

Runoff candidates need to keep voters motivated

By Emily Wagster Pettus
Associated Press

Mississippi candidates working toward Aug. 27 party primary runoffs have two important tasks: keep the base motivated and find new voters.

People that day will determine the Republican nominees for two statewide offices – governor and attorney general.

The slate of Democratic statewide nominees is set, either because candidates were unopposed or because they won a primary Aug. 6. Attorney General Jim Hood easily defeated seven candidates to win the Democratic nomination for governor, capturing about 69% of the primary vote.

Among the people voting for Hood was Tim Speech of Jackson, a 42-year-old public school teacher and basketball coach. Outside the New Hope Baptist Church precinct in Jackson, Speech



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NNPA makes plans for the future during informal gathering

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An informal gathering of National Newspaper Publishers Association board members and publishers has galvanized the 79-year-old organization and has served to renew its commitment as the voice of Black America.

Though it was not an official board of directors meeting, the two-day planning session and retreat in Houston included the following NNPA executive board members: NNPA Chair Karen Carter Richards; First Vice Chair Janis Ware; Second Vice Chair Fran Farrer; Treasurer Brenda Andrews and Secretary Jackie Hampton.

NNPA President and CEO



NNPA Executive Committee at the informal two-day planning session and retreat in Houston, TX.

Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr. also attended the gathering.

Sonya Ware of Blue Beagle Consulting served as the facilitator.

“We have a lot of talented publishers in this organization who are very knowledgeable,”

said Richards, who in June won election as chair by an overwhelming vote of the publishers.

“The tranquil location provided a peaceful environment. It was an opportunity that allowed my thoughts and energy to focus on the future of NNPA, especially at a time when the newspaper industry is evolving and transforming,” said Ware, publisher of the *Atlanta Voice* newspaper.

“Change is inevitable, and the NNPA must adapt to the change to propel ourselves into the future. The African-American newspapers have captured the history of our communities. And, the people we serve in a positive light will reflect our contributions to the world and will speak to the powerful legacy of our people,” said Ware, adding, “I am excited about the

future of our newspapers and the future of the National Newspaper Association. The new leadership has adopted a position of inclusiveness and expansion of our members, providing an opportunity for growth,” she continued.

“I am so happy to share that the Board of Director’s informal retreat exceeded my hopes and expectations,” said Hampton, the publisher of *The Mississippi Link* in Jackson, MS.

“I am leaving Houston energized, ignited and ready to do my part in fulfilling the mission of the association and the needs of member publishers through-

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Supplies for Mississippi immigrant families



Members of the Jackson (MS) Chapter of the Links, Inc. pictured from left to right – Marquita Wilkins, Kira Johnson, Cathy Northington, Janice Mitchell, Betty A. Mallet (president), Debra Mays-Jackson, Kimberly Campbell, Gloria Johnson, Aisha Nyandoro and Pamela Banks

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In response to the Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) raids that recently occurred in central Mississippi, the Jackson (MS) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated collected supplies August 18 to support immigrant families impacted by the raids through a collaborative effort with Springboard to Opportuni-

ties, Mothers Obtaining Justice and Opportunities (MOJO), Cade Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Drs. Aaron and Ollye Shirley Foundation, The Institute for the Advancement of Minority Health and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Beta Delta Omega Chapter.

Over 50 community members joined together towards a collec-

tive good: organizing and loading critical care items.

The Jackson (MS) Chapter of the Links, Incorporated led these efforts as a component of the International Trends Service Facet. Aisha Nyandoro, International Trend and Services facet chair for the chapter said, “We decided to mobilize and deploy resources to support the families of our im-

migrant neighbors affected by the raids.”

Over 100 care bags packed with critical care items, personal items and supplies were assembled by the combined group of volunteers.

“This is our effort to assist families who are facing the crisis of sudden unemployment. Some 100 workers in Forest, Mississip-

pi alone lost jobs in the wake of the raids,” said Betty A. Mallett, president of the Jackson (MS) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated. “That can devastate families and disrupt lives and is particularly hard on children. Our chapter felt compelled to step forward with our community partners and help those in need.”

The Jackson (MS) Chapter



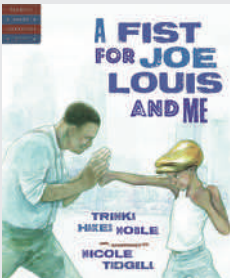
Members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Beta Delta Omega Chapter packing supplies to deliver to families impacted by the raids.

of The Links, Incorporated was chartered in Jackson, Mississippi in 1949 and is celebrating its 60th anniversary of providing service through its cornerstone principles of friendship and service.

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

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Major winners Zach Johnson, Jason Dufner and Lucas Glover included in early player commitments for 2019 Sanderson Farms Championship

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Sanderson Farms Championship officials announced recently that two-time major winner and five-time Ryder Cup team member Zach Johnson has committed to play in the 52nd Sanderson Farms Championship, September 16-22. This will be Johnson's first return to the tournament since his only visit in 2005.

Johnson headlines an initial list that includes 2013 PGA Championship winner Jason Dufner and 2009 US Open winner Lucas Glover. They join 2018 champion Cameron Champ and past champions Ryan Armour, Cody Gribble, Peter Malnati, Nick Taylor and Scott Stallings among the early commits.

Also expected to compete are Chez Reavie (World #29 and FedExCup #25), Chesson Hadley (2017 runner-up), Charlie Hoffman, Aaron Baddeley, Carlos Ortiz (2018 third place) and recent winners Andrew Landry, Jim Herman, Brice Garnett, Nate Lashley and Aaron Wise.

"We're really excited about this year's initial commitments," said executive director Steve Jent. "Amaz-



ingly, there's still a lot of golf to be played in these last couple weeks of the season, but we expect several more highly ranked players to commit before the Friday, September 13 deadline."

The purse for this year's play is \$6.6 million, with \$1,188,000 going to the winner. For the first time in the tournament's history, this year's champion will also punch their ticket to The Masters.

"I know our fans have been waiting to hear about the players in our field since we announced our new position as a stand-alone event in January," said Jent. The Sanderson Farms Championship is set for September 16-22, 2019 at The Country Club of Jackson, MS.

Jackson Municipal Airport Authority Board of Commissioners appoint Darion Warren as the new interim chief executive officer

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Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (JMAA) Board of Commissioners has officially appointed Darion Warren, CFM as the new interim CEO.

Darion began working for JMAA in August, 2016. His "take ownership" outlook has been extremely instrumental in the continuous improvements at both Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport (JAN) and Hawkins Field (General Aviation) Airport (HKS).

As director of Capital Programming, he was responsible for overseeing and directing the planning, design and construction of Capital Improvement Program projects in support of the JMAA Strategic Plan 2021. This included forecasting a 5-year Capital Improvement Program for implementation.

As the chief operating officer for the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority, Warren assisted the CEO in the day-to-day administration of the airport while overseeing the work of the Operations Department to include Airport Operations, Capital Programming, Custodial Services, Hawkins Field Airport, Maintenance and the JMAA Police Department.

During his tenure, Warren has exceeded expectations in accomplishing significant goals directly tied to the JMAA Strategic Plan 2021 such as:

- Assisting with the approval of \$8.8 million dollars in PFC funding to be used for various capital improvement projects at JAN.
- Receiving over \$8.2 million in Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Funding for capital improvement projects at JAN and HKS.
- Overseeing the completion of multiple capital improvement projects such



Warren

as the HKS South Apron Rehabilitation, JAN Roadway Signage Improvements, JAN Terminal Upgrades, JAN Restroom Improvements, HKS Runway 11/29 Rehabilitation Project, JAN Upper Roadway Improvements and JAN Concession Facility Improvements.

- Overseeing the completion of a Land Use Development Plan for the 800 acres of undeveloped JMAA property along the Jackson Metro Aeroplex (East Metro Corridor).
- Overseeing the completion of a Land Use Development Plan for Hawkins Field to assist in efforts to reinvigorate the airport with a renewed focus.

"JMAA is moving forward. We have an established strategic plan that is solid

and is our foundation for continued organizational growth and economic development. The dedication and purity of heart shown in Darion's work ethic to help us build upon that foundation is noteworthy," stated Chairwoman LaWanda D. Harris, JMAA Board of Commissioners. "His skills and evidence of progression both within the organization and the community is just what we need to push our efforts to the next level. It gives us great honor to utilize his talents as the interim CEO for JMAA."

As the rigorous search for a permanent CEO continues, the JMAA Board of Commissioners has employed a national company to lead in the recruitment process.



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City of Jackson First Lady Ebony Lumumba, Aisha Nyandoro and Rev. Reginald Buckley, pastor of Cade Chapel Baptist Church volunteering at the Village Apartments.

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Back-to-School Ready



On Saturday, July 27, Mary Church Terrell Literary Club participated as a vendor with Mississippi AARP Back-to-School Block Party held in north Jackson in the neighborhood where Kirksey Middle School and North Jackson Elementary schools are located. The celebration included providing school supplies, refreshments and numerous needed and required necessities for returning and new students. Mary Church Terrell Literary Club provided school supplies with emphasis on supplies for kindergarten through second grade students.

Alcorn State reforms
speech codes, earns
highest free speech rating



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Alcorn State University eliminated or revised all of its speech policies that conflict with the First Amendment, becoming the fifth institution in Mississippi to earn the highest, “green light” rating from the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, a national free speech organization. Mississippi is now home to more green light schools than any other state except North Carolina.

Only 50 other colleges around the country have earned an overall green light rating in FIRE’s Spotlight database. FIRE rates more than 460 colleges nationwide to determine whether their policies restrict speech that is protected by the Constitution. Almost 90% of colleges maintain policies that restrict and chill protected expression.

“Alcorn State’s policy changes indicate that they are serious about protecting students’ constitutional rights,” said FIRE Senior Program Officer Laura Beltz. “At a time when free speech is threatened at campuses across the country, Alcorn State’s students can take pride in knowing their school stands

out in protecting free speech rights.”

Alcorn State revised five policies, working in collaboration with FIRE, to earn the top rating. Changes included a revision to the university’s free speech and assembly policy to remove a 48-hour registration requirement before demonstrations, and the implementation of a cyberbullying policy that meets the Supreme Court’s definition of student-on-student harassment.

“Alcorn State University is strongly committed to promoting a vibrant campus environment where the principles of academic freedom, freedom of expression and rigorous debate flourish,” said Alcorn Vice President for Student Affairs Tracy Cook. “We are thankful to FIRE for their collaborative assistance in reaffirming the university’s efforts to foster a campus community where the pursuit of knowledge is fairly balanced with protecting freedom of speech and assembly.”

Students at four other institutions in Mississippi enjoy FIRE’s highest rating: Delta State University, Mississippi State University, the University

of Mississippi and the University of Southern Mississippi.

The green light distinction is currently held by only 51 institutions across the country, which have a combined student enrollment of over 1 million.

Alcorn State is the second historically black college, along with North Carolina Central University, to earn the rating.

Public universities like Alcorn State are legally bound by the First Amendment, while private institutions are bound by promises of free speech found in their official policies.

The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE) is a nonpartisan, non-profit organization dedicated to defending and sustaining the individual rights of students and faculty members at America’s colleges and universities. These rights include freedom of speech, freedom of association, due process, legal equality, religious liberty and sanctity of conscience – the essential qualities of liberty.

To learn more about the state of free speech on college campuses around the country, see FIRE’s “Spotlight on Speech Codes 2019” report.



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New administrative leaders announced in JPS

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Marc Rowe has been appointed to serve as the executive director of the Office of Child Nutrition. The district also welcomes back Nicole Edwards Evans to lead the Office of Data and Accountability.

Evans is an accomplished teacher, researcher and scholar. A product of Jackson Public Schools, Evans is a graduate of Jim Hill High School. Her career in education began as an English teacher at Jim Hill. She now has over 20 years of experience as an education administrator and faculty member, with a long-standing interest in maximizing student success from preschool through college completion.

She holds a Ph.D. in education administration and research and a master's degree in public relations from the University of Southern Mississippi. She received her bachelor's degree from Jackson State University. In addition, Evans has completed two postdoctoral fellowships at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Most recently, Evans was employed by Harvard University in the Kennedy School of Government. In this capacity, she provided leadership on data initiatives, enrollment and diversity and inclusion.

She is the former vice president for Institutional Research and Enrollment Management at Jackson State University where she was responsible for a variety of matters relating to students and faculty, including in accreditation, assessment, research and enrollment. She provided leadership to the institution's most recent Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) reaffirmation process which resulted in the institution be-



Evans

ing reaffirmed for 10 years with no recommendations and no follow-up reports.

Prior to joining JSU in 2006, Evans held positions at Tougaloo College as a faculty member in the Department of English and at Lane College in Tennessee as a vice president. In February 2003, she appeared in *Ebony Magazine* as a "Young Leader of the Future." The annual feature highlights 30 leaders under age 30 from throughout the country who have excelled in their careers.

Longtime Food Service Supervisor Rowe has been promoted to the role of executive director of Child Nutrition. Rowe served in his previous role for 17 years, managing the north and south Jackson area schools. He also served as the instructor for the Management Training Class preparing employees to become managers in Jackson Public Schools. Rowe has been instrumental in upgrading the department by writing over 100 grants for schools including the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable, Equipment and Combi Oven grants.



Rowe

Rowe believes that students who eat clean will think cleaner and that will eventually help them perform better. His continued commitment to serve clean live fruits and vegetables and reduce processed sugar will provide a platform for students to nourish their bodies while they are preparing for their futures. In an effort to help students make healthier choices, Rowe and his team will add hydration stations in school cafeterias and continue their dedication to providing no-fry zones. Additionally, he strives to enhance the culture of customer service in JPS cafeterias.

"We want students and all others we serve to have a comfortable and enjoyable dining experience during their breakfast and lunch meals," said Rowe.

In addition to the management change, the department has also had a name change. Prior to this school year, it was known as the Food Service Department.

Rowe has a Bachelor of Science degree from Indiana University.

Excellence for all: JPS Strategic Plan 2019-2024

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Over the last nine months, we have met with scholars, parents, teachers, leaders, partners and community members to better understand their desires for the future of the district. The resulting strategic plan, which can be downloaded on our website, is designed as a series of commitments to our scholars and families and will guide our district's decisions and actions. We invite and encourage feedback and sincere partnership as we work together to transform lives through excellent education.

Commitment #1: A Strong Start

Scholars perform better in school and complete more years of education when they engage in high-quality early learning. We will work to ensure that every 4-year-old in Jackson has access to high-quality, full-day early learning opportunities, supporting our vision of every child entering kindergarten ready to experience school success.

Commitment #2: Innovative Teaching and Learning

In order to graduate global citizens prepared to solve the problems of tomorrow, we must embrace schooling that is radically different from current and past practices. Innovation will be encouraged in classrooms, schools, out-of-school times and across the district, as space is created for new ideas and ways of "doing school."

Commitment #3: Talented and Empowered Teams

Scholars' achievement is improved when they are taught by educators who know them as individual learners and who can differentiate instruction in ways that ensure all scholars have access to high-quality curriculum. We are committed to improving our candidate pools and developing the capacity of the most significant school-based influences on scholar achievement: the teacher and principal.

Commitment #4: Joyful Learning Environments

Scholars learn better when they are in environments they view as safe, supportive and positive. This means our schools and classrooms must be designed and led in ways that encourage and nurture the joy of learning, foster a sense of belonging, build trusting relationships and encourage risk-taking and questioning that are essential to lifelong learning.

Commitment #5: A Culture of Accountability and Excellence

A culture of accountability and excellence must permeate the entire district in order for us to achieve the goals outlined in this strategic plan. Thoughtful planning, deliberate and consistent use of systems and data analysis, and a deep commitment to professional learning will enable us to build – and sustain – a districtwide culture of accountability and excellence.

Buy JPS high school football tickets online

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Promoting the importance of HBCUs is critical to these school's success, said Thomas Joyner, chairman and CEO of the Tom Joyner Foundation, "HBCUs have played and still play a key role in providing a nurturing, tough-love environment for so many students over the years. We've been working with Denny's for more than 18 years, and this tour is another example of how we work together to celebrate these schools and give students access to the information and scholarships needed to help them succeed."

SACSCOC president eases fears about 2021 accreditation, eyes post-traditional students

By L.A. Warren
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As JSU prepares to undergo a two-year assessment for reaffirmation, the president of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) urged faculty and staff not to fear and to remember that the overall goal of accreditation is student success.

Dr. Belle S. Wheelan is the first African American and first woman to lead the organization that sets standards for 794 institutions. She was the keynote speaker Friday for the 2019 Fall Faculty and Staff Seminar in the Rose E. McCoy Auditorium that aims to rally colleagues toward a common vision and mission for the academic year and beyond. At JSU, that means empowering diverse students to become technologically advanced, as well as ethical and global leaders who can think critically and address societal problems.

Although the process is long, Wheelan urged JSU not to panic. “The basic premise of accreditation is not to close down institutions. It’s to help institutions continue to improve,” she said. Her message against fear was echoed by Alfred Rankins Jr., commissioner of the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL).

Don’t get “uptight” about the overview from SACSCOC, Rankins advised. “People get nervous, thinking something’s bad about to happen.”

Rankins said sometimes he’s asked to address questions about the overall quality of various campuses. He explained that a large school with a \$300 million endowment and all the resources in the world is “not better” than a small regional institution that may have 3,000 or 4,000 students with limited resources. “That’s because they’re both accredited by SACSCOC.”

Yesterday, today and tomorrow
Meanwhile, before Wheelan outlined the precise steps to successful compliance certification, she delivered a resounding message about institutional changes over the years.

She dubbed her keynote speech “Students Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow: Preparing for the Post-Traditional Student.”

Wheelan said, “46 years ago when I started, the students were very nontraditional in my world. I spent 28 years in community colleges, and people talk about the different segments of higher education. In fact, students are students. I don’t care where they are in school. They’re there because they want to make a better life for themselves.”

She then described faculty, staff and students of yesterday.

When she was a college student, faculty was lionized and were “next to God” if they were “Doctor Somebody,” said Wheelan, acknowledging that academic instructors were not technologically savvy back then. However, “They walked into a classroom with no notes and just espoused knowledge. And, most of the time, they learned your name because the classes were small enough.”

She points out, too, that instructors “didn’t try to hide in their offices or in the faculty lounge. They would often come to where we were to find out what we were doing and what we were thinking. And, they had high expectations of everyone. Of course, in that time, most of the students who came to college were actually academically prepared.”

As for the staff of yesterday, Wheelan labeled it as “the group that ran the college.” She said staffers have all the information even though they don’t always receive information in a timely fashion.

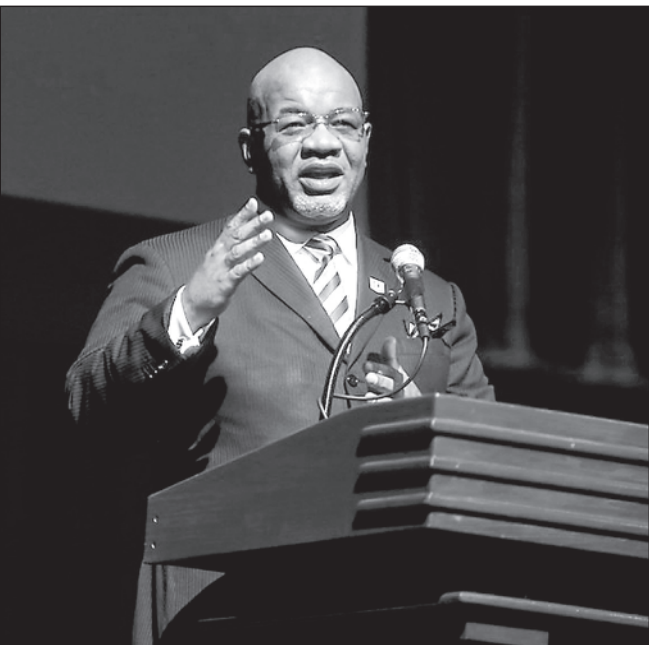
“I don’t know how anybody would survive at an institution of higher learning without the staff – besides the fact that you all have all the files and all the keys.”

In addition, she said staffers are the ones to whom students go to find faculty when they’re not in during their scheduled office hours and to learn the real deadline for registering for classes or financial aid – or how to get financial aid.

Equally important, staffers’ jobs include bringing in students who provide tutoring, counseling and academic advisement opportunities. And, they’re also responsible for processing graduation



Dr. Belle S. Wheelan is the first African American and first women to lead the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).



JSU President William B. Bynum Jr. PHOTOS BY CHARLES A. SMITH/JSU



In her presentation, Wheelan said today’s faculty members “are more facilitators of learning than sages on the stage. There’s less lecturing and more discussion.”



Bynum (right) presents Wheelan with a basket that contains JSU memorabilia, souvenirs, keepsakes and other tokens.They’re joined by Dr. Al Rankins Jr., (left) commissioner of the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL)

tion, she said.

As for students of yesterday, Wheelan reiterated that they were prepared to go to college because “only the best and brightest were going at that particular time.” They created study groups and were self-directed, and the student population was predominantly male, she said.

In fact, she joked that the male-female ratio enticed her and her mother to attend college. “We were looking for a husband. Neither of us was successful in that vain. However, we did walk away with our college degrees, if nothing else.”

Fast-forward to today, she said faculty members “are more facilitators of learning than sages on the stage. There’s less lecturing and more discussion.” As well, she said faculty members are still “developers of specific learning outcomes” to help students understand what they need to know.

In addition, today’s faculty members must be more technologically savvy so students can have greater access to course material and lectures.

Nobody succeeds without educators
“Meanwhile, today’s staff still runs everything; still have all the answers on where to go to find folks; what the real deadlines are; and how to study and take exams. The bottom line is that staffers help students survive college,” she said.

Of today’s students, Wheelan said many are “largely under-prepared. We

have many more students who hadn’t thought about college until the job market changed.”

She said a lot of parents had worked jobs that didn’t demand higher education, so they don’t understand the significance of college since they still managed to provide a good living for their offspring.

Given how long institutions of higher education have been around, Wheelan said she’s alarmed there’s still a high number of first-generation college students today in 2019. “It boggles my mind,” said Wheelan, who was a third-generation college student.

Now, though, the male-female student ratio has changed at colleges. “It’s not unusual to have almost 60 percent of a class filled with female students,” Wheelan said. On campuses throughout the nation the population is also “largely minority, and, for the first time in a while, the post-traditional student is also over age 22.”

Nevertheless, Wheelan said despite the circumstances that currently exist on college campuses “we must learn to put students first.”

Thus, she envisions a tomorrow that will be different for faculty, staff and students.

Of faculty, Wheelan said they’re going to be fewer of them in the classroom. “We don’t have as many people interested in higher education anymore.”

She cites complaints about the hours, the pay, the politics. Also, she bemoans the lack of good role models, too. Still, she firmly believes that “nobody succeeds without educators.”

To counter these changes, Wheelan suggests that institutions add instructors who have more life experiences and increase their online learning for adult students who are unable to attend campus classes. Another concept she endorses is “team teach.” For example, professors of English and biology may share a classroom in which one professional colleague edits the same assignment – one for grammar and the other for content. She believes this method would improve class attendance.

So, what would tomorrow’s campus look like?

Tomorrow’s staff, she said, still will be largely in charge. A big difference is that staff members now would become role models because the way they carry themselves conveys a “level of professionalism to students.”

“Faculty, staff and everyone else – no matter your position – must understand their vital roles because “you are JSU,” and it’s not the football team, mascot or science building,” she said. She said the JSU family is more than about the colors or clothes it wears.

“Meanwhile, tomorrow’s students will be largely Hispanic and still mostly female,” Wheelan said. “As well, some students will be classified as academically “under-prepared,” mostly part-time and focused primarily on employment skills. Despite this, they still will need important skills such as critical thinking, complex problem-solving and written and oral communication.” She said she doesn’t care how long it takes them to graduate. “At least get them out of here with some kind of credential.”

Wheelan then re-emphasized the importance of student success and linked it directly to accreditation, calling the review process a time to “show off” to evaluators from other colleges and universities.

“It’s an opportunity to open your doors and everything else that you have to people who work at institutions just like yours who will come in and say, ‘Yes,

we agree; you’re doing a great job here. Had you thought about making an adjustment over here? You’re really going down the wrong track compared to other institutions like yours if you do something like this.”

A full board is expected to vote on JSU’s status in December 2021. Before then, however, Wheelan recommends that the urban HBCU “document, document, document.”

In addition, each school must comply with two new standards:

Because of the high rate of loan defaults, institutions must establish a financial literacy program to educate students on what it means to borrow money. Wheelan indicates that bankruptcy is disallowed for federal student loans. Even in death, the estate will be charged.

Boards must evaluate themselves and pay closer attention to what’s going on with the institutions because some “fall asleep at the wheel.” Wheelan said, “Institutions are about to close their door when board members suddenly go, “Oh, I didn’t know we had a problem.”

The rigorous process begins with JSU President William B. Bynum Jr. and his leadership team meeting in Houston this December for an orientation with 79 other institutions going through reaffirmation in 2021. After returning home from the orientation, Bynum’s leadership team over the next nine months will conduct a self-study called “compliance certification.”

This process involves JSU leaders addressing 86 standards that detail “how you feel you’re complying with each,” Wheelan said. “The faculty’s responsibility will be student-learning outcomes.” This means assessing whether students achieved the outlined goals and listing corrective actions if they haven’t.

After this, JSU’s compliance certification is sent to an “offsite committee” that meets in Atlanta. Wheelan said this panel combs through every response to see which of three categories JSU falls under: “Yes, we agree you’re in compliance. No, we don’t agree you’re in compliance. Or, I can’t figure out whether you’re in compliance or not.”

After evaluation, the report by the off-site committee will go back to Bynum along with a possible request for clarifications. Submitting clarifications is voluntary but highly recommended.

Once completed, all documents will be submitted to an “onsite committee” that will physically visit and observe the campus. This group will look at JSU’s Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), which would show how well the HBCU is improving in its student learning.

Specifically, the panel will examine 17 areas that the Department of Education wants the onsite committee to observe, along with non-compliant issues. After gathering its data, the onsite committee submits its report to a board divided into five Compliance and Reports (C&R) committees.

At this stage, C&R will make a recommendation to the executive council of the board by answering the following questions: Should JSU be reaffirmed with no follow up? Should JSU be reaffirmed with a monitoring report? Should JSU be reaffirmed but on warning? Should JSU be placed on probation, or dropped from membership?

C&R’s recommendation then goes to the executive council, which can accept C&R’s recommendation or develop its own – either of which will be sent to the full board for the final vote in December 2021.

It may seem elementary, but Wheelan’s other advice to JSU:

- Don’t over-answer questions, or risk additional inquiries
- Write the report so that people who know nothing about the urban HBCU can learn about it
- Get colleagues outside of the university who were successfully reaffirmed in the past to read the report
- Make sure all electronics links in the document work
- Be sure that information is included about all satellite campus locations.

In rallying the troops at JSU, Bynum – who occupies a seat on the SACSCOC board – described Wheelan as a “true treasure.” He reminded the audience that “SACSCOC is our friend, not our enemy.”

Dept. of Health reports new human case of West Nile Virus

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Recently the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) reports one new human case of West Nile virus (WNV) for 2019, bringing the state total to six this year. The new case was reported in Leake County.

So far this year, human cases have been reported in Copiah, Forrest, Hinds, Lamar, Leake and Smith counties.

In 2018, Mississippi had 50 WNV cases and no deaths. The first case was reported in mid-July.

“We know that West Nile virus exists throughout the state, so just because there has not been a case reported in your county, doesn’t mean you can ignore the precautions. You still need to be aware and protect yourself. Most cases occur from July through September,” said MSDH State Epidemiologist Dr. Paul Byers. “While most infected people recover without any long-term problems, some develop a more severe infection that can lead to complications and even death – especially in those over 50 years of age.”

Symptoms of WNV infection are often mild and may include fever, headache, nausea, vomiting, a rash, muscle weakness or swollen lymph nodes. In a small number of cases, infection can result in encephalitis or meningitis, which can lead to paralysis, coma and possibly death.

The MSDH suggests the following precautions to protect yourself and your family from mosquito-borne illnesses:

- Use a mosquito repellent with an EPA-registered ingredient such as DEET while you are outdoors.
- Remove all sources of standing water around your home and yard to prevent mosquito breeding.
- Wear loose, light-colored, long clothing to cover the arms and legs when outdoors.
- Avoid areas where mosquitoes are prevalent.

For more information on mosquito-borne illnesses, visit the MSDH website at HealthyMS.com/westnile. Follow MSDH by email and social media at HealthyMS.com/connect.

Clinton mayor and police chief sign endorsements for Marsy’s Law For Mississippi

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Taking a stand for equal rights for victims of crime, Clinton’s mayor and police chief signed official endorsements for Marsy’s Law for Mississippi. Mayor Phil Fisher and Police Chief Ford Hayman joined the campaign for the passage of Marsy’s Law in the Magnolia State. Marsy’s Law seeks to amend the state constitution to give crime victims an equal level of constitutional protections, no less vigorous, than those afforded to the accused and convicted.

The two join the ranks of the mayors of Laurel, Vicksburg, Hattiesburg, McComb, Summit, Crystal Springs, Greenwood, Indianola and Collins in expressing their support of the law. “Criminals seem to have all the rights today, so this is a great effort to give the families of victims the rights to know the status of the trial and other events surrounding the crime,” says Fisher.

Marsy’s Law for Mississippi is dedicated to the cause of ensuring that crime victims’ rights are codified in Mississippi constitutional law.

Marsy’s Law is named after Marsalee (Marsy) Ann Nicholas, who was stalked and killed by her ex-boyfriend in 1983. A week after her murder, Marsy’s mother was confronted by her daughter’s murderer in a grocery store. Having received no notification from



Clinton Police Chief Ford Hayman and Mayor Phil Fisher endorse Marsy’s Law for Mississippi.

the judicial system, the family was unaware that he had been released on bail mere days after the murder. Marsy’s family, and others, have faced pain and suffering since the courts and law enforcement are not obligated to keep them informed.

While criminals have more than 20 individual rights spelled out in the U.S. Constitution, the surviving family members of murder victims have none. Marsy’s Law for All seeks to amend the Mississippi constitution to ensure that crime victims have the same co-equal rights as the accused and convicted.

SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans available in Mississippi following Secretary of Agriculture Disaster Declaration

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The U.S. Small Business Administration announced recently that Economic Injury Disaster Loans are available to small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and private nonprofit organizations located in Mississippi as a result of the freeze, excessive rainfall, flooding and flash flooding that began Jan. 15, 2019.

The loans are available in the following counties: Adams, Alcorn, Amite, Attala, Benton, Bolivar, Calhoun, Carroll, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Claiborne, Clark, Clay, Coahoma, Copiah, Covington, Desoto, Forrest, Franklin, George, Greene, Grenada, Hancock, Harrison, Hinds, Holmes, Humphreys, Issaquena, Itawamba, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Jones, Kemper, Lafayette, Lamar, Lawrence, Leake, Lee, Leflore, Lincoln, Lowndes, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Monroe, Montgomery, Neshoba, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, Panola, Pearl River, Perry, Pike, Pontotoc, Prentiss, Quitman, Sharkey, Simpson, Smith, Stone, Sunflower, Tallahatchie, Tate, Tippah, Tishomingo, Tunica, Union, Walthall, Warren, Washington, Wayne,

Webster, Wilkinson, Winston, Yalobusha and Yazoo in Mississippi; Chicot, Crittenden, Lee and Phillips in Arkansas; and the parishes of Concordia, East Carroll, East Feliciana, Madison, Saint Helena, Saint Tammany, Tangipahoa, Tensas, Washington and West Feliciana in Louisiana.

“When the Secretary of Agriculture issues a disaster declaration to help farmers recover from damages and losses to crops, the Small Business Administration issues a declaration to eligible entities, affected by the same disaster,” said Kem Fleming, director of SBA’s Field Operations Center East.

Under this declaration, the SBA’s Economic Injury Disaster Loan program is available to eligible farm-related and non-farm-related entities that suffered financial losses as a direct result of this disaster. With the exception of aquaculture enterprises, SBA cannot provide disaster loans to agricultural producers, farmers and ranchers.

The loan amount can be up to \$2 million with interest rates of 2.75 percent for private nonprofit organizations of all sizes and 3.74 percent for small businesses, with terms up to 30 years. The SBA determines eligibility based on the size of the applicant, type of activity and its financial resources. Loan amounts and terms are set by the SBA and are based on each applicant’s financial condition. These working capital loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that could have been paid had the disaster not occurred. The loans are not intended to replace lost sales or profits.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA’s secure website at DisasterLoan.sba.gov.

Disaster loan information and application forms may also be obtained by calling the SBA’s Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing) or by sending an email to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Loan applications can be downloaded from www.sba.gov. Completed applications should be mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

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Celebrating Shirley Chisholm

By E. Faye Williams
Trice Edney Newswire



It's been 50 years since Shirley Chisholm was elected to the U.S. Congress and took Washington, DC by storm. A lot of men didn't know quite what to do with her. She was the first black congresswoman and she made such a splash that many women were inspired to run not only for Congress, but for all kinds of offices to serve the people. When I ran for Congress in Louisiana, she was one of the first persons to send a check.

Chisholm didn't do or say things because they were politically wise. She said and did things that were morally right, and never worried about what others would think. When she ran for President of the United States, she didn't ask anybody's permission. She was proud of being "Unbought and Unbossed," and that's why so many of us loved her and wanted to come as close to being like Chisholm as we could.

I'm honored to serve as national president of the organization she founded, along with Dr. C. DeLores Tucker. Chisholm served as the first leader of our organization that is now known as the National Congress of Black Women. (NCBW). On Sunday, Sept. 15, 2019 in Washington, DC at the Marriott Wardman Hotel, we will be remembering Chisholm at our 35th Annual Brunch for the 50th year of her election to the U.S. Congress.



Chisholm

COMMENTARY

We've named an annual award in her honor and the first two recipients will be the two black women who are part of the "Squad." We've chosen them because of the courage they've exhibited in an effort to make changes so needed in our nation. The two receiving the Shirley Chisholm Courage Award are Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley and Congresswoman Ilhan Omar. It's so important for us to honor and protect the names of those who take courageous steps on our behalf. If we don't tell their stories, they either won't be told or will often be distorted.

NCBW will also honor three other new black congresswomen, elected in

2018, with our Sojourner Truth Award. They are Jahana Hayes, Lauren Underwood and Lucy McBath. They played an important role in helping Nancy Pelosi become Speaker of the House again, and assisting the Democrats in regaining a majority in the House.

Others have proven to be unbought and unbossed and will also be honored for breaking new ground in major corporations. Two of the honorees in this category are Shelley Sylva and Kelly Cornish. Two black women are responsible for developing new methods for healing the wounds of circumstance will be honored. They are Dr. Linda James Myers and Dr. Monica L. Clement. You will be hearing more about them in the immediate future.

So many black women are doing incredible things to perfect our union, and many credit Shirley for being that catalyst for change that we so badly need in the midst of craziness and evil doing from the top. The 2020 elections are coming up soon, and again, there is no doubt black women will make the difference in many close races.

Lest you think NCBW only honors women, included among the honorees who will receive the NCBW Dick Gregory Good Brother Award are Dr. Percy Thomas, Atty. Jack Olender, Dr. Hemant Patel, Dr. Jay Patel, Dr. James Dail, Atty. Aaron Watson and Atty. Jack Olender.

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

Time for CFPB to 'Do the Right Thing': Enact Payday Loan rules



By Charlene Crowell
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For most people, life feels better when there is something to look forward to. Whether looking forward to graduation, the arrival of a new baby, or retirement that affords a few years to just enjoy life – these kinds of things make going through challenging times somehow more manageable.

For payday loan borrowers and consumer and civil rights activists, this August 19 was supposed to be the end of payday lending's nearly inevitable debt trap. No longer would consumers incur seemingly endless strings of loans that lenders knew they could not afford. Nor would lenders have unlimited and automatic direct access to borrower checking accounts; only two debits could be drawn on an account with insufficient funds. The days of unrestrained businesses recklessly selling payday and car-title loans as short-term financial fixes that grew to become long-term debt was set for a shutdown.

Let's say these borrowers were looking forward to financial freedom from the endless cycle of loan renewals and costly fees generated by triple-digit interest rates. In practical terms, the typical, two-week \$350 payday loan winds up costing \$458 in fees.

But just as seasons and circumstances can and do change, under a different administration, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) has functioned more recently to help predatory lenders than to fulfill its statutory mission of consumer protection.

Last summer, then-CFPB head Mick Mulvaney, joined the payday loan industry to challenge and win a delay in the implementation of the long-awaited payday rule. Mulvaney also withdrew a lawsuit filed by the CFPB against a payday lender ahead of his arrival.

Months later in a West Texas federal court, U.S. District Judge Lee Yeakel granted a 'stay,' the legal term for a court-ordered delay, to allow the current CFPB director the chance to rewrite the rule adopted under the bureau's first director. Even earlier and under Acting CFPB Director Mick Mulvaney, a lawsuit filed by CFPB against a payday lender was withdrawn.

In response to these and other anti-consumer developments, consumer advocates chose to observe the August 19 date in a different way: reminding CFPB what it was supposed to do on behalf of consumers.

"[S]ince its 2017 leadership change, the CFPB has repeatedly failed to support the August 19, 2019 compliance date the agency established for these important provisions," wrote Americans for Financial Reform Education Fund, National Consumer Law Center,

Public Citizen, and the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL). The August 12 joint letter to Director Kraninger called for "timely implementation" of the rule's payment protections. While the CFPB continues to push for a stay of the rule's ability-to-repay requirements, it has failed to offer any basis for its anti-consumer effort.

It took years of multiple public hearings, research, public comments, and a careful rulemaking process before Director Cordray, delivered a rule that would provide financial relief from one of the nation's most heinous predatory loans.

Similar sentiments were expressed to the CFPB by 25 state attorneys general (AGs) whose jurisdictions included California, Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Virginia, and the District of Columbia. In written comments on CFPB's plan to rewrite the payday rule, these state officials also expressed serious issues with the bureau's anti-consumer shift.

"The bureau's proposed repeal of the 2017 rule would eliminate an important federal floor that would protect consumers across the country, including from interstate lending activity that is challenging for any individual State to police," wrote the AGs. "Extending credit without reasonably assessing borrowers' ability to repay their loans resembles the poor underwriting practices that fueled the subprime mortgage crisis, which eventually led to an economic tailspin and enactment of the Dodd-Frank Act."

A 2019 CRL research report found that every year, payday and car-title loans drain nearly \$8 billion in fees from consumer pockets. Although 16 states and the District of Columbia have enacted rate caps that limit interest to no more than 36%, 34 states still allow triple-digit interest rate payday loans that together generate more than \$4 billion in costly fees. Similarly, car-title loans drain more than \$3.8 billion in fees annually from consumers in the 22 states where this type of loan is legal.

Texas leads the nation in costly payday loan fees at \$1.2 billion per year. Overall, consumers stuck in more than 10 payday loans a year represent 75% of all fees charged.

Car-title loan fees take \$356 million out of the pockets of Alabama residents, and \$297 million from Mississippi consumers. And among all borrowers of these loans, one out of every five loses their vehicle to repossession.

This spring before a Capitol Hill hearing, Diane Standaert, a CRL EVP and director of State Policy summarized the choices now before the nation: "Policymakers have a choice: siding with the vast majority of voters who oppose the payday loan debt trap or siding with predatory lenders charging 300% interest rates."

As Spike Lee advised years ago, "Do the right thing."

Connecting African communities at the Ethiopian Embassy

By A. Peter Bailey
TriceEdneyWire.com



As a Malcomite and a strong believer in Pan-Africanism, I immediately accepted an invitation from two friends, historical interpreter Marquett Milton and anthropologist Johnny Coleman II, to join them in attending an event at the Ethiopian Embassy in Washington, DC. Its title, "Connecting Communities Together: African Heritage, Pan African Leaders and H.I.M Haile Selassie Birthday Celebration," definitely grabbed my attention.

Tefera Alemayehu, a dynamic, young Ethiopian with commanding skills in communications and community service, played a key role in bringing it about. His organization, the Network of Family Service Professionals (NFSP) joined CALDAN Communications in

launching an annual event three years ago that "connects African communities, including people of African descent from around the world."

Their celebration July 23, the 127th anniversary of the birth of Emperor Selassie, did just that by allowing over 200 attendees, including several of the emperor's direct descendants, to share cultural values through music, dance, fashion, food and verbal presentations. The latter included a warm welcome from H.E. Fitsum Arega, Ethiopia's ambassador to the United States and brief remarks by Frank Smith, founder of the African-American Civil War Museum (The Importance of Museums in Preserving History and Culture), Silvester Okere (Anthropology of Africa), Hawi Awash (African Future and the Rule of Youth), Tiffany Lancaster (African Origins and Their Socio-Economic and Political Participation of Diaspora Women) and Yohannes Zeleke (Africa and Tour-

ism).

Other highlights included an African Cultural and Fashion Show by ET Entertainment, a presentation on Caribbean History and Culture by Ras Wayne Rose, PhD and a slideshow featuring legendary Pan-African leaders such as Kwame Nkrumah, Winnie Mandela, Steven Biko, Brother Malcolm X, Marcus Garvey and Emperor Selassie.

My special highlight was the passionate, powerful, inspiring, knowledge-expanding keynote address by H.E. Arikana Chihombori-Quao, the African Union's ambassador to the United States. Her address, which included the memorable observation that "Colonialism is alive and well in Africa," demonstrated a strong belief that Africa's need for unity is not an option. It's the only way that the continent can establish its rightful place in the international arena. When she finished someone should have said "Let us all say Amen."

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Enjoying life to the fullest

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



We read in Isaiah 1:18-20: “Come now, and let us reason together, Says the LORD, “Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool. If you are willing and obedient, You shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, You shall be devoured by the sword”; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

What is rebellion? It is “an act or a show of defiance toward authority or established convention; the condition or practice of not obeying.” Rebellion is a terrible sin, and it is a very difficult sin for someone to be delivered.

This is one of the main reasons that God insists that parents discipline their children. Some parents are not doing it,

even though it is a Bible command.

Proverbs 22:6 instructs, “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” Many parents want to make all the choices for their child, but this hurts him or her in the long run. When parents teach a child how to make decisions, they don’t have to watch every step he or she takes in life. They know their children will remain on the right path because they have made the choice themselves. Train your children to choose the right way.

God wants His people to enjoy life to the fullest. It is wonderful to live for God. Living for God is not a hard life, as the enemy would like to make you think. The devil wants you to think that living for God is bondage because you have to keep certain commandments and do this and that or God will strike you down. No, you have to remember that when you get saved, God changes you

and you want to keep His commandments.

The old man that you used to be passes away, and you become a new creature. Then you have a new heart, a new spirit and new desires. You have God’s Spirit and a desire to live for God. All God ever asked of anyone is that a person keep Him first.

You can have a good life. It is enjoyable to be a Christian. There are many fun times. We have grievous times and bitter things that come upon us, just as the sinner. We suffer illnesses and afflictions, but never forget that we have One to go to when those things happen to us.

This is where Christianity supersedes anything in sin. We have someone to talk to all hours of the day and night. When you are afflicted and you go to the doctor, you have to wait to get your doctor’s appointment. We can call upon God at any hour. God does not slumber or sleep. He does not get tired. You can talk to Him

in the middle of the night.

There are tremendous benefits in serving God. However, He asks that you not rebel against Him or become stubborn or turn to idolatry. You can enjoy life as a Child of God.

When God make you a new creature, you love to do these things. It is not difficult for the Child of God to go to the house of God and to work for God. I love to do it. As long as I keep rebellion, stubbornness and idolatry out of my heart, I will continue to love to do those things.

Serving God is a good life. It is the best way to raise your children. The house of God is a good place to bring your family. God wants you to enjoy serving Him to the fullest. Living for God is a good life.

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P R E S E R V E D Stirred, not shaken

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



“S h a k e n , not stirred” is a phrase made popular by British movie spy James Bond and is probably one of the most famous lines from modern movies. The three words describe very clearly exactly how he wanted his martini made. Ironically, these words also describe how some of us as Christians respond when an unexpected loss happens in our lives. Whether it is the loss of a relationship, the loss of a job, illness or death of a loved one, sometimes we are so shocked by the “swift transition” that we might miss that God wants to show us something about the authority He has given us.

Having had a swift transition happen in a close friendship recently, I have to admit that I spent lots of time asking God how and why the friendship changed in such a short time. One question that kept coming to my mind was whether we missed God in becoming friends in the first place. So, needless to say, I was a little shaken by losing what I’d considered a close, genuine friend.

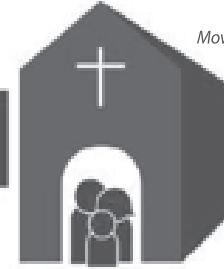
But in the midst of one of my times thinking about the loss, God brought something to mind. When unexpected things happen in our lives, there is actually only one question that we should focus on answering: Will I choose to be shaken by what occurred or will I be stirred up to trust God’s sovereignty despite what happened? Unanticipated things come to encourage us to

be stirred to spiritual growth and not be shaken into a paralysis of negativity and discouragement. And it’s only after we go to God in prayer and earnestly seek His will in those very difficult situations that we come to discover the truth about God and who he has called us to be.

One friend encouraged me to stop saying that I was facing opposition. She said that instead my focus should be to take authority over those challenging situations in my life. Matthew 10:1 describes Jesus giving authority to His disciples over all unclean spirits, diseases etc. And If we are His disciples, we have that same authority when it comes to our lives.

2 Timothy 1:6-7 reminds us of the importance of being “stirred” in the familiar passage of scripture in which Paul exhorts Timothy. “Therefore, I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.” Here, we are reassured that especially when we may be shaken by life’s circumstances, we can tap into a God-ordained boldness that will allow us to be stirred to overcome even the most devastating circumstances with a faith-filled confidence and authority.

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It's time to fight right-wing domestic terrorism the way we fight other forms of terrorism

By Marc H. Morial
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"The big thing is we need to change the way we in the United States are viewing these incidents with right-wing extremist terrorism. Stop dismissing this as crazy gunmen, or hate crimes, or that some person 'just snapped.' There is an ideology behind the attack. The attack needs to be called out as terrorism." – Daryl Johnson, former Department of Homeland Security analyst

Just over a decade ago, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the FBI produced a report entitled "Rightwing Extremism: Current Economic and Political Climate Fueling Resurgence in Radicalization and Recruitment." The report warned of the rise of radicalized right-wing groups and individuals and the threat of political violence.

But instead of heeding its warnings, Congress erupted in a frenzy of denial and defensiveness. The conclusions of the report were distorted and misrepresented. Instead of taking the threat seriously, the ranking member of the House Homeland Security Committee called for hearings to investigate DHS and the report.

Members took particular offense to the suggestion that divisive issues like abortion were being used as recruiting tools. Weeks after Congress shut down any response to the report, an anti-abortion extremist murdered physician George Tiller at his church.

In the years since outraged Congress members blocked any official response to the threat, right-wing extremists have been responsible for the vast majority of extremist-related murders in the United States. Right-wing extremists were responsible for every single extremist killing in the U.S. in 2018, "from Pittsburgh to Parkland," according to the Anti-Defamation League.

The white supremacist massacre of 22 people in El Paso two weeks ago was the most deadly right-wing terrorist attack since 1995, when Timothy McVeigh killed 168 people in the Federal Building bombing in Oklahoma City. The suspect published a white nationalist manifesto on an internet message board just before the shooting. He told police he was targeting Mexicans and drove 11 hours from his largely-white hometown near Dallas to majority-Latino El Paso. He has not been charged with a hate crime.

And, while federal authorities are investigating the shooting as a domestic terrorism case, domestic terrorism is not codified as a law that can be prosecuted.

Sen. Martha McSally of Arizona

has proposed such a law, saying, "For too long we have allowed those who commit heinous acts of domestic terrorism to be charged with related crimes that don't portray the full scope of their hateful actions."

The Patriot Act, passed in the immediate aftermath of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, gives the federal government multiple resources to combat international terrorism but little authority to investigate domestic terrorism.

Mary McCord, former acting assistant attorney general for national security, pointed out in a recent essay that the most common international terrorism charge is providing material support to a foreign terrorist organization. "Charges of "material support" to a terrorist organization are not available to prevent domestic attacks" she wrote, "because the United States does not designate American groups as terrorist organizations."

"None of the 68 entries on the State Department's list is a white-supremacist group." But the United States could designate foreign white supremacist groups as terrorist organizations.

"If the State Department put any of these groups on the list, the FBI could deploy undercover agents to chat with their members online, and would-be domestic terrorists in the United States would have to think twice about engaging with them."

In addition to a federal domestic terrorism statute and the designation of foreign white supremacist groups as terrorist organizations, former Department of Homeland Security analyst Daryl Johnson, who authored the 2009 report, offered several recommendations in a recent interview:

- Collect statistics on domestic terrorism, and allow those statistics to drive resources for programs to combat it.
- Commit to long-term undercover investigations.
- Train state and local law enforcement about right-wing extremists groups.
- Make grants available for countering right-wing extremism.
- Educate the public on their role, how to report suspicious activity, reaching out to communities and organizations that can help identify people being radicalized, working with private industry to get them to do better and more internet and social media monitoring.

If the United States does not take steps to combat white supremacy and right-wing extremism, attacks like the one in El Paso will only become more commonplace. As the nation's racial demographics continue to change, so will the racist backlash. It's time to take domestic terrorism as seriously as we have taken foreign terrorism.

President Trump is ignorant but he's not stupid

By Dr. Wilmer J. Leon, III
TriceEdneyWire.com



Baltimore is a "... disgusting, rat and rodent infested mess... Why is so much money sent to the Elijah Cummings' district when it is considered the worst run and most dangerous anywhere in the United States? No human being would want to live there. Where is all this money going? How much is stolen? Investigate this corrupt mess immediately." President Donald Trump 7-28-09

President Trump is many things. He is ignorant; probably the most ignorant president ever elected. He is disinterested. He is a racist, liar, sexist, misogynist, homophobic, anti-Muslim, and many other things. The one thing he is not is stupid. He clearly understands and has made millions from marketing, messaging and branding.

His use of racist troupes, bombast, hyperbole, lies and narcissism may be dysfunctional and dangerous but they are shrewd and crude political calculations. This is a base-galvanizing political strategy not a consensus governing political strategy. One data point, according to Pew, even after Trump admitted that he is a misogynistic sexual predator, 47 percent of white women voted for Donald Trump. Why, because as Tom Porter stated, "they rather eat their racism than sit down and dine on a fine meal." Or as H. Rap Brown said, "racism is as American as cherry pie."

Since Trump cannot formulate a political message or campaign strategy that highlights his accomplishments or ability to deliver on his campaign promises, he defaults to the troupes that have historically carried the day in America, racism and xenophobia.

Trump has failed to deliver on any of the major promises that candidate Trump ran on. He has failed to bring manufacturing jobs back to America. According to *The Atlantic*, "From trade deals to gun control and immigration to military deployments, the president has a consistent pattern: Talk a big game, then back down."

I have watched for the past two years and specifically the past two weeks as Trump has employed the tactics of hyper or uber-racist rhetoric to distract the media and public away from the issues that really matter. Two weeks ago, Trump referred to " 'Progressive' Democrat congresswomen" (aka "The Squad") in his tweets, saying they should "go back and help fix the totally broken and crime infested places from which they came." "Go back to where you come from" has been one of the most often used racist rants from bigots in America for centuries. Trump must have been talking about his own administration since all four women are members of Congress and US citizens.

Recently Trump Tweeted the racists insults about the city of Baltimore, MD, its residents and one of its congressional representatives. "No human being would want to live there." Really? Then what do you call the residents of the 26th largest city in the US who choose to and enjoy living in Baltimore...less than human? The racial composition of Baltimore is African-American 62.80%; White 30.29%; and Asian 2.56%. The average household income has increased over the past 10 years from \$45,900 to \$64,100.

Again, Trump is ignorant but he's not stupid. His Tweets are not the mindless and aimless rants of a stupid man. They are political calculations designed to distract the media and

electorate from the real issues that are plaguing America.

There's a finite number of minutes, hours and days before the 2020 election. Every minute and day that our news cycle is consumed by and dedicated to Trump's Tweets is time that America is not focused on how to address or solve wealth disparity, mass incarceration, the correlation between extrajudicial killings and mass deportation and America's bankrupt and racist foreign policy.

It's easy for so-called analysts and pundits on mainstream corporate media to tell us that Trump is a racist. How do we know this? He tells us this every day. They may as well be discussing is water wet. Calling Trump racist is not journalism, nor is it news. It is simple and obvious. The challenge is to avoid the contrived distractions and deal with the real issues and solutions that solve problems such as why this current generation of young people are slated to be the first generation in this country that will not have a higher standard of living than their parents. We need to ensure that the American dream is obtainable for everyone.

The media, Democrats, pundits and analysts can follow Trump down the racist rat hole if they want – but do it at your own peril. Telling us that he's incompetent does not take much analysis or insight. It's a trap that he has set for you. It's a fool's errand and a losing venture; just ask Hilary Clinton.

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Hungry for sanity – no more Trump

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Have you ever been hungry? Not the missed-a-meal, wanna overeat hunger, but the stomach-churning, bout to steal a loaf of bread hungry. Not the luxury of choice, but the sheer desperation of not having eaten for so many hours that food is nothing more than a memory.

A dictionary describes hunger as "an uneasy or painful sensation from lack of food." Synonyms include starved and starving. It happens at our border when children are separated from their parents and not given enough to eat in a day. It happens in our inner cities, where poor folks often choose between paying rent and buying food. Millions of people in the United States, as many as 40 million in 2017, experienced hunger. According to the US Department of Agriculture, 15 million households are "food insecure," scrambling, often at the end of the month, to put food on the table.

The statistics are daunting. One in six children do not know where their next meal is coming from. Twenty-two million children need free or reduced-price lunch to get enough nutrition. The Department of Agriculture has just promulgated rules that will cut another 3 million

people off food assistance. You won't be surprised to know that black and brown folks are more likely to experience food insecurity than others.

Denny's and the National Council of Negro Women have partnered to visit seven HBCUs this fall. They have titled their tour "Hungry for Education," and as president of PUSH Excel, the education arm of Rev. Jesse Jackson's Rainbow PUSH Coalition, I was excited to join with friends and colleagues to promote the tour. The theme was amplified when Denny's President John Miller shared a poem that highlighted the ways hunger affects academic performance.

While the poem seemed to focus on the K-12 youngsters whose presence, ability and behavior is affected by hunger, it is also clear that young adults who are attending colleges across the country make painful choices. Food or tuition? Dinner or a required book? These young people are experiencing an "uneasy and painful sensation from lack of" be it nutritional or intellectual sustenance.

I feel their pain. I am hungry, too, but I'm hungry for sanity. I get a feeling in the pit of my stomach whenever our 45th president opens his mouth and hits the airwaves. And I am all the more nauseated because I talk to friends in the world and around the

globe who never hesitate to make fun of our nation. We elected the world's biggest clown. Who the heck articulates his desire to be an extreme colonialist by saying he might like to buy Greenland, a territory of Denmark that is uninterested in being sold? I know that 45 was once a failed real estate mogul, but the imperialist notion of purchasing other countries is, at best, laughable and even deplorable.

I am hungry for sanity when I read disgusting tweets that encourage Israel to block duly elected United States Representatives (those who vote on an Israel subsidy from this country) from visiting and speaking to oppressed Palestinians. Whether Trump or Israel agrees with Congresswomen Ilhan Omar and Rashida Tlaib, the fact is that they are elected representatives of their districts and the Trump exhortation against them, not to mention Netanyahu's foolishness, are anti-democratic.

I am hungry, so hungry that there is a pit in my stomach when I consider this foolishness.

Johnnetta Betch Cole, the seventh president of the National Council of Negro Women, disturbingly noted that there are hungry children in our world's most prosperous nation. Perpetuating hunger will erode our riches, but some of us are too busy addressing the antics of

the Provocateur in Chief, that we can't deal with the minor matter of hungry children. Thus, the NCNW Hungry for Education partnership with Denny's is both about physical hunger and intellectual craving for better lives. It's about transcending Trump.

Those of you who read me regularly know that I can rarely bring myself to type the word "Trump." I'm doing it now because I'm hungry. I'm hungry for sanity, hungry for peace, hungry for the possibility of a better world.

I won't be writing about our 45th president again this year. I will write about economics, public policy and philosophy. I won't write about the narcissist, the elected clown who has turned our nation into a circus. I'm less interested in the circus than in the sideshow ways this administration has consistently attacked and oppressed people.

I am hungry for sanity, and I surely won't get sanity by writing about idiocy. I'm going to take at least a three-month hiatus from reacting to unhinged madness. I am hungry for sanity, and millions of us are still hungry for food.

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Newk’s Cares enters sixth year of fighting ovarian cancer

Philanthropy honors life and contributions of co-founder Lori Newcomb

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Newk’s Cares, the ovarian cancer awareness movement founded by fast-casual restaurant Newk’s Eatery, begins its sixth year raising critical awareness for Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month in September, honoring co-founder Lori Newcomb.

Newk’s Cares was established in 2014 by Newk’s Eatery CEO Chris Newcomb and his wife Lori, after Lori was diagnosed with stage IIIC ovarian cancer in 2013.

Lori’s story is all too familiar, as ovarian cancer is the fifth leading cause of death in women. After six years of fighting and spearheading awareness for the disease, Lori lost her battle to ovarian cancer in February, leaving behind significant strides for the ovarian cancer community.

“This year, we honor my wife Lori by carrying on her passion and personal mission to help all women and all future women affected by this disease,” said Chris Newcomb, Newk’s Eatery CEO and Newk’s Cares co-founder. “Lori’s commitment to this cause lives on through our Newk’s family, and we hope to continue encouraging women to listen to their bodies and take action right away to improve the success rate of early diagnosis.”

Since 2014, Newk’s Cares has raised more than \$1,000,000 for ovarian cancer research through the organization’s partnership with Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance (OCRA), the largest global organization dedicated to advancing ovarian cancer research while supporting women and their families. Because the symptoms of ovarian cancer are often vague including bloating, lower back



pain and a feeling of fullness, many cases are diagnosed at an advanced stage.

In addition to raising money for critical research, Newk’s Eatery restaurants display in-store educational materials and create events to help generate awareness for this disease. Some of these efforts include the annual Lunch & Learn and Ovarian Cycle events in Jackson, as well as in-store initiatives, below.

To support Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month in September, Newk’s Cares will host the following events in the Jackson community, Newk’s home market:

Newk’s Cares and St. Dominic Hospital will again host a Lunch & Learn Thursday, August 22, at noon at Sparkman Auditorium on the campus of the Mississippi Agriculture & Forestry Museum. Panelists will share statistics and symptoms along with critical research developments relative to ovarian cancer, and guests will hear from several medical experts including Dr. Christy Haygood, St. Dominic’s gynecologic oncologist, and Dr. Katherine Fuh, assistant professor in the division of Gynecologic Oncology at Washington University, St. Louis. Jennifer Boone, St. Dominic’s

oncology survivorship navigator and co-coordinator of the St. Dominic’s Woman to Woman program, and Carol Barnes, PhD, Mississippi College kinesiology professor, will also speak. While this event is free and open to the public, limited seating is available.

The Jackson community is once again invited to the annual outdoor spin event, OCRA’s Ovarian Cycle® Jackson. The event will be held at The Club at The Township in Ridgeland Thursday, September 19. Riders can participate in one of five 45-minute time slots every hour from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There is a \$50 registration fee to ride and ovarian cancer survivors ride for free. Attendees can register online and registrants will receive an OCRA gift bag with complimentary items for the event, including a shirt and box lunch from Newk’s Eatery.

The following initiatives will also take place across all of Newk’s Eatery’s more than 120 U.S. locations to raise awareness of the cause:

Beginning August 26 through the month of September, guests will have the opportunity to make a donation in support of ovarian cancer research and education both in-store and through online ordering. All

funds collected between August 26 and September 30 will be donated to OCRA. Guests who make a donation in-store will be given a paper teal ribbon certificate featuring their name to be displayed within the restaurant.

Newk’s will also feature a seasonal Thai Chicken soup, which was introduced last year. The soup features numerous cancer-fighting ingredients including mushrooms, carrots, turmeric, garlic and green and red bell peppers, which contain antioxidants that can help reduce the risks of cancer. This soup will remain in all Newk’s Eatery locations through March 2020.

The Shrimp & Avocado Salad will also be featured, as it was inspired by Lori Newcomb. The salad features fresh ingredients including broiled shrimp, avocado, arugula, tangy feta crumbles, sweet grape tomatoes, green onions and house-made lemon basil vinaigrette.

Ten cents from every Newk’s Cares water bottle sold is donated year-round to OCRA.

For more information, visit NewksCares.com and follow Newk’s Cares on Facebook, where the public is invited to share their inspiring stories and experiences with #TealforLori.

Rural hospitals selected to participate in the Delta Community Health Systems Development Program

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The Delta Regional Authority is pleased to announce that four additional rural hospitals will participate in the Delta Region Community Health Systems Development – Technical Assistance Program (DRCHSD) which helps improve healthcare services in the Delta Region through intensive technical assistance to providers in select rural communities, including critical access hospitals, small rural hospitals, rural health clinics and other healthcare organizations.

“Healthcare is top of mind for so many folks across the Delta Region. Through this important program, specifically with the partnership for these new hospitals, we’ll be able to improve access and overall healthcare services in our rural communities,” said DRA Chairman Chris Caldwell.

In 2017, DRA partnered with the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to establish the program. The technical assistance, provided by subject matter experts at the National Rural Health Resource Center, focuses on improving financial operations, enhancing coordination of care, implementing innovative service delivery techniques such as telehealth, identifying workforce recruitment and retention resources, and more.

Four new additions: Franklin Hospital District | Benton, Illinois

Franklin Hospital is a 16-bed, critical access hospital located in Franklin County, Illinois.

Pinckneyville Community Hospital (PCH) | Pinckneyville, Illinois

Pickneyville Community Hospital is a 17-bed, critical access hospital located in Perry County, Illinois.

Savoy Medical Center (SMC) | Mamou, Louisiana

Savoy Medical Center is a 60-bed, small rural hospital located in Evangeline Parish, Louisiana.

Madison Medical Center (MMC) | Fredericktown, Missouri

Madison Medical Center is a 25-bed, critical access hospital, located in Madison County, Missouri.

“Through inclusion in this federal grant program, Franklin Hospital and Pinckneyville Community Hospital will be able to provide improved care to Illinoisans,” Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Illinois) said. “Rural hospitals are lifelines in the communities they serve and I’m working to ensure the federal government supports their operations any way it can.”

“Every Illinoisan, no matter their zip code, deserves

the same access to quality health services,” said Sen. Tammy Duckworth (D-Illinois). “This announcement will help Franklin Hospital and Pinckneyville Community Hospital bolster their health care systems by increasing telemedicine capabilities, improving workforce recruitment and retention, expanding access to and availability of emergency medical services and much more. I will continue working to ensure that the children, families and seniors across Illinois who rely on rural hospitals have access to quality and affordable care.”

“I’ve long supported the Delta Regional Authority and its commitment to deliver health care solutions to Southern Illinois,” said Rep. Mike Bost (R-Illinois, 12th District). “The technical assistance provided by the Delta Region Community Health Systems Development Program will allow both the Franklin Hospital District and Pinckneyville Community Hospital to make improvements so that they can best serve the healthcare needs of our communities.”

“About one in five rural hospitals are at risk of closing, leaving patients without access to convenient care,” said Sen. Roy Blunt (R-Missouri). “We started the DRCHSD program in the appropriations subcommittee I chair to give rural hospitals in Southeast Missouri the support they need to continue serving people close to home. I appreciate the work DRA and HHS have done, and continue to do, to help rural hospitals strengthen their footing. This program will continue to be a priority as our subcommittee gets to work on next year’s funding bill.”

“In a time where many rural hospitals are facing closure, the Delta Regional Authority should be commended for its investment in Madison Medical Center and the community it serves,” Senator Josh Hawley (R-Missouri) said. “The technical assistance provided by this program will result in better care and increased access to emergency and telemedicine services.”

“Congress created the Delta Regional Authority (DRA) to help identify and provide critical investments to the communities of the Mississippi Delta Region, said Rep. Jason Smith (R-Missouri, 8th District). “I am happy to see them invest in this facility that will help folks in the Fredericktown area receive the quality of care they need and deserve. I look forward to continuing to work with the DRA to help them recognize and support important investments that improve the quality of life for hardworking Missourians.”

Summer Skin Care

Would you continue to wear a fur coat in July? How about sitting by the fire every night in August? When summer comes we change our routine. Summer skin care should be the same. In fact, taking care of your skin in the winter and summer should not be expensive or cumbersome. Here are some educational tips to help you get your summer soul glow.

Cleansers, Lotions and Moisturizers

Lotions and moisturizers are not the same. Lotions have more water, and moisturizers have more oil. Lotions are thinner than moisturizers. Lotions are for the body, and moisturizers are for the face. For those with acne, lotions are suitable for face. Lotions are used in conjunction with preparations to prevent sun damage by adding UV protection. Moisturizers are good for the face and for people with dry skin, wrinkles and scars from acne. In the summer, if you do not have dry skin, you may not need to lotion or moisturize your face. Using a sunscreen can provide the right amount of oil and water that is needed. This is true for heavy cream based cleansers that are more suitable in the winter. In

the summer, switch to a foam based cleanser.

Advanced Skin Treatments

If you were not getting regular facials, microdermabrasions or dermaplaning during the winter, it is never too late to start now. Just like your hair sees your stylist or barber on a regular basis, your skin should see an aesthetician on a regular basis. Your aesthetician can customize a skin care regimen tailored for you, and recommend advanced skin treatments to treat any issues you may have. Facials include cleansing, extracting, massaging, eye treatments, anti-aging treatments and steaming. Microdermabrasion is a procedure that uses a mildly abrasive tool to exfoliate, improve age spots and blackheads, reduce fine lines and wrinkles, treat scars left behind by acne, reduce enlarged pores, lessen the appearance of stretch marks. Dermaplaning removes dead skin cells and “peach fuzz” resulting in brighter, smoother, glowing skin.

Sun Protection- Avoid Burning Your Skin

Sunscreen should be used all year long to not only prevent sun damage, age spots, wrinkles, but deadly skin cancer. Sunscreen can act as a lotion and hydrate your skin during the summer, so you can put your lotions and moisturizers on the shelf. For those of you with very dry skin or aging skin, talk with your aesthetician about using a serum along with your sunscreen in the summer.

Make-up

Transitioning from winter to summer make-up can be as easy as having a winter make up bag or a summer make up bag. In the summer, instead of foundations or heavy creams and powders, opt for correctional creams or sheer foundations. Blemish Balms or “BB” creams or Correctional Creams also known as “CC” creams are great alternatives. Seeing an aesthetician on a routine basis will afford you the opportunity to show off your great skin without any foundation or powder. Do not forget, we usually get darker in the summer, so our foundations should match our neck and not our arm.

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Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management

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IN RE: CUSTODY OF
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CAUSE NO. P2018-106T/I

TO: THE UNKNOWN FATHER OF A
African- America Female child born on
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You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Kenneth and Gerald Johnson who is seeking Petition for Guardianship.

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You are summoned to appear and defend against said complaint or petition at 9:00 O'clock A.M. on the 22nd day of October 2019, in the courtroom of the Hinds County Chancery Courthouse at Jackson, Mississippi, before Honorable Dewayne Thomas. In case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment may be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. If you file an Answer or other pleading, you are required to mail or hand – deliver a copy to the attorney for the Petitioners, Damon R. Stevenson, 1010 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39202, 769-251-0207.

ISSUED under my hand and seal of said Court, this the 8th day of Aug, 2019.

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Cryptogram

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

Hint: Quote by Marilyn Monroe

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Sudoku

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Week of August 18, 2019

Alice Walker: Hometown celebrates literary legend's 75th birthday

By Nsenga K. Burton, Ph.D.,
NNPA Newswire Editor

Alice Walker, one of the premiere writers of the 20th Century, was honored in July by her hometown of Eatonton, GA for her 75th birthday (Alice Walker 75). Hundreds of people flocked from all over the country to Walker's birthplace to celebrate the birthday of the Pulitzer Prize winning author.

The activist, who was born February 9, 1944 in Eatonton, left in 1961 to attend Spelman College, eventually enrolling at Sarah Lawrence College due to controversy surrounding her political activism at Spelman.

Walker's legacy of activism and storytelling was on full display at the event, which was held at the Georgia Writers Museum and included a day of activities and events to honor Walker's life and achievements. The event was co-chaired by award-winning author Valerie Boyd, editor of *Gathering Blossoms Under Fire: The Journals of Alice Walker*, which will be released in 2020 and Lou Benjamin, founder of Eatonton's Briar Patch Arts Council.

Walker, who lived just outside of town, acknowledged this was the first time she had been to Eatonton and was unaware the Plaza Arts Center existed, which is where many of the festivities were held.

The day kicked off with a screening and discussion of the American Masters Documentary, *Alice Walker: Beauty in Truth*, followed by a discussion with the filmmaker



Walker

Pratibha Parmar and scholar Salamisha Tillet at The Plaza Arts Center.

Celebrants were able to take bus tours of the area and see Walker's birthplace while fellow authors and poets and friends paid tribute to the game changer, who was clearly touched by the praise, humbly thanking the audience throughout the day of events.

An American Marriage novelist Tayari Jones read from the novel *Meridian*, poet Daniel Black read Walker's short story "Flowers," and poet Kamilah Aisha Moon read Walker's poem, "How Poems are Made." Journalist and author Evelyn C. White offered remembrances of friendship and activism and classically trained Gospel violinist Melanie R. Hill performed a medley of songs honoring the legend.

Perhaps the most poignant part of the program was when Walker's daughter Rebecca, read several pieces including "Now That Book Is Finished," a poem Walker

wrote about Rebecca when she was a child. Rebecca's son Tenzin, 14, performed an original song he composed entitled, "Sun and Steam," which he played beautifully on the piano. Rebecca Walker's words, expressions of love and gratitude to her mother and Tenzin's performance were symbolic of the reconciliation between Walker and her daughter who had been estranged during a difficult period. Walker's former husband Melvyn R. Levanthal was also in attendance.

The special birthday celebration ended with Walker taking the stage of The Plaza Arts Center for a candid conversation with Boyd, author of the award-winning biography *Wrapped in Rainbows: The Life of Zora Neale Hurston*. Walker and Boyd's tête-à-tête ended with an invitation for all attendees to take the stage and dance with the celebrated author to two of her favorite songs, "Rock Steady," by Aretha Franklin and "As" by Stevie Wonder, concluding a lovely day of celebration of one of the 20th Century's greatest writers.

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Bingeworthy TV: "Stories from the Stage" WORLD Channel

By Nsenga K. Burton, Ph.D.,
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It is summertime and many people are "bingeing" or "catching up" on their favorite television shows they haven't had time to watch when they actually premiered or aired. While there are the usual suspects on HBO, Showtime, Bravo, Netflix and Starz, viewers should consider binge watching *Stories from the Stage*, the WORLD Channel original series that features ordinary people telling extraordinary stories, which returned with a national 24-hour binge-a-thon of episodes in June.

The public television series features masterful storytellers from every walk of life, highlighting our differences and shared sense of humanity. Each show is hosted by award-winning humorists and storytellers Theresa Okokon and Wes Hazard.

The latest season of *Stories from the Stage* includes the premiere of *Rocky Top Remembers*, an episode featuring stories about Morris Irby, the first black baseball player at Tennessee Tech University who learns the cost of being a trailblazer.

"Rocky Top" refers to a place in Tennessee that is rocky and tough to plant, yet is fertile ground for great storytelling.

Storytellers Harrison Young and Sandy Lewis are also featured on this episode, weaving tales of pecking orders in family and follow-



Burton

ing in dad's footsteps, which isn't always about the workplace or football field.

Viewers can also check out the episode, *Game On!*, featuring former Olympian and current USA Adaptive Water Ski Team member Nick Fairall discussing the leap that forever altered his Olympic dreams and his life.

With more than 40 episodes, the "Stories from the Stage" gives viewers a chance to catch up on the series dedicated to bringing real stories – whether humorous or poignant, commonplace or astonishing – to American homes. Each 30-minute episode spotlights a trio of raconteurs – some experienced, some novices – sharing short anecdotes related to the episode's unifying theme. Love, loss, family, food, immigration and celebrations are among the topics explored in episodes including "Lost & Found," "Welcome to the Neighborhood," "It's All Relative" and "Holidays: The Good, The Bad." Although each story is unique, audiences

everywhere are able to connect and relate with storytellers from a mosaic of backgrounds, ages, cultures and abilities.

Stories from the Stage is a collaboration of WORLD Channel, WGBH Events and Massmouth, showcasing the communal art form of storytelling. The series reflects WORLD Channel's commitment to bringing fresh and compelling voices to public media audiences on all platforms, while reflecting the diversity of modern America and the global community.

"Personal stories rich in human experience and emotion can create understanding, empathy and appreciation for people very different from us," said Liz Cheng, general manager for WORLD Channel and co-executive producer of the series.

"With *Stories from the Stage* we hope to prove how much we all have in common and inspire community dialogue about our differences."

Stories from the Stage is co-executive-produced by Cheng and Patricia Alvarado Núñez.

Stories from the Stage episodes, original digital content and more can be experienced on social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and on the WORLD Channel website.

Follow the hashtag #StoriesfromtheStage to hear every word.

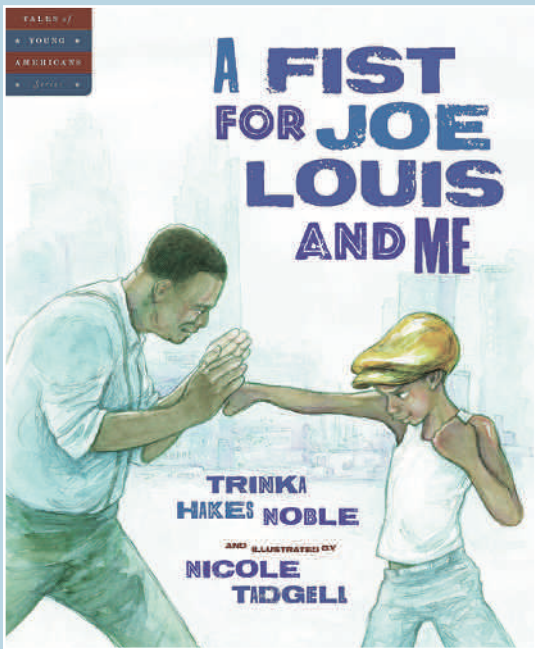
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BOOK REVIEW: “A FIST FOR JOE LOUIS AND ME”

**BY TRINKA HAKES NOBLE
ILLUSTRATED BY NICOLE TADGELL,
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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

Your teacher says “no fighting on the playground.” No pushing, no smacking, and definitely, no hitting. It’s not nice, he says. That’s what bullies do, you know.

But as you’ll see in “A Fist for Joe Louis and Me” by Trinkka Hakes Noble, illustrated by Nicole Tadgell, sometimes fists and gloves equal a fistful of friendship.

It was the best of traditions: every Friday evening, right after work, Gordy’s dad gave

Gordy boxing lessons. After that, they’d eat dinner together and listen to the fights on the local radio station. It was especially good when Joe Louis was in the ring.

But then “times got hard,” people started talking about Germany, and Gordy’s dad lost his job. The Friday night tradition stopped for awhile, and Gordy’s mom had to take in some tailoring to pay for the family’s groceries. One night, when Mr. Rubinstein, whose family left Germany to escape the Nazis, stopped to drop off

the work, his son, Ira, came along. That was when Gordy learned that other kids admired Joe Lewis, too.

But Ira didn’t know the first thing about boxing. He didn’t even know what “dukes” were, so Gordy had some teaching to do. Every time Mr. Rubinstein dropped off some work for Gordy’s mom, Gordy and Ira practiced boxing out in the alley. Gordy taught Ira how to keep from getting hit too hard and they had fun pretending. They even made up boxing names for themselves.

Weeks later, that practice and pretend came in handy when a real bully came after Ira. Gordy stepped into the fray because he knew Joe Louis wouldn’t let Ira fight alone, but hitting someone in anger made him sick.

Was that how Joe Louis felt?

That evening, Ira and his father came over to listen to Joe Louis versus Max Schmeling on the radio. For years to come, it would be called The Fight of the Century but in the end, it wouldn’t last long: just a little over two minutes.

Its effect on two little boys, however, would last for many years...

Considering all that’s happened in the recent past, “A Fist for Joe Louis and Me” couldn’t be more timely.

Using as a backdrop an event that made history nearly ninety years ago, author Trinkka Hakes Noble tells a story of a young African-American boy and his friendship with a Jewish boy. It’s a tale set during the Depression when anti-Semitism and racism made poverty seem a little bit sharper but Noble’s

characters don’t complain; instead, they face problems together, which leaves behind the idea that we can find common ground and mutual interest, if we’re open to them. That, and artwork by Nicole Tadgell, make it an appealing message for any age.

This book is meant for grade-schoolers but be sure to go over the author’s note with your child, found at the end. It adds meaning to the story inside “A Fist for Joe Louis and Me” and it makes this a book your child will fight to own.





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2019 Lexus IS 350 F Sport

By Frank S. Washington
AboutThatCar.com

The Lexus IS was one of the first models from the Japanese luxury brand that demonstrated it was serious about changing its image.

Don't get it twisted. From its start, Lexus always produced first rate products. But they were known for their reliability and quality more so than for their styling. That all changed with the IS.

The spindle grille was in full bloom on this car. There were striking headlamps, large air intakes in the front bumper and accent creases on the side that made the compact sedan seem like it was hugging the ground.

The hood had a raised center point indicating the power underneath it. LED headlamps were standard, and it had L-shaped LED daytime running lights. On the IS F Sport, which is the model we had, the grille had a three dimensional F-mesh pattern

At the rear, the "L" theme continued. LED taillights were triple layered within the tail-light housing. Rectangular chrome exhaust tips accentuated the performance accent. There were split five spoke 18-inch wheels.

Under the hood was a 3.5-liter V6 that had been tweaked up to 311 horsepower and 280 pound-feet of torque. It was mated to a six-speed automatic transmission with paddle shifters.

In addition to its looks, the IS 350 that we tested had all-wheel-drive and handled like the sports sedan that it was. Acceleration was better than average, the car managed the ends and outs of urban traffic without a hitch and the multidimensional suspension smoothed out the roads.

The interior was inspired by the brand's LFA supercar which is no longer in production. There was NuLuxe trimmed seating, 10-way power



er front sport seats, a high-efficiency dual-zone automatic climate control system with touch-sensitive controls, power moonroof, and what Lexus has branded SmartAccess with pushbutton start.

The climate-control panel, analog clock and steering wheel switches in the black interior were enhanced with stitching. The speedometer and tachometer, as well as the stitching atop the gauge hood, gave the cockpit an austere but sporty feel.

The car had the Lexus Remote Touch Interface (RTI) multi-function control device. The RTI is the go-to control for the audio system, driver's phone, navigation system and more. In essence it is your basic mouse. It was available in conjunction with the navigation system; there was an

835 watt 15-speaker premium sound system. "Enter" buttons on either side of the RTI on the center console helped make the system easier to use, as did a larger leather-wrapped palm rest.

During our week-long test drive, family matters took us to New England where we landed in Boston, picked up a Lexus ES 350 Ultra Luxury sedan and motored to Providence, RI.

First we were taken aback by the luxury appointments of the midsize sedan's interior. It was beige leather, accented by blond wood trim and a 14-way power driver's seat and 10-way power front passenger seat with lumbar and cushion extensions. A power tilt and telescoping steering wheel was among many other creature comforts like rain sensing windshield wipers, heated and

cooled front seats and a hands free power trunk.

The same 3.6-liter V6 powered this car but it was tuned for 302 horsepower and 267 pound-feet of torque. It was mated to an eight-speed automatic and it had front-wheel-drive.

Neighborhood streets in New England, built long ago, are narrow. The ES 350 negotiated them without a lot of nail biting. The car was agile when negotiating intersections, many of which were not right angle affairs, and when given the chance the ES sprinted like a midsize performance sedan.

Since we were not familiar with the area, the navigation system came into play. It was relatively easy to use and accurate, if not distracting with all the alternative routing. It was hot too. But whether car-

rying one person or more, the air conditioning system maintained a cool cabin temperature even though it was awfully humid outside.

The ES 350 was proof to us that Lexus had upgraded all of its sedans. We drove back to Boston, parked it and got on the plane and flew here. That test car had a sticker of \$53,742. And the IS 350 was here at the airport where we left it.

This Lexus was different especially the interior which was black versus blond. But it was the same in the sense that it had the same quality and much the same equipment.

The drive mode system had eco, normal, snow and two sport settings. The IS 350 F Sport also had an adaptive variable suspension and a customizable drive mode. Lexus said the car's easy handling was because of

a multi-link rear suspension inherited from the brand's GS sedans, along with finely tuned electronic power steering.

The F Sport package sharpens handling acuity with unique 18-inch wheels and special suspension tuning with a Torsen® limited-slip rear differential, while sharpening the design with unique interior and exterior trim. Inside, all-season comfort is enhanced through heated and ventilated front seats. The finishing touch on the F SPORT IS 350 experience is a rousing engine sound to rev up the car enthusiast in anyone. We're not sure about all that but the exhaust of our test car did have a growl.

With a price of \$50,780, the 2019 Lexus IS 350 can be counted amongst the world's best small luxury performance sedan.

RHO Lambda Omega Economic EXPO

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Jackson, Mississippi. Rho Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated hosted an Economic Empowerment Expo August 3, at the Jackson Medical Mall.

The theme "Economic Empowerment: Connecting the Community to Black-Owned Businesses" featured shopping, startup business workshops, financial literacy and real-world laboratory activities for young adults, health screenings, a kid's zone area, an HBCU review, food trucks, door prizes and more. The expo which was free and open to the public drew more than 85 vendors and over 850 shoppers.

The expo is a part of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated's target program, "Building Your Economic Legacy." This initiative

emphasizes financial planning, asset accumulation, and wealth building including savings and investments, managing debt and improving credit. The RLO Economic Expo "highlighted and promoted successful African-American owned businesses with an aim toward spawning new entrepreneurial ventures in our communities by encouraging intentional support and leveraging the power of the black dollar 365 days a year."

Chapter president Kimberly Smith-Russ praised the "Dream Team" of leaders lead by Mechelle Green, Economic Legacy chairperson, to create the ultimate shopping experience for the inaugural expo which was partly sponsored by Liberty Bank and Terry's Installation.

See photos on page 18.



Hinds County School District Weekly Update

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HCSD hold its annual administrators leadership meeting with theme “Planning to Act for Impact”

Dr. Delesicia Martin,
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HCSD new employee orientation at BMS



'Thank You' to the Junior Auxiliary of Byram-Terry for its annual donation

The Hinds County School District Board and Superintendent of Education wish to extend its heartfelt thanks to the Junior Auxiliary of Byram-Terry for its Annual Pack the Pickup Back-to-School Supply Drive for the local schools. The drive was held at Kroger and Walmart of Byram. Volunteers included club members, students, parents and local administrators.

