part of a group of buyers who successfully bid for the Mississippi Bred Reserve Grand Champion heavyweight goat shown by 4-Her Cassidy Turbville, right, pictured with Keenum and her sister Bailey Turbville, an MSU student. The Turbville sisters are from Madison.



Mississippi State University Extension Service Director Gary Jackson joined Mississippi Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson during opening ceremonies of the 50th Annual Sale of Junior Champions at the Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo in Jackson. The event is a collaboration between MDAC, MSU, 4-H and the Future Farmers of America.

and a privilege.”

Due to the generosity and dedication of the Sale of Champions Committee members, exhibitors participating in the Sale of Junior Champions receive top dollar for their livestock. Over the past 49 years, the sale has grossed over \$6.89 million. Last year, the sale of 43 winning animals grossed \$344,778. In addition, 37 scholarships were presented to 4-H and FFA members totaling \$58,000.

This year 45 animals will be sold, and 37 scholarships will be awarded.

“It is always an honor and pleasure working with the Sale of Champions Committee to help provide scholarships to these deserving youth, as well as the opportunity for the top exhibitors to earn top dollar for their livestock during the sale, said Noel Daniels, chairman of the Dixie National Sale of Champions Committee. “The committee values

the chance to support these young people, and we encourage others to get involved and support them as well.”

The Sale of Junior Champions helps students earn money for college, as well as helps them to develop a wide host of skills.

The youth participating in the livestock show spend months raising and caring for their livestock learning the value of hard work and responsibility.

Molina Healthcare donates \$3,000 worth of uniforms to three Forest schools



Lynn Atkison (left), counselor at Forest Elementary School, smiles with Michele Jones, Community Engagement manager for Molina Healthcare of Mississippi. In an effort to support local youth and provide them with the tools they need to go to school and have a good education, Molina Healthcare donated and delivered approximately \$3,000 worth of brand new uniforms to three Forest Municipal School District schools.



Tracy Price (left), counselor at Forest High School, poses with Elnora Smith, Community Engagement specialist for Molina Healthcare of Mississippi. Molina Healthcare donated and delivered approximately \$3,000 worth of brand new uniforms to three Forest Municipal School District schools, including Forest High School.

Hinds CC – a training ground for safe operation of drone technology

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Hinds Community College is playing a vital role in building skills for Army employees working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

Recent revisions to USACE policies require pilots and operators of Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS), or drones, be licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration. An initial step toward that licensure, a Remote Pilot Certificate (Part 107), involves a theory class that provides an in-depth review of all applicable FAA regulations and operational requirements to fly small UAS for commercial purposes.

“Hinds Community College takes pride in offering innovative programs and training that meets the needs of business and industry, keeping them at the forefront of the ever-changing technology,” said Chad Stocks, vice president for Workforce and Economic Development at Hinds. “Hinds leads the state and region in UAS training. The college’s workforce division recognizes the rapid growth in the UAS industry and how important, safe operation and solid understanding of federal regulations are to those piloting the drones.”

Staffers of various positions in the Corps, including those at the Engineer Research and Development Center in Vicksburg, are ben-

efiting from studying aeronautical charts and the various classes of airspace. This training is key to the UAS course and fits well with the scope of existing digital mapping technology already used by Corps personnel.

“This program is an excellent step in the right direction for ensuring a high-quality training program is in place,” said Jason Kirkpatrick, program manager responsible for UAS operations in the Corps. “An enterprise program like the USACE UAS effort cannot accept less than outstanding training.”

Employees at ERDC in Vicksburg are already measuring the benefits of the training.

Students enrolled in the formal UAS program at Hinds are trained in the piloting, construction, design and practical mechanics of multi-rotor and fixed-wing drones. The aircraft have revolutionized airborne data collection in the past decade. In 2015, a 2+2 agreement was established between Hinds and Mississippi State University for students in the program to earn credentials and become job-ready.

For more information, contact Dennis Lott, director of the program based at the college-owned John Bell Williams Airport on the Raymond Campus, at 601.857.3300, or visit www.hindscc.edu.

The company believes that by 2020 wireless connectivity will make virtual reality completely relevant.

Meanwhile, JSU aims to have its VR Lab up and running by the end of spring 2019.

2019 Mississippi region scholastic art awards recipients announced

Gold Key- and Silver Key-winning works on view at the Mississippi Museum of Art February 9-March 24, 2019

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Mississippi Museum of Art is pleased to recognize winning students from this year's Scholastic Art Awards-Mississippi Regional Competition. Out of more than 1,584 individual and 53 portfolio visual art submissions from across the state, jurors selected 98 Gold Key, 108 Silver Key and 216 Honorable Mention award recipients.

The Museum will host an exhibition of Gold Key- and Silver Key-winning artworks, which will be on view in The Gertrude C. Ford Galleries for the Permanent Collection beginning Saturday, February 9, and continuing through Sunday, March 24, 2019. Honorable Mention-winning artworks will be available for viewing on the museum's website. Awarded artists and their teachers will be recognized during a ceremony and reception Sunday, March 24, at 2 p.m. The exhibition is sponsored locally by Atmos Energy.

"Not only are the awards a significant way to commemorate the artistic achievements of our state's creative teens, but they provide an invaluable opportunity to connect with Mississippi's teachers. Every year, our staff enjoys seeing the students' excitement over having



Anna Leigh Allen, "The Yellow Sky"

their own works displayed in the museum, as well as their enthusiasm for the artwork of students they don't attend school with," said Isabel Gray, the museum's James and Madeleine McMullan Director of School and Academic Programs.

The winning students represent 31 schools: Armstrong Middle School, Bay High School, Brandon High School, Clinton Career Complex High School, Clinton Junior High School, Education Center School, Forest Hill High School, Germantown High School, Gulfport High School, Harrison Central High School, Homeschool, Jackson Academy, Jackson Preparatory School, Laurel Middle School, Madison Central High School, Madison Middle School, Madison Ridgeland Academy, Mississippi School of the Arts, Northwest Rankin High School, Oak

Grove High School, Pearl High School, Piney Woods School, Poplarville High School, Power APAC, St. Andrew's Episcopal School, St. Stanislaus School, St. Joseph Catholic School, Starkville High School, Terry High School, West Jones High School, and William B Murrah High School.

The Mississippi Museum of Art has overseen the art component of the Mississippi Regional Competition for more than 60 years. "With each passing year, we continue to be impressed with the students' artwork," said Museum Director Betsy Bradley. "We are privileged to be able to share with the public the work of these young and talented Mississippians by hosting the Scholastic Art Awards exhibition. Congratulations to the awarded students and their teachers and parents."

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Edgardo Urbano, "Enjoying the Mango"

Robinson, who also founded Scholastic, Inc., the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards is open to students in grades seven through 12, recognizing outstanding achievement in the arts. Since its inception, the awards have fostered the creativity and talent of millions of students and include a distinguished list of alumni including Andy Warhol, Truman Capote, Richard Avedon, Philip Pearlstein, Sylvia Plath, Stephen King, Richard Linklater, Zac Posen and Lena Dunham, all of whom received recognition in the Awards when they were teens.

Entries receiving Gold Key awards will be sent to New York City where they will contend in the national competition among 80 other regions. The Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, Inc. is the non-profit organization that administers the event. Located in New York City, the



Jessica McDonald, "Spectacle"

alliance oversees all national judging. The alliance is grateful for its generous sponsors, who provide funds to support and produce the Scholastic Awards at the national level: Scholastic Inc., The Maurice R. Robinson Fund, Command Web Offset Co., The New York Times, New York Life Foundation, The Herb Block Foundation, Blick Art Materials & Utrect Art Supplies, Golden Artist Colors, Bloomberg Philanthropies, Entertainment Software Association Foundation, National Endowment for the Arts, New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, and Amazon Literary Partnership; numerous other individual, foundation, and corporate funders; and, for the National Student Poets Program, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the Poetry Foundation, and the Academy of American Poets.

For more information about the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers and the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, visit the Scholastic News Room: <http://mediaroom.scholastic.com/art-and-writing>.

Art Credits

Edgardo Urbano, "Disfrutando este Mango con Chamoy en el Mercado (Enjoying the Mango with Chamoy in the Market)," printmaking. Forest Hill High School, Grade 11, teacher: Moore. American Visions nominee

Lindsay Moriarity, "Under the Sea," drawing and illustration. St. Andrew's Episcopal School, Grade 12, teacher: Goodwin. Silver Key recipient.

Xenia Minton, "Kung Fu Fighter," photography. St. Andrew's Episcopal School, Grade 10, teacher: Sprayberry. American Visions nominee.

Jessica McDonald, "Spectacle," painting. Mississippi School of the Arts, Grade 12, teacher: Varner. Gold Key recipient.

Anna Leigh Allen, "The Yellow Sky," painting. Jackson Preparatory School, Grade 9, teacher: Shive. Gold Key recipient.

Lydia Taylor, "Chaos Periodot," painting. Mississippi School of the Arts, Grade 12, teacher: Varner. American Visions nominee

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Vicksburg District hosts math competition for local students

Mississippi Link Newswire

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Vicksburg District and the Vicksburg chapter of the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) hosted a math competition for local students Feb. 5 at the district headquarters in Vicksburg.

The math competition was for sixth, seventh and eighth graders. Students from Porters Chapel Academy, St. Francis Elementary School, St. Aloysius High School, Academy of Innovation and Warren Central High School participated. St. Aloysius won the team award, and St. Aloysius student Will Keen won the individual award. Vicksburg District Commander Col. Michael C. Derosier and Chief of Engineering and Construction Henry Dulaney presented the winning students with certificates.

"We are honored to welcome some of the brightest young

minds in Vicksburg to the district's headquarters for the math competition each year," said Derosier. "These exceptional students are the leaders of the future, and the Vicksburg District is eager to help them develop their love for science, technology, engineering and mathematics through opportunities like the math competition."

The format of the competition was inspired by MATHCOUNTS, a national program that allows students to participate in live, in-person mathematical contests with their peers. The USACE and SAME math competition is designed to build the confidence and challenge the problem-solving skills of local students.

The Vicksburg District is committed to STEM educational outreach, and team members regularly volunteer for roles as mentors, tutors and proctors for state testing; judges for science

fairs; and speakers for educational events. For almost 30 years, the Vicksburg District has partnered with the Vicksburg Warren School District to inform and inspire future leaders in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

The Vicksburg District encompasses a 68,000-square-mile area across portions of Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana that holds seven major river basins and incorporates approximately 460 miles of mainline levees. The district is engaged in hundreds of projects and employs approximately 1,100 personnel.

For more information on the Vicksburg District, visit <https://www.mvk.usace.army.mil/> and follow the district on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/VicksburgUSACE/> and Twitter at <https://twitter.com/vicksburgusace>.



Paralegal students from Hinds Community College in Jackson, visited the Capitol February 07, 2019, and spoke with lawmakers including Senator Hillman T. Frazier, during their tour. Standing left to right in front are: Stacy Melton of Brandon and Jackson residents Maricka Edwards and Sandra Johnson. In back are Beulah Smith, Latia Brister and Terrence Jackson.

America watching as top three Virginia officials are embroiled in controversy



This Associated Press image shows Virginia Gov. Ralph S. Northam's page in his 1984 Eastern Virginia Medical School yearbook. The page shows a picture of a person in blackface and another wearing a Ku Klux Klan hood next to different pictures of the governor.

TriceEdneyWire.com

In the suddenly topsy-turvy world of Virginia politics, one fact is certain: Ralph S. Northam is still Virginia's governor. He also has no immediate plans to resign, despite the uproar and the torrent of calls for him to quit the office some believe he is no longer fit to hold.

The sudden reversal of fortune began when Big League Politics, a conservative, Republican-leaning news and opinion blog, posted a 35-year-old yearbook photo that appears under the governor's name showing two people, one in blackface and the other in a Ku Klux Klan robe and hood.

The blog indicated that it was tipped off to the forgotten photo published in the 1984 edition of the Eastern Virginia Medical School yearbook by a former classmate upset with Northam's stance on abortion.

Struck by an avalanche of criticism, the governor initially issued an apology Friday, Feb. 1.

"I am deeply sorry for the decision I made to appear as I did in this photo and for the hurt that decision caused then and now. This behavior is not in keeping with who I am today and the values I have fought for throughout my career in the military, in medicine and in public service. But I want to be clear, I understand how this decision shakes Virginians' faith in that commitment," he stated.

He pledged to do everything he could to restore the public's trust in him.

But at a Saturday, Feb. 2, news conference, Northam recanted the apology.

Instead, the 59-year-old genial pediatric neurosurgeon with a ready voice urged people to trust his word that he was not one of the two people in the photo, a position that began gaining support this week as published reports began surfacing in which former classmates agreed that other students were in the photo.

Northam, who also was criticized for dressing up as a plantation owner at Halloween, said at the news conference that he had never seen the photo because he finished medical school and started a residency program with the Army Medical Corps in San Antonio, Texas, and did not purchase a copy.

The governor also said that while he blackened his cheeks with shoe polish later that year in dressing up like his favorite entertainer, Michael Jackson, to compete in and win a dance contest in San Antonio, he said he was certain the yearbook photo was not his and that he was not one of the two people pictured.

As the governor fought to clear



Northam

Fairfax

Herring

his name, he gained unexpected relief from the controversy when Lt. Gov. Justin E. Fairfax and Attorney General Mark R. Herring both came under their own clouds.

Late Sunday, Feb. 3, Fairfax, 39, suddenly became embroiled in an equally explosive controversy regarding a sexual encounter at the 2004 Democratic National Convention in Boston with Vanessa Tyson, now a California university professor. Tyson now publicly claims Fairfax, forced her to perform oral sex after they went to his hotel room.

Fairfax, a single Columbia University law student at the time, was working on a political campaign.

By Tuesday, the lieutenant governor had displaced Northam in the headlines as he sought to defend himself. Fairfax insisted the encounter with Tyson was consensual after Big League Politics also spread the information based on an email the blog said was provided by a Richmond friend of Tyson, Adria Scharf, executive director of the Richmond Peace Education Center and wife of Thad Williamson, a University of Richmond professor who has been a top adviser to a potential gubernatorial rival of Fairfax, Mayor Levar M. Stoney. A second woman, Meredith Watson, has since accused Fairfax of sexual assault, intensifying the controversy surrounding him.

Then Wednesday, Attorney General Herring, 57, who had urged the governor to resign in favor of Fairfax, issued an unexpected admission about his own blackface episode.

Herring said in 1980 when he was a 19-year-old college student, he and friends "dressed up and put on wigs and brown makeup" and went to a party portraying "rappers they listened to at the time, like Kurtis Blow."

Herring, who immediately resigned as co-chair of the Democratic Attorney Generals Association, called his actions a product of "our ignorance and glib attitudes" and a lack of "appreciation for the experiences and perspectives of others."

He said in the years since, the memory has caused him "deep regret and shame," though he added that the past conduct "is in no way reflective of the man I have become in the nearly 40 years since."

The upheaval has come amid a fast-moving General Assembly session when Northam is a key player in shaping legislation and Fairfax presides over the state senate.

Amid the new revelations, Northam was bolstered by Republican House Speaker Kirk Cox's public statement Monday that the yearbook photo could not be considered an impeachable offense and the fact that the governor's aides and members of his cabinet have stuck with him rather than resigning. He is soldiering on.

On Tuesday, Feb. 5, for example, Northam quietly signed legislation providing a \$750 million package of incentives for Amazon, which plans to open part of its East Coast headquarters in Northern Virginia.

For those who denounced the governor in the wake of the photo — particularly a wide swath of elected Democrats near and far — it was simpler when they could take an unforgiving stance solely involving Northam.

Take the 21-member Virginia Legislative Black Caucus, which has urged the governor to resign and end the turmoil.

"We amplify our call for the governor to resign," the caucus stated Saturday after listening to Northam's press conference. "He has irrevocably lost the faith and trust of the people."

But the caucus is among many looking for a fallback position with the new revelations involving the two other top Democratic leaders, notably Fairfax, who is first in line to succeed to the office if Northam resigns.

The caucus, led by Henrico Delegate Lamont Bagby, did not comment Wednesday on how their members will deal with a governor they have labeled a pariah, but whom they might have to work with.

Most of the Richmond legisla-

tive delegation also didn't comment. The only response has come from Delegate Betsy B. Carr, D-69th, who responded on her plan of action with Northam remaining in office: "As I have always done, I will support and advocate for legislation that helps my constituents and the Commonwealth. I work each and every day to improve the lives of Virginians, and I will continue to do that."

At this point, it appears the African-American community is far from unanimous. Some want Northam to stay on the job, while others continue to call for his resignation.

For example, two African-American pastors in the Richmond area, Bishop Charles A. West and the Rev. Dwayne E. Whitehead, told the Free Press they do not believe the governor should resign.

"I don't think that something that happened 35 years ago should dictate what happens to us now. We are not the same person we were," West said.

"Who of us does not have things that we did as immature youths that we now regret?" asked Whitehead.

It is still murky as to how much fallout there will be from the yearbook photo.

The College of William & Mary rescinded its invitation to Northam to attend Friday's inauguration of its new president at its Charter Day ceremony.

Whether Northam will face similar rejection from other institutions and organizations that traditionally would want him to participate remains to be seen.

For now, there are only questions. Will he find himself barred from attending the National Governors Association and be struck from the list of potential graduation speakers at Virginia's public universities?

Will executives of businesses that are opening or expanding in Virginia want to appear with him?

Can he still raise money to help Democratic candidates during the upcoming General Assembly elections in which Democrats were seeking to take control of the legislature from Republicans? Or will the Democratic Party nominees run away from him?

Whatever the future holds, Northam appeared to spell out his approach to life in his inaugural address when he urged his listeners to embrace hope.

"Hope is not just a source of comfort for the afflicted," he said. "It is a wellspring of energy to fight for a better tomorrow, no matter what the odds."

Citizenship question could hurt Census count of Black America



By Khalil Abdullah
TriceEdneyWire.com

The Constitution requires that America's decennial census count all persons residing in the United States, not just citizens, a clearly stated objective now at risk.

In a lawsuit brought by plaintiffs including states, cities and civil rights organizations, New York Southern District Judge Jesse Furman ruled Jan. 15 in their favor against Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross' intention directing the Census Bureau to include a question asking census respondents whether they and everyone else in their households are U.S. citizens.

At issue is not only whether the question's inclusion is legal, given administrative timelines that were missed, but whether it would depress participation, particularly among ethnic populations, thus resulting in an inaccurate count.

Jeri Green, senior advisor on the 2020 Census at the National Urban League, termed Ross' action "a thinly veiled attempt to sabotage and affect congressional and Electoral College representation by deliberately undercounting vulnerable populations and erasing them from the census count."

Green noted that "out of roughly 11 to 12 million undocumented immigrants in America, about 620,000 are black, according to the most recent statistics by the Migration Policy Institute. But equally at risk, however, are the 4.2 million documented black immigrants who comprise a rising share of the black population in the United States."

Green participated as a panelist in a media conference call co-sponsored by the Leadership Conference Education Fund and Ethnic Media Services.

Census data is used to determine congressional reapportionment as well as the basis to accurately and fairly distribute federal money to states, counties and cities for a variety of programmatic and infrastructure needs. From schools and hospitals to social services, there is virtually no civic arena that is left unaffected by census apportioned revenue — between \$700 to \$800 billion annually. Data collected in 2020 will inform all such determinations for 10 years, until the next census in 2030.

However, today's political environment is often inflamed by debates over immigration and related issues, such as a proposed expansion of a wall on America's southern border or a recently published story in *The Washington Post* on non-citizen voting in North Carolina — votes sometimes cast due to ignorance of, or misunderstandings about citizenship status.

Like the National Urban League's concerns about the dilution and disempowerment of

the black vote, and underfunding of programs and services, the National Association of Latino Elected Officials (NALEO) shares the same perspective relative to its Latino constituents.

Angela Manso, director of Policy and Legislative Affairs, NALEO Educational Fund, cited Census Bureau findings in Providence County, R.I., that "over 78 percent of the Latinos surveyed believe that a citizenship question would make people afraid to participate in the census."

Manso contends Secretary Ross' insistence to include the question is "designed to erase our presence in this country and impact our growing political force."

A newly released Pew Research Center analysis of the 2020 electorate underscores demographic shifts that will produce a greater number of eligible ethnic minority voters, especially Latinos.

John C. Yang, president and executive director, Asian Americans Advancing Justice, a panelist on the call, argued for the elimination of the question as well. He explained that its addition would likely produce a lower turnout among Asian Americans, this country's fastest growing ethnic cohort. A significant percentage of that growth is due to recent immigrants.

Panelists urged Congress to "step in" to resolve the contention over the citizenship question by introducing legislation that would bar its usage. There are concerns that even with Judge Furman's ruling in New York, a potentially favorable outcome for opponents of the question's inclusion in a Maryland lawsuit and yet a third trial in California that is anticipated to produce a ruling similar to New York's, the Supreme Court could decide to hear the case on the government's expedited appeal.

Though presumably adherence to precedents would prevail at the country's highest court, a new law specifically excluding the citizen question could put the issue to rest and beyond the reach of Secretary Ross or others who may seek to exploit its use to accomplish a political agenda.

A House bill, the Census IDEA Act, sponsored by Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., that would bar the question's use, only a few days ago saw a companion bill introduced by Sen. Brian Schatz, D-HI.

Yet, while the panelists argued that a fair and accurate census should be a bi-partisan issue — as an inaccurate count reduces revenue for Americans in need everywhere, not to mention violates the principle of equality under law — attempting to enact legislation brings its own risks.

Are you remaining faithful?

PART 1

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



We read in 2nd Corinthians 13:5 these words: “Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobrates (dis-qualified)?”

It is a deadly thing not to examine yourself. Sin is waiting outside the door; it is crouching in and its desire is to have you. This kind of preaching and teaching is reasonable and logical when you consider what is at stake. Much is at stake if you do not examine yourself.

Christ taught that a man’s soul is worth more than the whole world. He said in Mark 8:36, “For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?”

Many people take for granted that their possession is equal to their profession. It is time to push for a real heart-probing search on the part of every professing Christian. It is a command in the Word of God to examine yourself. This is not something that

you can take or leave. You must examine yourself.

One of the great mistakes that many professing Christians make today is applying or appropriating a promise from the Word of God that is not theirs. This is one of the major reasons that people are religious but lost. They take promises in the Word of God and say, “This is my promise; I am appropriating this promise to myself.” Because they are not truly saved, the promise is not theirs. There are many promises in the Word of God that are not for the sinner; they are only for the Christian. However, there are promises in the Word of God for the sinner, and if the sinner will meet the conditions, God will save him or her.

I thank God for the promises in the Bible for the sinner. Nevertheless, many of the promises in the Word of God are for the children of God. What I am trying to relay is that when people get concerned about their souls and their relationship with God and where they will spend eternity, they start thinking about the Judgment and what comes after the Judgment. Quite frequently, they apply and appropriate some promise in the Bible to themselves.

They think that through this act, they become saved. However, Paul said that Christ must be in you. Also, you must know for yourself that Christ is in you. This goes way beyond appropriating a promise. Our Scripture text says to examine yourself to see whether you are in the faith.

All Christians should often be induced to examine the foundation of their hope. Although God searches you and thank God He does, you are to do some searching as well. You are to search yourself, not your brother or your sister. The unexamined life is not worth living. Before a jet takes off, the ground crew inspects it to make sure that it is safe to fly. Likewise, you need to examine yourself to make sure that you will reach the destination of Heaven. You want to end up at the right place because when you leave here there are only two places to go. You are going one way or the other. You can know now where you are heading. You do not have to wait until you get to the Judgment to find out how you stand with God.

The words examine and prove indicate that such an examination is to be an ongoing

activity. This should naturally raise some important questions.

First, why should you examine yourself? Second, by what standard should you examine yourself? Third, why should I, as a child of God, examine myself?

Paul said to determine whether or not you are in the faith. Am I really in the faith or could it be that if I continue in the way I am traveling, I will be like some people whom the Bible speaks of in Matthew 7:22-23? It reads: “Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy name? And in Thy name have cast out devils? And in Thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you.”

It sounds as if those people really thought they were going to Heaven. They thought they were on their way, so may we each examine ourselves.

Next Week – Part 2 “Are you remaining faithful?”

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PRESERVED Still waters run deep

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



“Still waters run deep” is a phrase that I’ve heard frequently and always been intrigued by. Maybe it’s because one of my fondest childhood memories was playing on the beach with my family when I was four years old. I remember the sand being hot and my older sister almost getting pulled under by a mysterious sea creature. She said it was something that grabbed her leg and she felt like she was getting pulled down. I still think it was just seaweed wrapped around her leg.

Even though I was young, I still remember being mesmerized by the water. I thought it was so beautiful. Now that I’m older, I can see that the phrase “still waters run deep” might explain my fascination with beaches and the ocean.

I always wondered, “what were those ships doing sailing so peacefully miles away from the shore?”

Additionally, “still waters run deep” means that when someone is quiet that usually means there is more than meets the eye and that their exterior might mask something else more.

Think of how many times we’ve heard on the news that someone committed a crime. Inevitably, a neighbor will be interviewed and say, “I had no idea he was like that...he was always so quiet.” Still waters running deep. Remember, what looks calm on the outside might hide lots of activity in the heart and mind.

Lately, I’ve participated in conversations with women and men

who are wondering where is that spouse that was promised, prophesied or prayed for years ago. It seems like everything else in life is going in your favor: great job, new house, awesome car. But there’s this one area where there seems to be silence and inactivity...the love life: no dates worth remembering and no relationships worth keeping.

This week’s celebration of Valentine’s Day may make it worse for some.


Recently released statistics show that more women are choosing to remain single longer. And in the case of African-American women, only 30 percent are in legal marriages. For that 70 percent who are never married or divorced, there’s got to be some times of stillness. The question shouldn’t be where is your man or woman? The question should be what do you do in the stillness of singleness...when you don’t hear anything from God...not even, “I’m with you, my child?”

Psalm 23:1-2 says, “The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.” It may seem that when any part of your life is still, it’s a perfect opportunity to go deeper into the word of God. Go deeper in your commitment to serving him in your local church. Go deeper in your times of intimacy and prayer. That’s where God (and his higher standards for your life) has led you.

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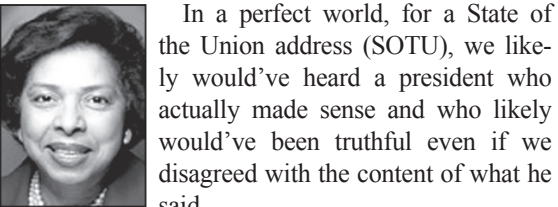
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In a perfect world

By E. Faye Williams
Trice Edney Newswire



In a perfect world, for a State of the Union address (SOTU), we likely would’ve heard a president who actually made sense and who likely would’ve been truthful even if we disagreed with the content of what he said.

We’ve learned to set a low bar for #45; he goes beneath it consistently. About 500 years ago Michelangelo said, “It’s not that our aim is too high, and we miss it; but that it’s too low and we reach it.” He must’ve had someone like #45 in mind when he said that because at this year’s SOTU, some of us expected him to try to be civil, and tell few truths. Didn’t he know the fact checkers were working that night?

#45 doesn’t even bring us close to a perfect world, but immediately following his rambling remarks, a shining star did what we would’ve expected a president to do. She delivered a powerful response to #45’s SOTU message. She was inclusive. She even said she didn’t want #45 to fail. Some might have disagreed with her on that point, but she was right on point on everything else. She was being overly kind to #45, and refused to stoop to what Senate Majority Leader said about President Barack Obama when he said he wanted to make President Obama a one-term president determining that it was the single most important thing for his party to do. In other words, McConnell wanted President Obama to fail! Stacey Abrams was better than that with #45.



Abrams, who ran for governor of Georgia, captured our imagination in that race and won the hearts of people all across the nation, was better than that for a man who didn’t deserve to be spoken of kindly. She was forceful and truthful without expressing meanness or hatred as did #45. Not even the fact checkers found grounds upon which to disagree with Abrams.

Abrams’ remarks were forward looking. She represented the needs of all Americans. She reminded us of the big tent that should be represented in our country. She made us feel included without regard to race, creed, color, the poor, immigrants and others. She spoke to those who were impacted by #45’s shutdown of the government. She left no stone unturned and ran circles around #45.

She spoke against hateful acts and policies. She spoke of a party expanding the electorate and preserving the right for all to vote, “We must reject the cynicism that says allowing every eligible vote to be cast and counted is a power grab.” She supports the right of all to healthcare, inclusiveness, fair pay and the right to basic human dignity.

Abrams made us proud as the first time a black woman had the opportunity to deliver a SOTU response. Despite challenges, black women continue to knock down barriers because all that we ever needed were opportunities. Abrams is an example of what former First Lady Michelle Obama meant when she said, “When they go low, we go high.”

To the contrary, #45 spoke like a dictator with his attempt at being poetic. One of his most memorable remarks was, “If there is going to be peace and legislation, there cannot be war and investigation.” In 11 minutes, Abrams’ remarks were far more meaningful than #45’s nearly 1 and 1/2 half hour rambling. In a perfect world, he would do his job and allow Congress to do theirs.

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Blackface is a flaunting of white privilege

By Marc H. Morial
President and CEO
National Urban League



“Blackface isn’t just another costume. It’s a mask of privilege, the kind of unchallenged power that comes through denying the experience of others.” – Justin Ellis

As a black student in overwhelmingly white schools in Louisiana, I faced my share of racial insults and slights. But one of the more memorable incidents was not even a deliberate slight directed at me. The offenders probably didn’t even think of me. But when a group of my classmates contemptuously affected exaggerated accents mocking black people, as part of a school production, I walked out.

The Governor and Attorney General of Virginia are under fire for having worn blackface to parties in the 1980s, and the Senate Majority Leader there edited a college yearbook that featured blackface photos and racial slurs. NBC News anchor Megyn Kelly lost her job after defending blackface Halloween costumes. Fashion design house Gucci

was forced to apologize for marketing a balaclava sweater that resembles blackface.

Not by accident, the rise of the minstrel show coincided with the rise of the abolitionist movement. The portrayals were intended to dehumanize black people, to sabotage any nascent empathy for those held in bondage. The stock character Zip Coon made a mockery of free blacks, with all his attempts at dignity undermined by his foolish tastes and lack of education. The “coon” part of his name, which remains an all-too-common racist slur, referred to his preference for raccoon meat over more sophisticated fare.

Other stock characters included the overly-sexualized “Buck” and “Jezebel,” which simultaneously fueled a fear of black men seducing white women and justified the rape of women slaves. The sympathetic minstrel characters, the “good ones,” were portrayed as content with their place in society.

For white people in much of the country, the demeaning stereotypes of the minstrel shows were their only exposure to black life. The minstrel shows functioned to solidify the concept of white supremacy at a

time when support was waning for the inhumane institution of slavery. The stereotypes – lazy, hypersexual, violent, incapable of social grace – persist to this day and are at the root of the inherent bias that infects our institutions.

So prevalent were these characters, so powerful was their role in establishing racial hierarchy, that the name of one character, Jim Crow, became shorthand for the entire system of racist suppression and terrorism that followed the collapse of Reconstruction.

When white people darken their skin or otherwise distort their facial features to resemble black people, it’s not an “homage” that many have tried to claim. It’s an act that is almost always performed for laughs. It is mockery. Blackface is a white person exclaiming with derisive glee, “Look at me, pretending to be black. Isn’t that hilarious?”

Those who defend blackface aren’t simply ignoring history; they’re ignoring the very structure of contemporary American society. Whiteness, in 21st Century America, conveys status and privilege as much as it ever did. The status and privilege of whiteness are at the heart of blackface. The cruel humor depends upon

the chasm between privilege and disadvantage. It is a kind of flaunting of white privilege. It’s why you almost never see the reverse; black people manage to get through costume parties dressed as white characters without lightening their skin or disguising their facial features. A black child with an S on his chest and a red cape is pretty clearly Superman, and almost no one would think his costume was incomplete without white makeup.

Even though we are once again having a national dialogue about this hurtful practice, there are those who will continue to defend it, who refuse to understand why it is offensive, who insist that is their own intentions that matter, and not the effect on others. But it is the very definition of white privilege to decide for oneself what is and isn’t – or what should and shouldn’t be – offensive to black people. When you step on someone’s foot, even accidentally, you step off and apologize. You don’t stomp down harder and say, “But I didn’t do it on purpose, and I can’t feel it so it must not hurt.”

The fact that blackface gives offense, whether intended or not, is reason enough.

Our planet is melting. Who cares?

By Julianne Malveaux
NNPA News Wire Columnist



The Right Reverend William Barber has revived Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s Poor People’s Campaign. He has reminded us that the triple evils of an age were racism, militarism and poverty. But he has advanced the struggle for social and economic justice by including ecological devastation and the intersection between religion and morality.

Dr. King indicated that one of the evils could not exist without another. Racism, militarism and poverty were intertwined. Moving it forward, capitalism, militarism and racism have been responsible for much of the ecological devastation we have experienced.

Barber has made it plain. His namesake son (William Barber III) has been involved in the environmental movement and took his dad to Alaska, where the melting of the glaciers was obvious. “We could see where they were five years ago, and where they are today. We are losing our glaciers.” The young Barber told his dad that we might see seismic changes in as few as twenty years.

Melting glaciers in Alaska. Melting glaciers in Antarctica. Govern-

ment reports that were delayed because of the government shutdown, but a final report from the National Atmospheric and Oceanic Administration (noaa.gov) says that 2018 was one of the four hottest years on record for the globe. The heat makes a difference. It accelerates storms and hurricanes. It places low-lying areas at risk. And trivially (but some of us live this) the fluctuations between cold and heat affect the quality of roads.

Many Republicans are oblivious to the challenges of climate change. That man who occupies the People’s House at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue spent 82 minutes bloviating without mentioning climate change or global warming (or the 400th year since enslaved people crossed these wretched borders), but even as he ignored a pressing issue, there were official acknowledgments of the ways that global warming has shifted our climate realities. In the name of party loyalty, some Republicans are willing to imperil our planet.

Democrats aren’t much better. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has been focused on climate change and has assembled a congressional panel to deal with the matter. The New Green Deal says that the speaker’s focus is insufficient, and first-year legislator Alexandria

Ocasia-Cortez (OAC), (D-NY), has promoted a “Green New Deal” that addresses comprehensive ways to deal with social, economic, and environmental justice.

Pelosi and AOC both care about the ways our planet is melting, although they approach legislative fixes in different ways. Pelosi would take a deep dive in environmental issues. AOC would connect environmental devastation to wages, education and quality of life. The two dynamos are on the same page, but their approach is different. Pelosi is the more skilled leader and negotiator and will find her position enhanced if she can use the AOC agenda to advance her own.

The bottom line, though, is that our planet is melting. We hear a “State of Disunion” address that mentioned climate change not once. In the days after the pathetic campaign speech masquerading as a State of the Union address, we saw Democrats lift the challenges of climate change, and Republicans to ignore those challenges. And our world melts on.

Our world is melting. Glaciers are disappearing. Oceans are rising. Lowlands (mostly populated by low income and black people) are disappearing. And, before Democrats took power in this term, few other than Pelosi and the New Green Deal

have been able to address matters of climate change and, in the words of the New Poor People’s Campaign, “ecological devastation.”

How does ecological devastation shape issues of social and economic justice? When folks choose to disrespect the environment, they mainly want to disrespect those who are most vulnerable – people who are at the periphery of the economy, those who have garbage dumps and toxic waste placed near their homes.

There was a focus on environmental justice with the Environmental Protection Agency before this administration decided that there was no need to protect the environment. And there has been a stunning silence among civil rights organizations who don’t think that the melting of our plant is essential.

Our planet is melting. A few legislators care. What about the rest of us? Do we understand that, in the words of Barber, that without a healthy planet, we have no platform to fight for social and economic justice, for our civil rights?

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Doctors, lawyers with monetary motives cause painful decisions in women’s health care

By Glenn Ellis
TriceEdney Newswire



Women, especially women of color and poor women, tend to suffer disproportionately in our healthcare system. The problem is growing worse now that there’s a group of trial lawyers eager to exploit female victims, under the guise of offering help.

Take for instance that roughly one-quarter of U.S. women suffer from pelvic floor disorders, and according to the *Washington Post*, about 3-4 million of them have been treated with transvaginal mesh. The vast majority of these women receive repairs using

transvaginal mesh without complications, but a significant minority experienced serious problems.

After the publicity surrounding this issue hit the fan, the lawyers pounced. It has come to light that a collaboration involving some law firms, doctors and finance companies are pressuring women into unnecessary surgeries to remove the mesh. Giving new meaning to the term “insult to injury,” this phenomenon, according to the *New York Times*, is leading unsuspecting women to the operating table – even in cases when the removal could worsen the symptoms.

If that’s not enough, some unscrupulous hedge funds are financing companies connected with law firms specializing in

suing manufacturers of the mesh. These law firms often use overseas telemarketing callers in countries such as India and the Philippines to contact women, known to have had the mesh surgery, with offers to join in lawsuits to sue the mesh manufacturers.

The *New York Times* highlighted a growing problem that tends to target women: the industry grown out of medical device settlements. For example, a court-ordered, charitable fund, the Common Benefit Trust, established out of the Dow Corning breast implant settlement fund, which also resulted from a faulty medical device. The Common Benefit Trust appears to have used some of this money to fund policy centers, advocacy groups and a conference

on litigation.

Pelvic organ prolapse, a medical issue sought to be treated by the transvaginal mesh, is one of the most common reasons for women to have surgery. It is ranked among the top three reasons that women have hysterectomies.

Then there are racial disparities. Compared with African-American women, Latina and white women had four to five times higher risk of symptomatic prolapse, thought to be in large part due to the lower rates of African-American women reporting the condition as a problem to doctors. Researchers see this pattern as part of a culture where African-American and/or poor women will not typically see the condition as a problem requiring them to consider surgery.

Dr. Niva Lubin-Johnson, president of the National Medical Association, which represents more than 50,000 African-American physicians on issues of health disparities and justice, says, “There is a crisis for African-American women that is related to maternal mortality – and that’s across any economic level and educational level for African-American women. We are losing in that area,” she says.

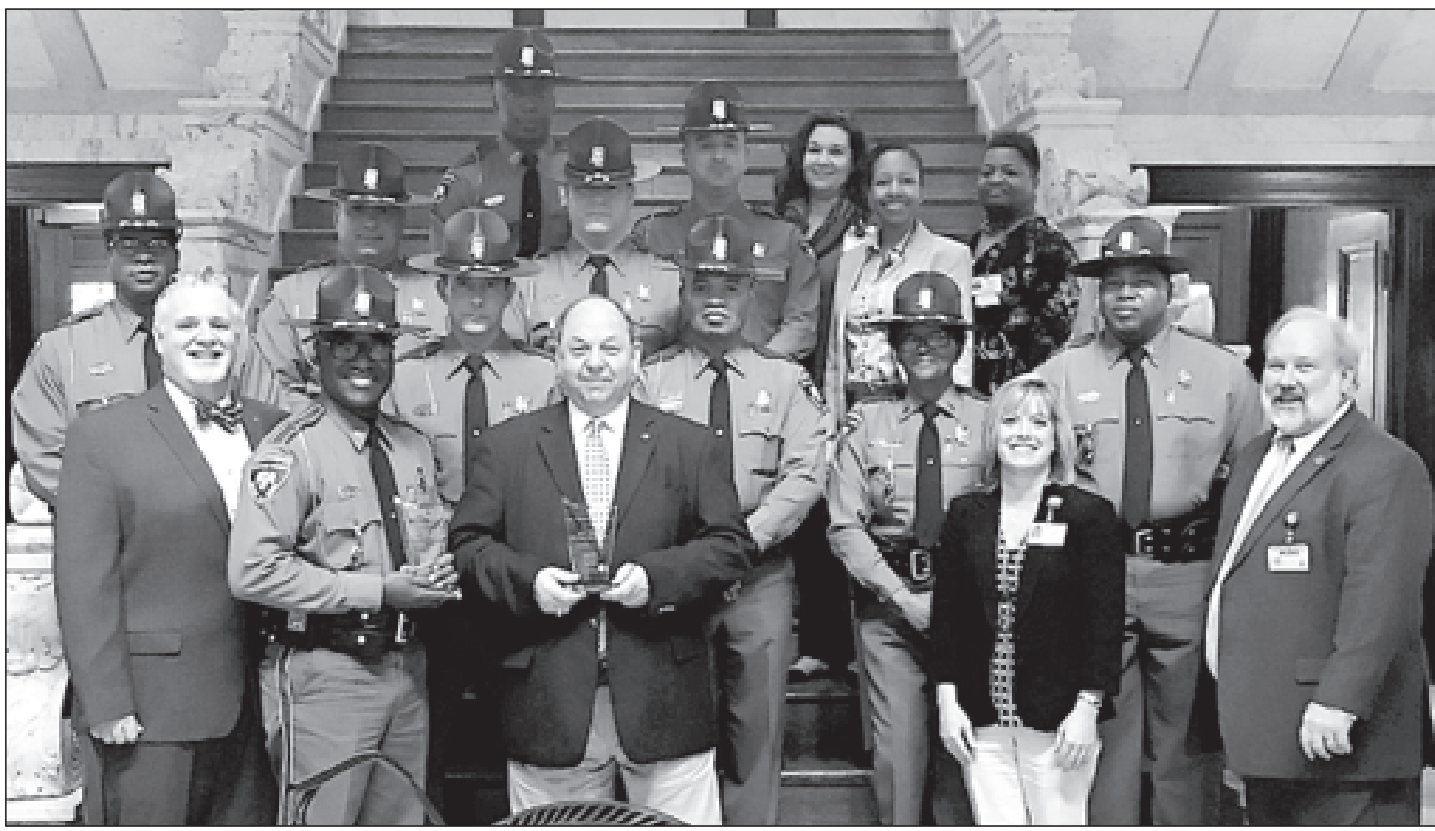
As for the transvaginal mesh, Lubin-Johnson says women must take extreme precaution when contacted by anyone about removals of that or any other device. “No, you go talk to your own physician about that and not to someone who is doing a cold call because of some possibil-

ity of joining a law suit...Talk to your own physician first; even if they were not the one who put the mesh in.”

So, if you’re considering medical treatment, be an informed consumer. Be sure to have your health care provider explain all of your options, as well as their possible risks and benefits. Though if these risks are not avoided, by all means, beware of financial lures to have surgeries that you do not need and that could leave you in a condition far worse than before.

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Donate Life Mississippi presents Con Maloney Hero awards at Capitol Day



Donate Life Mississippi presents Con Maloney Hero Award to eight recipients.

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Donate Life Mississippi presented Con Maloney Hero awards to eight individuals in recognition of their support of the life-saving and healing mission of organ, eye and tissue donation. The awards were presented at "Donate Life Mississippi" Day, February 7, 2019 at the Mississippi State Capitol.

Recipients of the Con Maloney Hero awards include:
Governor Phil Bryant
Lieutenant Governor Tate

Reeves

Senator Josh Harkins
Senator Dean Kirby
Senator Willie Simmons
Senator Alan Nunnelee, posthumously
Representative Steve Holland

Major Ken Brown, Mississippi Department of Public Safety

During his tenure as a Mississippi State Senator, Con Maloney worked to allow the wishes of Mississippians to be organ donor added to the State

of Mississippi driver's license.

Mississippians' organ donor status is now represented by a red heart on his or her driver's license. This effort has led to the more than 830,000 Mississippians who have registered to give the Gift of Life as an organ, eye and tissue donor through the Mississippi Department of Public Safety.

Donate Life Mississippi Day also included Senate concurrent resolution 571 sponsored by Senator Harkins that recognizes the need for organ,

eye and tissue donation in Mississippi where more than 1,300 patients are in need of a life-saving transplant.

Donate Life Mississippi is a partnership among Mississippi Organ Recovery Agency, Mid-South Transplant Foundation, Mississippi Lions Eye Bank and Mississippi Department of Public Safety dedicated to promoting the need for organ, eye, and tissue donation.

To join the donor registry, please visit donatelifems.org.

Five-year grant to improve health of African-American families on the Gulf Coast

Collaborative effort to focus on improving healthy behaviors among minority populations

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Mississippi Public Health Institute (MSPHI), a nonprofit organization whose mission is to engage in partnerships and activities that improve Mississippi's health, was recently awarded a five-year, \$3.4 million grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The grant, one of only 31 awards from CDC's Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) program, will support collaborative efforts to improve the health and well-being of African-American families, mothers and babies in Jackson, Hancock and Harrison Counties.

"We believe this is a tremendous opportunity to make a positive long-term impact on the health of thousands of families on the Mississippi Gulf Coast and demonstrate the impact of building stronger relationships between public health organizations, health care providers and community-based organizations," said Roy Hart, MSPHI chief executive officer. "Everything we learn over the next five years will benefit every Mississippi community, and we are excited about sharing the insights we gain and

new information we learn that will ultimately help improve health across the state."

The collaborative project will focus on increasing community support for breastfeeding and educating the community on the health effects of smoking and exposure to secondhand smoke.

MSPHI has engaged several local and state partners to support these efforts, including the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) Office of Women Infants and Children (WIC) and Office of Tobacco Control (OTC), Mississippi State University Social Science Research Center (SSRC), Coastal Family Health Center, Gulf Coast Healthy Communities Collaborative (GCHCC), Gulf Coast Breastfeeding Center, Reaching Our Sisters Everywhere (ROSE) and several hospital primary care systems along the Gulf Coast.

Funding from the grant will support community-based activities that will directly involve coastal residents and connect African-American mothers and families to resources that support and promote healthy lifestyles. The project's multi-sector coalition of local community stakeholders will focus

on advancing population health in the three counties.

A full-time community resource coordinator, housed at Coastal Family Health Center, will link individuals with a range of services, including Baby Cafés and tobacco cessation resources.

"As a safety net health care provider in a state challenged by many health disparities, Coastal Family Health Center is grateful to be a partner in this exciting initiative that focuses on the very core of where sustainable change occurs – the family, specifically mothers and babies," said Angel Greer, chief executive officer of Coastal Family Health Center. "This initiative is a stepping stone for partners across our Gulf Coast to create a network to strengthen and empower families and improve our health outcomes."

The community-based coalition, coordinated by GCHCC, will be facilitated by a manager who will engage community members and stakeholders in program planning, implementation and evaluation utilizing local data to ensure the project is responsive to the current and emerging needs of the community and African-American

mothers, families and babies.

"The Gulf Coast Healthy Communities Collaborative exists to bring together partners across multiple sectors to catalyze data-driven action at the intersection of community development and health," said Tracy Wyman, healthy communities liaison for GCHCC. "We look forward to supporting the work of the Healthy Families Mothers & Babies Initiative through the Community ExCHANGE online data platform and working together to connect organizations and programs for a healthier Mississippi Gulf Coast."

MSPHI and its partners expect this project to improve overall health along the Gulf Coast that can be sustained through the network of partnerships that are created. These partnerships will help increase support and use of systems and services for chronic disease prevention, strengthen community support for breastfeeding, and reduce tobacco use over the next five years.

For more information on the REACH project, contact Tennessee Collins at tcollins@msphi.org or 601 398-4406.

For more information on MSPHI, visit www.msphi.org.

As flu spikes in state, experts offer advice on treatment, prevention

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Flu season is spiking in Mississippi, and experts at the University of Mississippi Medical Center say people should redouble precautions to avoid being – or creating – the next patient.

The Pediatric Emergency Department has diagnosed more than 120 children daily over the past week with flu or flu-like symptoms, said Dr. Benjamin Dillard, chief of pediatric emergency medicine at Batson Children's Hospital. Total numbers in the Pediatric ED have risen above 200 children daily over the past week.

"Over the past two weeks, we've had an incredible surge in patient volume, well above normal for this time of the year," Dillard said. "All of it is related to influenza and flu-like symptoms."

Numbers for the Adult Emergency Department aren't immediately available, but "we are seeing a big spike in flu cases across all areas," said Dr. Alan Jones, professor and chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine.

Parents of young children should be aware of symptoms that mean their child likely needs to be seen by their health provider or urgent care clinic during regular business hours, or an after-hours clinic or emergency room if their regular provider's office is closed, said Dr. April Palmer, professor of pediatrics and infectious diseases.

They include:

Fever of 100.4 degrees or higher in babies under four weeks old, 102 or higher if between one and three months old, and higher than 102-103 if they are between three months and 3 years. "A child under the age of a month is the age we most worry about," Palmer said.

Dehydration and the inability to hold down fluids. "A child wearing diapers should have a diaper with urine at least every six hours, and if you notice a baby is not making tears or their soft spot is sinking in, you should worry about dehydration," she said. Older children's urine should be yellow, not dark or amber, and they should be urinating at least every six hours.

Significant difficulty in breathing, including fast breathing. "If their lips are blue, they are not getting enough oxygen," Palmer said.

Other troubling symptoms or behaviors, such as babies being inconsolable, babies and

children being unresponsive or difficult to wake up, irritability, and severe pain.

"And, it might not be the flu," Palmer said. "In the midst of a busy flu season, other diseases and infections creep in. Your child may have something else, or a complication of the flu such as pneumonia. That's why your child should be seen if they're having difficulty breathing."

Adults and the elderly also should be aware of how flu can exacerbate chronic conditions, said Dr. Bhagyashri Navalkele, assistant professor of medicine. Her advice:

Recognize that flu can be worse in adults who already cope with chronic illnesses such as heart and kidney disease, asthma or other breathing disorders. "Their chronic illnesses can worsen if they get the flu," Navalkele said. "If they have really high fever and cough and flu symptoms, they should see their doctor or go to an emergency room."

The elderly are at significant risk of getting the most severe influenza, she said. "If they are having trouble breathing or having issues like chest pain, that's concerning, because they can easily get pneumonia or other complications that can be related to chronic diseases."

Adults who are otherwise healthy should stay home, rest and drink plenty of fluids. "They should take care not to spread the flu to others. They have that responsibility," Navalkele said.

Sheila Fletcher, director of infection prevention, offers these tips for protecting yourself and your family:

Get a flu shot. It's not too late.

Wash your hands often, not just after using the restroom, but after being in a public place – for example, an airplane, a grocery store or a school or office.

Protect yourself from people who are coughing or sneezing near you. Cover your mouth when coughing and sneezing to prevent spreading germs.

Wipe down hard surfaces often with sanitizing cleaners.

If someone in the household has flu, reserve a bathroom only for their use, and limit contact to as few caregivers as possible.

Minimize contact between children and the elderly or those whose health is compromised.

Stay as well as you can. Eat a healthy diet and get plenty of rest.

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FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
JAMES HUGHES, DECEASED

BY: Bobbie Ball, Eunice Wells, Willie Bailey, and Roosevelt Hughes

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JAMES HUGHES, DECEASED

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Bobbie Ball, Eunice Wells, Willie Bailey, and Roosevelt Hughes. Plaintiff, seeking the adjudication of heirs of James Hughes.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 o'clock a.m., on the 29th day of April, 2019, in the Chancery Courtroom of Hinds County, Mississippi, before Honorable Dewayne Thomas and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 29th day of January, 2019.

Eddie Carr
CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
SAM JOHN OLIVER, DECEASED

CAUSE NO. 2019-00035 T/1

AMENDED NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on February 6, 2019, by the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Mississippi to the undersigned Executrix upon the Estate of Sam John Oliver, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probation and registration according to the law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

This the 14th day of February 2019.

Sam Oliver, DDD
Sam John Oliver, III Executor

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF Hinds

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the jurisdiction aforesaid, the within named, Sam John Oliver, III Executrix for the Estate of Sam John Oliver, deceased, who having been by me first duly sworn, states that the above Notice to Creditors is true and correct as therein stated.

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**Invitations for Bid (IFB)#2019-01
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The City of Jackson is seeking sealed bids from qualified firms for the Bus Stop Improvement Program: Site Design, Engineering and Project Management Services for Bus Shelters, Benches, Bust Stop Signs and Associated Improvements on a Multi-Year Contract.

Interested firms may obtain a copy of a detailed Request for Proposals, and any proposal addenda by emailing mguice@jacksonms.gov. Official proposal documents can be downloaded from Central Bidding at www.centralbidding.com. Please reference IFB#2019-01.

Six copies of the offeror's Proposal together with a PDF file of the Proposal on a flash drive shall be deposited with the City of Jackson, Office of City Clerk at 219 South President Street, Jackson, MS 39205 until Tuesday, February 26, 2019 by 3:30 pm, Central Standard Time (CST). Electronic bids and/or reverse auction bids can be submitted at www.centralbidding.com. For any questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814. Submittals received after the specified date and time shall not be accepted.

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RFx #: 3160002715

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Address: 2727 Old Canton Road, Suite 200
Jackson, Mississippi 39216
Phone: 601-321-9107
Email: mboerner@wbaarchitecture.com

A deposit of \$150.00 is required. Bid preparation will be in accordance with Instructions to Bidders bound in the project manual. The Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject any or all bids. NOTE: Telephones and desks will not be available for bidders use at the bid site.

Calvin R. Sibley, Bureau Director
Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management

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**Request for Proposal (RFP) #2019-01
Mobile Surveillance Camera System**

The City of Jackson is soliciting Request for Proposals (RFPs) based on a firm fixed price basis to purchase, install, train, and maintain a new surveillance camera system for its fixed route and paratransit fleet.

Interested firms may obtain a copy of a detailed Request for Proposals, and any proposal addenda by emailing mguice@jacksonms.gov. Official proposal documents can be downloaded from Central Bidding at www.centralbidding.com. Please reference RFP#2019-01.

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Advertisement for Electronic Bidding

Bid 3090 Roof Replacement for Boyd Elementary School

Sealed, written formal bid proposals for the above bid will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time) March 8, 2019, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. A Pre-Bid Conference concerning the project for Boyd Elementary School will be held at 4531 Broadmeadow Drive, Jackson, MS 39206, on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is non-mandatory but strongly suggested. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date bids are opened.

Plan holders are required to register and order bid documents at www.majordesignstudioplans.com. A \$100.00 nonrefundable deposit shall be required on each set of hardcopy bid documents and \$50.00 for digital set and must be purchased through the website. All plan holders are required to have a valid email address for registration. Questions regarding website registration and online proposal, please contact Plan House Printing at (662) 407-0193. Questions regarding bid documents, please contact Major Design Studio, PLLC, 414-1 Main Street, Columbus, MS 39701, Phone: 662-425-2485, Fax: 662-356-1460.

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**LEGAL NOTICE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

CITY OF JACKSON

Notice is hereby given that Proposals will be received by the City Clerk of the City of Jackson, Mississippi until 3:30 p.m., Friday, March 15, 2019. The City of Jackson, Mississippi requests proposals from art groups and other community development groups providing services to the citizens in the City of Jackson.

Financial assistance is available to support arts and community development activities designed to increase awareness, understanding and appreciation of the arts and improve the quality of life among the citizens of Jackson. This solicitation seeks proposals with an emphasis on community exposure, history and education.

Grant awards offered by the City of Jackson shall only represent supplemental funding in support of arts projects and community development based projects. To be eligible for funding, proposing organizations must have verifiable cash match contributions that equals to at least 50% of project cost.

A workshop on the Request for Proposals packet is scheduled for MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2019 beginning promptly at 2:00pm. It will be held at the Municipal Art Gallery located at 839 North State Street Jackson, MS 39202. Those interested in submitting proposals should attend this Workshop.

For the Request for Proposals packet, please contact Beverley Johnson-Durham at 601 960 0383. All proposals must be sealed and plainly marked on the outside of the envelope: Proposal for general funds Arts and Community Based Grants. Proposal packets must be received by the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, 219 South President Street by 3:30pm on March 15, 2019. The city reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

Request for proposal documents can be downloaded from the City of Jackson website: www.jacksonms.gov and may be picked up at the City of Jackson Department of Human and Cultural Services located at 1000 Metrocenter Drive Suite 101, Jackson MS.

By: Adriane Dorsey-Kidd, Director
Department of Human and Cultural Services

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AUTHORITY
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FEBRUARY 6, 2019

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority ("JMAA") will receive sealed bids at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport ("JAN"), Main Terminal Building, Suite 300, in the City of Jackson, Rankin County, Mississippi, until 2:00 p.m. Central Standard Time on Friday, March 8, 2019 (the "Bid Deadline"), for services in connection with Hawkins Field Airport (HKS) Joint Seal Repair on West Ramp Apron, Project No. 6000-002-19, at the Hawkins Field Airport (the "Work").

JMAA will publicly open and read aloud all bids at 2:05 p.m. Central Standard Time on Friday, March 8, 2019 (the "Bid Opening"), in the Community Room, Third Floor of the Main Terminal Building, Suite 300 at JAN. JMAA invites Bidders and their authorized representatives to attend the Bid Opening.

The outside or exterior of each bid envelope or container of the bid must be marked with the wording: "HKS Joint Seal Repair on West Ramp Apron, JMAA Project No. 6000-002-19." Bid proposals, amendments to bids, or requests for withdrawal of bids received by JMAA after the Bid Deadline will not be considered for any reason whatsoever.

JMAA will award the Work to the lowest most responsive and responsible bidder as determined by JMAA in accordance with the criteria set forth in the Information for Bidders. The Information for Bidders contains, among other things, a copy of this Advertisement for Bids, Instructions to Bidders and an Agreement to be executed by JMAA and the lowest and best bidder. Any Addenda issued clarifying and/or changing instructions in the Instruction to Bidders; and/or answering questions in relation to the Instruction to Bidders, shall become part of the Information for Bidders. The Scope of Work is considered a part of the Agreement.

Interested persons may obtain a copy of the Information for Bidders from JMAA by contacting Ms. Bonnie Spears, Procurement Specialist, as follows:

Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport
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Attention: Ms. Bonnie Spears
Procurement Specialist
Jackson, Mississippi 39208 Telephone: (601) 360-8623
Email Address: bspears@jmaa.com

or from JMAA's website at <https://jmaa.com/corporate/partner-with-us/procurement/>

The contact for all questions and submittal of Bids and required forms is Ms. Bonnie Spears, Procurement Specialist. Ms. Spears can be contacted at bspears@jmaa.com or 601-360-8623.

JMAA will hold a Pre-Bid Conference at 2:00 p.m. Central Standard Time on Tuesday, February 19, 2019, in the Hawkins Field Conference Room at Hawkins Field Airport located at 558 W. Ramp Street, Jackson, MS 39209. Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference is highly recommended for all those interested in submitting bids as a Prime Contractor and persons seeking opportunities to provide work as a Sub-Contractor. The benefits of attendance include networking opportunities between Prime Contractors and Sub-Contractors, the opportunity to be on a list of contacts that will be published to interested parties as part of the minutes from the Pre-Bid Conference, the opportunity to receive detailed scope related information from the project owner, and a site visit of the area covered in the scope of work. No site visits will be scheduled other than the one provided during the Pre-Submission Conference.

JMAA reserves the right to amend the plans for the Work by Addendum issued before the Bid and to hold and examine bids for up to ninety (90) days before awarding the Contract.

If it becomes necessary to revise any aspect of this Request for Bids or to provide additional information to Bidders, JMAA will issue one or more Addenda by posting on JMAA's website (<https://jmaa.com/corporate/partner-with-us/procurement/>). JMAA will also endeavor to deliver a copy of each Addendum to all persons on record as receiving a copy of the Information for Bidders, via email.

JMAA has not established a goal for DBE participation, therefore the goal is 0%.

JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
DATE: February 6, 2019 /s/ Carl D. Newman, A.A. E.
Carl D. Newman, A.A. E., Chief Executive Officer

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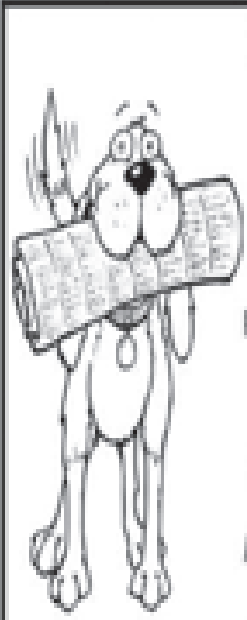
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S.T.A.N.D. Coalitions Meet and Greet Luncheon

The Mississippi Link Newswire

S.T.A.N.D. (Sisters Taking Action and Nurturing Decision-makers) held its third annual Meet and Greet luncheon for women legislators January, 30, 2019, at the Old Capitol Inn, 226 North State Street, Jackson, MS.

The theme of the luncheon was to recognize and show appreciation for the women in the Mississippi legislature. The twenty-six women in the Mississippi legislature were extended invitations. Representatives Alyce Clarke, Debra Dixon, Debra Gibbs, Omeria Scott, Kathy Sykes and Senator Tammy Witherspoon attended the luncheon and responded to the representatives of S.T.A.N.D. coalition organizations.

State Representatives David Baria, Jay Hughes, Tom Miles and Senator Hillman Frazier supported S.T.A.N.D. and their colleagues by attending.

Each of the legislators was placed on the agenda to respond to issues/related bills presented by the S.T.A.N.D. coalition organizations.

This year, one hundred-thirty-eight women from across the state registered and paid to attend the luncheon. The strength of S.T.A.N.D. is that each woman belongs to at least three other organizations.

The presidents and/or designees of the S.T.A.N.D. Coalition organizations spoke on crucial bills and issues of concern.

Goals centered around 5A's: Awareness, Advocacy, Agenda, Action and Accountability.

Specific objectives are:

1. to effect, propose and af-



Oleta G. Fitzgerald



Willie Jones



Corrine W. Anderson



(L to R) Pat Wise and Vickie Slater

fect public policy in the areas of health, education, leadership development and economic de-

2. to unite and support a consensus agenda of cross-cutting

- issues on public policy and political action
3. to collectively focus on

advocacy of current issues and place advocacy efforts and our action agendas behind legisla-

tive and public policy agenda regarding the welfare of women, children, families and related issues.

The organizations speaking in support of or against specific bills and issues were as follows:

1. American Association of University Women, MS, Kay Brocato, president
2. Alpha Kappa Alpha, Rho Lambda Omega, Leyser Hayes, designee
3. American Civil Liberties Union, Jennifer Riley Collins, executive director
4. Black Women's Roundtable, Cassandra Welchlin, executive director
5. Children's Defense Fund, Oleta Garrett Fitzgerald, executive director
6. Mary Church Terrell Literary Society, Dolores Hopkins, president
7. Mississippi Federation of Democratic Women, Tanya Gray, president
8. National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc., Rita Wray, president
9. Planned Parenthood, Southeast, Felicia Brown Williams
10. Women For Progress of Mississippi, Inc., Willie Jones, president
11. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Alpha Delta Omega, Lucille Green, president.

The luncheon planning and implementation committee was co-ordinated by Corinne Williams Anderson and S.T.A.N.D. steering committee members Eddie Jean Carr, Mary Crump, LaVerne Gentry, Machelles Kyles, Pernita Welch, Cassandra Welchlin and Demetria White.

Siblings J.T. and Lana Evans named MCM January Volunteers of the Month

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Siblings J.T. and Lana Evans have been named "Volunteers of the Month" for January at the Mississippi Children's Museum (MCM).

J.T. is a ninth-grade student at Rosa Scott High School and in addition to volunteering, he is also a member of the Madison Central football and track teams, Beta Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Student Government Association (SGA). Older sister, Lana, is a sophomore at Madison Central High School and an active member of the SGA, as well as various sports and clubs.

Sharon Griffin, MCM's volunteer coordinator, described both J.T. and Lana as being patient and kind to all children, always looking for opportunities to positively interact.

J.T. stood out as a volunteer when he assisted with our evening "Planting the Seeds to Read" events with JPS elementary age students.

Griffin noted, "J.T. saw a young child who was upset and patiently worked with him one-on-one until he calmed down." When later asked about the interaction, J.T. said, "It was outside of my comfort zone be-



Siblings Lana Evans and J.T. Evans

cause I had never dealt with a situation like that before, but I was glad I could help."

"New experiences like this are the reason volunteering is so important for our young people," says Griffin. "Our student volunteers grow in ways they had never expected and find themselves trying new things."

Both J.T. and Lana encourage other students to volunteer at MCM, because "volunteering is a great addition to your

resume and presents opportunities to meet new people and make new friends."

MCM is honored to have J.T. and Lana assisting us as volunteers and role models.

To find out more about volunteering at the MCM, please visit our website at www.ms-childrensmuseum.org.

For any questions, please contact Susan Branson, director of External Affairs, at sbranson@mcm.ms or at 601 709-8354.

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FILM REVIEW: COLD PURSUIT

GRIEVING DAD GOES VIGILANTE IN REMAKE OF GRUESOME, NORWEGIAN CRIME THRILLER

By Kam Williams
Columnist

Nels Coxman (Liam Neeson) is Kehoe, Colorado’s most reliable snowplow driver. He was recently named the popular ski resort area’s “Citizen of the Year” for keeping its treacherous mountain roads clear during the blizzards which routinely threaten to disrupt the town’s tourist season.

Not used to making public appearances before an audience, the shy civil servant needs some help from his wife (Laura Dern) dressing and preparing an acceptance speech. Unfortunately, tragedy strikes the night of the awards dinner when their son (Micheál Richardson) dies of a drug overdose in nearby Denver.

After identifying the body at the morgue, Grace (“We didn’t know our own son.”) is inclined to accept the police explanation that Kyle had been a heroin addict. But hubby Nels (“Kyle wasn’t a druggie!”) is

very skeptical, since the kid had no history of drug use and had been gainfully employed as a baggage handler at Kehoe’s airport at the time of his demise.

So, the grieving dad decides to do a little digging on his own and soon discovers that Dante (Wesley MacInnes), a co-worker of Kyle’s, had stolen a kilo of cocaine from a drug cartel. As it turns out, Kyle was ostensibly murdered in a case of mistaken identity on orders from a kingpin known as Viking (Tom Bateman).

That’s little consolation to Nels who suddenly becomes blinded by rage. The mild-mannered pillar of the community morphs into a sadistic spree killer determined to track down the powerful mobster who ordered the hit on his boy. However, Viking has an army of minions running interference, which means Nels must negotiate a perilous gauntlet en route to his well-protected

target.

Thus unfolds Cold Pursuit, a riveting vigilante thriller directed by Hans Petter Moland.

The movie is a faithful, English-language adaptation of In Order of Disappearance, a gratuitous gorefest which Moland made in his native Norway in 2014. This equally-gruesome remake similarly veers back and forth between slaughter and slapstick, never fully committing to comedy or drama.

Whether we’re supposed to laugh at or recoil from the escalating body count, Cold Pursuit, at heart, is a wanton splatterflick certain to satiate the bloodlust of fans of the genre.

Very Good (3 stars)

Rated R for profanity, drug use, sexual references and graphic violence

Running time: 118 minutes

Production Company: Paradox Films / StudioCanal

Distributor: Lionsgate / Summit Entertainment

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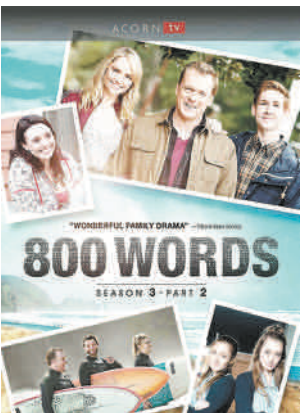
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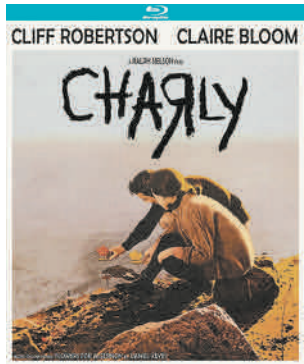
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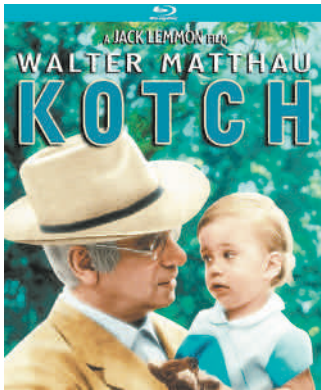
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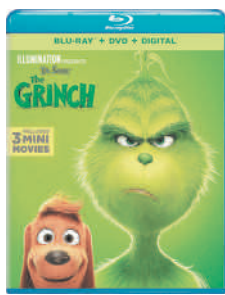
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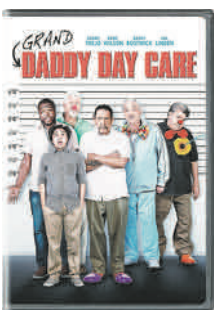
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Sudoku

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.

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

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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 Tom Brady

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
X																						V			

G O P L D R T C A W V T Y W G K E A X Y S
G R T C A J A G K E Q X Y D T M A X D A X U
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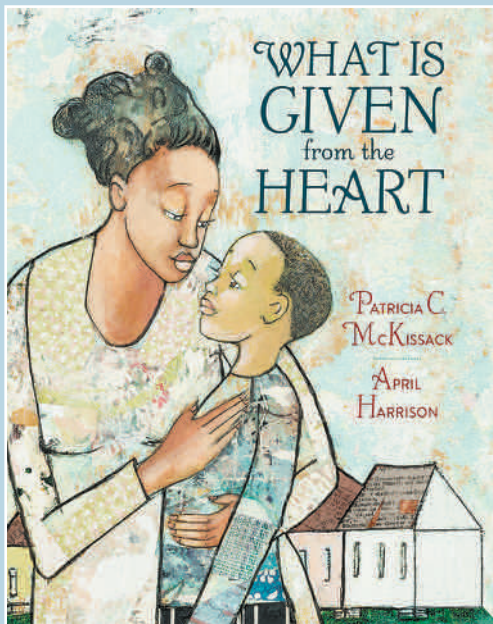


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BOOK REVIEW: “WHAT IS GIVEN FROM THE HEART” BY PATRICIA C. MCKISSACK, ILLUSTRATED BY APRIL HARRISON C.2019, SCHWARTZ & WADE BOOKS \$17.99 / \$23.99 CANADA • 40 PAGES

By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

Oh, how you love opening presents!

You love the surprise, first of all. What did you get? You won’t find out until you rip off the paper and just the sound of that is exciting. Maybe there’s a box next, or plastic to open, or there’s simply a gift for you to enjoy.

Getting presents is awesome but in the new book “What is Given from the Heart” by Patricia C. McKissack, illustrated by April Harrison, its doubly spe-

cial when you have nothing to give in return.

Mama always seemed so sad. James Otis did what he could, but it was “a rough few months.” Nearly a year ago, daddy fell asleep one day and didn’t wake up; after that, the farm was re-possessed and mama had to move herself and James Otis to a tumbledown shack and there never seemed to be enough money. The final blow came when James Otis’s dog ran off.

Mama liked to point out that they had each other. They had

God, and they had small holidays and such, but James Otis knew it had been a struggle.

Then one day near Valentine’s Day, he and mama were in church when Reverend Dennis made a special announcement. As always, the church was giving to the needy that spring but Mrs. Temple and her seven-year-old daughter, Sarah, had been victims of a fire and they needed a special “love box.”

The Temples had lost everything, and on the way home that day, mama said she want-

ed to help. She wanted to find something nice to give to the Temples but James Otis had no idea what that might be. Mama reminded him of Reverend Dennis’s words: “Remember, what is given from the heart touches the heart.”

And so James Otis began to think. His crayons were broken. Sarah probably wouldn’t appreciate an old toy truck. His whistle had spit all over it. His favorite old puzzle was missing two pieces. What would a little girl like? Better question: how

can you give anything when you have nothing yourself?

“What is Given from the Heart” is a book that seriously needs to come with its own choir, one that would softly sing, just when you get about halfway through reading it. Yes, this story is just that wonderful.

It’s okay if you don’t have access to tenors and sopranos, though. Your child will get the message all the same because author Patricia C. McKissack tells a tale that shows loud and clear how giving has its own re-

wards and riches. Even kids who turn into Gimme Monsters will see it – in part, because of McKissack’s quiet, loving text and in part, because of the collage-like illustrations by April Harrison. Rounding it off, the uplifting ending couldn’t be more heart-warming.

This is a book that’s perfect for soft-hearted kids ages 4-to-8, but materialistic older kids might need to hear it once or twice, too. For them, or any generous child, “What is Given from the Heart” could make a great present.

FILM REVIEW: THE MAN WHO KILLED HITLER AND THEN THE BIGFOOT WWII VET PLAYS HERO AGAIN IN CAMPY ACTION ADVENTURE

By Kam Williams
Columnist

Every now and then, a film turns history on its head. For example, Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter made over \$100 million at the box office by suggesting that the 16th President of the United States was also a legendary stalker of the undead. And Quentin Tarantino’s Inglourious Basterds, which had Hitler dying

in a movie theater fire rather than by committing suicide, made three times as much money.

Playing fast and loose with the truth can be pretty profitable in other arenas as well. Donald Trump sealed the Republican presidential nomination by parroting the National Enquirer’s patently ridiculous assertion that JFK assassin Lee Harvey Oswald hadn’t acted alone but with the

help of Senator Ted Cruz’s father, Rafael.

Well, in The Man Who Killed Hitler and Then The Bigfoot we have a film that contradicts conventional wisdom not once, but twice. The picture stars Sam Elliott as Calvin Barr, the World War II vet who supposedly successfully assassinated the Fuhrer on a top secret mission.

This picture unfolds decades

later when an aging Calvin is coaxed out of retirement by an FBI agent (Ron Livingston) to track down the legendary Bigfoot (Mark Steger) that is rumored to be living deep in the Canadian forest. It seems that the mythical beast is responsible for a deadly plague that is threatening to decimate the population.

Turning down an array of 007-level, state of the arts gad-

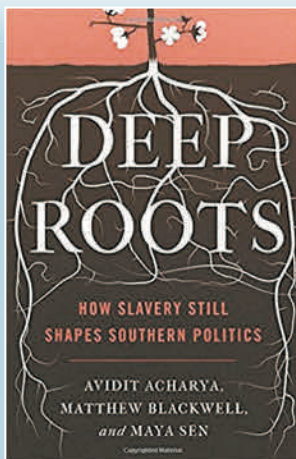
gets, Calvin stoically sets out with just a rifle, a scope and a Bowie knife. He doesn’t even don goggles, gas mask and a protective suit to prevent his prey from infecting him.

Sam Elliott plays it straight, here, but you can’t help but wonder whether the veteran thespian’s embarrassed by the fact that this campy B-flick has been released right when he’s been nominated

for an Oscar for the first time in his career.

An amusing mix of fantasy and revisionist history bordering on cheesy that’s strictly for the very gullible.

Good (2 stars)
Unrated
Running time: 98 minutes
Production Companies: Epic Pictures Releasing / Title Media
Distributor: RLJE FILMS



BOOK REVIEW: “DEEP ROOTS” BY AVIDIT ACHARYA, MATTHEW BLACKWELL AND MAYA SEN PRINCETON UNIVERSITY PRESS HARDCOVER, \$29.95 • 296 PAGES, ILLUSTRATED

By Kam Williams
Columnist

“Despite dramatic social transformations in the United States during the last 150 years, the South has remained staunchly conservative. Southerners are more likely to support Republican candidates, gun rights, and the death penalty, and southern whites harbor higher levels of racial resentment than whites in other parts of the country.

Why haven’t these sentiments evolved or changed? “Deep Roots” shows that the entrenched political and racial views of

contemporary white southerners are a direct consequence of the region’s slaveholding history, which continues to shape economic, political and social spheres. Today, southern whites who live in areas once reliant on slavery – compared to areas that were not – are more racially hostile and less amenable to policies that could promote black progress.” – Excerpted from the dust jacket

William Faulkner is the only Nobel prize-winner born in Mississippi, which is where most of his stories are set. One of this

preeminent Southern writer’s most memorable lines is, “The past is never dead. It’s not even past.”

That quote comes to mind while reading “Deep Roots: How Slavery Still Shapes Southern Politics.” That’s because, after conducting painstaking research, authors Avidit Acharya, Matthew Blackwell and Maya Sen arrived at a conclusion (“History shapes contemporary political culture.”) which sounds like a paraphrase of Faulkner’s famous saying.

Over the course of the 150

plus years since Emancipation, the descendants of slave owners have continuously operated to prevent blacks from pursuing the American Dream. In the face of the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments, southern municipalities, cities and states passed Jim Crow laws denying African Americans the right to vote, travel, buy land, possess a gun, get an education and so forth.

The punishment for even the slightest of infractions ranged from whipping to lynching in order to strictly maintain the region’s color-coded caste system.

“Racial violence was an important component of the development of anti-black attitudes, even among poor whites.” Furthermore, “White children were often present... and, in some striking cases, they were also active participants.”

So, is it any surprise that, “As of the 2016 election, all of the former states of the Confederacy had implemented some voter identification law” in an effort to deny as many black citizens as possible access to the ballot box? Advocates of Confederate monuments and memorials con-

tinue to claim the Civil War was waged over states’ rights, conveniently ignoring the assertion of the designer of the rebel battle flag that, “As a people, we are fighting to maintain the heaven-ordained supremacy of the white man over the inferior or colored race.”

A timely tome which explains why, from neo-Nazis marching in Charlottesville to Virginia politicians donning blackface, when it comes to the South, the more things change, the more they remain insane.



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Hinds County School District Weekly Update

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Hinds County School District will host its 2019 Job Fair March 2

Hinds County School District announces the 2019 Job Fair Saturday, March 2, 2019 from 9: a.m.-12 p.m. The event will take place at Byram Middle School, 2009 Byram Bulldog Blvd., Byram, MS 39170. Candidates attending the 2019 Job Fair will be able to speak with district administrators and contracted employers. The goal of the event is to showcase all schools in the district and provide an opportunity for candidates to apply in-person.

HCSD will be seeking to hire all positions, including Certified Teachers, Teacher Assistants, Substitute Teachers, Bus Drivers, Custodians and Food Service Workers. To view a list of all open positions at HCSD and to apply online, visit www.hinds.k12.ms.us. Should you have questions, please contact HCSD Human Resources Department at 601-857-5222.



HCSD welcomes new employees to Central Office

Shikeitha Robinson comes to the Business Services Department as an accountant with more than five years of experience, having served as program manager for the Mississippi Development Authority. She has expertise in supporting and coordination of separate business units having in her prior career coordinated all the visitor centers located around the state. Robinson is a graduate of Mississippi State University and Belhaven University. Please join us in welcoming Ms. Robinson to Hinds County School District as we continue to provide an engaging and empowering environment that ensures excellence for students and the communities we serve.



Shikeitha Robinson, accountant| MUNIS contact

BEEMS teacher receives National Board Certification

Our very own Pre-K teacher, Yolanda Bell recently renewed her National Board Certification; making her nationally certified as a Generalist/Early Childhood specialist until 2029.



CMS band members compete in HCSD Solo & Ensemble Festival

On February 2, 2019 several of our Carver band students participated in the HCSD Solo & Ensemble Festival at Raymond High School. CMS had 20 kids perform a solo, and all 20 earned a Division 1 Rating ("SUPERIOR"= best possible rating)! We also had 27 ensemble entries (groups of 2-5 students) perform an ensemble piece, and 23 of them earned a Division 1 ("SUPERIOR") rating! One ensemble scored a Division 2 rating ("EXCELLENT"). Anthony Wilson, band director stated that he is very proud of the way the students represented Carver Middle School and the band program. Please take time to congratulate them.



Destiney Williams comes to us with more than five years of experience, having worked in Jackson Public School district. As purchasing and travel manager, Williams' responsibilities will include helping to process all incoming correspondence and telephone calls as instructed, processing all incoming receivables and distributes to appropriate schools and departments, managing and expediting the issuance of purchase orders and handling all travel related matters and procedures.



Destiney Williams, purchasing and travel manager

Stephanie Satcher is a native of Mississippi transferring to Hinds County School District from Texas. She holds an Educational Specialist degree in School Counseling (Spring 2015) and Masters of Education in School Counseling (Spring 2008) from Delta State University. She brings experience from high school counseling and college counseling (community-based organization). She has also dedicated herself to becoming a life-long learner, and guiding students to overcome social and emotional barriers that impede student success. Satcher is honored to join the Hinds County School District as a behavior counselor.



Stephanie Satcher, behavior counselor

The Hinds County School District is very pleased to announce that Cheryl Johnson has joined the Instructional Technology Department as the student data manager. Johnson began February 4, 2019. Johnson comes to us with more than 18 years of experience, having worked in Madison County and Jackson Public School Districts.



Cheryl Johnson

HCSD educators attend MECA Conference

The MECA conferences provide participants a chance to network with peers, learn from each other's experiences, see new vendor offerings, and, in general, receive outstanding professional development concerning instructional technology. Participants come from various backgrounds (K-12, higher ed, business, etc.) and experience both hands-on sessions in labs and concurrent sessions in conference rooms.

