

The Ambassadors of the A-TEAAM shine brightly during closing ceremony

By Othor Cain
Editor

Sixth grade males from several middle schools across the state participated in an Awards and Recognition Ceremony Sunday, April 28, at the Westin Hotel in Jackson.

The ceremony has become a staple closing event for the young men that are

selected as Ambassadors of the Evers Academy for African American Males (A-TEAAM).

The A-TEAAM is a mentorship, character and leadership development program whose aim is to inspire young males of color in middle school and beyond to honor the life and live the legacy of Medgar Evers as they interact with a

“village” of role models and mentors. This ‘village’ of mentors provides support and one-on-one guidance utilizing a meaningful curriculum to empower these young men as they matriculate through middle school.

The A-TEAAM movement is to im-

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A-TEAAM Hardy ambassadors with mentors and organizers. PHOTOS BY JAY JOHNSON

Biden enters presidential race bringing White Supremacy to the forefront of issues

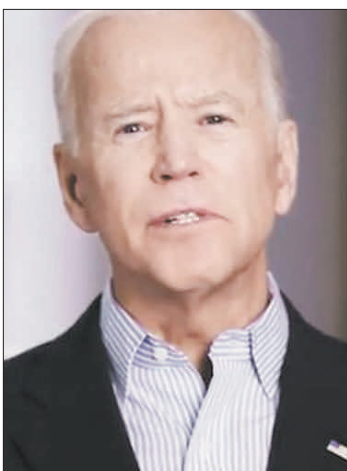


Biden campaign video showing 2017 hate march in Charlottesville.

By Hazel Trice Edney
TriceEdneyWire.com

Former Senator and Vice President Joseph Biden, after much suspense, has finally entered the Democratic campaign for president – immediately surging ahead of a crowded field with a message against White Supremacy.

“We saw klansmen and white supremacists and neo nazis come out in the open, their crazed faces illuminated by veins bulging and baring the fangs of racism,” Biden said in a video announcement with images of the violent 2017 white supremacist march in Charlottesville, Va. juxtaposed with images representing America’s promise that “all men are created equal.” He called the incident in Charlottesville in which the young activist Heather Higher was killed, “a defining



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moment of this nation.”

Biden’s entry brings a new voice to the field of candidates who have announced so far, but a voice taking direct aim at incumbent Donald Trump.

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Crump, NAACP, NNPA to demonstrate after police brutality incident in Florida

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Correspondent

The Broward County Chapter of the NAACP will lead a march and rally to demand the termination and criminal prosecution of two Florida sheriff deputies who were caught on video punching a 15-year-old African-American student and repeatedly slamming the child’s head against concrete pavement.

The weekend rally – a peaceful demonstration – will include the teen’s attorney Benjamin Crump, National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) president and CEO Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., Westside Gazette publisher Bobby Henry and Broward County NAACP leaders.

“We cannot become desensitized to the brutality visited upon our young black men and women,” said Chavis, who’s also a civil rights activist who worked under Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

“In addition to reporting news, the NNPA, a trade association representing the 215 African-American newspapers and media companies around the country, is also a voice for civil rights,” Chavis said.

Further, as the trusted source for news and information in the African-American community, the NNPA should be at the forefront in informing its readers about all that affects them, Henry said.

“It’s important for us to remember where we came from and this is galvanizing and communicating on a level where we are all involved and this is such an important issue,”



A cell phone video captured Broward County Sheriff’s deputies pepper-spraying, tackling and punching a group of teens last week outside a McDonald’s near the school.

said Henry. “We need to realize that this concerns us, and we should not wait for the white media to tell us about our community and when something happens, they should be coming to us for that information,” he said.

Delucca “Lucca” Rolle, a student at J.P. Taravella High School, was accused of aggravated assault against an officer, but the charge made “no sense,” prosecutors said.

A cell phone video captured Broward County Sheriff’s deputies pepper-spraying, tackling and punching a group of teens last week outside a McDonald’s near the school.

The video shows deputies take Rolle down, with one deputy banging Rolle’s forehead into the pavement and punching him

in the head, while another deputy helped restrain and handcuff him.

Rolle, one of two teens who were arrested, reportedly suffered a broken nose in the encounter.

Deputy Christopher Krickovich and Sgt. Greg LaCerra were both suspended by the Sheriff’s office after the video was released, though, originally, they were placed on restricted assignment.

The Broward State Attorney’s Office said it has begun investigating the deputies’ actions and prosecutors decided not to file charges against Rolle.

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Nave named president of Alcorn State University

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning announced recently the unanimous decision to name Dr. Felecia M. Nave as president of Alcorn State University. Nave currently serves as provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs for North Carolina Central University in Durham, N.C.

“Dr. Nave has many years of experience as a leader in higher education,” said Trustee Shane Hooper, president of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning and chair of the Board Search Committee for the Alcorn State University Presidential Search. “Through positions of progressive responsibility, Dr. Nave has provided leadership in every facet of the university, including academic program offerings, research activity, budget management, fundraising activities and student services, including recruitment, financial aid and student success. We are very pleased to welcome her back to Alcorn.”

Nave graduated cum laude with a bachelor’s degree in chemistry from Al-



Nave

corn State University in 1996. She holds a master’s degree in chemical and environmental engineering and a doctorate in engineering, both from the University of Toledo in Toledo, Ohio.

In her role as provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs for North Carolina Central University, she serves as the university’s chief academic offi-



cer, developing, managing and providing oversight for all academic degree programs at the university. The university includes seven colleges and schools, including a law school. The university enrolls more than 8,000 students and has more than 564 full-time and part-time faculty, and more than 450 professional and administrative staff.

In addition, Nave provides leadership of the existing inventory of degree programs, development of new degree programs and fully online programs, ensuring academic rigor and integrity and overseeing program and accreditation reviews, both regional and specialized. She also oversees scholarship and key research activity for the university

in collaboration with the associate vice chancellor for research and sponsored programs.

Nave’s responsibilities include fundraising activities, expanding external partnerships and growing alumni relations. She also manages all student ser-

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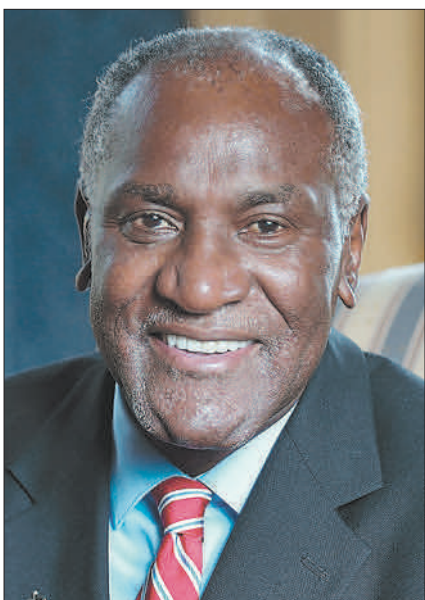
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Five individuals to be honored as legacies at ‘Most Influential African American’ event



Clark



Cole



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Our Mississippi Magazine publisher Wesley Wells has announced that five individuals have been selected to be honored as legacies for the Mississippi’s Most Influential African Americans Awards Gala and Reception. The event is scheduled to be held Friday, August 23, 2019 at the Hilton on County Line Road in Jackson. This is the second year for the event, which recognizes and

honors the most significant African Americans in the state. “Last year was so great,” Wells said. “It was an honor recognizing individuals that have done so many great things for this great state. We are just as excited about this year’s group of honorees. They have been true pioneers and continue to be great leaders for our communities.” The 2019 honorees include: Alyce Clark – Longtime member of the Mississippi

House of Representatives and was the first black woman in the state legislature. Dr. Don Cole – Former assistant Provost and assistant to the Chancellor for Multicultural Affairs at the University of Mississippi. W.C. Gorden – Legendary Jackson State head football coach that remains the winningest football coach in school history. John James – Starkville na-

tive is the chairman, CEO and founder of the James Group International. James is the first African American nationally to be granted authority by the Interstate Commerce Commission to operate in interstate and foreign commerce. Flonzie Brown Wright – Civil rights activist, author and educator from Canton. “These individuals have meant so much to the state of Mississippi,” Wells added.

“Each of them, in their own way, have created so many opportunities for others. We can’t wait to tell their whole stories and we look forward to giving them the honor and recognition they deeply deserve.” The legacy group will be honored along with 25 other individuals that will be chosen by a panel from nominations received from the public. Nominations are open until May 31 Wells said.

“We encouraged anyone to nominate a person they think is worthy of being recognized as one of the most influential African Americans in their area,” Wells added. “They can be a business leader, community activist, volunteer, clergy, politician, educator and so on. We’re looking for movers and shakers to be honored at the awards gala later this year.” *Nominations can be made online at www.ourmissmag.com.*

Prior to joining North Carolina Central University, Nave served in various academic and administrative roles at Prairie View A&M University in Prairie View, Texas from 2003 until 2018. These roles included tenure-track assistant professor, tenured associate professor, tenured professor of chemical engineering, interim assistant dean of the Roy G. Perry College of Engineering, associate provost and associate vice president for academic affairs, provost

Nave will begin serving as president of Alcorn State University July 1.

Rolle's supporters plan a peaceful ral-

Another highlight of the mentoring program is that the ambassadors are encouraged to write. Over the course of the year, the ambassadors engaged in writing sessions and Sunday their writings were released in the 2019 A-TEAAM Booklet of



What began as a pilot program in two middle schools has now become a National Mentoring Program. The Medgar & Myrlie Evers Institute and the Juanita Sims Doty Foundation have partnered with the Top Ladies of Distinction (TLOD), a national service organization with aligned goals and values and who has 109 chapters across the United States. This partnership was launched during the TLOD 50th Anniversary cel-

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Biden said with those words, “the President of the United States assigned a moral equivalency between those spreading hate and those with the courage to stand against it. In that moment, I knew the threat to this nation wasn’t like any other I’d ever

No viable Republican candidates have challenged Trump so far. And

Among the dominant issues dealt with thus far have been the economy, whether all incarcerated people should be allowed to vote while in prison and whether there should be a commission to discuss ways to issue reparations for slavery.



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Judges, attorneys inducted as Fellows of Mississippi Bar Foundation



Andrew Howorth, Wilton Byars, Cliff Johnson



Joe Tatum, Judge Linda Coleman

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Newly inducted Fellows of the Mississippi Bar Foundation include Presiding Justice Jim Kitchens, Circuit Judge Linda Coleman, Circuit Judge Andrew K. Howorth, Administrative Law Judge Linda A. Thompson, U.S. District Judge Debra M. Brown and U.S. District Judge Halil S. Ozerden.

Six judges and 14 attorneys were honored April 11 at the annual Mississippi Bar Foundation Meeting and Fellows Induction Ceremony during a dinner at the Old Capitol Inn in Jackson.

Attorneys inducted as fellows are David M. Allen of Pascagoula, Wilton V. Byars III of Oxford, James T. Dulin Jr. of Gulfport, Thomas M. Fortner of Hattiesburg, Rev. James L. Henley Jr. of Jackson, Donna Brown Jacobs of Ridgeland, J. Clifton Johnson II of Oxford, William Liston III of Ridgeland, William O. Luckett Jr. Of Clarksdale, Elizabeth Lee Maron of Ridgeland, Alan M. Purdie of Ridgeland, Granville Tate Jr. of Jackson, Joe N. Tatum of Jackson and Robert James Young of Jackson.

Those inducted as Fellows of the Mississippi Bar Foundation represent the highest standards of professionalism, good character and integrity, Bar Foundation President David W. Houston III of Aberdeen said.

J. William Manuel of Jackson received the Law-Related Public Education Award. The award is presented annually to a lawyer who has demonstrated excellence in advancing the public's understanding of the law and the legal system.

Former Mississippi Bar President C. York Craig Jr. of Ridgeland received the Bar Foundation's Professionalism Award.

Presiding Justice Kitchens, a lifelong resident of Crystal Springs, has served on the Supreme Court since 2009. He practiced law for 41 years, including nine years as district attorney of the former district that included Copiah, Lincoln, Pike and Walthall counties. He and his wife of more than 50 years, Mary T. Kitchens, have five children and 13 grandchildren.

Judge Coleman, of Cleveland, is a Circuit Judge of the 11th Circuit Court. Gov. Phil Bryant appointed her to the bench March 9, 2016. She previously served for 25 years in the House of Representatives from House District 29 of Bolivar and Sunflower counties. She was vice-chair of the House Corrections Committee at the time she left the Legislature. She previously served as vice-chair of the former House Penitentiary Committee, vice-chair of the Tourism Committee, and chair of the House Committee on Fees and Salaries of Public Officers. She also served on Appropriations; County Affairs; Education; Investigate State Offices; Judiciary A; Judiciary En Banc; Management; Municipalities;



James Robertson, Linda Thompson 001



Justice Jim Kitchens and wife Mary



Rev. James Henley Jr., Donna Brown Jacobs, Cliff Johnson

ties; Ports, Harbors and Airports; Public Property; Select Committee on Poverty; Transportation; and Ways and Means. She began serving poor clients of North Mississippi Rural Legal Services in 1987. She was managing attorney for NMRLS from 1989 to 1994.

Judge Howorth, of Oxford, is senior judge of the Third Circuit Court District. He was appointed to the court in January 2002. He is former chairman of the Conference of Circuit Judges, and has served on the Board of Governors of the Mississippi Judicial College, Presiding Judge of the Bar Complaints Tribunal and a member of the Drug Courts Advisory Committee.

Judge Thompson is an Administrative Law Judge of the Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission and adjunct professor of workers' compensation law at Mississippi College School of Law. She authored the Mississippi Workers' Compensation treatise and workers' compensation law chapter of the Encyclopedia of

Mississippi Law. She is former president of the Hinds County Bar, now Capital Area Bar, and is former president of the Mississippi Women Lawyers Association.

Judge Brown, of Greenville, was appointed to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Mississippi by President Barack Obama and took office in December 2013. She is the first African-American woman to serve as a federal district judge in Mississippi. The Yazoo City native worked as an architect in Washington, D.C., 1987-1994, then practiced law in the private sector.

Judge Ozerden, of Gulfport, was appointed to the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi by President George W. Bush in 2007. He is admitted to the Bar in Alabama, Florida and Louisiana as well as Mississippi. He previously practiced law with Dukes, Dukes, Keating and Faneca, P.A. He served six years in the U.S. Navy and was a law clerk for U.S. District Judge Eldon Fallon in the Eastern District of Louisiana.

Mississippi State Hospital Employees of the Month



Boone



Bennett

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Demetrice Boone has been named Mississippi State Hospital's April Employee of the Month for Direct Care.

A Shelby native who resides in Jackson, Boone is a Health Records Clerk working on the Male Receiving Unit. The Hinds Community College alumna has worked at MSH for almost 24 years.

Catherine Bennett has been

named Mississippi State Hospital's April Employee of the Month for Support Services.

Bennett, who was born in and resides in Canton, is a Mental Health Technician working in Continued Treatment Services. She has worked at MSH since 2007.

The MSH Employee of the Month award recognizes employees who have made outstanding contributions to the

hospital through their work. The program is sponsored by Friends of Mississippi State Hospital, Inc.

MSH, a program of the Mississippi Department of Mental Health, was founded in 1855 and helps the individuals it serves achieve mental wellness by encouraging hope, promoting safety, and supporting recovery. The hospital is accredited by the Joint Commission.



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Zacardi Cortez delivers his most personal statement yet with self-penned track, “You Don’t Know”

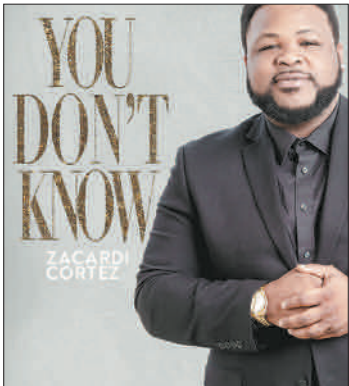
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Over the last decade, Zacardi Cortez’s muscularly dynamic vocals have established him as one of soul music’s new leaders. The gruff-voiced tenor has scored No. 1 hits such as “I on I” and “Oh, How I Love You” which recently spent a dozen weeks atop the Billboard Gospel Airplay chart.

Now, he’s recorded his most heart-felt musical statement yet with “You Don’t Know” (Black Smoke Music Worldwide). It opens softly with Cortez singing, “you don’t know what I’ve been through, let me share my story with you.” He reminisces on some of his real-life challenges. Then, against a flurry of crashing symbols, he belts out a raspy testimonial of God’s faithfulness: <http://smarturl.it/ZacardiYouDontKnow>

“I’ve had writing credit on a couple of songs in the past but this is the first time I really focused and wrote a song,” said Cortez who collaborated with Grammy® Award nominated singer/songwriter James Fortune on the tune which will appear on his highly-anticipated sophomore album, “Soul of A Man” (Black Smoke Music Worldwide) which is tentatively scheduled for a fall 2019 release.

“I’ve been through a lot of



things that tortured my soul, but God has brought me through it all,” Cortez says, “I’m now at a place where I’m letting my experience come through my music.”

The Houston, TX native has appeared on recordings with Kirk Franklin and Lalah Hathaway, among others.

“Zacardi is the best singer in America today,” says Black Smoke Music Worldwide CEO, Kerry Douglas. “I’ve been working with him for over a decade now and have witnessed incredible maturity. I’m very proud of his growth as a young man and as a seasoned vocalist. In spite of all of his big hits, I think his current work is the best yet. I can’t wait for the world to hear Zacardi’s ‘Soul of a Man’ album we’re preparing.”

For more information, visit www.mrkerrydouglas.com.

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Hinds CC announces spring graduation ceremonies' speakers

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Hinds Community College Rankin Campus will have four graduation ceremonies for spring 2019, starting Wednesday, May 15 and continuing through Saturday, May 18.

Dr. Libby Mahaffey, dean for Nursing and Allied Health programs, will speak to nursing and allied health graduates for the first ceremony, at 8 a.m. May 15 at the Muse Center on the Rankin Campus. Dr. Theresa Hamilton, vice president for the Raymond Campus and the Jackson Campus-Nursing/Allied Health Center, will speak at the three ceremonies for academic and technical graduates. Former Mississippi congressman Mike Espy will speak to graduates at the Utica Campus at a ceremony 9 a.m. May 18 at Boyd Gymnasium.

Mahaffey has worked at Hinds 37 years, teaching more than 22 years in the Associate Degree Nursing program. She has served as dean for all nursing and allied health programs since 2005. In the job, she is responsible for 12 nursing and allied health programs and the operation of the Nursing/Allied Health Center. She holds a master's degree in psychiatric-mental health nursing with a cross-cultural emphasis and teaching focus and a doctorate in adult education, both from the University of Southern Mississippi. Her bachelor's degree in nursing is from Mississippi College.

Hamilton has worked at Hinds 11 years in her current position. She is coordinator for academic transfer programs and learning resources throughout the Hinds district, daily manager for the Raymond and Nursing Allied Health Center and plans and executes faculty convocation.



Mahaffey



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education from the University of Alabama and a master's degree in secondary education from the University of North Alabama. Her bachelor's degree in secondary social sciences and adult education is from Auburn University.

Espy is a private sector attorney, counselor and agricultural adviser and has two law and consulting firms, Mike Espy PLLC and AE Agritrade Inc. He serves on the board of Cultivating New Frontiers in Agriculture, in Europe and North America, and is a member of the United States Agricultural Coalition for Cuba. In 2018, he was a candidate for the United States Senate in Mississippi.

He was elected in 1986 to represent Mississippi's Second Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives, the first African American to serve the state in Congress since Reconstruction. In 1993, he was appointed Secretary of Agriculture.

He earned a bachelor's degree from Howard University, Washington, D.C. in 1975, then received a law degree from the University of Santa Clara, in California, in 1978.

Alcorn awarded \$50k from Home Depot Retool Your School campus improvement grant program

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Alcorn State University is among 10 Historically Black Colleges and Universities awarded money from Home Depot's Retool Your School campus improvement grant program; a total of \$50,000 was awarded to the university for HBCU renovation projects.

The winners were announced during a ceremony Monday at The Home Depot Store Support Center on 2455 Paces Ferry Road in Atlanta, Georgia. Former NFL player and Savannah State University alumnus Shannon Sharpe was the keynote speaker at the event, which also included comedian and radio personality Rickey Smiley and actor Laz Alonso, also HBCU alumni.

"We are thankful to our many students, employees, alumni and friends who sup-

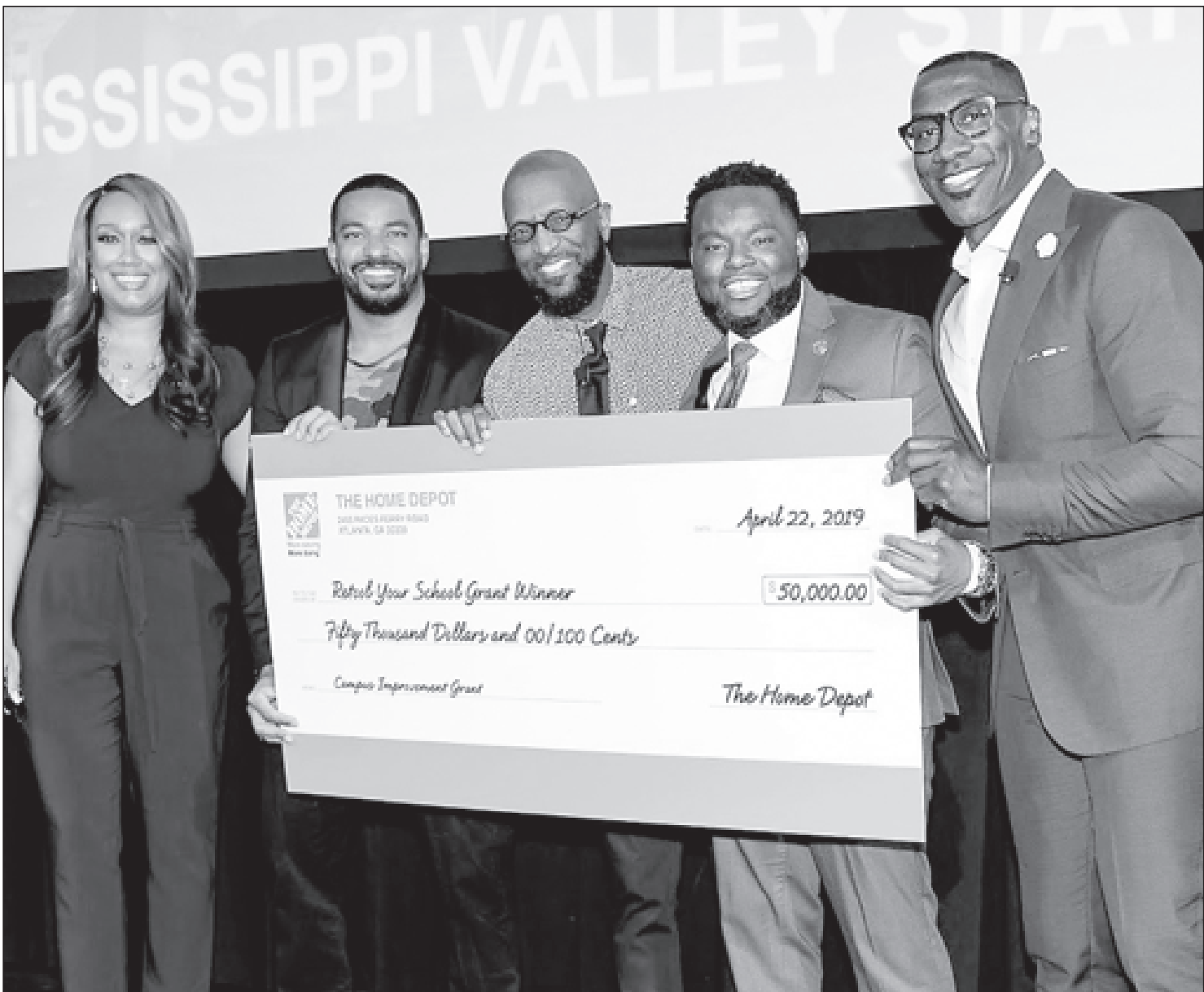
ported our efforts by voting to help Alcorn claim one of the 2019 Retool Your School grants," said Alcorn Interim President Donzell Lee. "This award is well deserved and will greatly enhance our campus."

To strengthen the game day experience, Alcorn will use the funds to build a pagoda near the softball park. Additional upgrades to the facility including lights and sound will be constructed using other sources.

Now in its 10th year, Home Depot's Retool Your School Campus Improvement Grant works to make campus upgrades, including eco-friendly classrooms, refurbished basketball courts and updated health clinics.

Since 2009, the program has awarded \$2.1 million in grants to HBCUs.

MVSU wins 2019 Home Depot "Retool Your School" \$50k grant



MVSU Director of Development Kendall Tanner, second from left, accepted a \$50,000 grant on behalf of the Home Depot's "Retool Your School" program Monday. Tanner is pictured along with (from left) Home Depot Senior Marketing Manager Melissa Brown; actor Laz Alonso; comedian Ricky Smiley; and NFL Hall of Famer and sports analyst Shannon Sharpe. PHOTO CRED: NIGEL DEGRAFF.

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The votes are in and Mississippi Valley State University is pleased to announce that it is a recipient of a \$50,000 grant awarded by the 2019 Home Depot "Retool Your School" program.

The annual competition is open to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and is designed to provide winners of the competition with funds to help complete a campus renovation project of their choice. The participating HBCUs were grouped into three clusters,

based on size, and supporters were able to cast votes online and through hashtags used on social media.

In honor of the competition's 10th year anniversary, the top three contenders from each cluster were announced as winners Monday, including MVSU in Cluster 2.

"I would like to thank the MVSU community for supporting our university," said MVSU President Jerryl Briggs. "Your votes definitely mattered, and we are extremely grateful. I would also like to thank Home Depot for this

grant...the \$50K will assist us in our efforts to provide a quality educational experience for our students."

MVSU's Office of Advancement incited support from students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of the Valley to capture the 2nd place win in Cluster 2. Other winners joining MVSU in Cluster 2 were Alcorn State University and Coahoma Community College.

MVSU received a total of 352,737 votes.

"This is a win we all brought back to Valley," said MVSU Director of Development Ken-

dall Tanner, who organized the campaign. "Thank you to the students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of MVSU for your support and dedication to the campaign. This victory is a glimpse of the bright things that are in store for Mississippi Valley State University."

MVSU will use the funding to help renovate the campus pavilion and make it more inviting and accommodating for the campus community and visitors.

To help support this MVSU initiative and other campus projects, visit www.mvsu.edu.

Entergy CEO Leo Denault will speak at Alcorn's 2019 Spring Commencement

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Entergy Corporation's top-ranking official will address Alcorn State University's graduates during its upcoming commencement.

Leo Denault, chairman of the Board of Directors and chief executive officer at Entergy Corporation, will be the speaker at Alcorn's 2019 Spring Commencement Saturday, May 4 at the Davey L. Whitney HPER Complex.

Denault assumed his current role in 2013 and is leading the transformation of the company from a utility and merchant power company to a pure-play utility that is deploying new technologies to improve the customer experience. His leadership has included the development of a robust capital plan to modernize and strengthen the reliability of the Entergy Fleet while maintaining customer



Denault

rates that are among the lowest in the country.

The company has also been recognized as a driving force behind the industrial expansion

along the Gulf Coast.

Speaking to Alcorn's newest alumni gives Denault satisfaction because of the opportunity to motivate them to achieve even greater success in the future.

"When I think about all of the hard work by this year's graduating class, I'm humbled and excited to play a small part in the celebration of their efforts," said Denault. "The opportunity to share a few of my own experiences with our future leaders is a distinct honor."

Pride overcomes Denault when he thinks of the students' graduation day. He's an advocate of education, and he believes acquiring more knowledge is the key to progress.

"I believe education helps foster an attitude of lifelong learning and growth. It's truly one of the most important personal investments one can make. These students have persevered

to achieve their goals and now stand ready to realize their dreams further as they create a better world for those who follow them."

Over the years, Alcorn and Entergy have established a solid partnership through shared initiatives and scholarships.

Interim Provost John Igwebuike looks forward to Denault's speech, and he is confident that Denault will deliver a positive message to the graduates.

"Alcorn and Entergy have been forging a strong partnership for decades," said Igwebuike. "As an economic engine, Alcorn collaborates with neighborhood partners, like Entergy Corporation, to bolster economic development and prosperity in southwest Mississippi. I am proud of the partnership, and Mr. Denault will highlight the mutuality of the Alcorn-Entergy relationship in his address."



School of Public Health inspires walkers to circle Veterans Memorial Stadium 3 times

By L.A. Warren
jsuwnsnews.com

At least 100 participants aiming to stay fit walked three times around the Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium recently to celebrate Public Health Week at an event sponsored by JSU's School of Public Health and the Mississippi State Department of Health.

Helping to rally participants were William "Bill" Cissell, executive assistant to the dean and director of JSU's Assessment and Accreditation, and Yalanda Barner, director of marketing and field placement.

Resolving health issues

During the event, other faculty and staff members at Mississippi's only School of Public Health (SPH) helped distribute information about its degree programs. They say its mission is to provide "a learning environment that supports interdisciplinary community, development of professional public health concepts, values and the resolution of health issues."

Also, officials say SPH prepares students to become "outstanding leaders and practitioners in professional careers in public health, healthcare administration, speech language pathology and audiology."

During the Public Health Walk, vendors assembled to share information to help communities become more informed about available services.

Adrianna Smith works with Life of Mississippi, a non-profit empowerment program designed to help people with significant disabilities experience independent living. The organization has enhanced the lives of more than 35,000 individuals since 1993.

Perform daily exercises

Smith wants people to "live your best life and make a great life." So, she tells people that "whatever you can do and wherever you are physically in your wellness, you can start there and keep going. We promote opportunities for wellness and recreation for everyone."

Before the health walk began, Lamar Jones of Anytime Fitness coached participants through stretching sessions. "We're advocating for more community involvement and getting people active and heart-healthy," he said. "We want people to develop a consistent workout program." He urges individuals to exercise at least 30 minutes to an hour a day.

Dr. Dominika Parry, president and CEO of 2°C Mississippi, addressed climate change as a matter of public health and advocates keeping Mississippi at 2 degrees Celsius. "The nonprofit aims specifically to provide accurate scientific education for Mississippians at any level. We do presentations to adults and groups. Our latest big effort is educating school-children. We wrote a climate science curriculum, which is fully aligned with the newest standards from the Mississippi Department of Education."

She said students are quizzed about matters such as what happens when sea levels



Jackson State University's School of Public Health is taking steps to help the city reach its goals for healthy living. PHOTO BY L.A. WARREN/JSU



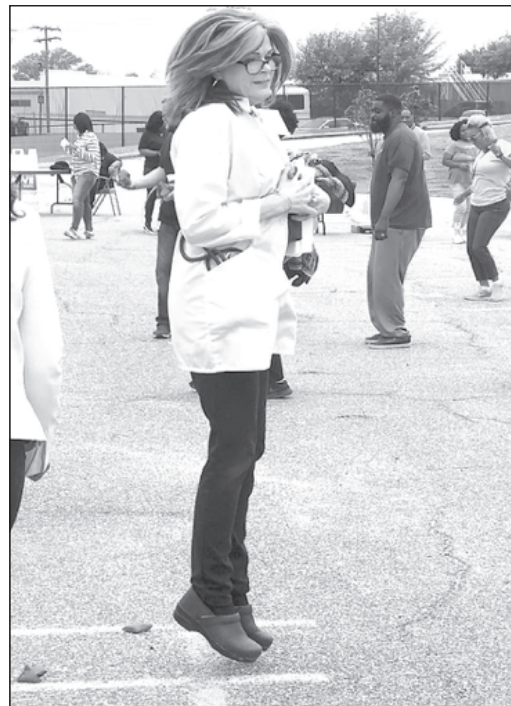
Several vendors offered advice to the crowd on how to keep up with their physical activities.



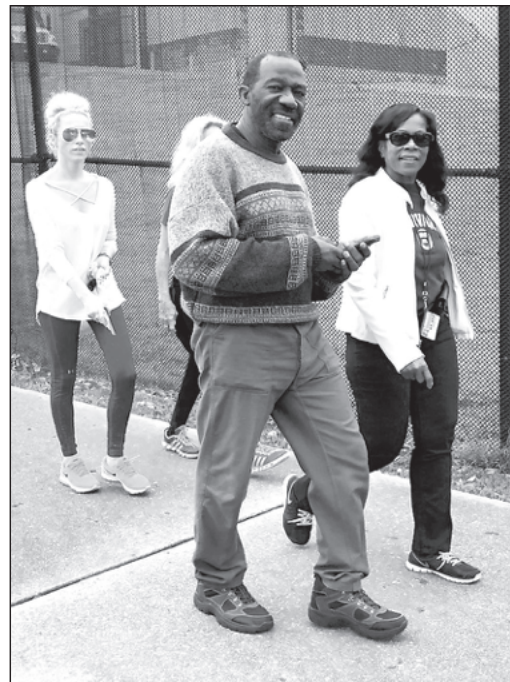
Walkers move their way toward a healthier life as they complete their challenge.



After three trips around the stadium, the jubilation was obvious for this participant.



A health advocate soars and gets into the rhythm of the beat provided by the DJ.



SPH colleagues join other participants strolling around the Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium.

rise, and what's the effect of excessive carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

Meanwhile, Cissell and

Barner described the stadium walk as a great way to promote public health and fitness.

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Public health panel addresses funding, care for immigrants at border



JSU alumni panelists discuss the state of public health in the U.S. The outbreak of measles, the opioid crisis and climate change are among pressing issues that concern them.

By L.A. Warren
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A failure to provide adequate health care for asylum-seekers and other immigrants caught up in the border dispute raises ethical questions and was among myriad issues addressed recently by JSU alumni working in the public health field.

Other topics highlighted during a recent observance of Public Health Week included challenges resulting from social determinants of health and the impact of decreased government funding.

JSU alum Adam Carson (Class of '04) studied health care administration. He advocates for access to medical care for everyone, regardless of immigration status, and he supports health care practitioners and providers aiding "these unfortunate individuals because we have a responsibility to care for their needs."

Furthermore, Carson said, "What I try to champion in the organization that I work for is that everyone has a right to be a productive and engaged citizen." He said this means creating a marketing strategy for individuals to feel safe to visit Chicago health departments, clinics and county offices without fear of arrest.

Buildings housing a county courthouse and the department of transportation, for example, display messages of welcome rather than threats to deport illegal immigrants. We want them to know "you're safe coming in to receive services," he said.

After some children have died while being detained, Carson said, "When you have adverse policies (state or federal), we dehumanize people who are coming into this country for better opportunities - regardless of their approach for getting here. These are women, children and families who are trying to escape poverty and violence."

Carson wants people to "feel like they can begin the process of building their lives back and starting a new life."

Meanwhile, panelists also discussed social determinants of health and the challenges of persuading people against smoking. He also supports motivating them to exercise and eat more nutritional foods.

Dr. Vincent Mendy (Class of '14) said when it comes to health care "there are two Ps, and one is always greater than the other - prevention and the pill. Prevention always has to be greater than the pill."

He said he believes the U.S. has resources available to solve all health care issues, if it desires. However, he partly blames the problem on "a lot of labels that have been thrown around." As 2020 approaches, he said, specifically, the controversy over universal health care often gets mischaracterized as communist or socialist practices.

"Rather, the fact is that we're trying to get all people healthy. We're not talking about com-



Public health advocate Adrick Harris said budget reductions are impacting communities because "the number of projects and the impact we once had was tremendously cut after the administrations changed."

munism or socialism. Again, we must focus on prevention and not the pill. Beforehand, we thought smoking was a leading cause of death. Now, it's poor diet."

Decreased funding is also causing discontent and anxiety among many public health workers.

LaDaryl Wakins (Class of '12) said after the switchovers in administrations from Obama to Trump, emphasis on prevention shifted downward. "I worked in a field that relied heavily on public health prevention funds. At one point, you had this large sum of money you could take into communities and empower communities to start prevention projects."

Nowadays, she said, quality health care along with food and safe public spaces for physical activities were all taken away. Then, distrust developed in the medical community, she added. "How do we make these projects sustainable even without the government providing money? That's the only downfall I have about working in public health."

In her travels abroad to places such as Ghana, Watkins has noticed a few instances in which people in the U.S. and developing nations share similar health struggles. Many of those issues appear to result from reduced funding.

Adrick Harris (Class of '17) bemoans the loss of vital capital. "The number of projects and the impact we once had was tremendously cut after the administrations changed," she said. Harris added that free cancer screenings ceased and aid money was curtailed from some government agencies. "Budget cuts impacted what could be done for the community."

Other pressing issues are also weighing heavily on the minds of public health workers, despite advances in medicine. Panelists cite the outbreak of measles and the importance of vaccination.

In addition, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says HIV continues to threaten black women despite more money spent to curb the disease. They say another huge crisis is the rising number of deaths due to a nationwide opioid addiction.

The fight to save Mississippi's children

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Every year 300,000 children are taken and sold through means of human trafficking, and it is estimated that 17,000 of those occur within the United States.

The average age of a trafficked child is between 11 and 14 years old with the typical length of survival being 3 to 7 years.

One in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys are sexually abused before their 18th birthday. 95% of children know their perpetrator. These are bleak statistics and a stark reality that the Children's Advocacy Centers of Mississippi (CACM) and the three Champions of Children Award recipients battle against every day.

The Children's Advocacy Centers of Mississippi (CACM) recently recognized Captain Tonya Madison, Tomiko Mackey and James G. (Bo) Chastain as the 2019 Champions of Children Award recipients. The Champions of Children Award is bestowed to those that support the enhancement of multidisciplinary teams, aid local Children's Advocacy Centers and exercise best practice approach to serving child victims and their families.

Captain Tonya Madison leads the Criminal Investigations Division and is the first female leader in the 148-year history of the Jones County Sheriff's Office. Madison specializes in investigating child sexual and physical abuse cases and helped spearhead the development of the Jones Coun-



L to R - Karla Tye, Bo Chastain, Tonya Madison, Tomiko Mackey and Crystal Welch

ty's Multidisciplinary Team (MDT). Along with Cherished Hearts, Inc., Madison has been an integral part in the establishment of a Children's Advocacy Center in Jones County.

Mackey has provided mental health services, advocacy and forensic interviewing services to countless children and families throughout northwest Mississippi for 20 years at Family Crisis Services. During her time there, Mackey has been vital to the growth of their Children's Advocacy Center. Mackey has provided invaluable support and development of the mental health and forensic interview process in Mississippi and nationwide. She is a consultant for the National Children's Alliance on the use of evidence-based practices.

As the director of Mississippi State Hospital at Whitfield, Chastain has worked with individuals with mental health issues for almost 30 years and has witnessed the lifelong impact child abuse has on survi-

vors. He has been a huge supporter of CACM and their Child Advocacy Studies program (CAST) and recently donated a cottage at the State Hospital to be converted into the Child Advocacy Training Institute. This facility will house many mock simulations such as houses, courtroom, classroom and other real-world scenarios to aid in the education of future child advocates. Chastain's contribution will have a lasting effect on the training MDT members receive and the fight against child abuse, neglect and human trafficking throughout the state of Mississippi.

"The work that our 2019 Champions of Children recipients have achieved and continue to accomplish are great examples of the lengths it is going to take to defeat child abuse, neglect and human trafficking," said Karla Tye, executive director CACM. "We've got to work together to save and protect the children of Mississippi."

\$750K grant from Bank of Yazoo City and FHLB Dallas assists rehab project

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A \$750,000 Affordable Housing Program (AHP) grant from Bank of Yazoo City (Bank of Yazoo) and the Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas (FHLB Dallas) will assist Yazoo City Housing Authority (YCHA) in renovating six low-income apartment complexes in Yazoo City, Mississippi.

Established in 1952 in accordance with state and federal law, YCHA manages Gateway Affordable Communities, a portfolio of apartments throughout Yazoo County consisting of senior communities and multifamily properties. YCHA operates a variety of programs designed to provide affordable housing solutions to Yazoo County residents and to promote community and economic development.

The renovations will improve living conditions for the 1,200 low-to-very-low-income residents who call Gateway home.

"This comprehensive rehabilitation is a strip-to-studs renovation that will place all units in a like-new condition," said Art Schuldt, president of Housing Solutions Alliance, LLC,

managing member of this rehab project. "This effort is all about transforming lives in the wake of dwindling external funds and securing a financial footing for Yazoo City Housing Authority for years to come."

A portion of the \$750,000 AHP grant will be earmarked for such improvements as added insulation, replacement of interior doors and frames, windows, ceilings and floors, painting, kitchen and bathroom fixtures and new heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems. The water and sewer infrastructure will also be replaced and additional parking and a new laundry facility will be added.

Construction started in January, and the project is scheduled for completion in two years. Aside from the renovations, a portion of the grant will be applied toward gap funding.

Prior to this revitalization initiative, more than 70 units had been deemed uninhabitable, according to Schuldt.

This is the second AHP grant for YCHA.

AHP funds are intended to assist FHLB Dallas members

like Bank of Yazoo in financing the purchase, construction and/or rehabilitation of owner-occupied, rental or transitional housing, as well as housing for homeless individuals in communities. AHP funds are targeted toward households with incomes at or below 80 percent of the median income for the area.

"This rehab project is such a huge undertaking," said Van Ray, president, CEO and chief lending officer of Bank of Yazoo. "For us to partner with FHLB Dallas and contribute something to this initiative that we know will affect hundreds of residents means a lot to our bank."

In 2018, FHLB Dallas awarded \$14 million in AHP grants to 29 affordable housing projects. In Mississippi alone, more than \$6 million AHP grants were awarded, affecting approximately 900 units.

"We deeply admire Bank of Yazoo's commitment to quality affordable housing in the Mississippi Delta," said Greg Hettrick, first vice president and Community Investment director at FHLB Dallas.

Mississippi Senate 2019 summary of major legislation

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We passed a \$6.3 billion general fund budget for Fiscal Year 2020 that included a raise for state employees and covers an anticipated increase in state employee retirement contributions.

Under the Fiscal Year 2020 budget, which begins July 1, teachers will receive a \$1,500 raise, which comes five years after a \$2,500 teacher pay raise.

We passed Senate Bill 2928 that would create Energy High School Academy – a partnership between Entergy Nuclear, Mississippi Development Authority, Claiborne County schools and Vicksburg-Warren County Schools designed to provide early learning for students to create a pool of potential workers for Grand Gulf Nuclear Plant. In coming years Entergy, certified to operate Grand Gulf through 2044, plans to hire about 500 workers and could benefit by hiring locally.

We passed House Bill 1352, the Criminal Justice Reform Act designed to ease jail overcrowding and give certain offenders a second chance to become productive. Among its benefits will be the expansion of drug courts, access to veteran's courts, mental health courts and other courts. The bill emphasizes increasing expungement opportunities, providing TANF/SNAP benefits to help ex-offenders to re-enter society and blend more easily into a family setting if the elements such as proper nutrition and a support system are in place.

Another highlight of that bill is that it would do away with blanket suspension of driver's licenses for controlled substance violations, which has restricted their ability to secure jobs.

We passed House Bill 1160 that would authorize \$12.5 million in bonds up to four years for construction and furnishing the Mississippi Center for Medically Fragile Children on state owned property near I-55 and Lakeland Drive in Jackson.

The facility will have 30 beds and would be operated by University of Mississippi Medical Center as is Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children. The major difference between the two facilities is the cost to care for child patients. Blair E. Batson's daily cost for treating patients is about \$2,500 officials say. The new facility would incur a cost

of about \$1,000 per day per child.

The Mississippi Center for Medically Fragile Children plans to have five beds for critically ill children and the other 25 beds for less severely ill/transitional patients.

We passed House Bill 991 that will allow local governments to collect past due debts from a debtor's state income tax refund. Only child support payments would take precedent over the debts owed to city, county or state entities.

Our passage of House Bill 150 includes an effort to forgive up to \$12,000 in student loans for teachers in geographical areas with critical needs, like the Delta, or those who teach in critical subject areas, like science, math and foreign languages.

Other major legislation passed included:

- Senate Bill 2744, which bans telemarketers from masking their identity with inaccurate phone numbers. Senate Bill 2821 includes text messaging and soliciting for charitable purposes under the prohibitions of the Mississippi Telephone Soliciting Act. It also increase fines and penalties for businesses and persons found to be in violation.

- Senate Bill 2116 prohibits abortion in cases where a fetal heartbeat is detected. The bill included an exemption for cases of medical emergencies.

- House Bill 1182 that would ban public schools from using corporal punishment on disabled children.

- House Bill 1283 would create "The Mississippi School Safety Act of 2019 and require schools to assess their physical vulnerability to threats that might allow assailants to enter the building. The federally funded pilot program also deals with other security issues and would provide more money for school resource officers.

- Senate Bill 3019 adds money to fund a trooper school for the Department of Public Safety and money to help address long lines at driver's license renewal stations.

- House Bill 1132 will offer through the Mississippi Development Authority, financial incentives for grocers to locate in rural areas and out of the way places whose citizens need access to fresh fruits and vegetables.

- Senate Bill 2781 enacts the Mississippi Fresh Start Act that

will ensure no person can be denied a license by a Mississippi board strictly because of a criminal record. Denials have to be based on other factors.

- We approved House Bill 1659 that placed in the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks budget \$400,000 for a Chronic Wasting Prevention Program to try and stay ahead of the disease that has been detected in Mississippi's deer population.

- Senate Bill 2901, the Landowner Protection Act limits the liability of property owners.

- Senate Bill 2305 increases certain criminal penalties for human trafficking and expands the definition of what constitutes the crime.

- Senate Bill 2827 increases the salaries of local elected officials by about 10 percent. The increase will come from county funds, which local officials will cover by increasing fees for services.

- Senate Bill 2243 would allow the president of a board of supervisors to declare a local state of emergency.

- Senate Bill 2193 created a tourism advisory board and will divert a percentage of hotel and restaurant sales tax revenues collected to tourism advertising.

- Senate Bill 2444 would allow county tax assessors and deputy tax assessors to substantially increase their salaries by earning any number of certifications.

- Senate Bill 2449 will ensure students in juvenile detention can continue their education to the point of high school graduation with their home district's assistance.

- House Bill 1519 would authorize the Board of Nursing to establish an alternate discipline program for nurses who may have a substance abuse problem.

- Senate Bill 2043 raises the price of marriage licenses from \$20 to \$35.

- House Bill 977 provides legal protection for nonresident athletic team physicians who treat players at sporting events in Mississippi.

- Senate Bill 2053 will allow students at community colleges and universities to earn educational credits for military service;

- Senate Bill 2452 will require occupational licensure boards to quickly address applications of military spouses for families stationed in the state for three years or less.



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Nation’s racial wealth divide worsens with federal tax cuts: Black families have a dime for every dollar held by whites

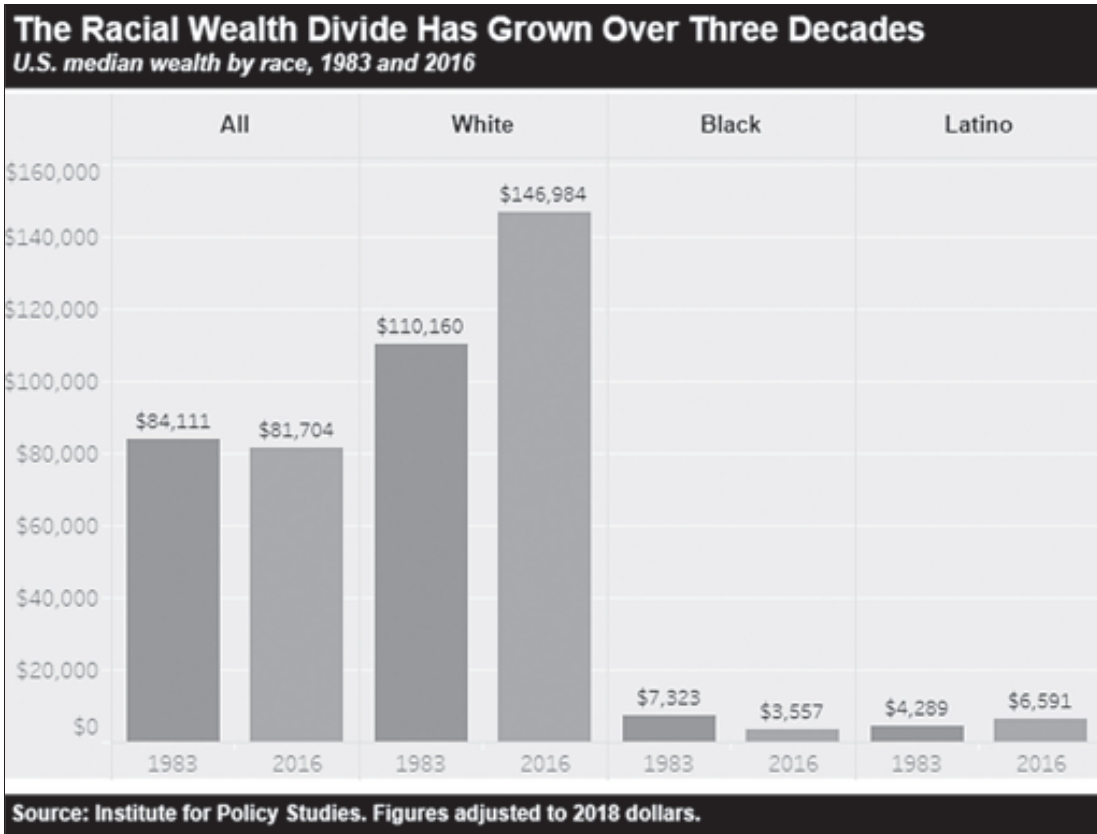
By Charlene Crowell
NNPA News Wire Columnist

If you’re like me, every time you hear a news reporter or anchor talk about how great the nation’s economy is, you wonder what world they are living in. Certainly these journalists are not referring to the ongoing struggle to make ends meet that so much of Black America faces. For every daily report of Wall Street trading, or rising corporate profits, you’re reminded that somebody else is doing just fine financially.

To put it another way, ‘Will I ever get past my payday being an exchange day...when I can finally have the chance to keep a portion of what I earn in my own name and see how much it can grow?’

When new research speaks to those who are forgotten on most nightly news shows, I feel obliged to share that news – especially when conclusions find systemic faults suppress our collective ability to strengthen assets enough to make that key transition from paying bills to building wealth.

Ten Solutions to Close the Racial Wealth Divide is jointly authored by the Institute for Policy Studies, Ohio State University’s Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity, and the National Community Reinvestment Coalition. This insightful and scholarly work opens with updates on the nation’s nagging and widening racial wealth divide. It then characterizes solutions of-



ferred as one of three approaches: programs, power and process.

According to the authors, programs refer to new government programs that could have a major impact on improving the financial prospects of low-wealth families. Power refers to changes to the federal tax code that could bring a much-needed balance to the tax burden now borne by middle and low-income workers. Process refers to changes to the government operates in regard to race and wealth.

“For far too long we have tolerated the injustice of a violent, extractive and racially exploitive

history that generated a wealth divide where the typical black family has only a dime for every dollar held by a typical white family,” said Darrick Hamilton, report co-author and executive director of the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity at The Ohio State University.

From 1983-2016, the median black family saw their wealth drop by more than half after adjusting for inflation, compared to a 33 percent increase for the median white households. Keep in mind that these years include the Great Recession that stole nearly \$1 trillion of wealth from

black and Latinx families, largely via unnecessary foreclosures and lost property values for those who managed to hold on to their homes.

Fast forward to 2018, and the report shares the fact that the median white family had 41 times more wealth than the median black family, and 22 times more wealth than the median Latinx family. Instead of the \$147,000 that median white families owned last year, black households had \$3,600.

When Congress passed tax cut legislation in December 2017, an already skewed racial wealth

profile became worse.

“White households in the top one percent of earners received \$143 a day from the tax cuts while middle-class households (earning between \$40,000 and \$110,000) received just \$2.75 a day,” states the report. “While the media coverage of the tax package and the public statements of the bill’s backers did not explicitly state that it would directly contribute to increasing the racial wealth divide, this was the impact, intended or otherwise.”

With the majority of today’s black households renting instead of owning their homes, escalating rental prices diminish the ability for many consumers of color to save for a home down payment. As reported by CBS News, earlier this year, the national average monthly cost of fair market rent in 2018 was \$1,405. Recent research by the National Low-Income Housing Coalition on housing affordability found that more than 8 million Americans spend half or more of their incomes on housing, including over 30 percent of blacks, and 28 percent of Hispanics

Homeownership, according to the Center for Responsible Lending, remains a solid building block to gain family wealth. But with an increasing number of households paying more than a third of their income for rent, the ability to save for a home down payment is seriously weakened. CRL’s proposed remedy in March 27 testimony to the

Senate Banking Committee is to strengthen affordable housing in both homeownership and rentals. To increase greater access to mortgages, CRL further advocates low-down payment loans.

“The nation’s housing finance system must ensure access to safe and affordable mortgage loans for all credit-worthy borrowers, including low-to-moderate income families and communities of color,” noted Nikitra Bailey, a CRL EVP. “The lower down payment programs available through FHA and VA, provide an entry into homeownership and wealth-building for many average Americans.”

“Government-backed loans cannot be the only sources of credit for low-wealth families; they deserve access to cheaper conventional mortgages,” added Bailey. “Year after year, the annual Home Mortgage Disclosure Act data reveals how consumers of color, including upper-income black and Latinx households are disproportionately dependent on mortgages that come with higher costs. Our nation’s fair lending and housing finance laws require that the private mortgage market provide access for low-wealth families. We need additional resources for rental housing to address the affordability crisis that many working families face.”

There’s really no point in continuing to do the same thing while expecting a different result. When the status quo just isn’t working, change must be given a chance.

NNPA president represents ‘Black Press’ at White House Correspondents’ Dinner

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Contributor

Presidents have traditionally attended and spoken at the White House Correspondents’ Association (WHCA) Dinner in Washington, D.C., but President Donald Trump has chosen to hold competing rallies on the night of the event each year since taking office.

While Trump was riling up his base in Wisconsin Saturday, April 27, National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) President and CEO Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., was among this year’s distinguished attendees at the Washington Hilton.

“We are assembled together from across the nation as the media of America at a time when the Trump administration continues its frontal assault on the freedom of the press,” said Chavis, who received an invitation to attend the event from Urban Radio Network White House Correspondent April Ryan and AARP’s Senior Vice President of Multicultural Leadership Edna Kane Williams.

“The Black Press of America, represented by the NNPA, will not be silent at this critical moment in history,” Chavis said.

“The NNPA will continue to speak truth to power and we will defend the freedom of the press without fear or hesitation and I am proud that the Black Press of America remains on the front lines of the struggle for freedom, justice and equality,” he said.



Urban Radio Network White House Correspondent April Ryan (right) and AARP’s Senior Vice President of Multicultural Leadership Edna Kane Williams

The yearly dinner serves as a fundraiser for WHCA scholarships.

It’s a gathering of journalists who cover the president and administration. Traditionally, a noted comedian has served as host and usually roasts presidents, politicians and just about anyone associated with the White House as well as many members of the media in attendance.

In previous years, presidents from Bill Clinton and George W. Bush to Barack Obama have used the occasion to poke fun at others and themselves.

“The fact is I feel more loose and relaxed than ever,” Obama famously said at the dinner in

2015. “Those Joe Biden shoulder massages feel like magic,” he said.

Later, Obama joked: “Dick Cheney said I was the worst president of his lifetime, which is interesting because I think Dick Cheney is the worst president of my lifetime.”

At his final Correspondents’ Dinner as president in 2016, Obama famously finished his speech with a mic drop.

Last year, comedienne Michelle Wolf notoriously roasted White House Press Secretary Sarah Sanders and other members of Trump’s administration.

“I actually really like Sarah. I think she’s very resourceful,” Wolf said in skewering Sand-

ers during the 2018 dinner. “She burns facts, and then uses the ash to create a perfect smoky eye. Maybe she’s born with it; maybe it’s lies. It’s probably lies,” Wolf joked.

Ron Chernow, a political historian and author and this year’s featured speaker quoted Will Rogers during his speech noting that “people are taking their comedians seriously and their politicians as a joke, and that certainly describes our topsyturvy moment.”

Even though this year’s theme was “Protecting the First Amendment,” the White House ordered staff to boycott the dinner and Trump once again took to Twitter to call the media “the

enemy of the people.”

WHCA President Olivier Knox led a toast to the First Amendment in his opening remarks before calling Trump out for his anti-journalism rhetoric.

“I’ve had to teach my family not to touch packages on our stoop. ...I’ve had death threats — including this week — and too many of us have,” Knox said.

“We should reject politically expedient assaults on the [media] ...,” he continued, before shining a light on journalists who’ve put their lives on the line around the globe.

He also called for the support of state and local journalism and asked those in the audience who

cover the White House to stand and be acknowledged.

WHCA also presented scholarships to students from a number of universities from around the country, including Historically Black Howard University.

“While tonight is a festive occasion, this is the time for the voice of the Black community to be at its strongest and thus we are committed to making the Black Press of America stronger and fully aligned with the aspirations of the nearly 50 million African Americans who are striving to improve our quality of life in every aspect of America’s progress and advancement,” Chavis said.



NNPA President and CEO Benjamin F. Chavis Jr. (right) and AARP’s Senior Vice President of Multicultural Leadership Edna Kane Williams

A day of retribution is coming

PART 2

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



Luke, Chapter 16, records the fate of one who was physically dead. Verses 19-21 read: “There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, and desiring to be fed with crumbs which fell from the rich man’s table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.” The Scripture goes on to say that both Lazarus and the rich man died. Lazarus was carried away to Abraham’s bosom, but the rich man was in hell. Verse 24 reads, “And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on

me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.” Friend, you will be either tormented or comforted after you leave this world, one or the other. What will be your end? It can be a wonderful and glorious end. To the Christian, death is gain; it is an entrance to a better world. The Christian leaves the turmoil, the strife and the sadness behind. On the other hand, death is an eternal loss to the sinner. We need to live very responsibly. There is coming an end. We should walk circumspectly and very cautiously. As a parent, if you really love your children, you will be extremely careful of how you live because they will be affected by the actions of your life.

Again in verse 29 of our Scripture text (Jeremiah 5:21-31) God said, “Shall I not visit you for these thing?” God will visit everyone for the deeds of his or her life. What are you going to do in the end? If you will turn to God with your whole heart and mean business, God will deal with you in mercy. However, it must be done before the end comes. At the end, there will be no more mercy. How is it with your life? What will your end be? Philippians 2:12 says to “work-out your own salvation with fear and trembling.” Are you saved? You should strive to have such an experience that, if the whole world should turn against Christ, you would still be standing. You should not allow your experience to be contingent upon this friend or that friend and what others are going to do.

You should have a settled experience. You know it is right to serve God. There is coming an end, and you need to be ready when He comes. Be Ready! When He comes, Be Ready! When He comes, you cannot run and find someone you have wronged to ask for his or her forgiveness. You must be ready at a moment’s notice. How is it with your soul today? If you have something between you a brother or a sister, do not leave it undone. You need to take care of it. Are you clear with God? I like the old song that says, “Be ready when He comes.” Are you ready? Rev. Simeon R. Green III is pastor of Joynes Road Church of God, 31 Joynes Road, Hampton VA 23669. He is a member of the National Association of Evangelism Church of God, Anderson, Ind.

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Facing the fear of rejection

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



“Do not waste yourself in rejection; do not bark against the bad, but chant the beauty of the good.” - Ralph Waldo Emerson

One of the things I fear the most when I go to the doctor isn’t the needle when they take blood. It’s getting on that scale. The last time I went to the doctor, I prayed as I made my way to the scale that the high calorie foods I’d eaten in the last few days would miraculously melt off my body within 10 seconds. When I stepped on the scale, I thought that maybe if I didn’t look down at the number, it would somehow be what I wanted it to be. Just like in the past, the fear of what my weight would be outweighed the reality of what it was. When the nurse told me what it was, I realized that once again, I let the fear of something outweigh its reality. Instances like that remind me that I need to still work on how to deal with my fears. I’ve always thought that it was a big joke that God was playing on me to put me in a profession like writing where I’m constantly being scrutinized. I’m constantly having to deal with the fear of being rejected. What I’ve found out is that even when I get criticized for what I write, I can deal with it better than those thoughts I had

of “what if they reject me.” Seeing it that way, it’s gotten easier to deal with people rejecting what I write. The impact of rejection may sting for a little bit but it’s nothing like the lingering heaviness of the fear of rejection. Like in dating, the fear of getting turned down for a date is sometimes worse than when it actually happens. “I think that you have to believe in your destiny; that you will succeed, you will meet a lot of rejection and it is not always a straight path, there will be detours – so enjoy the view.” – Michael York However, as simple as that seems, facing rejection is one of the hardest things to do because it reveals some of our most challenging vulnerabilities like appearing weak. Even as I stumble in dealing with rejection, perhaps the bigger goal I’ll continue to work on is overcoming the fear of rejection. Many times, the fear of something is greater than the reality of what it might actually be. 2 Timothy 1:7 reminds me that “God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.” I’ve learned that the most important part of conquering the fear is being willing to face it and acknowledge that it exists. Shewanda Riley is a Dallas, Texas based author of “Love Hangover: Moving From Pain to Purpose After a Relationship Ends.” Email preservedbypurpose@gmail.com or follow her on Twitter @shewanda.



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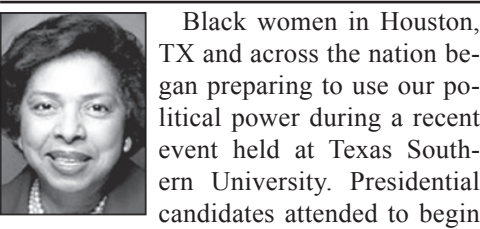


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Isn't it time?

By E. Faye Williams
Trice Edney Newswire



Black women in Houston, TX and across the nation began preparing to use our political power during a recent event held at Texas Southern University. Presidential candidates attended to begin

a conversation with black women regarding what's important to us, and what we're looking for from candidates in 2020.

Isn't it time for us to begin using our economic power, too? A few months ago, the Black Leadership Alliance, Clear the Airwaves and the National Congress of Black Women began the campaign called RESPECT US, to urge corporations that spend millions of dollars in advertising on radio programs that play hate music that disrespects our communities, and in particular, black women and girls.

We've made every effort to get the attention of the guilty parties, but it's as if they don't care and relish making it possible for stations to play the degrading, hateful music that worships murder, illegal drugs, shooting up neighborhoods and misogyny.

We recognize there're black franchisees of McDonalds and Subway Restaurants, but that's not a good reason for accepting the disrespect of our people. Franchise owners should be the first in line influencing their corporate offices to spend their advertising dollars on programs that uplift us. Franchise owners don't get a pass just because they want to earn a dollar off the very community they should be uplifting. Some franchise owners make modest donations to certain community activities. That's all the more reason they should want to clean up the filth their corporate owners are paying for.

We've made every effort to communicate with not only McDonald's and Subway Restaurant corporate offices, but have been ignored. We've taken the same step with other heads of corporations that disrespect our community, but the time has come for us to move to action.

Juneteenth has some meaning to us so we're asking you to join us on the weekend of June 21-23 to join with brothers and sisters in Atlanta, Washington, DC; Philadelphia, New York and Chicago to support our effort on this Juneteenth Economic Withdrawal Weekend. Don't Shop at McDonalds and Subways Restaurants because when you do, you are supporting these offenders, and disrespecting the communities some try so hard to clean up and protect. It's the duty of all of us to support events and projects that are in our best interest.

We oppose vulgar hateful rhetoric that encourages the killing of black people and the abuse and degrading of black women and girls in particular.

Below are actual lyrics from current rappers: "Wet your mamas house (meaning to spill blood) wet your grandmamas house. Keep shooting til somebody die. Spray your brother down, we not really with that rah rah sh**t Glock cocked now, I don't really give no fu**k bout who I hit. Coupe got the missing roof, your boo come up missing too Poof, I just stole your boo, now ooh, she got to eat the whole crew. We done with her come and pick your b**ch back up."

There're many more rappers putting out this same kind of filth. In the words of the late Dr. Frances Cress Welsing: "We're the only people on this entire planet who've been taught to sing and praise our demeanment (calling ourselves bit*hes, ho*s, dogs and ni**as)...If you can train people to demean and degrade themselves, you can oppress them forever. You can even program them to kill themselves and they won't even understand what happened."

McDonalds and Subways are major sponsors of these disrespectful songs. They've chosen instead to continue paying to sponsor this hateful rhetoric. No other group has to ask sponsors to withdraw from offensive media. Sponsors do so willingly. Respect yourself, and demand that all others RESPECT US.

E. Faye Williams is president of the National Congress of Black Women and host of WPFW-FM's "Wake Up and Stay Woke."

Guidance from wise, courageous ancestral warriors

By A. Peter Bailey
TriceEdneyWire.com



It was in 1619, 400 years ago, that the first African captives were brought to what is now Virginia, North America. Since that time, many of our courageous ancestral warriors, men and women, have fought against the physical and psychological terrorism inflicted by the proponents of white supremacy/racism. If we, as people of African descent, had paid more attention to and agreed upon the guidance and advice from our ancestors, we would most definitely be further ahead in the war for equal rights, equal justice and equal opportunity.

Their directives include the following:

David Walker – I pray that the Lord undeceive my ignorant brethren, and permit them to throw away pretensions, and seek after the substance of learning. I would crawl on my hands and knees through mud and mire, to the feet of a learned man, where I would sit and humbly supplicate him to instill into me that which neither devils nor tyrants could remove, only with my life – for coloured people to acquire learning in this country makes tyrants quake and tremble on their sandy foundations.

Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune – If our people are to fight their way out of bondage, we must arm them with the sword and the shield and the buckler of pride – belief in themselves and their possibilities, based upon sure knowledge of the achievements of the past. That knowledge and that pride we must give them if it breaks every back in the kingdom.

Benjamin E. Mays – I hope we will make it clear to ourselves and our children – that whether we believe in integration, separatism or nationalism, there is no substitute for a trained mind. For the future belongs, always has and always will belong, to the man who knows, and the man who has skills.

Martin Luther King, Jr. – Education without social action is a one-sided value because it has no true power potential. Social action without education is a weak expression of pure energy. Deeds uninformed by educated thought can take false directions. When we go into action and confront our adversaries, we must be as armed with knowledge as they are. Our policies should have the strength of deep analysis beneath them to be able to challenge the clever sophistries of our opponents.

Malcolm X – Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today... Just because you have colleges and universities doesn't

mean you have education. The colleges and universities in the American system are skillfully used to miseducate.

Carter G. Woodson – No systematic effort toward change has been possible, for, taught the same economics, history, philosophy, literature and religion which have established the present code of morals, the Negro's mind has been brought under the control of his oppressor. The problem of holding the Negro down, therefore, is easily solved.

When you control a man's thinking you do not have to worry about his actions. You do not have to tell him not to stand here or go yonder. He will find his "proper place" and will stay in it. You do not need to send him to the back door. He will go without being told. In fact, if there is no back door, he will cut one for his special benefit. His education makes it necessary.

W. E. B. DuBois – May God write us down as asses if ever again we are found putting trust in either the Republican or Democratic parties.

Frederick Douglass – It is easier to raise a strong child than to repair a broken man.

Marcus Garvey – Our leader will not be a white man with a black heart nor a black man with a white heart but a black man with a black heart.

Harold Cruse – The black man's

one great and present hope is to know and understand Afro-American history.

Lerone Bennett Jr. – Given one way we were forced to live in this society, the miracle is not how so many families are broken, but that so many are still together. That so many black mothers are still raising good children, is the incredible toughness and resilience in black people that gives me hope.

Dr. C. DeLores Tucker – We believe that anyone who will condone, support, produce or profit from gangsta rap is conspirator in the denigration and destruction of the black community. We will not be silent and allow our youth and our community to be murdered. We will not be silent and allow our women to be degraded and denigrated...

Steven Biko – The most important weapon in the hands of the oppressor is the mind of the oppressed.

Fannie Lou Hamer – For three hundred years we've given them time. And I've been tired so long, now I am sick and tired of being sick and tired. We want a change.

Though she is not an ancestor, the following advice from Dr. Atallah Shabazz, the eldest daughter of Brother Malcolm X and Betty Shabazz, is very pertinent: "Remember when you are with your grandparents, you are holding the hands of history."

A new plan to make Wall Street pay for creating the foreclosure crisis

By Marc H. Morial
President and CEO
National Urban League



Last week, as Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., convened a House Financial Services Committee hearing, featuring the CEOs of Wall Street's biggest banks, the financial watchdog group Better Markets released a stunning report on the banks' criminal records: Wall Street's Six Biggest Bailed-Out Banks: Their RAP Sheets and Their Ongoing Crime Spree.

The report profiled the records of Bank of America, Citigroup, Goldman Sachs, JPMorgan Chase, Morgan Stanley and Wells Fargo. Detailing the staggering \$8.2 trillion that was committed to bail out these banks when their excesses blew up the economy in 2008, the report laid out what it called their RAP sheets – the record of illegal activity for which they have been fined a cumulative total of \$181 billion in over 350 major legal actions.

The report concludes that these big banks "have engaged in – and continue to engage in – a crime spree that spans the violation of almost every law and rule imaginable. ... That was the case not just before the 2008 crash, but also during and after the crash and their lifesaving bailouts. ... In fact, the number of

cases against the banks has actually increased relative to the pre-crash era."

The scope of the illegal activity is breathtaking – overcharging soldiers on their mortgages, conspiring to fix the price of credit card fees, massive improper foreclosure practices, billing customers for services never provided, rigging interest rates, violating sanctions against countries like Iran, and more. The large fines are, for these mega-banks, merely a cost of doing business. And so the crime wave continues.

The banks particularly prey on the vulnerable, regularly pleading guilty of discriminating against African Americans and Latinos. Long after the bailout, for example, JPMorgan Chase paid \$53 million to settle charges that it had discriminated against minority borrowers by charging them more for a mortgage than white customers.

The banks were at the center of the housing bubble and its collapse. About 10 million people were displaced from over 4 million homes across the country. Minority neighborhoods were hit the hardest.

For decades, the banks red-lined minority areas, depriving residents of access to mortgages or loans for small business development. Then, when the banks inflated the housing bubble, they targeted minority neighborhoods, peddling predatory mortgages to customers who they

knew could not afford them. As one former Wells Fargo mortgage broker explained in a sworn affidavit, "The company put 'bounties' on minority borrowers. By this I mean that loan officers received cash incentives to aggressively market subprime loans in minority communities."

At the height of the rapacious lending boom, nearly 50 percent of all loans given to African-American families were deemed "subprime." *The New York Times* described these contracts as "a financial time bomb."

When housing prices cratered, the bomb exploded. Mass evictions left entire neighborhoods scarred by empty houses. The banks then failed their legal duty to keep the homes up, with neighborhoods turning into waste pits. With homeowners evicted, local revenues declined. Stores were shuttered, schools closed, local services decimated.

Those victimized were most often those who did the right thing: working steadily, putting together the money for a down payment on a home for their children. A rising African-American middle class was eviscerated. In 2012, the National Fair Housing Alliance reported that African Americans suffered "the largest loss of wealth for these communities in modern history." Between 2009 and 2012, African Americans lost just under \$200 billion in wealth, bringing the gap be-

tween white and black wealth to a staggering 20:1 ratio.

According to the Better Markets report, the six biggest banks have paid over \$181 billion in fines and settlements for their criminal activity. This money generally goes back into the general fund, unless the settlement agreement provides for some relief to those injured.

That too often leaves those most injured by the illegal practices out in the cold. What would make sense is that any fines that aren't used to recompense the direct victims be put into a fund to rebuild the communities most injured. Supplement that with revenues from sensible taxes on the banks – like Elizabeth Warren's call for a simple corporate tax on the profits they report – and a multibillion-dollar fund could be created to help repair the communities most impacted by the bankers' crimes. Use that money not to line the pockets of the big banks again, but to seed community banks and cooperatives, to support nonprofit affordable housing development, to create postal banking services that could liberate the poor from the usurious charges of payday lenders.

That might not end Wall Street's addiction to crime, but it would help repair the communities that they have devastated. One would think that law-and-order conservatives might support this act of simple justice.

‘Public Health 101’: Presenters provide vital information about disease prevention



Presenter Dr. David Buys is president of the Mississippi Public Health Association (MPHA). He said public health is important when dealing with natural disasters such as tornadoes and Hurricane Katrina. Also, he said the public is at risk due to mosquitoes and the Zika outbreak as well as broken water mains.

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Mississippi’s only School of Public Health presented a forum about its profession and addressed disease prevention during a recent presentation titled “Public Health 101: Everyone, Everywhere, Everyday.”

Dr. David Buys, president of the Mississippi Public Health Association (MPHA), was among the presenters.

Buys described medicine as “largely individually focused.” He said, “It also is diagnosis-oriented, treatment-oriented and intervention-oriented through specifically medical care.” On top of that, he said it’s “private in a lot of ways.”

Despite its history, “what’s interesting now is that health care providers are becoming increasingly interested in public health and intervention,” Buys said. “They’re now promoting green prescriptions – getting people to walk, buy fruits and vegetables.”

He added that “physicians have such influence over the patients they treat. What’s off-putting as a public health professional is for folks in the medical arena to pretend like these are new ideas. They’re just coming online with evidence we’ve had a long time.”

Buys emphasized that public health is important when dealing with natural disasters such as tornadoes and Hurricane Katrina. As well, he said the public is at risk due to mosquitoes and the Zika outbreak. Broken water mains also pose a problem and require that water be tested after repairs before it can be consumed.

The MPHA leader also lectured on other Public Health 101 topics:

- The goal of public health**
- Prevent epidemics and the spread of disease

- Protect against environmental hazards
- Designed to prevent injuries
- Promote and encourage healthy behaviors
- Respond to disasters and assists communities in recovery efforts
- Make sure of the quality and accessibility of health care services

- Five Ps of public health**
- Prevention (individual and community-focused)
- Promotion (voluntary, education, advocacy)
- Protection (policies/regulations/enforcement)
- Population-based (communities, groups)
- Preparedness (e.g., bioterrorism, natural disasters, pandemics)

- The levels of disease prevention and examples**
- Primary prevention: seat belt use, anti-smoking campaign
- Secondary prevention: early detection of diseases and health care problems to improve treatment and recovery
- Tertiary prevention: improving the quality of life by reducing the symptoms of an ongoing disease

Buys said emerging threats in the 21st century include climate change that isn’t addressed much in Mississippi. He said, “It seems to be a cursed word. It’s clearly affecting us. We don’t have to get into whether it’s manmade or natural. We acknowledge that we don’t have climate data beyond a couple hundred years ago. Still, the fact remains that we have climate change, and we must do what we can to mitigate it.”

Dr. Nakietra Burse, president of the Delta Chapter of the Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE), said public health promotes and protects people

and communities where they live, learn, work and play.

She also outlined key points about the importance of her profession for:

- Sustaining healthy communities**
- Clean air
- Clean water
- Thriving schools
- Safety
- Access to quality health care
- Opportunities for economic advancement**
- Preventing violence
- Police brutality
- School violence
- Domestic violence
- Bullying
- Sexual assault
- Advocating for rural health**
- Quality health care**
- More health care providers (major shortage in rural areas)
- Environmental justice
- Healthy food
- Using technology
- Mapping and tracking disease outbreaks
- Telehealth
- Online learning
- Social media marketing and health communication**
- Addressing climate change
- Natural disasters
- Food security, water and air quality

- Understanding common threats to vulnerable populations**
- Poor
- Minority
- Disadvantaged

In addition, Burse said efforts must be made toward justice and equal opportunity through the following methods:

- Research: data, fact-finding
- Development and implementation: creating and testing new ideas/strategies
- Policy change: advocating for and implementing policies for change.



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Suicide is not a “white thing” anymore

By Glenn Ellis
TriceEdneyWire.com



“We got to do something yeah to save the children; Soon it will be their turn to try and save the world. Right now; They seem to play such a small part of the things that they soon be right at the heart of; We got to do something yeah to save the children.” – Gil Scott-Heron

Like many of you reading this column, I never thought the day would come when suicide among blacks would rise to the level of alarm. Well, the day has come. On an average day in the United States, One African American dies by suicide every 4.5 hours.

Despite the widespread impact of self-directed violence in the United States, the problem has frequently been viewed as a one solely affecting European American males and the affluent in our society.

It’s true that the rate of suicides is higher for whites than blacks.

The problem is that the data that is used can be very misleading. The current rate of suicide for blacks is around 6 percent of all causes of death. However, researchers are saying this this figure is misleading because many black deaths are often misclassified. Due to better recordkeeping by law enforcement, coroners and family members, the actual numbers are starting to increase for blacks.

Societal attitudes towards African-American men may also partly explain why suicide data is incomplete. Make no mistake, the number one recorded cause of death for African-American males between the ages of 15 and 34 is homicide. Black men are 14 times more likely than white men to die by firearm homicide.

However, when criminologists talk about violence, we often focus on how demographic factors such as race and ethnicity, socioeconomic status and gender apply to outward violence, or violence toward other people. But I believe that we should also talk about how these factors influence inward violence, or violence toward oneself.

But are these deaths often

characterized by law enforcement, coroners and family as accidental or homicidal when, in fact, the individual wanted or expected to die? African-American and Hispanic suicides have historically been more misclassified than White suicide – and still are to this day.

African-American suicides may be “disguised” in the form of “victim-precipitated homicides” which is simply considered a suicide because the victim intentionally engages in behavior in a life-threatening situation that almost guarantees that another person (like a police officer) will kill them. Some estimates are that nearly 30 percent of urban homicides are “victim-precipitated.”

Which leads us to the 800-pound gorilla in the room: One of the most blatant risk factors is a subject that is often not talked about in black communities: mental illness. This is particularly true in the younger segments of black communities. Having a mental illness significantly increases suicide risk among black teens and adults. Although depression must be addressed, the strongest mental health predictor of attempted suicide in this population is anxiety.

As we all sit back and watch the resources and funding being taken away from public schools, little attention is paid to the fact that counselors and psychological supports have gone away as well.

One bright spot in this cloud is that blacks who are socially connected through organized religious affiliation have a lower suicide risk. But what about the rest of us? What about those young people who face the trials and tribulations of simply, growing up while black?” We are learning, more and more, that social stressors, such as the perception and realities of racism increase suicide risk among blacks. This is heightened for our young people.

Young black males are most at risk, although there has been a recent rise in suicide rates among black children of both sexes under age 13. About 20 years ago, studies highlighted a marked increase in suicide rates among black males ages 15 to 19 that put them on par with white youth of similar

ages.

More elementary-aged African-American children have been taking their own lives than ever before; and black boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 12 are doing so at roughly twice the rate of white kids the same age!

Studies indicate that Caribbean black males have the highest rates of attempted suicide among black Americans

While increased suicide risk among black females also warrants our attention, rates are typically higher among males. Depending on the age group, the male-to-female suicide rate ratio has ranged from four-to-one to as high as eight-to-one.

The suicide rate of black and white youngsters, while disturbing, also falls in line with the litany of disparate health outcomes between African-American and whites – from higher diabetes and obesity rates among African Americans to all-around earlier deaths – that are tied to social factors like poverty, nutrition, violence and racism.

The suicide rate among those younger than 13 years is approximately 2 times higher for black children compared with white children. It’s not normal for children so young to kill themselves. Please keep this in mind, and let’s save the children.

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

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REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR HAWKINS FIELD PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN BY THE JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
JMAA PROJECT NUMBER: 006-19

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (“JMAA”) requests Statements of Qualifications and Expressions of Interest (each, a “Statement of Qualifications”) to establish and assist JMAA with the implementation of a Pavement Management Program (“PMP”) (the “Services”) to JMAA in connection with the Hawkins Field Pavement Management Plan, JMAA Project No. 006-19, at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport.

JMAA will receive Statement of Qualifications to perform the Services at JMAA's administrative offices, Suite 300, Main Terminal Building, Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39208, until 3:00 p.m. central time on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 (the “Deadline”).

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Interested persons may obtain a copy of the Information for Respondents from JMAA by contacting Robin Byrd, JMAA Manager of Procurement, as follows:

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100 International Drive, Suite 300 (39208)
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Attention: Robin Byrd, Manager of Procurement
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JMAA will hold a Pre-Submission Conference at 10:30 a.m. central time on Thursday, May 15, 2019, in the Community Room, 3rd Floor Mezzanine Level, at the Main Terminal Building at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, MS 39208. Attendance at the Pre-Submission Conference is highly recommended for all those interested in submitting a Statement of Qualifications as a Prime Consultant for the work and persons seeking opportunities to provide work as a Sub-Consultant. The benefits of attendance include networking opportunities between Prime Consultant and Sub-Consultants, the opportunity to be on a list of contacts that will be published to interested parties as part of the minutes from the Pre-Submission Conference, and the opportunity to receive detailed scope related information from the project owner.

Based on the Statement of Qualifications, JMAA will initiate negotiations with the Respondent ranked first on the list. If such negotiations fail to produce an agreement, in form and content, satisfactory to JMAA, within a reasonable period of time, then JMAA may reject the first-ranked Respondent.

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JMAA reserves the right to: (1) reject any and all Statement of Qualifications, for any reason, any time before execution of a contract with a Respondent selected by JMAA to perform the Services.

JMAA has established a DBE participation goal of 12% for the Services solicited by this RFQ.

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ACROSS
1. Angry
5. Moist
9. Right angle to a ships length
11. Healing plant
12. Jeweled headdress
13. Particle
14. Moray
15. Post script
17. Grease
18. Melted snow
20. Delicacy
22. Honey maker
23. All right
24. Body of water
27. Retired persons association (abbr.)
29. Expel
31. Uproar
32. Catch ___ of (see)
33. Those people
34. Sailors “hey”

DOWN
1. Fill
2. Off-Broadway award
3. True
4. Hearing part
5. Dike
6. Distant
7. Pattern
8. Rind
10. Capital of Mozambique
16. Serpents
18. Brand of cola
19. Oregon (abbr.)
20. Under, poetically
21. Spooky
22. Plant fiber used in ropes
24. Weary sound
25. Reverberate
26. Attorney (abbr.)
28. Open forcefully
30. By way of

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FILM REVIEW: TEEN SPIRIT

ELLE FANNING STARS AS ASPIRING SINGER IN COMING-OF-AGE DRAMA

By Kam Williams
Columnist

Violet Valenski (Elle Fanning) is a 17 year-old living with her single-mom (Agnieszka Grochowska) on a modest family farm on the Isle of Wight. She secretly dreams of becoming a pop star, but has no time to pursue it between school and several part-time jobs. Besides attending to animals at home, she waitresses at a pub and clerks at a convenience store.

Violet's fortunes change the day that the producers of Teen Spirit visit town in search of the next singing sensation. Teen Spirit is a reality-TV series similar to American Idol, The X Factor and other talent

competitions.

Violet's very eager to audition, but can only participate if her disapproving mother signs the release form. It looks like the end of the line when momma refuses to do so, until an unlikely knight in shining armor arrives in Vlad (Zlatko Buric), a fan who has seen her perform in a local bar on open mic nights.

Turns out Vlad, a former opera singer, is eager not only to train Violet's voice, but to serve as her guardian. And over the ensuing weeks, we watch as a diamond in the rough blossoms into a world-class talent.

Thus unfolds Teen Spirit, a coming-of-age tale directed by

Max Minghella. The uplifting, overcoming-the-odds adventure borrows elements from many a classic of the genre, ranging from Cinderella to Karate Kid. It even goes so far as to include the theme from Flashdance on the soundtrack.

Shamelessly derivative, but still manages to tug on your heartstrings!

Very Good (3 stars)

Rated PG-13 for suggestive content, and for underage smoking and drinking

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Wide Releases

Dumbo (PG for peril, action, mature themes and mild epithets) Family-oriented fantasy about a baby elephant with big ears who's the laughingstock of the circus until it is discovered that he can fly. Co-starring Colin Farrell, Danny DeVito, Alan Arkin, Eva Green and Michael Keaton.

Hotel Mumbai (R for profanity, bloody images and pervasive violence) Fact-based drama recounting the 2008 terrorist attack at the Taj Mahal Palace Hotel by radical Islamists which claimed 174 innocent lives. Co-starring Dev Patel, Armie Hammer, Amandeep Singh and Jason Isaacs. (In English, Hindi, Punjabi, Marathi, Greek, Russian, Arabic, Urdu and Persian with subtitles)

Unplanned (R for disturbing images) Adaptation of Abby Johnson's (Ashley Bratcher) memoir of the same name chronicling her transition from Planned Parenthood spokesperson to anti-abortion activist. With Brooks Ryan, Robia Scott and Jared Lotz.

Independent & Foreign

Films

The Beach Bum (R for pervasive profanity, graphic sexuality, and drug and alcohol abuse) Matthew McConaughey plays the title character in this screwball comedy revolving around the misadventures of a hedonistic rebel who lives by his own rules. With Snoop Dogg, Isla Fisher, Martin Lawrence, Jonah Hill and Zac Efron. (In English and Spanish with subtitles)

The Brink (Unrated) Political biopic chronicling the efforts of former Trump adviser Steve Bannon to mobilize right-wing voters. Featuring commentary by TV pundits David Frum, Michael Wolff and Ari Melber.

The Chaperone (Unrated) Elizabeth McGovern plays the title character in this adaptation of Laura Moriarty's best seller of the same name, set in the Roaring Twenties, about the woman who agreed to escort 15 year-old, aspiring film star Louise Brooks (Haley Lu Richardson) from Kansas to New York City. Cast includes Blythe Danner, Miranda Otto and Campbell Scott.

Diane (Unrated) Mary Kay Place portrays the title character in this poignant portrait of a selfless soul who divides her time

between charity work and trying to save her drug-addicted son (Jake Lacy). With Estelle Parsons, Andrea Martin and Joyce Van Patten.

Lost & Found (Unrated) Serendipitous Irish dramedy inspired by the real-life encounters of seven strangers whose paths cross by chance at a rural train station's Lost & Found office. Starring writer/direct Liam O Mochain and a supporting cast featuring Norma Sheahan, Brendan Conroy, Seamus Hughes, Lynette Callaghan, Liam Carney, Barbara Adair and Aoibhin Garrihy.

Notebook (Unrated) Romance drama, set in Kashmir, about a soldier-turned-teacher (Zaheer Iqbal) who falls in love with a colleague (Pranutan Bahl) after reading a diary she left behind in a classroom. Featuring Muazzam Bhat. (In Hindi with subtitles)

A Vigilante (R for profanity and violence) Olivia Wilde handles the title role in this revenge thriller about a battered housewife who takes the law into her own hands on behalf of herself and other victims of domestic abuse. With Morgan Spector, Kyle Catlett, Tonye Patano and C.J. Wilson.

Sudoku

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

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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 Hanks

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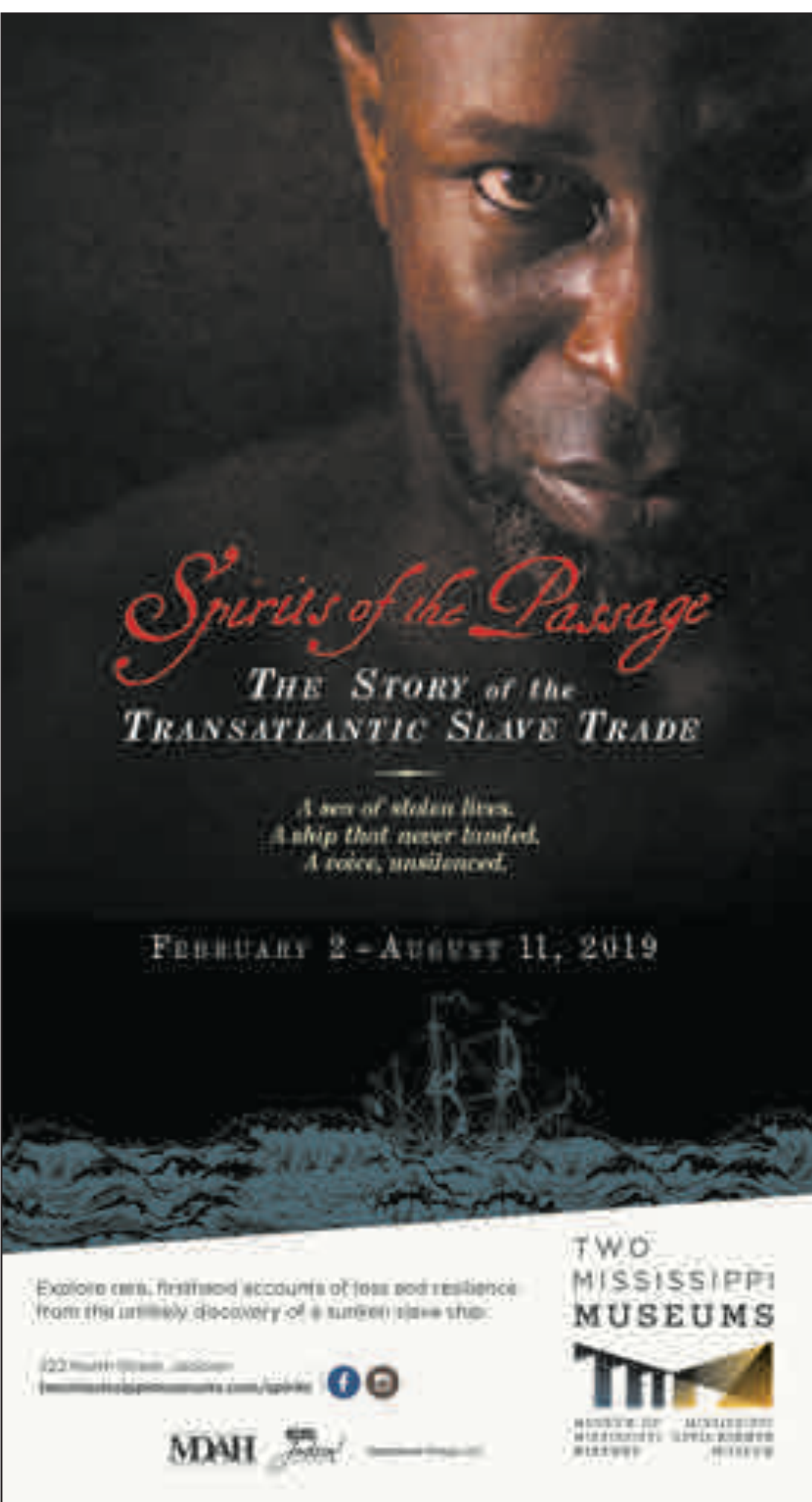
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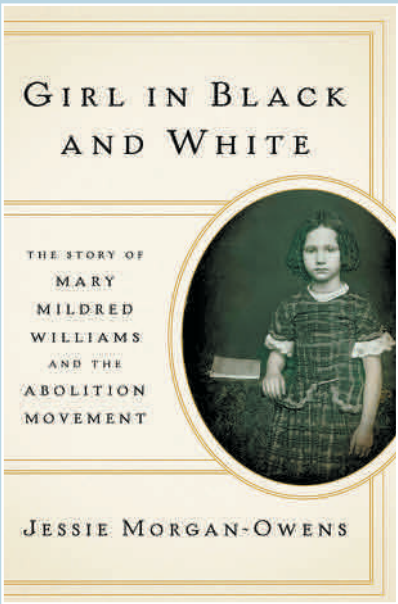
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BOOK REVIEW: “GIRL IN BLACK AND WHITE”

BY **JESSIE MORGAN-OWENS**
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By **Terri Schlichenmeyer**
Columnist

Water stains and tattered edges. It was a shame that that happened to the picture you found, though those wounds give it dignity. You have no idea who’s in the snapshot; you just know that someone wanted to remember a moment in time – or, as in the new book “Girl in Black and White” by Jessie Morgan-Owens, someone wanted to spark change.

If you didn’t know the whole story behind the daguerreotype, you would think it was just an

image of a charming, anonymous little girl, circa 1855.

And you’d be half right.

Its story starts in 1808 when Virginia widow Conney Cornwell dealt with a thorny issue: her fifteen-year-old daughter, Kitty, became pregnant by one of Conney’s slaves and, ignoring possible ruination of the family’s reputation, Conney kept the baby they named John. Though he was technically free due to matrilineal laws, John was raised in the slave quarters by Conney’s slave, “Prue,” until he was sixteen.

In 1825, when Conney fell ill,

she did something that she hoped would ultimately protect Prue from enduring the heartbreak of separation from family: Conney left Prue to John in her will. Also included were Prue’s children and future grandchildren – and there would be many, most fathered by white men of power.

The problem was that John’s whereabouts were unknown when Conney died, and there was a battle for her estate; in the meantime, Prue gave birth to more children, as did her children. Through complicated circumstances, one of them, Prue’s

very light-skinned granddaughter, eventually caught the eye of anti-slavery Massachusetts Senator Charles Sumner, who knew that white audiences would be interested in her story and the horrors that might befall her as a black child who looked white. He wanted to show her to his abolitionist supporters and to opponents.

And so Sumner arranged a portrait session with a little girl called Mary...

Much as you’ll be interested in Mary’s story, too, “Girl in Black and White” may be a challenging

way to get it.

While it’s good that a major chunk of the first part of this book is a Genesis-like account of begetting and ancestry, that soon devolves into court cases and courtroom wranglings that may be hard to follow for all but the most legal-minded readers. Author Jessie Morgan-Owens valiantly offers some help with this and she includes plenty of fascinating side-stories on mid-1800s culture, photography, abolition and attitudes, but there’s still a lot to take in, especially if you’re not prepared for it.

Take that as fair warning because, despite its depth, you’ll have a hard time tearing yourself away from the small stories Morgan-Owens offers inside the larger account: tales of everyday life, helpful celebrities and Mary’s final days in what may have been a “Boston Marriage.”

Perhaps the best advice is to give yourself plenty of time to digest and plenty of room to back-page while reading “Girl in Black and White.” Do that, and you’ll be fine; without space to contemplate, though, it may leave your brain a little tattered.



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Hinds County School District Intramural Track Program Off and Running!

Daryl Jones, Athletic Director for the HCSD and Intramural Program Coordinator, Coach Chris Stephen, with the Sports Paradise Program says that the district offers a variety of intramural sports to its 2nd-6th graders to encourage teamwork and collaboration among students. Some of the sports offered are track, soccer, and basketball with baseball starting next school year. Schools participating in the program include BEEMS, BMS, CMS, GRE, GRI, RES, and UEMS. Coach Stephen stated that his primary focus is to introduce and develop fundamental skills while allowing students to have fun and get physical exercise without the pressures of winning.

