



Wilson makes strides sharing history



The Mississippi Link celebrates Women's History Month with a four-part series honoring the achievements and stories of 12 extraordinary black women in the areas of history, education, medicine and religion. Each week we will share the accomplishments of a woman currently making strides in her field who will share information on a "shero"

— a woman who paved the way for her success — as well as an up and coming younger woman. The achievements of women were officially recognized in the United States when Women's History Week was celebrated beginning March 7, 1982. In 1987, the National Women's History project sought a designation for the entire month of March to honor women.

Congress granted the designation, and the first Women's History Month was recognized in 1987. History is the category of part one of this series. In this category Daphne Chamberlain Wilson, Ph.D., of Tougaloo College is featured. She has chosen Jean Diane Kelly Chamberlain, Ph.D., as her "shero" and Hilary Micah Word as a future star in the industry.

By Judy Willis
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"My mother is my shero because of what she instilled in me as my first teacher," said Daphne Chamberlain Wilson. "She was humble, quiet, modest and had a tremendous work ethic — all attributes I greatly admire." Wilson's mother is Jean Diane Kelly Chamberlain, Ph.D. Chamberlain was born in Utica May 16, 1951. She passed away March 10, 2015. She was many things to many people. She was a daughter to John Henry and Mattie Burks Kelly, a faithful and

loyal Christian, a kind, loving, and gracious spirit, a cherished childhood friend and classmate, a distinguished alumna, a scholar blessed with a brilliant mind, an innovative academian, an outstanding educational leader and a constant and unselfish presence in the lives of her students. She remains a jewel in the crown of her children Nicholas, Marcellus and Daphne, leaving a legacy of excellence for a life well lived. Wilson, 35, traces her allegiance to scholarship to her maternal grandmother, Mattie Burks Kelly, and her

beloved mother, who is described as a formidable educator in her own right. Wilson formerly served first as project manager and then director at

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Telling Till's story

Filmmaker's work led to reopening of case

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Filmmaker Keith A. Beauchamp was a small boy when he happened across a copy of *Jet* magazine at his parents' home in Louisiana. He saw that infamous photo of Emmett Louis Till, the 14-year-old black boy murdered in Money, Miss., in 1955 because he allegedly said something to a white woman. That photo stuck in his mind, and he wanted to know what really happened that led to Till's death. Years later, Beauchamp said he was assaulted by a police officer after dancing with a white female classmate in high school. He set upon an investigation into the Till case. New Hope Baptist Church rounded out its weekly Black History Month series Feb. 25, with a program dedicated to Till's memory. Beauchamp was the keynote speaker, telling about his work on an upcoming movie about the Till case. He produced the documentary, "The Untold Story of Emmett Louis Till," which spurred the U.S. Department of Justice to reopen the Till case in 2004. A portion of that film was shown at New Hope. His documentary includes interviews with Till's mother Mamie Till Mobley, members of Till's fam-



Jackson State University's MADDRAMA member Alisa McDonald portrayed Emmett Till's mother and MADDRAMA member Jamarion Wright portrayed Till in a skit during the Black History program at New Hope Baptist Church Feb. 25. PHOTOS BY GEORGE BROOKS

ily and others familiar with or who have involvement with the case. "As many young adults, I thought I had my life planned out (with college and a career)," Beauchamp said. But seeing the photo of

Till changed things for him. Using the words of Till's mother, he said, "I saw the face of hatred" in that photo. Beauchamp is working on a full-length film about the case, which is



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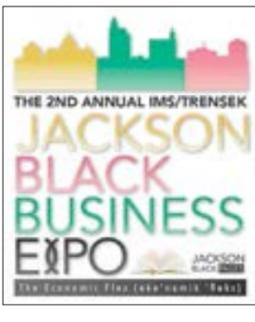
scheduled to start production in the Mississippi Delta this summer and for release in spring 2017. He said his run-in with the police compares in no way to what happened to Till or even the current incidences of young blacks being killed by police. But he said he hopes telling the story of the "ugliest brutality" that occurred in 1955 will enlighten people and encourage action against racial violence. "There is no way to succeed in the civil rights struggle unless all of us become leaders, embrace and

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Black Business Expo set for Saturday

By Shanderia Posey and Diamond Williams
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The second Annual IMS/Trensek Jackson Black Business Expo will take place from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Tougaloo College Owens Health and Wellness Center. Vendors will be service-based metro Jackson black-owned businesses. The expo will include two breakout sessions — one titled "Doing Business with the City of Jackson" and a second session on IMS/Trensek's two new mobile game apps. A financial literacy workshop is also planned. Free volumes of the *Jackson Black Pages* directory, which contains more than 300 listings, will be available. Black-owned businesses from the metro Jackson community will display, sell merchandise and network with patrons. "It is a wonderful opportunity for vendors and networking," said Funmi "Queen" Franklin, a volunteer coordinator and steering committee member of the expo. Franklin explained that expo attendees can meet vendors in all types of businesses such as party planning, real estate and marketing/promotions. One purpose of the expo is to provide promotion for the vendors and present an arena in which the business owners can network with each other. It also encourages black people to spend money in their own communities.



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Clinton's Super Tuesday wins narrow Sanders' path

By Lisa Lerer, Ken Thomas and Hope Yen
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MIAMI — Bernie Sanders' political revolution may be turning into a more modest uprising. Sanders' insurgent campaign caught fire this fall, drawing huge crowds and raising questions about the breadth of Clinton's appeal within her own party. But as the contest has expanded past the largely white electorates of Iowa and New Hampshire, Sanders has struggled to capture support from the minority voters who make up a large piece of his party. And he's shown no sign of changing his economic-focused message to do so — a strategy that hurt



his chances in a swath of primaries held across the country on Tuesday. After her wins on Super Tuesday, Clinton is nearly halfway to claiming enough delegates to win the nomination, when you include her superdelegates, the party insiders free to pick either candidate. If she keeps her superdelegates — they can change their minds — Clinton has to win only 41 percent of the remaining delegates to be the presumptive nominee.

Sanders' road is much tougher. He would have to win 59 percent of the remaining delegates — including superdelegates — to claim the nomination. So far, he is winning just 28 percent. On Tuesday, Clinton carried the four largest contested states in terms of delegates — Texas, Georgia, Virginia and Massachusetts — giving her a big delegate haul that expands her advantage over Sanders. She won sweeping victories across the South and her narrow victory in Massachusetts denied the Vermont senator of a large state he had sought near his home turf. "Hillary has shown real

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U.S. bank launches UNCF Ujima Scholars program

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MINNEAPOLIS — U.S. Bank this week announced a \$700,000 multi-year scholarship program in partnership with the United Negro College Fund at the seventh annual UNCF State of Minnesota Leaders' Luncheon on Education and offered a call to action for other Minnesota corporations to join them. This year's luncheon was sponsored by U.S. Bank, Target, Medtronic and 3M. In an effort to positively impact the lives of Twin Cities' students in successfully making it to and through college and into careers, U.S. Bank established the UNCF Ujima Scholars Program. Named af-

ter the third principal of the seven-day African-American cultural observance, Kwanzaa, the Swahili word "Ujima" (oo-JEE-mah) stands for "collective work and responsibility." "At U.S. Bank, we invest our time, resources and passion to build and support vibrant communities that allow every person to work toward their possible," said Richard Davis, chairman and chief executive officer of U.S. Bancorp. "Getting to college is a significant milestone in a young person's life. We want to take it to the next level and help these students get that first job and realize success. Young people have dreams and we are here to support those dreams and help

them realize what is possible. The time to act is now and we look forward to partnering with other corporations in this effort." U.S. Bank, the nation's fifth largest commercial bank, and UNCF, the nation's largest and most effective higher education assistance organization for minorities, aim to establish a pipeline of college-educated professionals of color who are prepared to fill positions at Minnesota companies. Unique to the program, each student will be paired with a mentor at U.S. Bank offering career guidance throughout the

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