

# Primary Election Day reminders and contact information

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Polls open for the 2019 Primary Election at 7 a.m. Tuesday, August 6, 2019. Mississippians can cast a ballot for statewide state district, legislative, county and county district offices.

Polls close at 7 p.m. Any voter in line at 7 p.m. is entitled to cast a ballot.

Primary Elections are conducted by political parties in Mississippi. The Secretary of State's Office will have observers in precincts across the state. Problems at the polls observed by state observers or otherwise reported to the Elections Division will be referred to the authorities, including the Attorney General's Office or appropriate District Attorney's

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Other important information for Election Day includes:

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- Polling Place Location:** A

polling place locator is available on the Secretary of State's website at <http://www.sos.ms.gov/PollingPlace/Pages/default.aspx>. A sample ballot specific to the voter's polling place is located on the Polling Place Locator website.

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## It's voting time again... Election 2019

By Othor Cain  
Editor

The Democratic and Republican primaries are next week, and voters around Hinds County and across the state have the opportunity to exercise their right to determine who will govern them for the next four years.

It's easy to grumble against the authorities, but it's easier to vote and voice your concerns.

Voting is a privilege, right and duty of each and every component of a democratic system. It is a moral responsibility of all eligible citizens of society.

While according to some statistics, many stay away from the voting process for varying reasons. Since 1960, the US has only seen a voter turnout of more than 55 percent on seven occasions.

The Mississippi Link wants to remind you that voting is extremely important and you should exercise your right Tuesday, August 6.

We've provided a sample ballot for the Democratic and Republican Primaries in Hinds County.

[See sample ballots on page 13](#)

## Donald Trump views people of color as 'infestations'

### He uses the word again in attack on Baltimore and its black congressman

By Hazel Trice Edney  
TriceEdneyWire.com

President Donald Trump has repeatedly used a form of the word "infested" as he refers to black and brown people, clearly expressing his view of them as something less than human.

This was the observation of an emotional CNN anchor, who happens to be a Baltimore native, as well as activists, civil rights leaders and the general public in response to Trump's latest racial insult. This time he was referring to Baltimore Rep. Elijah Cummings, chair of the House Oversight Committee, which has heavily monitored Trump and his administration, including on their treatment of immigrants.

"Cumming's district is a disgusting rat and rodent infested mess. If he spent more time in Baltimore maybe he could clean up this very dangerous and filthy place...No human being would want to live there," Trump ranted in an angry tweet Monday morning.

Baltimore-born CNN anchor Victor Blackwell, clearly fed up with Trump's insults of people of color, issued a live, on the air rebuke, quoting the times the president has used a form of the word, "infested" in descriptions of people of color or where they live:

"Infested: That's usually reserved for references to rodents



Trump

and insects, but we've seen the president invoke infestation to criticize lawmakers before. Do you see a pattern here? Just two weeks ago, Trump attacked four minority Congresswomen: 'Why don't they go back to the totally broken and crime-infested places from which they came?' Reminder: Three of them were born here. All of them are American."

Blackwell continued, "'Infested'. A week before his inauguration, January 2017, Congressman John Lewis should spend more time fixing and helping his district which is in horrible shape and falling apart; not to mention crime infested.

Trump has tweeted more than 43,000 times. He's insulted thousands of people, many different types of people. But when he tweets about infestation, it's about black and brown people.

He continued, "Sept. 2014 at



Cummings

the height of an urgent health emergency: 'Why are we sending thousands of ill-trained soldiers into Ebola-infested areas of Africa. Bring the plague to the U. S.? Obama is so stupid.'"

Finally, "There's a revolution going on in California. So many sanctuary areas want out to this ridiculous crime-infested and breeding concept," Blackwell quotes before speaking directly to Trump from his anchors chair.

"The president says about Congressman Cummings' district (emotional pause) 'That no human would want to live there. You know who did, Mr. President? I did. From the day I was brought home from the hospital to the day I left for college. And a lot of people I care about still do. There are challenges, no doubt. But people are proud of their community. I don't want to sound self-righteous, but people get up

and go to work there. They care for their families there. They love their children who pledge allegiance to the flag just like people who live in districts of congressmen who support you, sir. They are Americans too."

Blackwell wasn't alone by a long stretch. The president's latest racist remarks drew ire from black Republicans and Democrats alike. Trump's latest tweets come on the heels of the U. S. House of Representatives' condemnation of his Twitter attacks on four congresswomen of color as 'racist'.

National Action Network's Al Sharpton, Trump's fellow New Yorker, in Baltimore for a meeting and press conference that had been planned weeks earlier, blistered the president for his attacks on Cummings and Baltimore.

"Little did I know that Mr. Trump was going to, on the eve of this, attack the congressman from this city. And not only the congressman, but the people of this city in the most bigoted and racist way," said Sharpton at the early morning press conference. "He attacked everybody. I know Donald Trump. He is not mature enough to take criticism. He can't help it. He's like a child. Somebody says something, he reacts. He's thin-skinned and not really matured that well."

Sharpton concluded, "But he

has a particular venom for black and people of color. He doesn't refer to other opponents or critics as infested. He does not attack their districts. He attacks Nancy Pelosi, he attacks Chuck Schumer, he attacks other whites. But he never said that their districts or their states are places that no human being wants to live."

Republican businessman and political operative Elroy Sailor, co-founder, CEO and managing partner of the Watts Partners, named for former Republican Congressman J. C. Watts, opened the press conference by describing a partnership in which Sharpton had reached out to the Bank of America to begin discussions on ways to develop Baltimore; especially its housing stock in the wake of the demise of black homeownership across America. Jimmy Kemp, the son of former Housing Secretary Jack Kemp, also at the press conference, is a leader in the project.

Also at the press conference, former chair of the Republican National Committee and former Maryland Lt. Gov. Michael Steele, called Baltimore a "wonderful city" and was highly critical of Trump's remarks.

"Mr. President, your reprehensible comments are like water rolling off a duck's back when it comes to this community. It just washes over them. It doesn't stick

to them. It doesn't stain them," Steele said. "Let's walk this community sir. Let's talk to them face to face. And you'll begin to realize and appreciate the hard work and the commitment they have made. The resources that they need, you can help with. The energy that they have, you will benefit from."

Steele pointed out that three million people lost their homes in the 2008 housing crisis and a million were evicted. Their Baltimore meeting had intended on fixing issues that still stem from that crisis. He urged the public to keep their eyes on the potentially powerful outcome of the project and not on Trump's tweets.

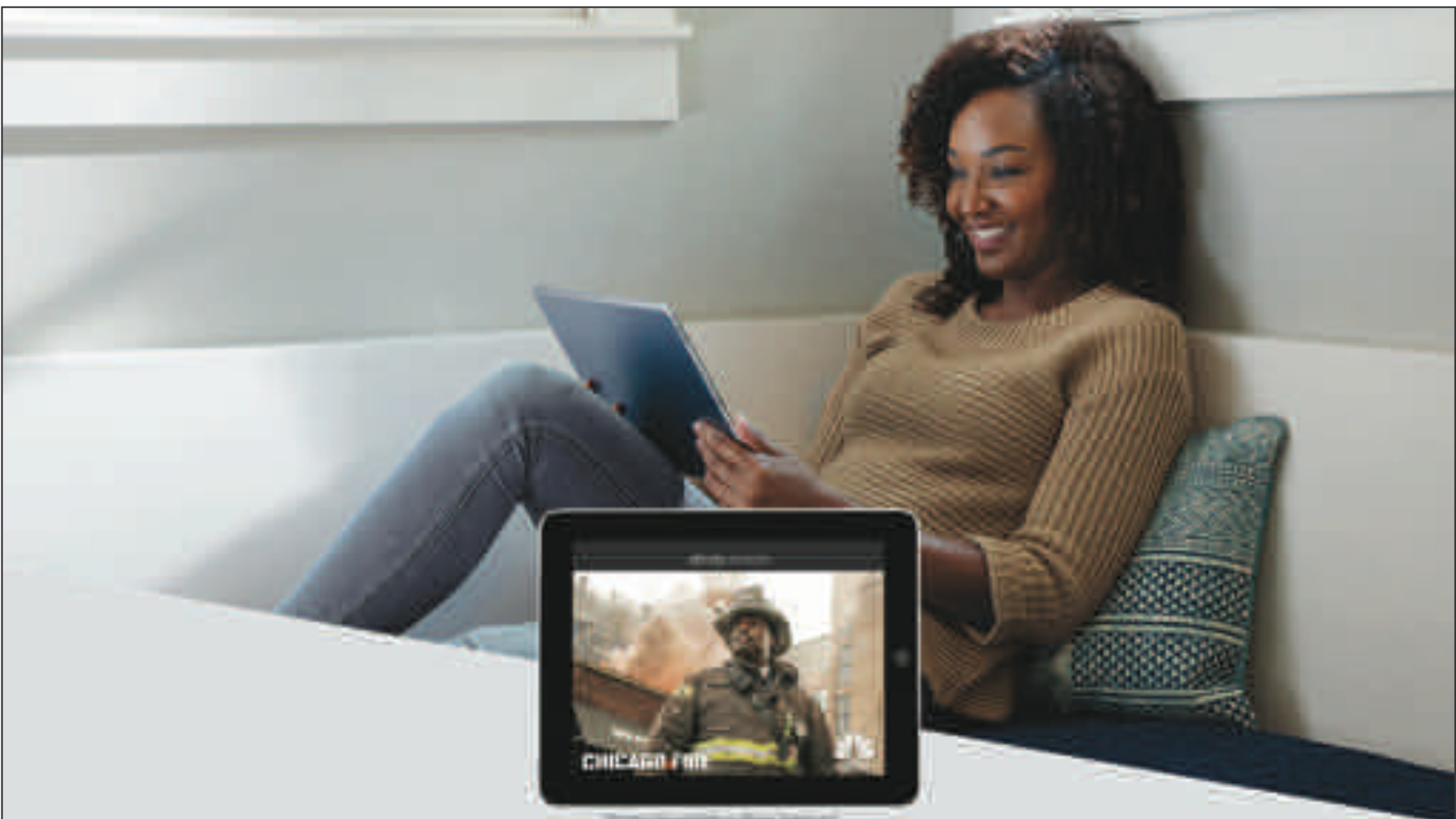
"We got side-tracked, but we should not be distracted," Steele said. "Because the work that needs to be done that will then benefit and flow out in education, in business and health and other things, it matters. It is the time now to do this. That's why we were gathered here...Don't get distracted by the Tweet. Don't get blinded by the noise...You do that, and this all gets lost."

As Sharpton and Steele had prepared for the press conference, Trump also attacked Sharpton on Twitter, calling him a "con man" and "troublemaker."

Sharpton responded in part, "Called me a troublemaker. Yes, I make trouble for bigots."

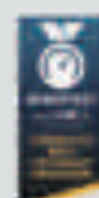






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Authored the Senate Concurrent Resolution 627 for the feasibility study creating the MS Civil Rights Museum  
Co-chaired the committee in the creation of the Mississippi Civil Museum

#### Acolades

Outstanding Legislator in Defense of Community and Public Health - Community Health Centers of Mississippi  
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Life-long resident of Hinds County  
Parents, the late Reverend H.T. and Fannie Frazier  
Sisters: Arnette LaGoon, Carolyn (Robert) McCollum, Jeanette (Ronnie) Crutts, Elaine (Johney) Patrick, Janis Ford  
Wife, Jean Clayton Frazier; children Julian (Erica) and Gabriela (Jimmy) Frazier-Jones  
Grandchildren: Kristopher and Kowon

## Senator Hillman T. Frazier: Effectuating Change in our Communities

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your State Senator in Senate District 27. Your support has allowed me to advocate and pass legislation that has made a difference in our families and communities. You shared with me your priorities and together our action resulted in the passage of the Mississippi Education Reform Act; the Mississippi Crime Victims Compensation Act; the HELP Scholarship Program for our college students; the Mississippi Landlord Tenant Act; and increased funding for Alcorn State University, Jackson State University and Mississippi Valley State University. We implemented a compulsory school attendance law and increased teacher pay and financial assistance for our students. We authored and passed legislation which allows African Hair braiders to practice their craft with undo state regulations and removed barriers that discouraged mothers from choosing breastfeeding as a healthy option. A crown jewel of our partnership was the creation of the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum. I authored Senate Concurrent Resolution 627 which called for a feasibility study, and co-chaired the committee which led to the creation and funding of the Mississippi Civil Rights and Mississippi History Museums. We were also successful in leading the legislature in ratifying the 13th amendment to the U.S. Constitution which abolished slavery in Mississippi. We led the Mississippi Legislature in passing the historic landmark legislation which made Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday an official state holiday in Mississippi. We also worked to give the City of Jackson a one cent sales tax to address the infrastructure problems that we see every day. Although we delivered as a result of working together, much work still remains. We must bring our teacher salaries up to the Southeast average and make quality healthcare accessible to all of our citizens. We must remove the pay disparity between men and women in this state.

This election will be the most important election in this decade. Upon completion of the 2020 Census, the Mississippi Legislature must draw new legislative and congressional districts for the State of Mississippi. These new census numbers will be used to determine Mississippi's allocation of federal funds. They will also be used to determine whether we will retain our four Congressional Districts. Important work that will greatly impact our district will be decided during the next term of the Mississippi Legislature.

I humbly ask for your continued support and your vote on August 6, 2019 as we continue to raise our voice and fight for you.

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- ★ Invest in our schools and make college affordable
- ★ Create and grow more, better jobs for all Mississippians
- ★ Expand Medicaid to help keep rural hospitals open and make basic health care available for everyone
- ★ Fix our roads and bridges



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# New Stage Theatre Arts-in-Education Residency in Hinds County



Students with New Stage Education Associate/Teaching Artist Drew Stark

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New Stage Theatre, winner of the 2019 Governor’s Award for Excellence in Theatre, provided an arts-in-education residency to all elementary schools in the Hinds County School District during the 2018-19 school year as part of an initiative to include the arts in the schools’ curriculum. Four schools were served in Hinds County.

Students met with New Stage Theatre teaching artists during one hour sessions starting in August and ending in April with a culminating performance. Students received instruction in beginning theatre focusing on skills in basic drama in all aspects, including acting and production; as well as participating in the final performance. Third, fourth and fifth grades were invited to participate at Bolton Edwards Elementary, Utica Elementary, Raymond Elementary and Gary Road Elementary Schools.

Residencies were led by Education Director Sharon Miles and Education Associate Drew Stark.

Miles received her theatre training from the University of Southern Mississippi. She has been working as a professional actress for almost twenty years and has worked as a contracted guest artist in the New Stage Theatre Education Department since 2011.

As a true education and arts advocate, Miles has been the director of a non-profit organization that focused on improving academics and incorporating arts in a public school in Hattiesburg for nearly 10 years.

As the director of Neighbors at Hawkins, she worked closely with classroom teachers and adminis-



Final performance

trators to coordinate in-school and afterschool tutoring as well as an afterschool arts program.

Miles truly believes that helping a child discover one thing that they are good at can build their self-esteem and that confidence can spill over into every aspect of their lives. Discovering theatre at a young age was a game changer in her life and she wants to offer that same experience to students throughout the state of Mississippi.

A Mississippi native, Stark received his B.A. from the College of William and Mary. A trained dancer in NYC and professional fight choreographer, Stark is serving currently as New Stage’s education associate. Some of his favorite musical credits include: Young Frankenstein, Damn Yankees, CATS and Seven Brides for Seven Brothers. Some New Stage productions include A Christmas

Carol, The Diary of Anne Frank, Sister Act, Shakespeare in Love, A Time to Kill, and 33 Variations.

New Stage has a strong reputation for presenting quality arts education and performances and has been touring successfully to high school and middle schools since 1990. The tours travel throughout the state, from Clarksdale to Jones County to Gautier and most of the public school districts New Stage visits are to underserved audiences.

During the 2018-19 school year New Stage performed 77 shows in 20 districts. With more than 20,000 students served over the last year, the arts-in-education program’s impact across the state has inspired administrators, teachers, and students to involve the arts in their schools on a regular basis.

New Stage Theatre was chartered as a not-for-profit organization in 1965, producing its initial

season in the winter/spring of 1966. Founded by Jane Reid-Petty with the assistance of the American National Theatre Academy and Actor’s Equity Association, dedication to professional excellence in theatre arts was part of the theatre’s original mission.

New Stage’s education department was founded in 1989 and received the Governor’s Award for Excellence in the Arts in 1995 for its efforts to introduce tens of thousands of young Mississippians to live theatre.

The New Stage Arts-in-Education department is sponsored by Entergy, The Selby and Richard McRae Foundation, Peoples Bank, and The Chisholm Foundation.

*For pricing, more information or to schedule a residency, tour or workshop contact Education Director Sharon Miles at 601 948-3533 ext. 232 or smiles@newstage theatre.com.*

## COMMENTARY

# What we can learn from schools that educate military children

Dr. Elizabeth Primas  
NNPA ESSA Awareness Campaign Program Manager



It is not uncommon for military programs to be adopted for use in civilian life. Schools in Virginia Beach, VA, that have some of the highest percentages of military children in the country, are doing an incredible job helping those students cope with the added stresses of having parents in the military. Other schools and communities can learn from Virginia Beach City Public Schools.

I recently spent a day with families and educators from Shelton Park Elementary School. About 70 percent of the students there were children with a parent in the military or a defense contractor. There is a large population of special forces personnel in Virginia Beach and at any moment, a parent can be called on for deployment to a warzone. Their families often do not know to where they are deployed, which compounds stress and anxiety.

A unique program in Virginia Beach public schools includes 28 military family life counselors, who work closely with schools’ staff and families to support students. One mother we spoke with, talked about the fears her five-year-old daughter had while her father was deployed. After a particularly bad night, the mother let the school staff and the assigned counselor know that her daughter was going through a very difficult time. However, mom was able to send her daughter to school knowing that the school community would play an active role in engaging with her to help her work through her fears.

The Virginia Beach counselors, funded under a program by the U.S. Department of Defense, are licensed and specialize in child and youth behavioral issues.

It’s not just supporting students through the stress of having a parent deployed where Virginia Beach schools excel in supporting this population of students. A report from The Lexington Institute looks at how schools and districts with high percentages of military families are supporting students, who, on average, move every 2-3 years to far and distant places. Uprooting and moving so often is disruptive to a child’s educational progress, and it can stall their academic achievement.

However, moving is not the only thing that can disrupt educational progress. Low teacher retention, frequent absenteeism and unsafe school environments are all factors that can also inhibit academic progress.

The Every Student Succeeds Act, a federal education law, requires schools and districts to have a well-rounded curriculum. Too many schools have eliminated music, art, drama and essential academic courses like social studies and science to give more instruction time to reading and math. Math and reading are critical, but these other subjects enrich the learning experience and help make a well-rounded, whole human being.

From the very beginning, students at Shelton Park Elementary School are exposed to art, music and leadership strategies. The well-rounded curriculum combined with support from the military counselors creates a school environment that can – and should – be modeled across the country.

As a lifetime educator, I am inspired to see how Virginia Beach Public Schools are supporting military children. They are truly a model to be emulated by any-school, because every kid—military or not—deserves this kind of high-quality support and instruction.

*Dr. Elizabeth Primas is the ESSA program manager for the National Newspapers Publishers Association.*

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# WCU offers all-online MBA program



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Beginning in the fall 2019 trimester, William Carey University will offer its Master of Business Administration degree program 100 percent online. Traditional classes will still be available at the Hattiesburg and Biloxi campuses. The fall trimester starts Aug. 26.

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home, on their own schedule, while keeping in regular contact with classmates and professors.

“The affordable online MBA program offered by William Carey University will help people meet their career goals,” said Cheryl Dale, dean of the William Carey University School of Business. “The online delivery of courses will give students flexibility in completing the requirements

for the degree.”

Students may enter the program in the fall, winter, spring or summer trimesters. The MBA online curriculum consists of 30 credit hours, or up to 39 hours for those without undergraduate business coursework. Courses are offered during a 10-week trimester.

Candidates who have already completed the required business foundation courses

can complete the degree’s required 10 courses within a year.

Also, students who have a qualifying grade point average and work experience may not be required to take the Graduate Management Admission Test, or GMAT.

*For more information, call the William Carey University School of Business at (601) 318-6199 or visit [www.wm-carey.edu/business](http://www.wm-carey.edu/business).*

# Longtime community organizer working in MS Delta



Lewis

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Lorena Quiroz Lewis, a professional with 30 years of experience in the nonprofit and public health sectors, will assist Parents for Public Schools in the Mississippi Delta, continuing the work of former PPS community coordinator Chiquikta Fountain. Fountain recently became executive director of Delta Helping Hands, a nonprofit organization in Shaw, MS.

Lewis, a native of Ecuador and a former New Yorker, is not new to the Mississippi Delta. She worked in the Delta previously, as well as in northern, coastal and Jackson metro areas of Mississippi. Her former work in these locations involved establishing culturally and linguistically appropriate programs for people who speak limited English. Educating communities in grassroots organizing was a part of her work then and continues to be her major emphasis and specialized skill.

Lewis’ longtime work in the nonprofit sector started at Goodwill Industries in New York, where she was a coordinator and manager for the English as a Second Language Program and The Arts activities.

Her well-rounded work history includes racial equity training, organizing workshops for medical screening and intervention and creating a language access coalition. She coordinated the first language access symposium for the State of Mississippi.

Currently a community fel-

low for the Foundation for the Midsouth, Lewis is fluent in Spanish, French and English.

She is a graduate of Delta State University, with a master’s degree in education and an undergraduate degree in international studies. Lewis also has several certifications, including master trainer for Stanford University chronic disease workshops, certified lactation consultant, certified Spanish teacher, master trainer of medical interpreters and certified national change coach.

Lewis serves on numerous boards and committees including the Mississippi Museum of Art Advisory Council, International Medical Interpreters Association, Tobacco Coalition, Diabetes Coalition and the Language Access Coalition. She also is the outreach chairperson for the PTO in the Ridgeland Public School District.

A mother of three teens, Lewis’ eldest daughter recently finished her first year of college. Her other daughters are ages 13 and 15. A champion of the public schools, Lewis has nothing short of praise for the high quality education all three daughters have received in Mississippi’s public schools.

“We are pleased to have Lorena on board as a partner in our work,” says Joann Mickens, executive director of PPS, Inc. “Her competence, experience and knowledge of the Mississippi Delta will serve us well as we seek to secure a high quality public education for every child.”

# Remembering Delta State University alumna Judy Smart Lewis, mental health counselor, through a \$20,000 memorial scholarship fund in her field

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

Two years ago, Eddie Lewis countered profound remorse with purposeful solace. His wife of 52 years, Delta State University alumna Judy Smart Lewis, the love of his life, died of complications from dementia July 9, 2017, at age 71. In tribute to her, the grieving widower found a measure of lasting comfort by giving \$20,000 to the Delta State University Foundation to create the Judy Smart Lewis Memorial Scholarship Fund two months later.

The mindful consolation makes sense: Judy Smart Lewis, who earned an M.Ed. in community counseling from Delta State in 1992, was a mental health counselor. Recipients of the scholarship are DSU graduate students pursuing an M.Ed. in counselor education, clinical health counseling.

“I established the endowment scholarship fund because Judy loved DSU and the education she received there changed



Judy Smart Lewis

with their problems, which she loved to do. I chose the counseling program because I hoped it might encourage other counselors to take her place in ministering to people.”

Judy was born in Holly Springs, Miss., and graduated from Senatobia High School, Harding University and Delta State. As a Lady Statesman, she earned membership into Chi Sigma Iota international honor society for counseling, co-facilitated a single women’s group and completed her internship at the Community Counseling Center in Cleveland and Greenville.

her life,” said Lewis, a retired minister who lives in Olive Branch. “She was able to help people

A licensed professional counselor, Lewis treated anyone in need, particularly those suffering depression and abuse and couples confronting relationship issues. She also felt called to speak to women’s groups on self-esteem, depression, marriage, parenting, sexuality and problem-solving. Over her 20-year career, Lewis worked for the Community Counseling Center in Cleveland; Quinco Mental Health Center in Selma, Tenn.; and the Community Counseling Center in Greenville. She also served as a counselor for the Christian Student Center at Mississippi Delta Community College and consulted for local churches. Lewis additionally co-conducted marriage seminars with her husband in churches and retreat centers.

She had such a positive impact on her clients that they made a point of indicating this, Eddie Lewis recalled. “In a list of the top three influences in

my life, Judy Lewis would be on that list,” wrote one. Judy was such a great help to me,” declared another. “Judy was truly beautiful inside and out,” remembered a third, he said.

Eddie Lewis left full-time ministry upon his wife’s diagnosis in 2013 to care for her. He and their daughters, who also are Delta State graduates – Angelia Weeks ’92, B.F.A. in art education, a married homemaker in Collierville, Tenn.; and Christy Dye ’95, B.S. in biology, of Olive Branch, and a chemist at McKesson Corp. pharmaceuticals and medical supplies in Memphis – knew that starting the scholarship fund was not only the right thing to do but a source of growing joy as well.

“The scholarship is for students in the counseling program who are preparing themselves to help others and show the same love and concern that Judy did,” observed Eddie Lewis, a grandfather of three.

# Tougaloo College at the Congressional Diversity in Tech Summit

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

Tougaloo College’s 14th President Carmen J. Walters was in Washington, DC attending the Congressional Bipartisan Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Caucus for the second annual HBCU Diversity in Tech Summit, hosted at Howard University. This annual event is the largest collaboration of government, industry and HBCU leaders.

The Diversity in Tech Summit brings together 47 companies, 34 HBCUs and Members of Congress for collective conversations around tech diversity and preparing students of color for careers within emerging technologies such as blockchain, artificial intelligence and cybersecurity.

Through two days of dynamic strategy sessions, Wednesday, July 24 and Thursday, July 25, participants built sustainable partnerships to strengthen course curriculum, closing the



Henry N. Tisdale, Claffin University president, Carmen J. Walters, Tougaloo College president and Congresswoman Alma Adams, founder and co-chair of the Bipartisan HBCU Caucus

skills gap and creating universal best practices for the recruitment and retention of HBCU graduates.

“Tougaloo College is proud to join the Congressional Bipartisan HBCU Caucus and leaders from the tech sector for the second annual Diversity in Tech Summit,” said Walters. “Our institutions are drivers of local, state and national economies and help prepare our nation’s

students for 21st Century opportunities. HBCUs produce 42 percent of black engineers and 47 percent of black women engineers and are key to diversifying the tech industry. The Diversity in Tech Summit is a chance for us to work together with private sector stakeholders and create meaningful, long-term partnerships that will keep Tougaloo College sustainable for another 150 years, and position our stu-

dents as leaders in today and tomorrow’s economy.”

“HBCUs contribute nearly \$15 billion to our annual economy and have provided pathways of opportunity to millions of Americans, many of whom are first generation college students. Despite being historically underfunded and under-resourced, these institutions continue to produce top talent, including 40 percent of my colleagues in the Congressional Black Caucus,” said Congresswoman Adams, founder and co-chair of the Bipartisan HBCU Caucus. “That is why the Diversity in Tech Summit is so important. There is no workplace diversity, especially within the tech industry, without HBCUs. I am proud to host the second annual Diversity in Tech Summit to build a well-prepared workforce that is diverse and inclusive.”

“HBCUs are integral in preparing African-American students for jobs in competitive

STEM fields, but it takes meaningful cooperation between the private and public sectors to truly ensure the tech sector reflects our nation’s diversity,” said Congresswoman Terri Sewell (AL-7), vice-chair of the Bipartisan HBCU Caucus. “Without engagement with HBCUs, industries miss out on a dynamic, well trained pipeline of diverse workers. That is why I am so proud that companies like those participating in the summit recognize the importance of a diverse workforce.”

Walters met with Congressional Representative and alumnus Bennie G. Thompson (D-MS) in Washington, DC to further discuss the direction of Tougaloo College and how events like this help to ensure HBCUs remain on the cutting edge of technology so students are able to compete in a global society. “Events like this also create an atmosphere of awareness among members of Congress,” said Walters.

In addition to members of Congress and HBCUs, participating companies include: Wells Fargo, eBay Inc., DTCC, ITI, IBM (Global Markets), Federal Street Strategies, Rocket Mortgage by Quicken Loans, Overland-Tandberg, FICO, Microsoft, TSYS, SIFMA, Nielsen, Pandora + SiriusXM, Amazon, Uber Technologies Inc., Airbnb, Allstate Insurance Company, Intel Corporation, Twitter, Covington & Burling LLP, SAS Institute, Spotify, SAP AMERICA INC., HP Inc., PayPal Inc., McGuireWoods Consulting, Unum Group, Lyft, Advanced Micro Devices, Allscripts, Amazon (Student Programs) (Web Services), Zillow Group, Verizon Media, CTA, VISA, Adobe, AMD, McDonald’s Corporation, Facebook, AnitaB.org, NCC, Stewart Strategies & Solutions, Twilio, GlaxoSmithKline, Grant Thornton LLP, General Motors Financial, Depository Trust & Clearing Corp.





# Delgado Community College in New Orleans welcomes JSU alum Littleton-Steib as its new chancellor

*Jackson State University*

Delgado Community College, in New Orleans, Louisiana, welcomed Jackson State University alum Larissa Littleton-Steib as its new chancellor, effective July 1.

Littleton-Steib, who previously had been chancellor of Baton Rouge Community College, was selected for the Delgado position in April by the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) Board of Supervisors. The board made its selection after a comprehensive and competitive national search that included on-campus interviews and public forums with students, faculty and staff, and community members.

“This is a tremendous honor to be the chancellor of the college that gave me my start,” said Littleton-Steib. “I am grateful to the members of the LCTCS Board of Supervisors, LCTCS President Monty Sullivan and the members of the search committee for entrusting Delgado to my care. This is a responsibility that I do not take lightly and I offer my absolute commitment to Delgado’s future success.”

She added, “The dedication, talent and commitment of the faculty and staff of Delgado is invaluable and together we will advance the mission and vision of the college. Delgado has a great foundation and is known for educational and workforce development excellence. It is my responsibility to build upon this rich foundation.”



Littleton-Steib

“I want to congratulate Dr. Littleton-Steib on her selection as the new chancellor of Delgado Community College,” said Tim Hardy, LCTCS board supervisor and chair of the search committee. “We believe Dr. Littleton-Steib is the perfect fit for the students, the college and the community it serves, and she will continue leading our efforts to deliver world class academic and workforce training.”

LCTCS Board Chairman Stephen Toups added, “The appointment of Dr. Littleton-Steib caps off one of the most comprehensive and talent-rich chancellor searches we have conducted during my time on the LCTCS Board. We feel this selection was the right one for the college and the broader college community as we move forward to meeting and exceeding the region’s educational and workforce needs.”

Littleton-Steib served as chancellor of Baton Rouge Community College (BRCC) since 2016. During her time at BRCC, Littleton-Steib led efforts that have increased student enrollment, improved the college’s fiscal health and stability, promoted and improved the BRCC brand as a model of excellence, and increased business and industry partnerships.

Prior to attaining the BRCC post, Littleton-Steib served

in various roles at Delgado Community College. While at Delgado, she served as vice chancellor of workforce development, dean of technical education, campus executive dean, executive assistant to the chancellor and director of community and economic development.

She also chaired the 2011-2016 Strategic Plan and played a key role in developing the Maritime and Industrial Training Center and the River City Site.

She possesses an extensive background in program development, grant writing and workforce training. Littleton-Steib has a strong record of working collaboratively with multiple business partners and stakeholders, and over the course of her career she has secured and successfully managed over \$75 million in grants and external funding.

Littleton-Steib serves as an American Association of Community Colleges Commissioner for Research, Data and Accountability and as a representative on the Louisiana Board of Regents’ Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Advisory Council.

Littleton-Steib is a native of Louisiana and earned a doctorate in urban higher education from Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi and her bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Xavier University of Louisiana in New Orleans. She is married to Kyle Steib Sr. and they have three children.

# JSU doctoral candidate will receive Council on Racial, Ethnic and Cultural Diversity Award



Adams

*Jackson State University*

Raymond Adams, a Jackson State University doctoral candidate in the School of Social Work, has been selected to receive the Council on Racial, Ethnic, and Cultural Diversity (CRECD) award in October at the Council on Social Work Education conference in Denver, Colorado.

The CRECD award recognizes doctoral students and junior faculty members with outstanding scholarship in the areas of racial, ethnic and cultural diversity in social work education.

“I was pleasantly surprised when I received the news of being selected for the Council on Racial, Ethnic and Cultural Diversity award,” says Adams. “I wasn’t expecting to

be chosen, but this is quite an honor.”

In addition, “This award recognizes my commitment to the social uplift of those oppressed groups through my teaching and future research as an emerging health disparities scholar.”

Adams will present research on color blindness among Bachelor of Social Work students at rural predominantly white institutions.

Currently, he’s teaching a one-month course at West Chester University to prepare master-level social work students for careers and research.

Once his fellowship ends, he will continue in his role as an assistant professor in social work at Southern Arkansas University.

# CSWE re-appoints social work professor to Commission on Educational Policy board

**By LaToya Hentz-Moore**  
*jsumsnews.com*

Brian Anderson, assistant professor for the School of Social Work has been re-appointed to serve on the Council on Social Work Education’s Commission on Educational Policy board.

“It is truly an honor and privilege to have been re-appointed to such an esteemed and diverse group of academicians from all geographic areas in the United States,” says Anderson. “My primary role is to collaboratively review CSWE programs related to educational policy and planning, engage on identified pedagogical concerns in social work education, and occasionally provide curriculum policy statements to formulate the organization’s accreditation standards.”

This appointment will afford Anderson the opportunity to be directly involved with the development of the 2022 Educational Policy and Accreditation Stan-



Anderson

dards. The next phase of CSWE accredited programs within the School of Social Work will re-

quire these standards.

The CSWE is the national association representing social work education in the United States. Through its many initiatives, activities, and centers, CSWE supports quality social work education and provides opportunities for leadership and professional development, so that social workers play a central role in achieving the profession’s goals of social and economic justice. It is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation as the sole accrediting agency for social work education in the United States.

Members of the COEP are expected to have significant years of experience in the academy and knowledge of the CSWE affirmation process and a trained site visitor.

The majority of COEP are administrators in various social work departments throughout the U.S.

# \$589,173 awarded to JSU

*Jackson State University*

United States Representative Bennie G. Thompson (D-MS) recently announced the National Science Foundation has awarded \$589,173 to Jackson State University.

This project, entitled “Excellence in Research – Collaborative Research: Fate and transport of neonicotinoid insecticides in the environment,” is under the direction of Yadong Li. The specific objectives are to understand how seven important neonicotinoid insecticides move, accumulate, and/or degrade in agricultural soils, surface water, and groundwater.

Results will be used to develop and validate models to predict the long-term impacts of these compounds in the environment.

The research will be carried out by a collaboration of researchers and students



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at Jackson State University and Tennessee State University, broadening participation and the diversity of the environmental engineering workforce.

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# Gov. Phil Bryant appoints Christopher Freeze executive director of Mississippi Department of Human Services

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Gov. Phil Bryant appoints former Federal Bureau of Investigation Special-Agent-in-Charge Christopher Freeze executive director of the Mississippi Department of Human Services. Freeze will replace John Davis, who is retiring. "I am confident Christopher Freeze will do a great job leading MDHS," Bryant said. "His intellect and leadership experience as a special-agent-in-charge at the FBI makes him an excellent fit to guide the agency during this period of transition. I am grateful he has accepted this appointment."

As executive director, Freeze will oversee the agency responsible for providing a wide range of public assistance programs, social services and support for children, low-income individuals and families.

"It is an honor and privilege to serve as the executive director of this important agency. MDHS touches the lives of so many families within Mississippi and my goal is to help the great employees at MDHS continue to provide vital and life-changing services to Mississippi's children and families in need," said Freeze.

Freeze was appointed to the position of special-agent-in-charge of the FBI's Jackson division in 2016 and retired earlier this year. In this position he worked to strengthen partnerships with public and private sector agencies, to bring attention to the challenges facing law enforcement and to encourage individuals to demonstrate leadership qualities in all aspects of life.

Since his retirement, Freeze has been using the lessons he learned from his time in the FBI to teach ways to demonstrate leadership, embrace vulnerability and communicate expectation so that kids and adults can overcome challenges and trauma in order to make a positive impact



Freeze

in the world.

Freeze began his career with the FBI in 1996 as a special agent in Richmond, Virginia where he worked public corruption, computer fraud and financial institution fraud cases.

In 2006, he transferred to the Houston, Texas FBI office where he worked national security matters for the FBI and the United States Intelligence Community. In 2010, he served in various leadership roles dealing with counterintelligence, counterterrorism and cyber-crimes.

Before moving to Jackson, Freeze served as the section chief of the FBI's Foreign Terrorist Tracking Task Force housed within the FBI's Counterterrorism Division in Washington, D.C.

Prior to joining the FBI, Freeze worked as a certified public accountant with the Tennessee Division of State Audit.

He holds a Master of Arts in religion and a Master of Science in strategic studies.

# Family First Initiative issues report on first year of work

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Mississippi Family First Initiative for the past year has worked to bring together communities to find local solutions to prevent child neglect.

The initiative summarized work of pilot programs in eight counties in a report to the Commission on Children's Justice. Pilot programs operate in Bolivar, Jackson, Lauderdale, Lee, Hinds, Madison, Rankin and Pearl River counties. Efforts included raising awareness of needs and available resources, and developing and implementing action plans to address those needs in each community.

The Family First Initiative State Advisory Council met July 25 at the Gartin Justice Building, 450 High Street in Jackson. The report was presented at that time.

The report is posted at this link: <https://courts.ms.gov/research/reports/MFFI%20Annual%20Report%20-%202019.pdf>.

Mississippi's Family First Initiative is a judicially-led effort to prevent child maltreatment and the unnecessary removal of children to foster care by engaging communities in the development of collaborative strategies to deliver localized services that strengthen families. The Family First Initiative brought together government, industry, non-profit and non-government entities and the faith-based community.

Supreme Court Justice Dawn Beam and First Lady Deborah Bryant are co-chairs of the statewide Family First Initiative.

Beam said, "This has been an incredible year as we have seen community leaders rally local efforts to equip families and caregivers with the tools needed to provide a healthy and safe environment for children."

Bryant said, "I am so excited about the progress that has been made in our pilot counties. When we all share our resources for the betterment of the community, there is nothing we cannot accomplish."

Common to all pilot programs were poverty and lack of awareness in communities about resources already available. The pilot programs varied in other identified priorities. Among them are drug abuse

and addiction, crime in general, domestic abuse, reentry for people who have served prison sentences, employment, education, housing, transportation and physical and mental health services.

In Lee County, the availability of free civil legal services was expanded. Senior Chancellor Jacqueline Mask several years ago established a model for addressing the civil legal needs of the poor with free family law clinics held twice a year in Tupelo and at least once a year in other counties of the First Chancery District. Using that pro se clinic model, monthly free legal clinics were scheduled in Lee County.

Volunteer lawyers assist families to resolve issues regarding child welfare. By addressing issues such as housing, adoption and child custody, the free legal clinics are able to resolve problems before they develop into neglect or abuse.

In Pearl River County, initiative members are working together to provide support to parents to attend technical training and GED classes, and provide child care assistance while the parents attend classes. In Jackson County, a church provides evening meals for families and is collaborating with the Youth Court on a mentor program for parents working toward reunification with their children in foster care.

Pearl River County also hired as county resource coordinator, Jansen Owen, to address residents' needs and coordinate responses. For example, a November 2018 storm left a disabled veteran father and his daughter without power. They were unable to pay for repairs as another storm approached. Members of the Initiative Advisory Council worked together to provide supplies, permits and labor for repairs.

Bolivar County is planning an expungement clinic to help people to clean up eligible offenses on their records so that they may have better chances of being hired and may seek better paying jobs.

Rankin County is testing a collaboration platform, Meet the Need. The free online tool connects resources to needs and helps coordinate efforts around at-risk families.

In Madison County, the County Steering Commit-

tee, including Youth Court judges and physicians from the University of Mississippi Medical Center, has discussed coordinating parental opioid addiction treatment with mental health services for caregivers and children. Hinds, Rankin and Jackson counties are considering similar whole-family delivery models.

The Mississippi Family First Initiative One Year Anniversary Newsletter provides more success stories. The newsletter is at this link: <https://courts.ms.gov/commissions/children-justice/news/2019/Family%20First%20newsletter%20July%202019.pdf>.

The report noted that neglect, which can be prevented, is responsible for a majority of the removals of Mississippi children from the physical and legal custody of their parents. As of May 2019, 4,707 children were in state custody, with 62 percent due to neglect.

The three primary causes of neglect identified in removal cases were parental drug abuse (43%), inadequate housing (30%) and caretaker inability to cope (25%).

The report said, "State intervention in families, even when justifiable, causes trauma to children and their families. The trauma of removal compounds the intergenerational trauma often present in families that become system-involved. Many of these families have experienced chronic poverty and lack the ability to secure adequate familial supports. The current approach to child protection, which places the onus on parents to 'fix' themselves and provides very few supports, often is misaligned with the experiences, needs and motivations of these families. In its current design, this system is overly reactive. It waits for harm to occur to a child instead of working proactively to mitigate risk and stop harm from ever happening."

The past year for the Family First Initiative has been one of assessing needs, organizing community collaboration, developing plans and beginning implementation.

The year 2020 is expected to see full implementation, and 2021 will be the evaluation phase to determine how the initiative can be launched statewide.

# Jackson Municipal Airport Authority announces significant passenger growth at Jan

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (JMAA) is experiencing a significant passenger growth at Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport (JAN) indicating passenger enplanements have increased up 12.8% compared to June 2018.

From July 2018 through June 2019, 1,009,518 passengers traveled through JAN, increasing overall passenger traffic up to 10% from 2018. The last time JAN experienced this level of overall passenger traffic was between the twelve-month period of June 2014 and July 2015.

"The growth being experienced at JAN is a direct result of JMAA getting the message



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out to the Central Mississippi customers about JAN's air service offerings," said JMAA Director of Business Development, Yul McNair. "We truly value our relationship with our airline partners and will continue to get the message out regarding their offerings."

As JAN continues to soar with growth, JMAA encour-

ages those traveling to arrive at the airport at least two hours prior to their scheduled flight. Passengers may also obtain additional information on their flight status at [www.iFlyJackson.com](http://www.iFlyJackson.com).

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# Do you love your brother and sister?

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



Friends, to walk in this narrow way, we must love one another. First John 3:15 says, “Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: And ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.” Therefore, church, we must love another. The devil is really after the Church of the Living God. That’s the reason there is so much division. Jesus said in Matthew 16:18, “And upon this rock I will build My Church (He did not build it upon Peter; He built it on truth); and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”

God has always had a people. When Christ returns, God will still have a people. He is coming back after His Church. I want to be ready to go with Him, don’t you?

We read in Matthew 25:6-8, “And at midnight a cry was heard: ‘Behold, the bridegroom

is coming; go out to meet him!’ 7 Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’” When Jesus returns to take His people to Heaven, we must be ready. Spiritual preparation cannot be bought or borrowed at the last minute. Our relationship with God must be our own.

Enoch walked with God for three hundred years, and one day he was not found because God took him. He was translated so that he would not see death. Hebrews 11:5 tells us, “By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.” Before we get into God’s Heaven, we must have the same testimony: that we pleased God.

We read in Psalm 37:25 that David said on one occasion, “I have been young, and now am old; yet have I seen the right-

eous forsaken, nor His seed begging bread.” God will take care of the righteous. We cannot do wrong and expect to have God because He is not with what is wrong. If we will just stay right and treat people right, God will be with us.

Cain and Abel were the first brothers in the world, and Cain killed Abel. In the same way today so-called brethren are trying to destroy other brethren’s influences. God is against that. God is going to do something about anything that He is against. I might be against something, but all I can do is pray. However, when God is against something, He will take care of it.

God is against assassinating people’s character. We are to love one another. If we do not love one another, then we do not have God. John stated it just as it is. If we cannot love our brother or sister, we do not have God. The love of God will constrain us to treat people right.

The Bible teaches very plainly that we are to love our

brother. It says that if we bring our gift to the altar and remember that our brother has aught against us, we are to leave that gift at the altar. God said, “Do not talk to Me until you get it straight with your brother.” We are to leave that gift at the altar and be reconciled to our brother. God has given us His words of reconciliation.

Friends, we are in the church because God loved us and gave Himself for us. When those who profess to be saints of God do not love one another, God cannot use them. We read in Second Corinthians 5:19, “To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.” We must love our brothers and sisters!

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# P R E S E R V E D Cutting back to grow forward

By Shewanda Riley  
Columnist



“I’m going to cut my cable like I cut my hair” is what I declared boldly to one of my sisters a few weeks ago. I was visiting my parents in San Antonio and she had just showed me and my mama how to attach an indoor antenna and add a streaming service to a non-smart television. Even though I’ve been talking about it for a few years, watching her gave me the courage to cut the cable cord.

I became even more convinced a few days later when a bad summer thunderstorm here in Fort Worth knocked out my home phone, internet and cable television. At first, I was frustrated that I’d lost my cable and internet. Then I considered it a chance to experiment and see whether I could really live without cable. Surprisingly after the first 24 hours, I realized that not only could I do it, I was a little intrigued by the challenge of finding the right streaming service to watch my favorite television shows.

By the time AT&T came to replace the defective router/gateway four days later, I’d adjusted to life without cable. When the cable was actually cut a few days later, I felt a little sad that I could no longer watch some of my favorite cable shows (even though most were reruns), but the sadness was replaced with the joy of knowing I was now saving about 70% off my bill. It was a little scary since this was the first time in nearly 20 years that I did not have cable.

Truth be told, the first few days without cable gave me the


time and focus to finish reading 3 books and writing projects.

Gaining something unexpected by cutting something I thought I needed also happened in early June when I did the “big chop,” and cut off my permed hair and went all natural. Even though I’d been preparing to go natural for a few years by wearing a protective crochet braid hairstyle, it still took me a few days to adjust to seeing myself in my teeny weenie afro. The shorter hairstyle makes it harder to hide my few strands of grey hair, but I’ve since grown to love it.

Truthfully, I was afraid of what others would say about my natural hair (especially my mama) but slowly built up the sassy confidence to say that my hair didn’t make me; I make my hair. Surprisingly, my hair is now growing faster now that it is shorter.

Both of these experiences have showed me that pruning is necessary to get us to grow as it says in John 15:2, “Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.” It may be hard to initially do but sometimes God wants us to cut people, places, things, attitudes and behaviors out of our lives. He can then give us more of what we need so we can grow into who He has called us to be.

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# Red Summer and its reverberations

By Julianne Malveaux  
NNPA News Wire Columnist



One hundred years ago, starting July 27 and for thirteen more days, Chicago was engulfed in violence. White mobs wantonly attacked black people, and black people fought back.

It started when a black teenager, swimming in segregated Lake Michigan, drifted to the “wrong” side of the lake. Whites stoned him, and he drowned. The Chicago police refused to take action, even though the white man who threw the fatal rock, George Stauber, was identified. A police officer, Daniel Callahan, declined to arrest the murderous Stauber.

Word of the drowning and police indifference spread quickly, and it was “on” with white supremacy and unequal justice on full display. For example, Callahan, the racist cop who would not arrest Stauber, arrested a black man in the crowd based on just one white man’s complaint.

Cameron McWhirter recounts the jarring events of the 13-day Chicago manifestation of white supremacy and the black response in his absorbing book, *Red Summer: The Summer of 1919 and the Awakening of Black America*. Chicago was the site of the deadliest violence in the Red Summer. It claimed 23 black lives and 15 white ones, with whites being aggressors who just beat, killed and burned out black people because of their segregationist rage and economic envy.

The deadly violence in Chicago was but one of at least thirty-eight deadly attacks by whites on black people. NAACP Secretary James Weldon Johnson (the author, with his brother J. Rosamond, of the Negro National Anthem, *Lift Every Voice*) dubbed the Summer of 1919 the “Red Summer” because so much blood flowed. And while whites were accustomed to attacking black folk without consequence, during the summer of 1919, with recent veterans on the scene, black people weren’t having it. We fought back.

Most of the attacks took place in the south, and Chicago, with its teeming ethnic clashes and high black population, might be considered “up South.” But the so-called liberal north was no stranger to the racism that gripped our nation.

Black people were also attacked in New London, Connecticut, led by white navy members. We were attacked in the cradle of democracy, Philadelphia, when a black family moved into a white neighborhood. We were attacked in Omaha, where a black man was accused of raping a white woman. The courthouse was burned by warped whites, and there was more than a million dollars’ worth of damage. In Chicago, mobs of depraved white outlaws destroyed black homes and businesses, leaving hundreds of black families homeless.

The white thugs who attacked black people were rarely arrested and didn’t experienced any consequences for their lawlessness. But the black folk who fought back were sometimes arrested, beaten or killed. In Washington, DC, the rumor that a young white woman was “attacked”

(she admitted she was merely jostled) started white servicemen on a rampage, attacking random black people, pulling them from streetcars and attacking them on the street. The white men were primarily members of the military, and the military too often turned a blind eye to their criminal members.

*The Washington Post* journalist Jefferson Morley recently wrote about the father and daughter Ben and Carrie Johnson, who shot and killed a police officer who invaded their home. They were charged with murder and spent 18 months in jail, but charges were dropped against Ben, and when Carrie stood trial she was found guilty of manslaughter, not murder. Her attorneys appealed, the appeal was granted, and there was no new trial.

The Red Summer occurred because black men were coming home from World War I and were not inclined to tolerate white foolishness. It occurred because we had a president, Woodrow Wilson, who was a virulent racist, much like the current occupant of the house that enslaved people built. White people, brainwashed to believe in the fallacy of white supremacy, felt emboldened to attack black people for simple acts of self-determination.

Fast forward. Emboldened whites are still attacking black people, some violently. Eric Garner lost his life because he was selling loosies (single cigarettes) in Brooklyn and because an out of control madman masquerading as a police officer Daniel Pantaleo attacked him with an illegal chokehold. While Department of Justice attorneys recommended trying Pantaleo in federal court, Attorney General William Barr, the acknowledged sycophant of the racist occupant, declined to move ahead.

Fast forward. Roland Martin *Unfiltered* features a segment, “Crazy A\$\$ White People” that features the microaggressions that are a natural byproduct of virulent white supremacy. As a man attempted to propose to his fiancé at the Angry Orchard in New York, he was interrupted three times to be accused of stealing. The Orchard has apologized (too little, too late) but it is yet another example of ignorance and stupidity.

A deranged white woman, Nancy Goodman, approached three black women dining at a Bonefish Grill and used the n-word on them because she thought they were loud. The warped white woman says she’d use the slur again. Let’s not even get into the BBQ Beckys and other fools.

Bottom line. One hundred years ago, enabled and emboldened by a racist president, white folks went buck wild on black people. Here we go again. Red Summer has reverberations, but please remember that during the Red Summer, black folks fought back. Let’s do it again, fighting with our vote, with our activism and, when necessary, with our retaliation. The struggle continues.

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# Legalizing marijuana

By Marc H. Morial  
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*“The U.S. ‘War on Drugs’ – a decades-long policy of racial and class suppression hidden behind cannabis criminality – has resulted in the arrest, interdiction and incarceration of a high percentage of Americans of color. The legal cannabis industry represents a great opportunity to help balance the detrimental effects of the war on drugs by creating an equal playing field for all people to benefit from the changing legal landscape.” – Minority Cannabis Business Association*

It’s difficult to overstate how devastating America’s racist “War on Drugs” has been for communities of color. Although black and white people use marijuana at similar rates, black people have been four times more likely to be arrested for marijuana possession.

In Michigan, which has already legalized marijuana for recreational use, a 68-year-old man named Michael Thompson is 25 years into a 40-to-60-year sentence stemming from the sale of three pounds of marijuana to an undercover officer.

Last week, Illinois made history when it passed a marijuana legalization law that seeks to atone for the injustice of the War on Drugs.

Illinois’ law gives low-income communities of color – the very communities ripped apart by decades of racist drug policies – a fair shot at dispensary and grow-shop licenses. A portion of tax revenue generated by cannabis sales will be directed to investment in those communities through the Restore, Reinvest and Renew Program.

Under the new law, arrest records for possession of small amounts of marijuana will be expunged automatically, and the board that makes clemency recommendations to the governor will receive a list of everyone convicted of minor possession offenses.

Nearly 800,000 criminal histories could be erased under the law.

We applaud Illinois’ historic achievement. We stand ready to evaluate the implementation and effectiveness of the law. We urge other states to follow Illinois’ lead when crafting legislation to legalize marijuana by looking comprehensive at redress for past wrongs and creating economic opportunities for communities that bore, and continue to bear, the negative effects of the War on Drugs.

The history of cannabis in the United States – which became known as marijuana in the early 1900s – is fraught with racist hysteria. Following the Mexican Revolution, more than 890,000 Mexican people legally immigrated into the United States between 1910 and 1920. Even though cannabis long had been used in the United States as an ingredient in unregulated “patent medicines,” the Spanish term marijuana became associated with fear and prejudice against new immigrants. By 1930, 16 states had outlawed prohibited marijuana as a way to target the growing Mexican community.

In 1971 President Richard M. Nixon launched the “War on Drugs,” which was exposed in 2016 by White House Counsel John Ehrlichman as a political ploy to target African-Americans and anti-war protestors. Two years after Nixon proclaimed drugs “public enemy number one,” presidential hopeful New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller signed the most draconian drug statutes in the nation, setting the sentence for selling two ounces of certain drugs, including cannabis, or possession of four ounces, at a minimum of 15 years to life in prison. The laws have been blamed for tripling New York’s prison

population.

Even now, as states have begun legalizing recreational marijuana use, recent investigation by the *New York Times* found that black people were nearly 15 times more likely than whites to be arrested in New York City for low-level cannabis crimes.

It’s going to take much more than simple legalization to level the playing field – and Illinois’ new law recognizes the challenges.

Illinois will waive half of the application fee for license-seekers who are either long-term residents of a “disproportionately impacted area” or who have been incarcerated for a minor pot crime that is eligible for expungement under the bill.

These applicants who receive a license to grow or sell marijuana in Illinois will also be eligible for special low-interest loans from the state, direct grant aid for start-up costs and other benefits.

As Illinois state Rep. Jehan Gordon-Booth said, “What we are doing here is about reparations. After 40 years of treating entire communities like criminals, here comes this multibillion-dollar industry, and guess what? Black and brown people have been put at the very center of this policy in a way that no other state has ever done.”

# Trump was not exonerated

By E. Faye Williams  
Trice Edney Newswire



House Judiciary Committee Chair Jerrold Nadler conducted a very fair, disciplined and level hearing with Special Counsel Robert Mueller. It’s no surprise that the first point made was Donald Trump was not exonerated in the Special Counsel’s report. Despite what we’re hearing from some, Democrats got what they needed to begin impeachment hearings by the end of the hearings of both committees.

Democrats sought facts and were never rude. Republicans were rude and sought to discredit Mueller and his team. I’m pleased with the courteous way the Democrats sought answers. I’m not so pleased with the way the Republicans hounded Mueller.

The hearing established that we have a non-convicted felon in the White House and but for the OLC policy that a sitting president cannot be indicted, Mueller gave us what we needed to know. Trump

committed multiple acts of obstruction. All of the elements were met.

Intel Committee Chair Adam Schiff established that the Trump team knew about Russian meddling and endorsed it. They invited it and made full use of it. There may not be a provable crime on Trump’s part, but the Trump team certainly gave the Russians a boost.

Trump wanted a Trump Tower in the middle of Moscow. It’s clear he would do anything, including going against laws and the spirit of our country, to make the Tower happen. That meant more to him than any loyalty to our country. The Trump team welcomed Russian dirt on Secretary Hillary Clinton. Trump called on Russia to find Clinton’s emails.

Flynn, Manafort, Gates, Cohen and others have been convicted of lying. It’s clear there was no witch hunt. Russian interference was not a hoax. When Trump said he had no business dealings with Russia, he was lying. Trump’s team did not inform the FBI of the contacts. Mes-saging for Trump’s campaign

was built around the stolen information.

Mueller said the Russians interfered in our election in and they’re still doing it. That’s highly concerning, and should be to every American citizen. How Trump’s supporters can cheer his gross behavior is also highly concerning.

Without a doubt, Trump ran for president to make money and nothing was going to stop him. There was definitely a quid pro quo. Putin wanted sanctions lifted on Russia. It’s obvious that greed corrupts. No disruption of our elections or doing damage to our country would stop Trump from getting what he wanted – to insure whether or not he had the votes he would get credit for the win and he would make money.

Trump has continued to say the investigation was a witch hunt and a hoax. Mueller firmly denies that is a lie. What’s clear is Trump’s concern was his billion-dollar deal to build that Tower in Russia. Mr. “Make America Great Again” couldn’t resist that. There was an attack on our democracy, and Trump

and his team were all tied up in it, welcoming Russia’s help. It was confirmed that the interference was intended to benefit Trump.

It’s clear that Wiki Leaks is a hostile intelligence service; yet, Trump loves Wiki Leaks. He didn’t care who was hurt or whether the information was true or false. He didn’t care if he were helping Russia get what Russia wanted that is lifting sanctions.

Trump’s behavior hampered the investigation. Mueller wanted to interview Trump in person, but was never allowed to do so. Does this sound like an innocent person? Mueller was obviously constrained by DOJ, but we could extract the answer if he were able to discuss everything he investigated.

It’s my prayer that impeachment would begin soon without regard to whether the Senate would do the right thing.

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# DEMOCRATIC 2019 ELECTION

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# REPUBLICAN 2019 ELECTION

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- ACROSS

  - 1. Played in the water
  - 5. Merry
  - 9. “ \_ and go seek” (game)
  - 10. Take out
  - 11. Peak
  - 12. Many
  - 13. Humble
  - 15. Terminal abbr.
  - 16. Woman’s hair product
  - 18. Tentacled sea creature
  - 21. Animal’s coat
  - 22. Slanted font
  - 26. Sad face upside down smile
  - 28. Small particle
  - 29. Sugar-free brand
  - 30. Gets older
  - 31. Sleep
  - 32. \_\_\_ schooled, place
- DOWN

  - 1. Pillow covering
  - 2. Clean up a spill
  - 3. A cozy room (2 wds.)
  - 4. Central American country
  - 5. African antelope
  - 6. More able
  - 7. Popular game
  - 8. Lengthwise
  - 10. German letter topper
  - 14. Very high
  - 17. O.T. prophet
  - 18. Propose
  - 19. Bane
  - 20. Walks
  - 23. Company symbol
  - 24. Object
  - 25. Baggage
  - 27. Dampen

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Hint: Quote by Albert Einstein

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# NAACP and CRL: Student debt weighs heaviest on Black America

By Charlene Crowell  
NNPA News Wire Columnist



From its founding in 1909 to today, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) has endured as a vital advocacy organization dedicated to freedom and justice for all. From July 20-24, the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization's annual convention met for the 110th time in Detroit's Cobo Hall.

This affectionate granddaddy of black conventions, known for its timely topics, added student loan debt to its 2019 agenda. Co-releasing a research report with the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL), the NAACP added its voice and influence in the continuing public policy debate and dilemma wrought by an unsustainable \$1.5 trillion of student debt.

Entitled, QUICKSAND: Borrowers of Color & the Student Debt Crisis, the report examines how this unprecedented level of debt weighs heaviest on Black America. It also offers a series of reforms designed to free borrowers of all colors in a fair and equitable manner.

"The student loan debt crisis puts deeply held beliefs like the value of hard work, the transformative power of education and the ability to build wealth during one's own lifetime into question," states the report. "The balance sheets of millions of borrowers and this nation demonstrate that our current student debt system operates in direct contraction of these ideals."

As earlier reported in this column, black Americans today have a dime for every dollar of wealth held by whites. That racial wealth gap forces black families to borrow more frequently and incur deeper debts to finance college costs than their white counterparts.

Stagnant incomes that have remained nearly the same over the past 20 years is also a contributor to the student debt crisis. This data point from the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, is fur-



ther strengthened by a \$7 billion drop in state funding for two-and-four-year public colleges that occurred from 2008 to 2018, according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

These and other contributing factors led to the joint report's key findings that include:

- Today, over half of all families with black heads of household aged 25-40 have student debt.
- Black bachelor's degree graduates are unable to afford loan repayments at five times the rate of comparable white graduates. These lack grads are also more likely to default than whites who never completed a degree.
- Four years after graduation, nearly half of black graduates owe more on their undergraduate student loans than they did when they received their degree; by contrast, only 17% of white graduates face this same dilemma.
- Women graduate, on average, with \$2,700 more in student debt than their male counterparts. Further, as they typically earn less in the marketplace, paying off their loans takes longer. Two-thirds of outstanding student loan debt is held by women.
- After 8 years of repayments, nearly one in four borrowers still owe more than half of their original loan balance.
- Senior borrowers, ages 60 and older, together owed \$66.7 billion in student debt in 2015.

This same year, about 114,000 seniors' Social Security benefits were seized for defaulted loans. Additionally, parents who borrowed loans to help defray college costs often also delay retirement plans as they strive to eliminate debt.

• And for young college graduates, the research found an average seven years delaying a first-home purchase, as well as delays that prevented younger consumers from creating new households or starting families.

In short, heavy college loan debt suppresses the purchasing power of multiple generations of the same family.

"Despite making regular payments, many African-American students who have attended college are disproportionately drowning in debt," said Hilary O. Shelton, NAACP Washington Bureau director and senior vice president for Policy and Advocacy. We urge policymakers to put an end to predatory for-profit programs that target communities of color and strengthen and boost federal funding for public institutions that provide quality higher education alternatives."

Specifically, the research report recommends:

- Make college accessible for the average American – Reinvest in higher education to better secure our economy and enable people to earn their way into the middle class.

• Prevent abuses by for-profit institutions – Ineffective and/or abusive for-profit schools do not deserve taxpayer-funding revenues; these institutions must be held accountable.

• Permanently tie Pell Grant aid to the level of inflation. This reform would ensure that the level of assistance to consumers with the lowest incomes would be consistent.

• Strengthen loan servicing standards and oversight – Reform current servicing to provide clear standards of performance as well as consumer protections. The Department of Education must be a better steward.

• Improve repayment: Make it easier for students who currently carry debt to pay off their loans and move on with their financial lives. Repaying student loans should not take 20-30 years.

"It has become increasingly more difficult for those without financial wealth to have a sustainable pathway to higher education," noted Debbie Goldstein, CRL executive vice president. "Fortunately, however, the student loan crisis is solvable."

Thanks to this joint report, a path to loan repayment and forgiveness is added to the continuing public debate. Here's hoping that policymakers will understand that effective reforms will better serve both consumers and the nation's economy.

## Discrimination is still the greatest impediment to black home ownership

By Stacy M. Brown  
NNPA Newswire Correspondent

Bloomberg News published an article recently entitled: "Black home ownership falls to record low as affordability worsens."

While it is true that affordable houses for sale is certainly contributing to home ownership challenges for African Americans, other minorities and millennials across the spectrum, a deeper analysis would explain why home ownership rates for African Americans has reached a fifty-year low.

Black home ownership is at 40.6% while white home ownership has inched up to 73.1%.

Bloomberg was correct when it reported that black people have lost ground sense the passage of the 1968 Fair Housing Act which was designed to protect them from discrimination in the selling, leasing and financing of homes;

however, Bloomberg glossed over the incontrovertible truth that racial discrimination in the selling, leasing and financing of starter homes continues unabated.

During the Great Recession of 2009 – 2012 and its aftermath, African Americans were targeted by large lenders (banks) for subprime loans – even when they qualified for prime loans. This allowed lending institutions to charge them higher rates than their white counterparts for similar loans.

These and other deceptive practices of these mega-banks forced many African Americans into foreclosure.

Many of their foreclosed properties – later gobbled up by private equity firms – were converted into rental properties. Others would be placed back on the market priced beyond the reach of their previous African-American

owners.

In addition to these predatory practices, many large lenders have been choosing only the crème-de-la-crème of African-American home buyers. Disproportionate rejection rates for many other black potential home buyers is a prima facie case of racial discrimination.

Redlining, higher priced inventory and other forms of blatant racial discrimination has forced many African Americans to rent when they are qualified for and would rather be home owners.

An uneven recovery in the housing market has created a double injustice because many of the players who contributed to the meltdown are now reaping the benefits of a housing market that has forced many African Americans to the sidelines while the perpetrators of unscrupulous practices continue to be rewarded

for their misdeeds.

According to the chief executive officer of United Security Financial, Lois Johnson, African Americans, low-to-moderate income whites and other minorities should not give up on the dream of home ownership. "Ours is a mortgage lender that does not discriminate," she said.

"We are a HUD-Certified Fair Practice Lender. Anyone who feels that he or she is being discriminated against in their quest for home ownership should contact us. We will go to great lengths to help the consumer get qualified. After the consumer has benefited from our counseling services, we will move expeditiously to get her into a new home. In addition, we are talking to community leaders and developers from around the country about strategies to create more affordable housing," Johnson stated.

### COMMENTARY

## Tough decision *My truth*

By Cheryl Smith  
Texas Metro News



It was a tough decision to make for some, and not so tough for others. But a decision had

to be made.

The leadership of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority had about 16,000 registered attendees expected in New Orleans for the public service organization's 54th National Convention. The weather looked like it could take a turn for the worse. Although Deltas have been to New Orleans since and everything was fine, many remembered Hurricane Katrina 14 years ago.

When reports from the Weather Channel and meteorologists across the country focused on the threat of Tropical Storm Barry, sorority sisters, speakers, honorees, vendors, family members and loved ones begin rethinking their travel plans. Some canceled their trips altogether, while others who were already in route or had arrived, were faced with decisions.

New Orleans was ready for the Deltas, who were going to paint the town red. But New Orleans is always ready. It's a beautiful destination that combines good food, good people, great entertainment, great customer service with a smile. Just ask Essence Festival-goers who were there just a week prior.

I smile just thinking of the wonderful times I have had in New Orleans, the city in the state with so many great HB-CUs, and folks who act like they are glad, well actually honored, to have you there. But if you will recall, during Hurricane Katrina, folks asked, "Why, when the threat was issued, didn't many citizens leave New Orleans?"

Truth is yes, there were many who thought things would blow over as they did in the past, and others, simply didn't have anywhere to go. New Orleans was their home.

Which brings me to my truth: Doing the right thing can be challenging.

Everyone can second guess, talk about what should have happened or what they would have done. You see, it's difficult to make decisions that impact thousands, but that's what leaders have to do. That's what Delta Sigma Theta Sorority president Beverly E. Smith did when she announced that the convention would come to an end at noon on the third day of the five-day convention.

"The safety of our members and friends is our top priority," she said. "We have been in regular communication throughout the week with Mayor LaToya Cantrell, the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center leadership and a host of other local organizations who contributed to the production of the 54th National Convention.

"While the decision to conclude our convention was a decision we did not anticipate making, I am confident that the best choice was made to not only protect our members but also all those who have helped to make our time in New Orleans a success. Notwithstanding an abbreviated agenda we were able to handle the business of Delta; and our members are returning to their communities energized and committed to implementing programs to uplift their communities."

And if one lesson was learned for many, especially the vendors; you must invest in an insurance policy. Also, this is not the first time the sorority has faced challenges during convention time.

In 1985, Delta Airlines Flight #191, crashed in Dallas, TX, killing 137, including passengers, flight crew and a motorist on the ground. Members of Delta Sigma Theta were among the fatalities.

I still remember the tears, the praying, the spirit of family as people from all walks of life came together, donating blood, food, and a shoulder; helping out, everywhere.

Although Barry did not do the anticipated damage to New Orleans, precautions needed to be taken.

Last week, what was also appropriately lauded was the decision to donate to local charities the food which had been purchased by the sorority through the convention center's in-house catering service, Center Plate. The food, according to Smith, would have been used for two food functions, the Sisterhood Luncheon and closing Soiree Celebration.

Imagine the thousands who will benefit from that one decision. And these are the stories I like to hear and spread. But guess what? Sorority and fraternities are always doing positive deeds.

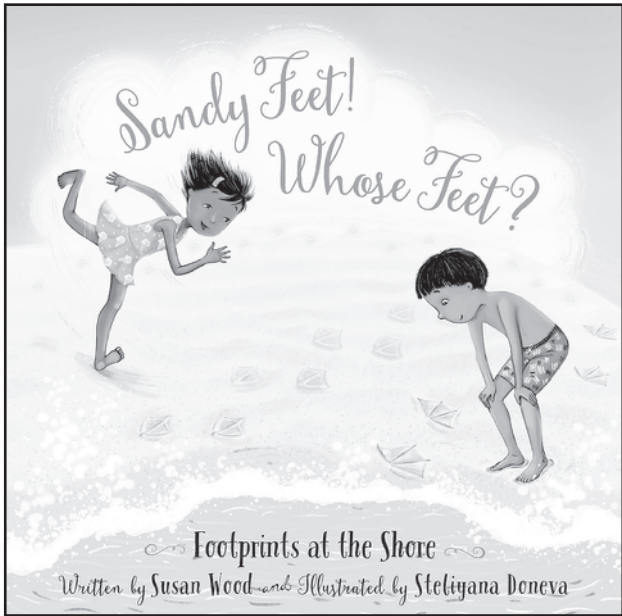
There are so many dedicated men and women who are committed to public service and making a difference in their communities. I'm committed to sharing those stories of the great members of the Divine 9 (Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority and Iota Phi Theta Fraternity).

We must work together, and I urge those charged with telling the stories of the great works of their organizations to step up. If they need help, I'm more than happy to assist.

Just like with the Black Press, our organizations have to tell our own stories. We have to shape the narrative, or others will do the developing and many times we won't like the results.

"Thanks President Smith for doing the right thing. I'm proud of you as the leader of our great sorority."





# BOOK REVIEW: “SANDY FEET! WHOSE FEET? FOOTPRINTS AT THE SHORE”

BY **SUSAN WOOD, ILLUSTRATED  
STELIYANA DONEVA**  
**C.2019, SLEEPING BEAR PRESS**  
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By **Terri Schlichenmeyer**  
*Columnist*

The sand feels funny, squishing between your toes.

It sticks to the bottom of your feet, the bottom of your hands, and the bottom of your swimsuit, and it’s fun to leave footprints in it, so you can see where you’ve been.

It’s always a good day when you’re at the beach, but in “Sandy Feet! Whose Feet?” by Susan Wood, illustrated by Steliyana Doneva, who else is there with you?

It’s sunny, the water’s warm, and yay! You’re at the beach. The waves are perfect for splashing and the sand is wet in some places and dry in others. Who could resist making all kinds of footprints?

Not the dog, whose fat, furry paws make footprints in the sand. You can see his toe-marks and his clawprints as he runs around and splashes.

A sandpiper is a bird that lives at the beach and he runs back and forth on his quick little legs. He jumps and skips and you can

see his toes in the sand, too, but they’re very small. The sandpiper’s footprints are from little bird feet.

The seagull, another bird, also leaves footprints on the sand.

If you watch over the water, you might see a pelican, as he dives for dinner. He’s a hungry guy, ready for a few fishy snacks.

Over there, right at the edge of shore, you can see a footprint that looks like someone dragged their feet. That’s the print of the crab, who “scuttles on its way”

back to the water. Watch out for his claws!

The footprints that look a little like a star are from a starfish who doesn’t want to be caught – and that other shuffle-mark is a turtle who might be ready to make her nest. Baby turtles are the cutest.

Pretty soon, it’s the end of the day and almost time to go home – but wait. Look at those long prints with five little round toes. Who do you think made those footprints in the sand?

The towels, toys, swimsuits and sunscreen are all piled up

and ready to go. So are the kids; they’re so excited, they can barely sleep and “Sandy Feet! Whose Feet” is the perfect pre-vacation, before-bedtime treat.

Inside this book, author Susan Wood offers a simple rhyme that’s short on words and light on action, and illustrator Steliyana Doneva matches the tone with muted colors in her drawings. That means a quieter, more relaxing story for your little beachcomber, but it’s one they’ll remember as soon as they hit the sand.

Wood’s tale gives kids something to do while it imparts a different sort of lesson: they’re subtly challenged here to look for marks in the sand made by the beach’s wildlife. More importantly, the children inside this book are respectful of the water and are shown having fun and being safe.

For 4-to-8-year-olds, that’s just-right, and “Sandy Feet! Whose Feet?” may help parents make memories. If you’re heading to the beach for what’s left of summer, step out and get it.



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# Twins’ deaths in NY remind us: We can prevent child fatalities in hot cars

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

A family in New York City is reeling in horror after their one-year-old twin son and daughter died in a car from heatstroke July 26. Their father unintentionally left them in the vehicle, thinking he had dropped them off at daycare. The twins’ deaths brought the 2019 total of such losses in the US to 23. Each year nationally, an average of 39 small children die from heatstroke in hot vehicles. Others survive but suffer brain damage.

The distraught father in New York was charged with two counts each of manslaughter, criminally negligent homicide and endangering the welfare of a child.

2018 was the worst year on record; 52 children died last year after being left in hot cars. In August 2016, one-year-old twin girls died in a hot car in Carrolton, Ga., after their dad left them inside. AMR paramedics remind us: This horror can happen to anyone who takes care of infants and toddlers, so it’s critical to adopt habits for preventing these awful deaths.

Ryan Wilson, clinical services manager for American Medical Response in central Mississippi, said, “Small children fall victim to the heat faster than adults. That’s because children, relative to adults, have more body surface area, which means they absorb more heat and absorb it faster than grown-ups. In just minutes, a child’s body can reach temperatures that can cause heat stroke, which can lead to permanent brain damage or death.”

Wilson said, “Research has shown, even when outside temperatures are in the 70’s, vehicle interiors can quickly get hot enough to

kill a child. The temperature inside a vehicle can climb 20 degrees in 10 minutes. The bottom line is: Never leave a child unattended in a car or truck, no matter the outside temperature.”

Wilson, a paramedic, advised:

- Leaving a window open or the air conditioner on does not protect children left inside a car. Take the child with you every time, no matter how soon you plan to return to the vehicle.
- Get in the habit of checking your vehicle’s interior, front and back, before walking away. Child passenger safety experts use the expression, “Look before you lock.” To avoid overlooking a smaller child restrained in a car safety seat, use these tips:
  - Tie one of your child’s small toys or a pacifier to a string and hang it around your neck. When you leave the vehicle, even if you forget the toy is hanging from your neck, someone else is likely to mention it.
  - Put in the back seat next to the child an item you have to take with you when you leave the vehicle, such as a cell phone, purse or briefcase.
  - Place an unmistakable reminder of your child’s presence where you’ll be sure to see it before you leave the vehicle. For example, place a brightly-colored stuffed toy in plain sight on the passenger seat next to the driver. Clear off all other items on the seat so you are more likely to notice the reminder when you exit the vehicle.
  - Keep a large teddy bear in the child’s safety seat when the seat is empty and move the bear to the front seat next to the driver when

the child is in the safety seat. Clean off the front passenger seat so the bear is the only object in it.

Do not rely solely on electronic devices designed to alert you that you have a small child in a safety seat in the back of your vehicle. Some years ago, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reported that such devices can malfunction due to a variety of causes. A couple of 2019 SUVs have a new form of alarm which uses ultrasound to detect movement in the second or third row of seats. If you use an electronic alert device, be sure to use additional methods to remind you of the child’s presence.

In most households with children in daycare, the same parent takes the child to the daycare center almost every day. When the other parent takes the child to daycare, the parents should agree to call each other right after the time the child should have been left at daycare, to make sure the “drop” went as planned. Set reminders in both cell phones.

Wilson said car trunks are especially hazardous for children who can get out of booster seats or safety belts on their own. To prevent a child’s getting trapped in a scorching trunk, he advised:

- Keep the trunk of your car locked at all times, especially when the vehicle is parked in the driveway or near your home. Put the keys out of children’s reach.
- Some cars have fold-down rear seats that, when lowered, allow access to the trunk. Keep those seats closed to stop kids from accessing the trunk from the passenger area.
- Most vehicles have a safety latch inside the trunk. Teach older

children where that latch is and how to use it.

- Teach children not to play in, on or around cars.
- Watch children closely around cars, particularly when loading or unloading items. They can slip into a vehicle unnoticed and get trapped inside.
- When children are old enough to get in and out of a vehicle on their own, make them exit the vehicle at each stop.
- Be wary of child-resistant locks. Teach older children how to unlock the door if they become trapped in a motor vehicle.

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## DMH receives five-year Youth Suicide Prevention grant

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has awarded the Mississippi Department of Mental Health (DMH) the Garrett Lee Smith Youth Suicide Prevention grant, a five-year collaboration between DMH, Mississippi State University and Region 8 Mental Health Services.

The Garrett Lee Smith Youth Suicide Prevention grant (MS GLS19) is aimed at reducing youth suicides by providing expanded suicide awareness and gatekeeper training for families, schools, communities and youth-serving organizations statewide. The grant will also work at improving identification and clinical services for at-risk youth and developing rapid response services to help families and communities recover after a suicide has occurred.

Youth suicide is a significant and growing issue in Mississippi. According to the Centers for Disease Control, there were 516 youth suicides in Mississippi in the past decade, with the rate increasing in recent years. The number of deaths by suicide in 2017 were more than 30% higher compared to just five years ago, and the average over the past three years (63) is more than 20% higher than the 10-year average.

“This grant gives us the opportunity to look at youth suicides across a full spectrum, from training people to identify and refer youth who are at risk, to providing the services needed to help them,” said Molly Portera, DMH director of the Division of Outreach and Training. “Appropriate care after a suicide is often a missing link for many families and communities who are tragically affected.”

Mississippi State University (MSU) will work with DMH and Region 8 to achieve the goals of the MS GLS19 project, which include:

- Providing gatekeeper training to at least 5,000 educators, childcare professionals, community care providers and individuals in foster care and juvenile justice agencies statewide annually in order to increase the number of youth-serving organizations that can identify and refer youth at risk of suicide
- Increasing the capacity of clinical service providers to assess, manage and treat youth at risk of suicide by referring at-risk youth for mental health care services within 24 hours of suicide screening completion
- Providing statewide postvention training to at least 1,000 family members, friends, educational institutions, juvenile justice systems, substance use disorder programs, mental health programs, foster care systems and other child and youth support organizations annually in order to improve the continuity of care and follow-up of youth identified to be at risk for suicide, including those who have been discharged from emergency department and inpatient psychiatric units
- Providing postvention support services for families statewide within 24-hours of notice of a suicide death or attempt.

The project will build upon and integrate initiatives developed by DMH and MSU under previous Garrett Lee Smith grant-funded projects, including DMH’s Shatter the Silence suicide prevention campaign and MSU’s The Alliance Project gatekeeper training. The project will serve an estimated 6,000 people annually with suicide awareness and prevention, gatekeeper and postvention trainings to families, schools, communities and youth-serving organizations.

Region 8, which serves five counties, is the highest-populated Community Mental Health Center service area in Mississippi. Two counties in Region 8’s catchment area, Madison and Rankin, accounted for a total of 37, or 13%, of the state’s previous five-year suicide deaths for individuals under the age of 25.

Region 8 expects to provide continued mental health services to approximately 2,130 students over five years within its catchment area through employment of school-based therapists who will conduct suicide and mental health screenings and make appropriate referrals to treatment services. The grant activities will serve an estimated 32,130 Mississippians in some capacity over the course of five years.

“The ability to provide this postvention training and support can work to deter future suicide contagion and start the healing process,” Portera said. “Our hope is to reduce the youth suicide rate in Mississippi by making more people aware of how to identify youth who are struggling with suicidal ideation and get them the help they need.”

# Black women taking on the fight against diabetes

**By Linda Goler Blount, MPH**  
*President and CEO, Black Women’s Health Imperative*



The cost of insulin is skyrocketing and people – especially black women – are dying because they cannot afford or don’t have access to vital medication.

There is not enough being done to lower the prices of prescription medications that could mean life or death for so many African Americans that depend on it to live.

Over 30 million people in the United States have been diagnosed with both Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes – including nearly 13% of all non-Hispanic black people. According to the Office of Minority Health at the Department of Health and Human Services, African Americans are 80% more likely to be diagnosed with diabetes and the majority of them are women.

Many of those suffering from diabetes depend on insulin to regulate their blood sugar to remain healthy so that the food they eat does not threaten their lives. Instead of ensuring that people with diabetes can have access to this life-saving drug, some political leaders have put up road block after road block to make it harder for patients to receive care, despite bi-



partisan outrage by the excessively high cost of prescription drugs.

This isn’t just bad politics: this is a life or death issue for working families across the country, and African Americans are disproportionately paying the price.

Instead of focusing on lowering drug costs for all Americans, some lawmakers continue to attack the Affordable Care Act and its health care protections for those that have pre-existing conditions. While they do this, as many as one in four people skips insulin doses or ration prescriptions because of the rising cost. Sadly, some of these people are dying as a result – and many black women are specifically at

highest incidence occurring between 65-75. This is precisely the point in life when income decreases. African-American women are especially affected. They are likely to be care-givers and spend their hard-earned money on ensuring family members are healthy making access to insulin a greater challenge.

The health and wellness of black women must be a top priority so we must take action.

Recently, a coalition of health care, social justice, and faith organizations launched “Affordable Insulin NOW,” a campaign demanding lower drug costs for those suffering from diabetes.

Together, we are raising our voices, amplifying each other’s stories, building on-the-ground teams, and demanding our policymakers and pharmaceutical companies work together to provide access to high quality and affordable insulin.

We need affordable insulin now. Too many lives depend on it.

*Linda Goler Blount, MPH, is president and CEO of the Black Women’s Health Imperative (BWHI). She oversees BWHI’s strategic direction and is responsible for directing the organization toward achieving its mission of leading efforts to solve the most pressing health issues that affect black women and girls in the United States.*



# College Hill Baptist Church holds Candidates Forum

By Othor Cain  
Editor

Before a packed audience, several Hinds County candidates running in the Aug 6 primaries, stopped by College Hill Baptist Church Tuesday, July 30, to give what many consider their last stump speech before voters head to the polls.

Voters were able to hear from candidates vying for Hinds County Coroner, Hinds County Tax Collector, Hinds County Supervisor District 5, Hinds County District Attorney and Hinds County Sheriff.

Questions ranging from managing budgets to details about the criminal justice system gave each candidate the opportunity to distinguish themselves from

the other.

"This was a great opportunity for me," said Richard Spooner, who is running as a democrat for sheriff. "This forum gave us an opportunity to close the deal and hopefully we made an impact on undecided voters."

Forum organizers said it was important for College Hill to hold this event as a means of

giving back to the community.

"This was a vision of the evangelism ministry headed by Pastor Michael T. Williams. The entire ministry worked hard to bring it to fruition. So many people were running for office and we wanted to make sure we could help share critical information," said Yvette Mitchell, one of the organizers of the forum.

In addition to the candidates that shared the platform, others running used the event as an opportunity to distribute campaign materials. "This served as a perfect venue for us," said Angelique Lee, campaign director for Jennifer Riley Collins, who is seeking the office of attorney general. "Jennifer was at another event speaking and we knew

there would be a crowd at College Hill, it is crunch time and we wanted to take advantage of this opportunity."

Pastor Williams was extremely proud of the turnout. "We could not have expected anything better," he said. "Tonight was not only good, it was masterful and we are pleased to have hosted this community forum."

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# HCCSD hosts Meet-the-Principals dinner

Mississippi Link Newswire

More than six hundred Holmes County residents turned out to meet their children’s school principal at an event held at Holmes County Central High School Friday, July 26. All of the principals – some of whom are newly assigned to their schools – were present to speak to parents and students and socialize over a community fish dinner.

Prior to the dinner, Superintendent James L. Henderson, Ed.D. spoke to the assembled students and their families. He introduced district leaders and instructional support staff, in addition to the principals, leaving no doubt of the commitment he has to the academic turnaround he’s expecting this year.

The familiar It’s That Time! refrain was heard several times as he discussed the need for academic growth and change and the need to vote for the school bond referendum to build new schools. Attendance prizes were given away, including a 55” flat-screen TV, season tickets for football and basketball games and tickets to Family Fun Night movie events.

Henderson and members of the HCCSD Board of Education presented the designs of the potentially three new schools: preK-8 elementary in Durant, a 9th grade center and a high



school (locations to be determined) with an athletic stadium, fine arts performance hall, multi-purpose spaces and a natatorium – all designed to serve the district for many years to come. The buildings will be financed by the \$16.6 million bond in combination with funds from the Federal Emergency Management

Agency (FEMA) and Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA).

The FEMA and MEMA funds are coming to the district in response to the damages and loss from the 2017 tornadoes which tore up Highway 51 in a line of destruction from Canton to Durant, hitting Williams-Sullivan

preK-8 and Goodman-Pickens preK-5 schools.

Henderson stressed the increased learning opportunities for students in the new energy efficient schools designed by minority-owned architectural firms with state-of-the-art technology infrastructure, spacious classrooms, a low-wattage

student-run TV station, indoor sports venue, security cameras and alarms, digital marquees and parking lots.

He also underlined the need for the Holmes County community to invest in its future after 50 years without passing an education bond – he emphasized the requirement that residents VOTE

FOR the bond for its children.

Henderson repeated the fact that 80% of county residents will see a tax increase of less than \$100, which equates to 27¢ per day, convincing voters of the affordability of the bond. Moreover, there will be no tax increase for residents who are renters, 65 and over, veterans or disabled.



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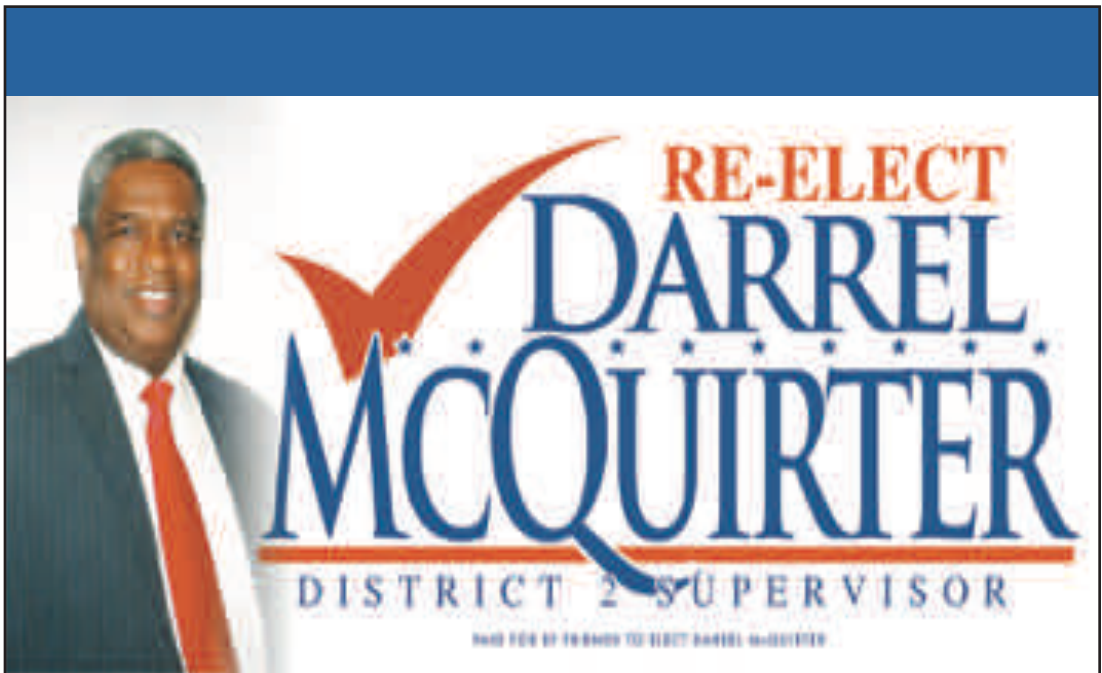
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# Women's stories capture 2019 African Literary Prize

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Nigerian writer Lesley Nneka Arimah has won the prestigious Caine Prize for African Writing for her short story "Skinned" that looks deeply at the disparity in the treatment of married and unmarried women.

Her short story "topples social hierarchies, challenges traditions and envisions new possibilities for women of the world," said Kenyan author Peter Kimani, who also chaired the judging panel.

The judges called it a "unique retake of women's struggle for inclusion."

"Skinned", selected from a short list of 5, envisions a society in which young girls are ceremonially 'uncovered' and must marry in order to regain the right to be clothed. It tells the story of Ejem, a young woman uncovered at the age of fifteen yet 'unclaimed' in adulthood, and her attempts to negotiate a rigidly stratified society following the breakdown of a protective friendship with the married Chidinma.

With a wit, prescience, and a wicked imagination, 'Skinned' is a bold and unsettling tale of bodily autonomy and womanhood, and the fault lines along which solidarities are formed and broken.

Announcing the award, Kimani said the work is a unique retake of women's struggle for inclusion in a society regulated by rituals. Using a sprightly diction, she invents a dystopian universe inhabited by unforgettable characters where friendship is tested, innocence is lost and readers gain a new understanding of life."

Women's stories figured prominently in this year's Caine Prize short list. Authors included Meron Hadero (Ethiopia) for 'The Wall'; Cherrie Kandie (Kenya) for 'Sew My Mouth' published in ID Identity: New Short Fiction From Africa.

Kandie is a Kenyan writer and a college senior in the United States of America; Ngwah-Mbo Nana Nkweti (Cameroon) for 'It Takes A



Arimah

Village Some Say', published in The Baffler. Ngwah-Mbo Nana Nkweti is a Cameroonian-American writer and graduate of the Iowa Writers' Workshop. Her forthcoming short story collection, Like Walking on Cowry Shells, focuses on the lives of hyphenated-Americans who share her multi-cultural heritage in the United States and Africa.

Lastly, Tochukwu Emmanuel Okafor (Nigeria) for 'All Our Lives' published in ID Identity: New Short Fiction From Africa. A 2018 Rhodes Scholar finalist and a 2018 Kathy Fish Fellow, he won the 2017 Short Story Day Africa Prize for Short Fiction. He is at work on a novel and a short story collection.

Works of all short listed writers and the prize winner can be heard online at <http://caineprize.com/the-shortlist-2019>

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Her efforts on the publics behalf have earned her respect and praise. The following organizations have recognized her for her community service. Westside Civic Club, Eastern Star, Alternatives Mat-ter 2nd Chance Program. Mississippi Organ Recovery Agency.

She is DEDICATED and COMMITTED to serving Hinds County but Sharon extends herself and often shares her knowledge and training to assist the coroners from other counties across the state. Following hurricane Katrina, She left her family and the comforts of her home to assist with victim recovery.

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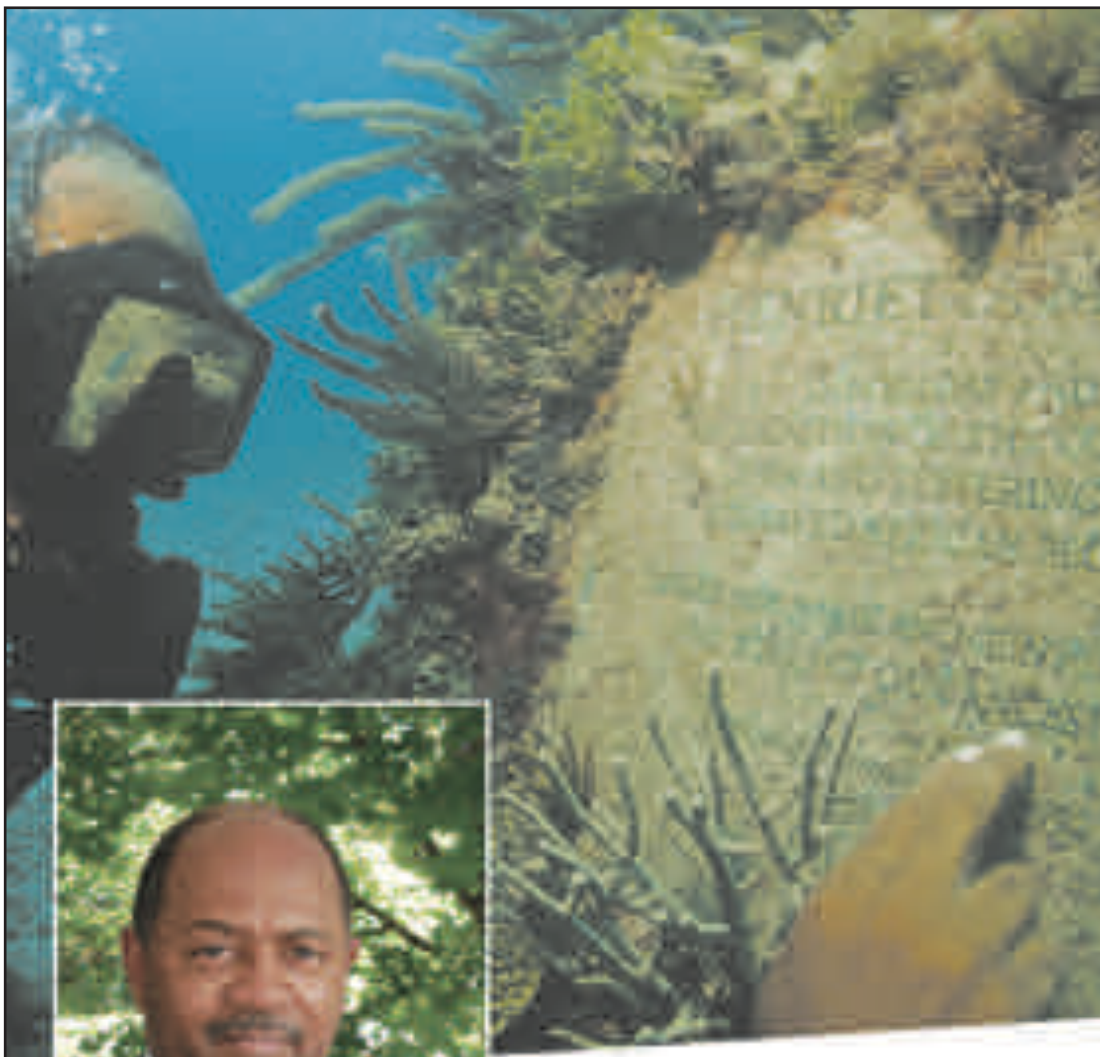
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Saturday, August 3

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Hinds County School District Weekly Update

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HCS D Back-to-School

Tips for Parents

Hello Parents,

Yes, summer is almost over and soon we will be starting a new school year, which can be a time of great excitement... and anxiety. Help calm your child's fears (and your own) with these teacher-approved tips:

**Meet the new teacher**

For kids, one of the biggest back-to-school fears is "Will I like my new teacher?" Breaking the ice early on is one of the best ways to calm everyone's fears. Take advantage of your school's open house or back-to-school night. Some teachers welcome phone calls or e-mails – another great opportunity to get to know each other before the year begins.

**Tour the school**

If your school hosts an open house, be sure to go. Familiarizing your child with her environment will help her avoid a nervous stomach on the first day. Together you can meet her teacher, find



her desk or explore the playground.

**Connect with friends**

A familiar friend can make all the difference when heading back to school. You might try calling parents from last year's class and finding out which children are in your child's class this year. Refresh these relationships before school starts by scheduling a play date or a school carpool.

**Tool up**

Obtain the class supply list and take a special shopping trip with your child. Having the right tools will help him feel prepared. While keeping basic needs in

mind, allow for a couple of splurges like a cool notebook or a favorite-colored pen. These simple pleasures make going back to school a lot more fun.

School supply lists also provide great insight into the schoolwork ahead. Get your child excited about upcoming projects by explaining how new supplies might be used. Let her or him practice using supplies that he's not used before – such as colored pencils or a protractor – so he or she will be comfortable using them in class.

**Avoid last-minute drilling**

When it's almost time to stop playing,

give a five-minute warning. Giving clear messages to your child is very important.

**Ease into the routine**

Switching from a summer to a school schedule can be stressful to everyone in the household. Avoid first-day-of-school mayhem by practicing your routine a few days in advance. Set the alarm clock, go through your morning rituals and get in the car or to the bus stop on time. Routines help children feel comfortable, and establishing a solid school routine will make the first day of school go much smoother.

**Have a Great Year!**



2019-2020 Reminders for Parents and Employees



1. Beginning August 2019, all school buildings are open for registration Monday – Friday during normal school operation hours (8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.).

2. All parents are now required to provide proof of residency for all grade levels annually.

Upon enrollment, any parent seeking to enroll a student must verify full-

time residency by submitting TWO pieces of business or government correspondence (dated within the last 30 days). HCS D does not accept affidavits, drivers' licenses/ Mississippi state identification cards, or voter registration cards as proof of residence.

3. All students entering the 7th

grade must have proof of the Tdap Vaccination

4. Transportation/Bus Routes

Parents can find information regarding bus transportation, bus routes, time, etc. at the local school build, on the district website, or by contacting Durham Services at 601 857-5562.

5. Convocation will be held Friday, August 2, 2019, in Cain Hall on the main campus of Hinds Community College in Raymond, MS beginning at 7:45 a.m.

6. Meet the teacher will be held Monday, August 5 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

7. Students will report to classes Wednesday, August 7, 2019.

Gary Road Elementary School Registration

Kindergarten registration and re-enrollment for Gary Road Elementary students is open for the summer. Parents and guardians will be able to register children for kindergarten at Gary Road Elementary (7241 Gary Road, Byram, Miss.) from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday –Thursday.

Returning first and second grade students can be registered online with a Snap Code. If parents do not have a code, they can call Gary Road Elementary at 601 373-1319 to speak with a counselor and/or principal.

Parents and guardians will need to bring the following to complete enrollment:



- A driver's license or other state identification card
- Child's birth certificate (long-form), immunization records (Form 121), social security card and discipline

record for each child being enrolled

- Current utility bill from the previous 30 days, AND filed Homestead Exemption from the previous year, mortgage payment documentation or

property deed of trust, apartment or home lease OR two (2) business or government correspondence.

We encourage you to go ahead and register as soon as possible.

