11th Annual Women of Courage awards

From left to right Women of Courage honorees: Tracey Peterkin, Wendy Hamilton, Ursula Rodriguez, Jennifer Lewis-Hall, Marge Wible, Althea Quartlebaum, Karen Hudson, and Kelly Davis.

16 Black Philadelphians honored despite shooting at White House

Asim Mishra, chief of staff, Corporation for National Community Service; Malcolm Kenyatta; Michael Smith, special assistant to the President; Leon Ford; Alex Peay; Marvin Dutton, and Lydell Henry.
Faithwalk

Last Tuesday, May 24, the 2900 block of North 22nd Street was buzzing with life, as folks walked by what appeared to be a gather place of the future. The scene was a testament to the vibrancy and resilience of the community. Since March 29, 2015, when a fire in the bakery kitchen gutted the building, the Word spread immediately throughout the community about Denise’s Bakery, which had been badly damaged in a devastating fire. Immediately people from that community and from across the city started asking the question, ‘Will the owner reopen and if so, when?’ Denise Gause, the owner of Denise’s Bakery commented, “This is a blessed day and a long time coming. What has kept me and my husband throughout this time has been our faith. It was hurtful to go through the experience of having to lose the business temporarily. My customers depend on me and I like to have their cakes and other baked goods ready. Fire has taught me by surprise, and so that first week after the fire was surreal. At the same time, I had to immediately start the process of what one has to do when you’ve had a fire at your business. You employ 25 people and so I had 25 families and my own family to be concerned about while we were all out of work.”

Gause added, “The last 14 months has had many twists and turns. But most of all faith and patience is what has kept us together. Reopening a business after a fire entails a tremendous amount of work. First there’s dealing with fire insurance, then there’s all kinds of contractors and workers to help you rebuild. There’s building inspections to pass, to red tape, construction delays and more.”

Gause also credits her father, Willie Seward, who’s operated Willie Seward Realty on North 22nd Street for almost 50 years. If there’s one thing he knows how to do, for sure, it’s how to operate a business. For the more than 25 years Denise Gause has operated her bakery, one of her earliest cheerleaders has been her father.

At the reopening of Denise’s Bakery last week, every day, there were lines of people standing outside, waiting to enter. There were hugs and tears and lots of cheers at the news that Denise’s had returned. Her grand reopening was covered by television stations, CBS-3, GABC, NBC-10, Fox 29 radio stations, WDAS/HeartRadio, 900AM/WURD, and by the Philadelphia Tribune and SCOOP USA community newspaper. A lot of media outlets choose not to cover stories about businesses unless they advertise at that media outlet, however when you have something special going on, everybody wants a piece of you. Last week, everyone wanted a piece of the sweet story of Denise’s Bakery.

Mayor Kenney gave the opening remarks at the ceremony. He spoke of the importance of not only confronting and addressing homelessness, but also engaging advocacy with personal ties, by seeing firsthand the lives that are affected by these issues. Approximately 350 people attended the awards ceremony and luncheon, where Jennifer Lewis-Hall, host of Good Morning America, and the Today Show, video-conferenced in to welcome the attendees to the ceremony.

Wendy Hamilton, general manager of SugarHouse Casino, received the International Leader Award, and spoke of the importance of SugarHouse being a part of the Fairmount Community and combating the high unemployment rate in the city. SugarHouse has worked closely with LSH’s employment program.

Karen Hudson, President of CHOP’s Homeless Health Initiative, received the Community Advocacy Award. Karen has worked closely with the residents of LSH’s homeless shelter, Jane Addams Place for years to connect them into healthcare systems.

When the Secret Service shot a lone white gunman outside the White House on May 24th, 2016, there were 62 black men waiting nearby to receive the President’s Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) for their selfless work preventing violence, educating children, and creating economic opportunity in Detroit, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Akron and Baltimore.

The honorees are members of BMCE, a national social network of inspired black men and community-builders of all races and genders, which is backed in Detroit by the John S. & James L. Knight Foundation and the Campaign for Black Male Achievement.

Philadelphia honorees include Philadelphia College Prep Roundup (CPHR) leader, Thomas Butler; Urban Philly Professional Network (UFPN) Founder, Sula- laiman Rahman; Philadelphia Police Department Lieutenant, Brian Sprowel; and Nehemiah Davis Foundation founder, Nehemiah Davis who was asked to speak at the event. That was before gunman Jesse Oliviero of Ashland, PA was shot and apprehended at 3:06pm, forcing the White House into lockdown mode and canceling the 4pm briefing and awards presentation. Then something truly remarkable happened.

Since those black men could no longer go to the White House, the White House came to them.

Once the all-clear was given, Michael Smith, Special Assistant to President Obama and Senior Director of Cabinet Affairs for Mr. Obama’s Keeper and Asim Mishra Chief of Staff for National and Community Service traveled to the Renaissance Hotel at Washington DC where at 7pm Mishra awarded all 62 men, 16 of whom were Philadelphia.”

“The shows how much they respect us,” said BMCE Foundation Community, Tubal Shotters. “It’s the face of today’s insanity.”

Michael Smith and the administration made a commitment to still honor these brothers’ ongoing service to society. However, the Secret Service has served as the glue for the 20-year-old CPR whose mission is to create a network that supports college access for all students.

Honoré Sula-laiman Rahman’s organization, UFPN, has become a source of civic pride and professional networking for over 15,000 members.

The PVSA presentation kicked-off BMCE’s National Orientation Weekend (NOW) including BMCE UNLIMITED, which are TED-style talks from black innova- tors in design, finance and philanthropy such as LaJune Montgomery Tahron. Honorees included first black person to head the $8.7 billion W.K. Kellogg Foundation leader, Nehemiah Davis, who was asked to speak at the event.

Honorés have returned to their cities and BMCE promises to hold local ceremonies celebrating them and the community leadership that they represent this summer. More information at www.BMCE.com. Philadelphia’s Presidential Volunteer Service Award Honoree is:

Lemon Brown, Kick Back Foundation; Otto Bullock, Diversified Community Services; Thomas Butler, Philadelphia College Prep Roundup; Joe Hud- therson, Nehemiah Davis, Nehemiah Davis Founda- tion; Marvin Dutton, Marvin’s Education Services, Inc.; Jeffrey Jones, Geronimo Alumni, ReGenera- tions, Frontline Dads, Inc.; Malcolm Kenyatta, Greater Philadelphia Chief of Staff for Corporation for National and Community Service, Alex Peay, Rising Sons, Sula-laiman Rahman, Urban Philly Professional Network; Samuel Reed III, Philly Boys Write Girls Fly; Wayne Rocker, Ashland, PA; Thomas Butler, Philadelphia Police Department; Shawn White, Posthumous; Rashumah Williams, Watson Institute.

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Beware bail-ins

*According to The Economist, the magazine that coined the term “bail-in,” a bail-in occurs when the borrower’s creditors are forced to bear some of the burden by writing off a portion of their debt. This approach eliminates some of the risk for taxpayers by forcing other creditors to share in the pain and suffering.*


The 1% have come up with a new way to save their behains at the expense of the public, it’s called a bail-in. You remember when the U.S. Congress bailed out the so-called too big to fail banks, whose reckless behavior caused the Western financial system to implode in 2008? Well bailing out the banksters did not resolve the crisis nor did it incentivize them to straighten up and fly right. They doubled down on their risky behavior, fraud and market manipulation the next day, because that is fast approaching.

The American public opposed bailing out the banks but Wall Street, the money-grabbing, Congress, creditors did it anyway. Bailing the banks out did not solve the problem. After all it was allow the same people who gutted the financial system, to remain in business, keep their scammers going, and blow the derivatives’ bubble even bigger.

In 2013 the international banksters used the country of Cyprus as their test case. They cut the guts to the people to use their savings, pension funds and other liq-

uad asset to save themselves yet again. When I read about it, I knew it wouldn’t be long before the whoercial bankers tried this here. Sure enough, they are plotting to use bail-ins to share up their crumbling financial system. Bail-ins occur when banks seize personal savings and checking account funds, pension funds, 401Ks and other liquid assets to balance the books of the bankers and checking account funds, pension funds, 401Ks and system. Bail ins occur when banks seize personal savings

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TIIAI/Gateway to Re-Entry announces June as Re-Entry Awareness Month. There will be si-

multaneous events in New York, Philadelphia, NC, Chester, PA, WI, SC, GA, TX, WA, and NY. The Re-Entry event focus is changing the narrative on re-entry while bringing re-

source to the whole com-

munity and acknowledging the value of supporting those who are re-entering society.

Re-Entry Kick-Off Event... Saturday - June 4 -

TIIAI/Gateway to Re-Entry Awareness

ness Month Kickoff, the Rev. Joe Williams, Tracey L. Fisher, Mt. Airy United Fellowship Church W. Johnson St, Philadelphia, Time: Noon-12pm-2pm

Wednesday - June 8th

Re-Entry Conference, Malik Aziz – National Ex-

Cookhoods Association – Tracey L. Fisher, African Ameri-

can Museum, 7th & Arch Streets, Philadelphia, 10am-2pm (Registration Required – 610-284-

5265csummn20@yaho.

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Hundreds Rally in capitol rotunda demanding background checks for every gun sale.

For gun violence survivors who have lost family members, the background check bill has special mean-

“On behalf of all the mothers, fathers, aunts and uncles who have lost their children because someone who shouldn’t have had a gun was easily able to get one, I urge Pennsylvania to take reasonable steps to protect our families,” said Dorothy Johnson-Speight, founder of Mothers In Charge, an organization of mothers who have lost children to violence. “Background checks keep guns out of the hands of those who should not have them, and a stronger background check system can keep families from joining the club of moth-
ers, like me, whose families are paying the ultimate price for inaction.”

In Pennsylvania, sales at federally licensed gun shops are subject to background checks, as are sales of handguns by private, unlicensed sellers. But those same unlicensed individuals can sell long guns, including military-style weapons like AK-47s or AR-15s, without conducting background checks on the buyers. Although handguns are used more often in crimes, likely because they are cheaper and easier to conceal, long guns are used disproportionately by domestic terrorist groups.

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Eddie “Chank” Willis

June 3

The easiest path is the one you pursue. You are independent, have originality and a fair amount of ambition, but your love of ease and comfort leads you from greater success of which you are capable. You are moody and often depressed. You love deeply and faithfully.

1884 Granville T. Woods is awarded a patent 299,894 for a steam boiler furnace, a better method of combustion and economized fuel.

1887 Roland Hayes, classical tenor who was the first African American to give a recital in Boston’s Symphony Hall, is born in Currituck, GA.

1890 Harry L. Jones is awarded patent 429,311 for a corn harvester.

1897 (Lizzie Douglas) Memphis Minnie, singer of country blues (Nothing in Rambling), is born in Al- giers, LA.

1904 Charles Drew, physician and surgeon who pioneered in blood plasma research, is born in Washington, DC.

1906 Josephine Baker, singer and actor, is born in St. Louis, MO.

1911 (William J.) Will Robinson, first African American member of the Illinois State University, is born in Wadesboro, NC.

1919 Frederick (Frederick) Freddie Stewart, singer with Sly & the Family Stone, is born.

1920 Henry Burris, Jr., Canadian Football League player, is born in Ottawa, ON.

1923 Al Harewood, jazz drummer, is born in Brooklyn, NY.

1930 Dakota Station (Alayah Rahia), singer (The Late, Late Show), is born in Pittsburgh, PA.

1935 Irma P. Hall, actor (The Ladykillers), is born in Beaumont, TX.

1936 (Eddie) Chunk Willis, guitarist in Motown’s in-house studio band, is born in Grenada, MS.

1942 Granville T. Woods, inventor of the first motorized boat (1941), is born in Sault Sainte Marie, MI.

1943 Andrew Lewis Cooper, Negro League Baseball player, is born in Richmond, VA.

1945 Lord Fillingham, first African American commissioned officer in the US Navy and command two warships (USS Flagg and USS Tampa), is born in Newport News, VA.

1947 Stanley Crouch, jazz critic and teacher, dies in Chicago, IL.

1950 Florence Beatrice Smith Price, President (Georgia Institute of Technology), is born.

1953 Irma S. Robinson, regent of the Kingdom of Hawaii, dies in Manoa Valley, Oahu.

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1959 (June) Deniece Williams (Chandler), singer (The Ladykillers), is born in Norfolk, VA.

1961 Erika Patricia El DeBarre, singer (All This Love), is born in Detroit, MI.

1962 Johnny Hispanic, gospel singer, is born in Durham, NC.

1963 Melony Ghee Griffith, member of the Maryland House of Delegates, is born in Baltimore, MD.

1965 Raymond Lewis Lankford, Major League Baseball player, is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1966 (Irvin Woodberry) Chester Brooks, Negro League Baseball player, is born.

1967 Warren Thomas, comedian and writer (In Living Color), is born in San Francisco, CA.

1968 Brian McKnight, singer (I Remember You), is born in Buffalo, NY.

1969 (Relentless) Lamon Tajun Brewster, professional heavyweight boxer, is born in Indianapolis, IN.


1971 (Sleepy) John Adams, blues guitarist, dies in Brownsville, Hays County, TX.

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1990 (Gregory Keith) Greg Monroe, Jr., National Basketball Association player, is born in Harvey, LA.

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Know your History and Culture If you do not know where you come from, you cannot an where will you go.
President Obama showed placing a reef at the historical site of the Hiroshima bomboming. The bomb’s hypocenter, is a reminder of how far we still have to go to make this a world worthy of and safe for all our children.

The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists’ “Doomsday Clock,” has this ominous message today: it is still three minutes to midnight. Beginning in 1947 the clock’s hands have moved based on the scientists’ evaluation of whether events are pushing humanity closer to or further from nuclear apocalypse, since 2007 they have also considered climate change and other threats that might lead to global catastrophe. In 2015 the clock was moved closer to midnight because of grave concerns about unchecked climate change, global nuclear weapons modernizations, and on-site nuclear weapons arsenals. In January 2016 they announced it has not changed. “Last year, the Science and Security Board moved the Dooms-day Clock forward to three minutes to midnight. The probability of global catastrophe is very high, and the actions needed to reduce the risks of disaster must be taken very soon. That probability has not been reduced. The only way our world will prevent a Doomsday Clock tick is if we act together.”

President Obama’s visit should prompt us all to realize that if we do not want the horrors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki to be repeated ever again we cannot be complacent. While we can celebrate all steps that have been taken to control access to more weapons in our nuclear arsenal, we cannot just wish for it to be safe if more countries had nuclear weapons it is yet another reminder that history can and may repeat itself on our watch if we are not vigilant. The clock is still ticking.

The same year that “Original Child Bomb” was published, Thomas Merton also wrote this in the essay “Nuclear War and Christian Responsibility”: “...there can be no doubt that Hiroshima and Nagasaki were, though not fully deliberate crimes, nevertheless crimes. And who was responsible? No one. Or ‘history.’ We cannot go on playing with nuclear fire and shrugging off the results as ‘history.’ We are the ones concerned. We are the ones responsible. History does not make us, we make it — or at least we can turn it into a choice.”

What we have worked by trying to play God is still our responsibility. How will we write the next chapter?

Marian Wright Edelman is president of the Children’s Defense Fund. She writes in her column, “Le Leadholm message is to caution every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communiti-es. For more information go to www.childrensdefense.org.

State Rep. Joanna McClinton, D-Phila., recently invited local families to be her guest for a day at the Philadelphia Zoo.

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Native Philadelphians Aptos Pratt and Antoinette McCoy are doing amazing things in the entertainment industry by way of Gospel music and film. They are hosting their first film festival this Thursday-Saturday (June 2-4) at the downtown Marriott hotel. The DNA Films Expo is designed to be a medium to educate aspiring filmmakers and to help boost careers and networking opportunities. Festival workshops will highlight all the fundamentals of filmmaking from script to screen. Festival participants include Filmmaker and Director Duane McCoy, television executive Jason Nunn, Stellar Award winner Tracy Morgan, TV sitcom writer MJ Jackson, Marketing Strategist Sherri Johnson of Supreme Gospel Ent., Media Strategist Sherri Johnson of Supreme Gospel Ent., Media Tracy Morgan, TV sitcom writer MJ Jackson, Marketing

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Cliveden is excited to announce the presentation of four workshops as part of the interactive dramatic event "Liberty To Go See," June 16 at 7pm; Friday, June 17 at 7pm; and Saturday, June 18 at Noon on 3pm as part of Historic Germantown's Juneteenth Celebration. Based on the Chew Family Papers, "Liberty To Go See" is produced by the New Freedom Theatre and directed by award-winning actor and director Johnnie Hobbs. This unique production takes place throughout the Cliveden Main House. The festival will close with Epic Royal Awards on Saturday, June 4th. The ceremony kicks off at 6:00 PM EST, red carpet hosted by Phil’s own Praise 103.9 FM Marcus C. Smith @ 7PM. This ceremony is going to be a lively, interactive and a forward-thinking end to the first ever DNA Film Festival as it honors exceptional Feature films. Short films. Documentaries. Directors and Actors. For more information on the festival schedule and upcoming events please visit www.dnafilmworkshops.com. If you would like to get in touch with our promo team call 267-428-0116. Facebook: Supreme Gospel Ent. Twitter/Instagram: Wajupengospel. Until the next column, remain encouraged!  

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6. Tamela Mann ......... "Best Days" (Tillymann)
7. J.J. Hairston & Youthful Praise: "I See Victory" (Eone)
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9. J. Moss ......... "Grown Folk Gospel" (Pual)
10. J Wanne Brothers ......... "Foreign Land" (Capitol)
11. Sye TenBert ......... "Greater Than" (Motown Gospel)
12. Tasha Cobbs ......... "Grace" (Motown)
13. Shirley Caesar ......... "Good God" (Light)
14. Tamika Patton ......... "More Than Faithful" (TP)
15. Wes Morgan ......... "Lynx" (Bowtie)
16. DeWayne Woods ......... "Life Lessons" (RCA)
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19. Israel Carrie ......... "Reset" (Door 6)
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6. Tyrese ......... "Black Rose" (MCA)
7. Jill Scott ......... "Woman" (Atlantic)
8. Nicki Minaj ......... "The Pink Print" (CashMoney)
9. Dr. Dre ......... "Compton" (IEA)
10. Tank ......... "Sex, Love & Pain II" (Atlantic)
11. 11 B.B. King ......... "Shine Anthology" (MCA)
12. Hoodie Allen ......... "Happy Camper" (Hoodie)
13. Janet Jackson ......... "Unbreakable" (BMG)
14. Jazmine Sullivan ......... "Reality Show" (Eone)
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Panel discuss bullying and gun violence: parents and youth

Community leaders and parents came out recently for the Neighborhood Education Workshop (NEW)Anti-Violence Youth Extravaganza, where students were acknowledged for their good work, providing community awareness about issues affecting today’s youth, raised money for its Community Scholarship Fund, a scholarship given in memory and celebration of the lives of the unfulfilled dreams of youth in the West Philadelphia community, whose lives were cut short by violence.

NEW located at Heston School, 54th Street and Lansdowne Avenue, presented a special panel discussion on gun violence, bullying and incarceration prevention. The panel consisted of City Councilman Curtis Jones, LaRaine Ballard Morrill, the director of News and Public Affairs for 90.9 WURD; Michael Og-Law Tybon’s Education Over Incarceration which fights to Keep Youth Out of Prison, G-Law (God’s Love At Work) an organization founded by Tybon, and final panelist was Cheryl Seay, of the Jarell Christopher Love and Laugh Foundation. Seay is the parent of Jarell Seay, a NEW student whose life was cut short from gun violence. I was the mediator for the discussion which was enlightening.

From the deadly beating of Amy to the toddler suspension for bringing bubble gun to school, the conversation was real. Parents and teachers chimed in with questions and statements. But the one general consensus was, “It takes a village to raise a child. Everyone is responsible for doing their part.”

The highlight of the extravaganza, besides the great food especially that macaroni and cheese, was the Motown Review Talent Show Finale. Winning first place was Gladys Knight and the Pips singing, “Love Overboard.” Congratulations to Aisyah Slade, grade 3, and Khai Knight, grade 6; Antonio White, grade 5; Khayden Ballard Morrill, the director of News and Public Education and Entertainment Fund, the National Trust for Historic Preservation Interpretation and Education Fund, the National Endowment for Humanities, and the Haley Foundation.

Because of the confines of the site, audiences are limited to 20 people. Performances of this intimate event are Thursday, June 16, and Friday, June 17, at 7pm, and two shows on Saturday, June 18 at noon and 3p.m. Admission is $12 per person and tickets are available at http://freedomtheatre.tix.com. For more information please visit www.cleveland.org.

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Freedom

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Family Papers to bring to life the people who lived and worked at Cliveden from the 1760s through the 1860s. The title of the play comes from a letter written by an enslaved worker, Joseph, to his owner, Benjamin Chew, requesting permission accept employment closer to his wife. The Young Playwrights worked with Cliveden staff, historians, and community stakeholders to workshop and preview the dramatic creation in 2013.

Artists from New Freedom Theatre will bring the script to life in June with performances in Cliveden’s Main House. The audience will follow narrator James Smith, a freed African servant, through a series of episodes of daily life and work with the Chew family and their indentured, enslaved, and freed African workers. The story dramatizes the paradoxes in American history as revealed in the class inequalities, gender roles, racial discrimination and struggles for freedom.
Local non-profits receive grants to help with Summer programs

The Alston Beech Foundation recently awarded more than $20,000 to a dozen non-profits at the bi-annual Consortium Meeting – many of which will use the funding to organize summer programs for neighborhood youth. All organizations who received the grant have shown considerable efforts to compliment and foster revitalization efforts in the North Central Philadelphia community.

D. Jeff Murray, Advisor and Advocate for Youth Starz Ministry, says that the grant will help nearly 100 children participate in their summer basketball tournament. Each year, the program works to help these students build character and improve their behavior in their communities and in the classroom.

“Many of our participants are children who are coming through the child service system,” states Murray. “Since we’ve started this program, we have seen students improve their attendance in school and are actually excited about being involved in activities in the community.”

Businesses like Youth Starz Ministry, the New Freedom Theatre, and the Carver Science Fair were among the organizations awarded, with programming that range from entrepreneurship development, financial literacy, technology and educational excellence.

“The non-profits awarded at our Consortium Meeting represent organizations whose passion is having a growing impact and is improving the North Philadelphia community,” states Christine Brown, Executive Director of Beech Community Services. “They are actively working to move their ideas forward, and I’m excited to have the opportunity to present these grants knowing that it will truly serve our community.”

To be eligible for the ABF grant, organizations must be incorporated and classified as tax-exempt under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue code and as public charities, under section 509 (a) of that code. For-profit organizations and individuals are not eligible for funding. For the complete list of requirements, organizations should visit www.beechinterplex.com.

Since 2006, the Alston-Beech Foundation has provided grants to support the mission of the Alston-Beech Foundation with a focus on children’s programs, providing resources, and other funding that would not be available through other grant resources. The Foundation has had a particular interest in supporting the North Central Philadelphia community.

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State Reps. Tonyelle Cook-Artis and Joanna McClinton welcomed members of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, who spent the day in Harrisburg as part of the annual "Delta Day" at the state Capitol.
The representatives also co-sponsored a resolution (H.R. 879) that corresponded with Delta Day and was unanimously adopted by the House of Representatives.

"It is a great honor to welcome and co-honor the strong, dynamic women of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority," Cook-Artis said.
"This sorority has such a staunch history in community activism and leadership, and it's only fitting that I join in the celebration of these women and what they have accomplished, as well as what they will advocate for in the years to come."
Sorority members from chapters across the state visited Harrisburg to network with fellow members and meet local legislators, executing the organization's foundational thrusts of political awareness and involvement. They met with members of the House and Senate to discuss Gov. Tom Wolf’s proposed 2016/17 budget, women’s health, voting, and youth and social services.

"The Sisters of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority are well-represented internationally, nationally and statewide. There are active chapters in all four corners of the state, and at many of the schools in the State System of Higher Education," McClinton said.
"Their commitment to public service has impacted an immeasurable amount of neighbors throughout the commonwealth."

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was founded Jan. 13, 1913 at Howard University by 22 collegiate women and is one of the largest African-American women’s organizations in the world.
This week’s cap from the Mayor of Girard Avenue, Toby Rich, is about two topics. One is personal – a granddaughter picnic given every year on the Sunday before Memorial Day and then another picnic happens on Memorial Day, hosted by my children’s brother’s family, the Smiths.

The Smith picnic was started by the second oldest son, Kevin, who is no longer with us, though her spirit will be forever felt and always missed. Now her beloved sister Dolores Smith and with her daughter Denise Savage, work hard to keep the Smith family tradition going, and in my humble opinion, they do a good job every year by keeping everything together. God Bless them.

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Dear Grandmother Kennedy with her Uncle Arthur at the Smith Family Reunion Picnic at the Lakes in South Philly
gather. Anyway, it gives us all of us that may no longer be associated with that certain family member, a chance to see folks you don’t see as much anymore. Plus you get the chance to notice just how old you have gotten, because certain young folks who once seemed little to you, are now grownup, and some of them even have children of their own. However, all in all, I would not miss it for the world because right or wrong, it represents a part of you, and you had no idea at the time how things would turn out. But, at least you are still in the game, still at bat, still get a turn, and not everyone can say that. So, as the folks say, “It’s all good.”

Now the second part of my article deals with an event put together by a very good brother named Wali, and it is called Brotherhood Day. It starts off by saying, Boys to Men from Dust to Industry, the topic is called Tawheed – The True Meaning of Obedience, a special message to us and about us. Fathers bring your sons, sons bring your friends at 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 6, 2016, to Philadelphia Masjids, 47th Street and Wayawung Avenue. Invited guest hosts are Imam Kenneth Nurdin of the Philadelphia Masjids, Imam Asim AbuRashid Amir and Leader of the Masjids An-Shura of Philadelphia; Special Focus: Brother Luqman Abdul-Haqq, Sheikh Shabazz, Ali; Imam Jamil Abdullah, Imam Abdul Alemi, Imam Adib Madi; Imam Daud Muhammad; Imam Salsam Mushin; Minister Rodney Muhammad; Imam Shabazz Tariq; Imam Yusuf Abdullah of Masjid Tuh; Imam Aquil Saboor; Brother Muhammad Jumandy, Mufti Mark Currie, United Muslim Masjids, and Imam Suweidenni Muhammad Masjids Currie.

Please come out and be a part of this historic discussion. Refreshments will be provided. Today many things are going on around us that we need to be made aware of and come together with solutions and ideas that can help everyone. For more information on the event above, contact Wali Hamid 267-984-0340 or Farah Amad 267-755-8625. From your Mayor of Girard Avenue Toby Rich. Peace!

Summer vacation is right around the corner for thousands of Pennsylvanians. But just because school is out doesn’t mean that learning has to stop. Every summer, The Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants recommends using the time off to teach young folks about personal finance—in addition to having fun of course.

There’s an app for that. Of course there are apps to help kids learn about money through games. Learnvest.com recommends Savings Spree, a game in which kids earn virtual spending money and make decisions on spending that money. However, in the game, life events happen that cost money, offering a taste of real-world money management. Motion Math’s Cupcake! allows kids to act like business owners and make decisions about selling sweet treats. They determine the ingredients and the prices to charge customers. PiggyBot is a digital piggy bank that allows children and parents to keep track of all accounts and manage their money. Teach them money is a finite resource. If kids learn early that money is something you need to work for, they will learn to value money more than anything else.

In this article we will answer the question of how parents can teach kids about money. Because sometimes parents handing over cash or cards every time they ask for something. Even small children can earn allowances. Experts say it’s best to teach kids that they need to earn the allowance (make sure they don’t know too much about the sink) and the prices to charge customers. PiggyBot is a digital piggy bank that allows children and parents to keep track of all accounts and manage their money. Teach them money is a finite resource. If kids learn early that money is something you need to work for, they will learn to value money more than anything else.

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The scam economy

Don’t listen to any of those news reports that tell us that wages are down and work is hard to find. One thing that we all have to remember is that statistics tend to support the hypothesis of the author writing the report. What question is asked and how the question is phrased is just as telling as the numbers purported to be the numeric representation of God’s holy truth. This fact was summed up for me many years ago when someone told me, “Figures lie and I fall in love with them.”

Another fact of life that should be recognized, is that most economic systems are divided into segments. For example, most churches consist of a segmented membership. Large financial institutions have segmented services. There are of course the true believers who worship out of faith. Scattered beside them are the socialites, those who attend in their finest attire and want to see, and be seen. There are always at least a few “transaction members” who can be identified as the often jovial members who make it a point to interact with as many congregants as possible, offering greetings and a business card noting their insurance, home remodelling; plumbing; catering; hair dressing; or barbershop business, etc., etc., etc.

Schools are segmented into categories of “special admit,” “or “magnet schools,” “neighborhood schools,” “technical schools,” and “charter schools.” As for the economy, there are actually two economies in operation however, only one is reported in the daily news cycle. The economy that most of us are familiar with is the one that they jobs are hard to come by and everything is on the brink of collapse. Wages are too low, full time jobs are scarce, and bank accounts pay no interest while holding your hard-earned coin. That’s the economy of folks who believe in keeping everything above board. Then, there is the scam economy, and it is booming! Last year more than 17 million people were victims of phone scams netting the perpetrators nearly $9 billion in tax money. Thank these dollars are not part of the economy? Scammers buy homes, cars, clothing, food, and go on vacation just like the rest - only in better style. Disturbingly, an ever-increasing number of folks in the U.S. and abroad the world are creating their own sources of illegitimate revenue.

Many scams operate based on the greed of the victims. People convince themselves they won a contest - they did not enter. Like the commercial says, “You’ve got to play to win!” If you did not submit an entry, you did not win! Anyone who mentions your bank account for any purpose is a scammer - period! Anyone who calls wanting information is a scammer. This includes your name, address, social security number, birth date, place of birth, mother’s maiden name, etc. The latest and most diabolical scam is convincing someone to give a personal check for a small amount of money - the scammer takes your check sends it to a check printer and has a book of checks produced with a new address. They are then able to write real checks on your account until your account is drained! So beware! I have instructed all of the members of my family (all age groups) to leave the phone on the hook. Use the caller ID. If and if the name is not a relative - Do Not Pick Up! Let the caller leave a message and we can decide later if we should call back. The scam economy indeed booming. How are you participating - victim, scammer or smart?

Bail

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whose casino capitalism, fraud and malfeasance placed the global financial system at imminent risk.

You say that’s for rich people to worry about. I don’t have hundreds of thousands of dollars in savings or bonds. But you do have savings and checking accounts. You may perhaps be a poor version of a mutual fund. The banksters will target them because that’s where the cash is.

The so-called solution to the 2007 financial crisis, the Dodd-Frank Bill, set the stage for U.S. bail ins. The public was tricked into believing the problem was solved, when in reality, the financial sector still faces major systemic risk from massively unregulated derivatives that now far exceed the total global GDP! Another Lehman or AIG-type collapse would spread contagion throughout the system and our savings would be at risk.

“The way Dodd-Frank has managed to screw things up for me many years ago when someone told me, “Figures lie and I fall in love with them.”

The comments in the column are the opinion of the writer and are not an opinion or reflection of the beliefs of the SCOOP USA.
A message to the Class of 2016 “Believe in yourself”

It has been said a person is what they eat. Someone else has said a person is what they read. Still another has said a person is what they think. Solomon said, “As a man thinketh in his heart so is he.”

Now to profound statements that identify the essence of a person’s being, I would add another which says a person is what he or she believes. You are not only what you consume physically, or what you conceptualize or internalize mentally, but you are also what you believe in your heart.

If you believe you can then you can. If you believe you cannot, then you won’t be able to. Everything we do from the most simple acts to the most complex tasks, requires that we believe in ourselves and our abilities to perform. Before you can get out of bed or lift a fork or speak a word, before we can memorize a speech or learn a lesson or drive a car, before we can quit smoking or drinking or binge eating or any other habit, we must first believe we can. And if we don’t have the strength ourselves, then we must have enough faith to believe in God and in his power of Christ to help us do what we believe, we cannot do for or by ourselves.

Yes, we are what we believe. If we believe that we are nobodies, then nobodies are all we will ever be. No one can make you into a failure; you must do that yourself. No matter how many times you’ve tried and failed, you are never a failure until you begin to believe and consider yourself to be a failure.

As long as you don’t give up, you can keep on trying. You’ll hold your head up and bounce back no matter how many times you’ve been discouraged, frustrated or disappointed. But once you give up on yourself, on God, on life, on other people, then failure is inevitable. No person ever really starts failing until that person begins to fail from the inside out.

Remember it’s not where you came from that counts, but where you’re going. Your hair or your skin might be different – but you’re Somebody. Everybody is Somebody.

You should have dignity, pride and respect for yourself. No one can make you into a failure; you must do that yourself! No one has the right to demand that you respect them, or make a mistake, the shame is in never trying. Not having a goal to reach. There is no shame in failing, but you must not let it paralyze you. No matter what folk do – keep on believing in yourself.

If you don’t love yourself – nobody else will. Get a good education; learn a trade or a skill. To do less than one’s best is a sin, winners never quit and quitters never win!

You don’t need dope just God’s hope; you don’t need drugs, just love and hugs. And if you can’t be that tree on the top of the hill, that shrub in the valley, but be the little shrub on the side of the hill because truly you are Somebody! If you stumble or fall still get up and reach for the top.

In your mind you can conceive it, and in your heart you can believe it, then your body and soul can surely achieve it! If you stick at it and faith to Conceive, Hope to Believe and Love to Achieve! You can do it if you put your mind to it. Believe in yourself, God will do the rest and you shall have success!

So if you can’t be the sun, you go on and be that star, if you can’t be at the top in your win or in your loss. Just Believe In Yourself and Be the Best At Whatever You Are!

Class of 2016 – The future is yours, take control of it. Peace, Power and God Bless!

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Social Security supports National Cancer Survivors Day

In 2016, more than a million people will be diagnosed with cancer around the world. This alarming statistic affects people and families everywhere. On June 5, 2016, we observe National Cancer Survivors Day in the United States.

In support of this day, Social Security encourages getting checkups to provide early detection, raise awareness through education, and recognize the survivors who have gone through this battle or are still living with the disease. Social Security stands strong in our support of the fight against cancer. We offer services to patients dealing with this disease through our disability programs.

To learn more about Compassionate Allowances, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/compassionateallowances. If you think you qualify for disability benefits based on a Compassionate Allowances condition, please visit www.socialsecurity.gov to apply for benefits.

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It will be spent. For example, if you plan to take a trip to a theme park that’s across the country, you’ll want to detail the travel costs, lodging, ticket prices, food, and incidentals, like souvenirs. By allowing the kids to see how quickly things add up, you can also give them the option of voting for a few family trips to closer locations that will allow the family to vote for a few family trips to closer locations that will allow the family

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Excess weight will put more pressure on your lungs and circulatory system. If you are overweight, losing weight will reduce this pressure, thereby reducing your risk of various cardiovascular conditions. Eating healthy is crucial to maintaining your heart health.

Fortunately, it’s easier than it sounds. Arm yourself with knowledge and you’ll be halfway there. If you think of eating healthy not as a sacrifice, but more as an opportunity for self-improvement, you might already be one step closer to a healthier you.

Don’t worry! We’re here to help you make the transition. Here are five simple tips on how to start eating a healthier diet:

Know the difference between good fat and bad fat. You need to consume fat for your body, to function correctly. However, it’s important to choose the right kind of fat. Monounsaturated fats and omega-3 fatty acids are good fats, which you should try to consume regularly. Avoid the “bad” (saturated) fats in your body by raising “good cholesterol.” Fats that are high in fatty acids are olive oil, nuts, fish, and various seafood. Adding these “good” fats to your weekly diet can lower your cholesterol and reduce your risk of heart disease. Avoid trans fats and saturated fats - Trans fats are a form of unsaturated fat commonly found in processed foods, and consuming them raises your risk of heart disease. Read the labels of what you eat, and look for “hydrogenated” anything on the ingredient list.

Healthy carbs have a lower glycemic index, are higher in vitamins and other nutrients that are beneficial to our digestive system. Foods like whole grain pasta, brown rice, and potatoes are more beneficial than processed grains, like white bread or white pasta. These foods are usually processed, refined, and contain added sugars. They can make your blood sugar rise more quickly than whole grain or other unprocessed carbohydrates, staving off cancer, lower cholesterol, and even boost your brain health.

Blueberries - Blueberries may facilitate brain health. If you think of them as the “smart food,” then try fresh berries, raspberries, or cranberries.

Aval - It may not sound appetizing, but when you read the label of the food item before you buy it, you may think twice. When it comes to eating healthy, it’s important to check the ingredients list of a product, and for good reason. Salmon is rich in omega-3 fatty acids, a type of fat that assists in brain function, and heart health.

In conclusion, these red carpet babies, whether they’re natural, artificial, or a combination of both, are all beneficial for your health.

**Notes:**
- **Salmon** - Another creature of the sea makes the list, and for good reason. Salmon is rich in omega-3 fatty acids, a type of fat that assists in brain function, and heart health.
- **Blueberries** - Blueberries may facilitate brain health. If you think of them as the “smart food,” then try fresh berries, raspberries, or cranberries.

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Community Bulletin Board

Celebrating our 56th Anniversary
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in the Church parking lot. Set up at 7:30 a.m. Rain date:
June 18. Food, fun, and vendor space $25.00 for a table.
For information contact Bernadette 267-456-4107; Joy:
267-348-4204 or Teeyona: 267-290-6510.

PREVENTING SENIOR FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION
In honor of the 10th anniversary of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, the Philadelphia Financial Exploitation Prevention Task Force will present “Safeguarding Our Seniors,” a free educational forum for seniors and caregivers and members of the public about protecting money and assets safe, making good financial decisions as you age and accessing resources to report and prevent financial exploitation. The event will take place on Thursday, June 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Parkway Central Library (Skyline Room) located on 1901 Vine St. in Philadelphia. The expert panel discussion features representatives of a variety of agencies that deal with the rights and protection of seniors. Registration is preferred by June 6. RSVP through the Alzheimer’s Association 24/7 Helpline at 800-272-3900.

SPRING BAZAAR
St. Matthew A.M.E. Church, 215 N. 57th St. hosts their Annual Spring Bazaar, Saturday, June 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Church parking lot. Set up at 7:30 a.m. Rain date: June 18. Food, fun, and vendor space $25.00 for a table. For information contact Bernadette 267-456-4107; Joy: 267-348-4204 or Teeyona: 267-290-6510.

Free HIV Counseling and Testing
Neighborhood United Against Drugs, 3214 Woodland Ave. is offering free HIV counseling and testing, Monday thru Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Instant results. Appointments or walk-ins. For more information call 215-724-7430. This program is sponsored by the Philadelphia Department of Public Health. AIDS Activities Coordinating Office.

1st Friday Fish Fry and Line Dancing

Oldies in the Park
Join Ali Hacket for the Kick-off of Oldies in the Park, Thursday, June 2 at Wharton Square Park, 23rd & What-ton St., from 5 to 9 p.m and every Thursday thereafter.

ST. IGNATIUS SPRING FLEA MARKET
St. Ignatius will hold their annual Spring Flea Market on Saturday, June 4 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 1300 N. 48th Street (between Lancaster & Wylliams Aves.) Vendors, live plants, food, Moon Bounce, water ice and pretzels. $5 car admission. Vendor spaces available. For information or to be a vendor call the St. Ignatius Rectory at 215-386-5065 or email parish@stignatiuswestphilly.com.

9th Annual Festival at Parkwest Town Center
The 9th Annual Festival at Parkwest Town Center, a Celebration of Community, will be held on Saturday, June 4 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Parkwest Town Center, located in the heart of Philadelphia, Children’s Pavilion featuring face painting, pony rides, Arts and Crafts, Lowe’s Builder Workshops and more as well as the WURD Wellness Pavilion with a variety of information and exhibitions.

The Women at the Well Tea Party
The Women at the Well invite you to join them at a Tea Party Sunday, June 11, 2:30-5:30 p.m. at the YMCA, 1400 N. Broad St. Keynote Speaker Rev. Renee Mckenzie of the Church of the Advocate. Special guests and vendors include Dance Troupe Archædinc and Technicolor Author Gwen Ragsdale of “Peocal Relationship” and Genealogist, Tamara C. Boggett showing how to explore your family tree. Refreshments will be served. Tickets $15.00.

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by Judy Renay

New Moon in Gemini Saturday 22:00 E.S.T

ARIES - March 21 - April 19
This week your personal life is in a state of constant flux and uncertainty. You feel at ease with those close to you making you feel trapped. Best numbers 3 and 8.

TAURUS - April 20 - May 20
It’s time to adopt an optimistic outlook. By simply focusing on the positive and affirm that events will continuously shift to ensure a beneficial outcome to all situations. Best numbers 22 and 1.

GEMINI - May 21 - June 21
You’re restless! Especially if you’ve been sticking to a rigid routine lately, you realize that the schedule you’ve been adhering to is becoming monotonous and you bored. Best numbers 1 and 5.

CANCER - June 22 - July 22
“Others are impressed with your ability to articulate your needs so passionately. Enabling you to win them over more easily than you think. For help in a upcoming venture. Best numbers 1 and 2.

LEO - July 23 - August 22
It’s your time to shine; as confidence increases. Radical is likely to status, career, or personal acceptance. Gain through secret meeting, powerful intuition and personal charm. Best numbers 1 and 19.

VIRGO - August 23 - September 22
Your determination to be strong and steady a difficult situation could make it easier for you to cope with any problems that might arise this week. “Stay Strong”. Best numbers 7 and 22.

LIBRA - September 23 - October 22
This week planning and being more organized will enhance your confidence and boost your power to influence others, before navigating your plans for the future. Best numbers 9 and 67.

SAGITTARIUS - November 22 - December 21
Your clairvoyant abilities may be highly attuned and you can find yourself knowing about things before they happen. Your senses are heightened and your third eye could cause you to have psychic insights. Best numbers 6 and 48.

CAPRICORN - December 22 - January 19
Your clairvoyant abilities may be highly attuned and you can find yourself knowing about things before they happen. Your senses are heightened and your third eye could cause you to have psychic insights. Best numbers 6 and 48.

AQUARIUS - January 20 - February 18
Spending on impulse items or luxury purchases could overcome your usual money caution. A generous gift may be key to igniting romantic flames this New Moon. Best numbers 1 and 5.

PISCES - February 19 - March 20
An optimistic mindset can keep you feeling inspired and motivated about achieving your goals; so stretch beyond your limits and achieve all that you desire. Best numbers possible. Best numbers 52 and 4.

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