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HILLARY CLINTON UP CLOSE



Hillary Clinton speaks candidly with Kai EL'Zabar, the executive editor of the Chicago Defender. (Worsom Robinson/Chicago Defender)

By Kai EL'Zabar (Executive Editor, Chicago Defender)

Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton came to Chicago on her Midwest Campaign jaunt to address the Women's International Luncheon at the Rainbow PUSH Coalition 45th Annual Convention. After the luncheon, the "Chicago Defender" sat down, up close and personal, with the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee to get greater insight into her vision for a better America.

"I have an old-fashioned belief that if you run for president, you should tell people what you're going to do," Clinton said as she revved up. "Listen, the next president of the United States can have the opportunity to select one, two, three Supreme Court justices...and we don't want that president to be Donald Trump."

Back stage, Clinton said that she has a personal commitment to working with the Black Press and all local press. However, she has noticed in particular the assumption of some in various parts of the country where she has traveled that it is assumed that the Black Press will show up.

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Mrs. Dorothy Lee Celebrates Her 90th Birthday



The 90th Birthday celebration was on June 30th 2016 at the Thorntree Country Club in Desoto, TX. Those in attendance included: high school classmates, college classmates, DISD Colleagues, Top Ladies of Distinction and Family.

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News You Ought to Know

OBAMA TO SLOW PACE OF AFGHANISTAN TROOP WITHDRAWAL

WASHINGTON (AP) - The U.S. will slow the pace of its troop drawdown in Afghanistan, leaving 8,400 troops there when President Barack Obama completes his term, Obama announced Wednesday in a blunt acknowledgment that America will remain entangled there despite his aspirations to end the war. In a statement at the White House, Obama said the security situation in Afghanistan remains "precarious" and the Taliban a threat roughly 15 years after the U.S. invaded in the aftermath of 9/11. He said he was committed not to allow terrorists to use Afghanistan "as a safe haven for terrorists to attack our nation again."

GOP TO EXAMINE FBI DECISION ON CLINTON EMAILS

WASHINGTON (AP) - Irate that Hillary Clinton will not face criminal charges over her emails, House Republicans are summoning FBI Director James Comey to Capitol Hill to answer their questions. Comey will testify Thursday before the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, the panel's chairman, Jason Chaffetz of Utah, announced Wednesday. The announcement came a day after Comey rebuked Clinton for "extremely careless" behavior in her handling of classified emails as secretary of state, but declared that "no charges are appropriate" in the case. "There are a lot of questions that have to be answered. And so we're going to

asking those questions," House Speaker Paul Ryan told reporters, adding that it looked like Clinton had gotten preferential treatment.

FEDS OPEN INVESTIGATION INTO DEADLY POLICE SHOOTING

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) - The U.S. Justice Department opened a civil rights investigation Wednesday into the videotaped police killing of a black man who authorities say had a gun as he wrestled with officers on the pavement outside a convenience store. Alton Sterling, 37, was confronted by police on Tuesday after an anonymous caller said he had threatened someone with a gun outside the store where he was selling homemade CDs, authorities said. In a cellphone video taken by a community activist and posted online, two officers had Sterling pinned to the ground, and gunfire erupted moments after someone yelled, "He's got a gun!"

TRUMP: SADDAM KILLED TERRORISTS 'SO GOOD'

RALEIGH, North Carolina (AP) - Donald Trump, who frequently criticizes U.S. foreign policy under President Barack Obama and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, is praising Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's ruthlessness. "Saddam Hussein was a bad guy, right? ... But you know what he did well? He killed terrorists. He did that so good," Trump told supporters at a campaign rally Tuesday night in Raleigh, North Carolina. "They didn't read 'em the rights, they didn't talk. They were a terrorist, it was over." Trump has previously said the world would be "100 percent better" if dictators like Saddam and Libya's Moammar Gadhafi were still in power.

OSCAR PISTORIUS SENTENCED TO 6 YEARS IN PRISON FOR MURDER

PRETORIA, South Africa (AP) -

Oscar Pistorius, the double-amputee Olympian described by a judge as a "fallen hero," was sentenced on Wednesday to six years in a South African prison for the murder of girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp, a ruling viewed by some as too lenient. However, Judge Thokozile Masipa appeared to anticipate criticism of a jail term that fell far short of the normally mandated 15 years for murder under South African law, declaring: "Our courts are courts of law, not courts of public opinion." Pistorius, who shot Steenkamp through the door of a toilet cubicle in his home in 2013, was asked to stand and face Masipa as she announced his sentence in a wood-paneled courtroom in the South African capital, Pretoria.

CONSERVATIVE OPPOSITION ENDANGERS HOUSE REPUBLICAN GUN BILL

WASHINGTON (AP) - Conservative opposition put a House Republican gun and anti-terrorism bill in jeopardy Wednesday, even as Democrats pressed for election-year votes on their proposals to stiffen firearm curbs. In an embarrassing blow to House Speaker Paul Ryan, members of the conservative House Freedom Caucus said they would oppose the measure despite its similarity to a GOP bill in the Senate that's endorsed by the National Rifle Association. Caucus members complained that the House bill, which Ryan has been pushing, did not adequately protect the rights of gun owners. In a written statement, the Freedom Caucus, which claims about 40 House members, also faulted the measure for "failing to do enough to address the threat of radical Islamic terrorism." Without their support and with solid Democratic opposition, Republicans would lack the votes to move the bill ahead.

DCCCD Trustees Approve Appointment Of New Cedar Valley College President

The Dallas County Community College District's board of trustees approved a recommendation submitted by Dr. Joe May, DCCCD's chancellor, to appoint Dr. Joseph Seabrooks as the new president of Cedar Valley College. The board's vote came during a special meeting on Wed., June 29.

Seabrooks currently serves as president of Metropolitan Community College - Penn Valley in Missouri, located in Kansas City's urban core. He will begin his tenure as Cedar Valley's new CEO beginning Sept. 1, 2016.

Dr. Jennifer Wimbish, Cedar Valley's current president, announced her Aug. 31 retirement earlier this year.

"We are excited to welcome Dr. Joe Seabrooks to Cedar Valley College and to the Dallas County Community College District," said May. "We conducted an extensive national search with the assistance of Greenwood/Asher Associates and interviewed more than 50 applicants who were dynamic and diverse. We interviewed four finalists who spent time on Cedar Valley's campus with the college community."

May added, "Dr. Seabrooks brings with him a commitment to leadership, academics, student success and diversity. He understands the community and the students he will serve, and his experience enhances our district's leadership team." Seabrooks said, "I am grateful and excited for the opportunity to work with the talented and committed professionals at Cedar Valley College. For nearly 40 years, Cedar Valley has been the great economic equalizer for



the people of South Dallas, Lancaster and surrounding communities.

"It is indeed a chance of a lifetime to join Chancellor Joe May and his incredible team at the Dallas County Community College District as we work together to expand the power of education to those who need us the most," he added. "I look forward to working with the college, our community and all of our partners to fulfill Cedar Valley's vision to be 'a premier college transforming lives and communities.'" Cedar Valley's new president

began his tenure as president at MCC-Penn Valley in 2011; he was appointed president of MCC-Blue River in 2007. Before he joined MCC, Seabrooks served as assistant vice chancellor for student affairs at the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville, where he was responsible for the Enhanced Learning Center, the university's First-Year Experience programs, international students and scholars, the Off-Campus Connections office, student support services and pre-college programs.

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EDITORIAL PAGE

BLACK AND LATINO LEADERS SUPPORT STRONGER REGULATION OF PAYDAY AND CAR-TITLE LOANS



By Charlene Crowell (NNPA News Wire Columnist)

munities." Families need credit but not all products help despite filling that need," testified Rev. Gould. "I am reminded of the people in Flint. They needed water because we need it to survive, but the water they received was deadly. Payday lending is toxic; it equates to the water in Flint, it does more harm than good."

"Instead of finding ways to help people in desperate economic times, predatory lenders trap them with systematic callousness and cycles of debt for their own gain," added Rev. Gould.

The centerpiece of the CFPB's proposal establishes an ability-to-repay principle based on income and expenses, covering both short-term and long-term loans - but with exceptions.

Early reactions to the proposal were as swift as they were strong.

"Low-income people and people of color have long been targeted by slick advertising and aggressive marketing campaigns to trap consumers into outrageously high interest loans," said Wade Henderson, president and CEO of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights. "That's why the civil rights community wants to see predatory payday lenders reined in and regulated. The power to lend is the power to destroy."

Recent research by the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL) found that payday loans drain \$4.1 billion in annual fees from consumers living in one of 36 states where the loans are legal.

Similarly, car title loans offered in 23 states account for another \$3.9 billion in fees each year according to CRL. For these borrowers, car repossession, not repayment, is a common result that ends mobility for working families. Depending upon available alternative transportation

options that can jeopardize employment.

Nearly half of these combined fees - \$3.95 billion - come from only five states: California, Illinois, Mississippi, Ohio and Texas. Each of these states loses a half-billion or more in fees each year.

"These loans often come with outrageous terms, such as interest rates that can top 1,000 percent, and trap millions of Americans a year in a cycle of debt that many of them are never able to exit," said Congresswoman Maxine Waters. "I applaud the CFPB for their proposal and I will continue to work with the CFPB and consumer advocates to stop the debt trap once and for all."

Similar reactions came from Latino leaders. "Payday loans might sound like a good option, but they are intentionally structured to keep borrowers in a cycle of borrowing and debt that causes millions of hardworking Americans extreme financial difficulty," said Janet Murguía, National Council of La Raza President and CEO.

For Illinois Congressman Luis Guterierrez, tying the ability-to-pay standard to payday lending is long overdue. "These lenders are taking a big bite out of low- and medium-income borrowers, exploiting their lack of choices and shaking down hard-working men and women," said Guterierrez. "I have tried to address this through legislation, but I was always up against a very powerful and well-funded lobby and they work on politicians at the state and federal level in both parties."

Many advocates, including the Stop the Debt Trap Campaign, viewed the measure as an important first step that still needs work. This broad coalition of more than 500 advocacy organizations from all 50 states spans civil rights, clergy, labor, consumer issues, and other groups is

among the largest groups advocating for consumers.

This coalition applauded the removal of a large loophole in last year's preliminary proposal. It would have permitted lenders to avoid an ability-to-repay test by limiting loan payments to 5 percent of a borrower's gross income. CFPB rejected that approach in part because evidence does not support that such loans would in fact be affordable for many lower-income borrowers.

According to Mike Calhoun, president of the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL), "As currently written, the rule contains significant loopholes that leave borrowers at risk, including exceptions for certain loans from the ability-to-repay requirement, and inadequate protections against 'loan flipping' - putting borrowers into one unaffordable rule after another."

For CRL, the final rule should:

- o Apply ability-to-repay requirements to every loan;
- o Increase protections against loan flipping;
- o Ensure lenders must determine that borrowers have enough income left over to meet their basic living expenses; and
- o Be broadened to cover any loan that enables lenders to coerce repayment from borrowers.

Often consumers have opinions but wonder if anyone is listening. The proposed payday lending rule is a time when CFPB not only is listening, but is relying on consumers and organizations to weigh in by September 14. All interested groups or individuals can learn how to have their concerns count by visiting CFPB's web.

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For more than a decade, civil rights organizations, labor, clergy, and consumer advocates have fought to end triple-digit interest rates on small dollar loans. Whether it was a high-cost installment, payday or car-title loan, the push has been to free America's working families and consumers of color from fees that can double, or even triple the amount of money borrowed.

Now, after years of research, public hearings and advisory forums, on June 2 the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) announced a long-awaited proposed rule. Speaking before a public hearing in Kansas City, Richard Cordray, CFPB's director, spoke to the ultimate consumer goal tied to the proposed rule.

"Our proposed rule is designed to ensure more fairness with these financial products by making systemic changes to steer borrowers away from ruinous debt traps and restore to them a larger measure of control over their affairs," said Director Cordray. "Ultimately, our objective is to allow for responsible lending, while making sure that consumers do not fall into situations that undermine their financial lives."

For Rev. Dr. Cassandra Gould, a hearing speaker, pastor of Quinn Chapel AME Church in Jefferson City, Missouri, and executive director of Missouri Faith Voices, "all financial products are not equal" and payday lending is "a scourge on minority com-

TRUMP, REPUBLICAN PARTY CONFUSE OUTREACH EFFORTS WITH PANDERING

By Raynard Jackson (NNPA News Wire Columnist)

As long as the Republican Party continues to be dominated by the same ol', same ol' White male staffers, consultants, and aides, they will continue to alienate the Black community. As long as the Republican Party continues to "showcase" Blacks that have absolutely no connection to the Black community, have no understanding of communications, or no understanding of political strategy, i.e. Stacey Dash, they will continue to be rejected.

I discussed these issues in my column two weeks ago. So, needless to say I was totally mortified at the comments of Trump's former campaign manager, Corey Lewandowski, as reported by Buzzfeed last week (one day after his removal from the campaign).

According to Buzzfeed, "Lewandowski was asked about the campaign's failure to return phone calls from prospective volunteers, and also about Trump's plans to win over minority voters. On the second point, Lewandowski said he made the decision that the campaign would not launch outreach initiatives "pandering" to specific ethnic groups, because Trump's message was aimed broadly at the entire country, he argued.

If I hear one more Republican claim the Republican Party should not engage in "identity politics" or what they wrongly refer to as "pandering," I am going to scream. This is one of the most idiotic notions I have ever

heard and is a major reason the party has such a difficult time attracting Blacks and other minorities.

Let me first start by defining "identity politics." IP is simply recognizing that various constituent or demographic groups exist and that they should be identified as such, and that a relevant strategy to target them based on their group profile should also be created.

Many Republicans think the world should be colorblind, that we are all Americans, and that all of our issues are the same. Well, adhering to this view, there should be no males or females, no Blacks or Whites, no unions or non-unions and no Christians or Muslims. We're all just humans.

The Democrats go way overboard in the other direction where everything is separated into various groups. This totally dilutes what being American is all about.

But to simply recognize the differences within our country is just plain common sense, not un-American.

So, while Corey was denouncing "pandering," the very next day Trump met with over nine hundred evangelicals. Is that not pandering? Oh, my bad, it's only pandering when it involves Blacks or Hispanics. If it involves evangelicals, veterans, or the border patrol union, it's called campaigning.

Memo to Republicans: if you don't or can't see that you have no Blacks on your staff and very few engaged with the party, then there is a problem. Either you are colorblind or

simply blind to people of color. In either scenario, there is a huge problem.

What's even more idiotic is to see many Black Republicans subscribe to this foolish colorblind notion, i.e., the aforementioned Stacey Dash. These are the type of Blacks that Republicans want to highlight all over the media, because they reinforce the party's preconceived ignorance and apathy towards the Black community.

As one who makes his living from understanding the art of strategic communications and public relations, I have tried and nauseam to enlighten Republicans on this issue, to no avail.

McDonalds' and Cadillac advertise to Whites differently than they do to Blacks or Latinos, though they are selling the same product to everyone.

They will now use Hip-Hop music in their ads when trying to reach certain demographics versus classical music or use certain athletes/entertainers that resonate with a particular group.

Legendary singer, Barry Manilow, a 72 year-old, White Jew, is not used to sell Ciroc premium vodka for a reason; he is the wrong demographic. Diageo, the owner, has made rapper Sean "P. Diddy" Combs their brand ambassador because they are targeting the urban market, i.e., Black people.

In my world, this is called smart business. Combs has helped to increase Ciroc's sales 50 fold; they went from 40,000 cases sold per year pre-Combs to over 2.1 million cases per year with Combs. This is what

IP gets you in the private sector-profit! This would equate to winning national elections in the political arena.

The Republican's approach to Ciroc would be to advertise to the whole country, despite the fact that urban Blacks and nightclubs buy most of this product.

Yes, we are all Americans, but we all have our own splash of uniqueness; which is good.

To take my Ciroc example a step further, Republicans would have hired a White brand ambassador (not Combs) to promote the product to the urban market because they don't believe in "identity politics;" they are colorblind.

This is not a joke. Within the Republican Party, you have many Whites who think they know more about the Black community than someone from within the community. Solomon said in Proverbs 4:7, "Wisdom is the principle thing, therefore get wisdom; and with all thy getting, get understanding."

How do you gain understanding of the Black community unless you first recognize and appreciate their uniqueness?

So to my Republicans who have this perverted notion of identity politics when it comes to Blacks, please learn to appreciate market segmentation and market demographics and how to exploit them to sell your message to those who have of late been totally repulsed by your foolish notion of colorblindness. Colorblindness has left the Republican Party in a colorblind.

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By Colleen White

Are you in a difficult situation today? Have you been in this same spot before? How

did you handle it the last time? Sometimes, we find ourselves falling down and trying to get back up just to fall down again. Does this mean we have failed? No it does not. It simply means that we need something greater than ourselves to help us to get back up.

In the book of Psalm David cries out to God for help. He said, "I waited patiently for the Lord: He turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand" (Psalm

40: 1-2). David is calling on God to deliver him from something. If you're living, then you can understand what David is saying. All of us need deliverance from something at some point in our lives.

Most of the time, if we find ourselves in a difficult situation, we want to turn to our friends and seek their help, but we need to be seeking God's help. This is what David does in Psalm 40. David needs help right away and he calls on God to help him. Our Heavenly Father is always right on time. Even though we

may think God doesn't answer our calls, He does. Sometimes the answer is to wait, sometimes the answer is no, and sometimes the answer is yes. But the one thing we know for sure is that God's timing is perfect.

What do you need God's help with? Have you been praying about it? If you're not praying about your situation, then you should. Call on God, He's ready to help. Don't be too prideful to seek His help. Our Heavenly Father is a faithful God! You can depend on Him. Amen? Amen.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY

A Small Taste of Fashion: A youth fashion network event for audiences of all ages.

S.A.U.C.Y. (Sewing Applications, Uses & Choices for Youth) debuts "A Small Taste of Fashion", a local fashion network experience featuring youth designers ages 8 - 17. The event will take place July 16, 2016 at 6:30 pm at the Latino Cultural Center, 2600 Live Oak St, Dallas, Texas 75204 and will include newly rising local design

professionals. SAUCY requests a donation of \$10 for adults and \$5 for children five and older for admission.

Dallas Public Library to present Career Connections program for job-seekers with criminal histories

TEAM COMM and the Dallas Public Library will present a free event for job-seekers with criminal histories. The event will include mock job interviews, one-on-one resume assistance and information sessions. Legal Aid of Northwest

Texas will also present information on criminal record expunction.

TEAM COMM is a community organization designed to help formerly incarcerated people return to the workforce.

Dallas Public Library Government Information Center
- TEAM COMM
- Legal Aid of Northwest Texas

J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young St. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday July 8

Botswanan Officials Tout Economic Success During The Country's 50th Anniversary

By Barrington M. Salmon (NNPA News Wire Contributor)

When the southern African nation of the Republic of Botswana gained independence from Britain in 1966, it was ranked as the third poorest country in the world. Through prudence, fiscal discipline and good governance, Botswana earned the reputation as one of the fastest growing economies in the world in the mid-1970s and is now a solidly middle-income country which boasted a per capita gross domestic product (GDP) of \$16,600 in 2014.

Ambassador David Newman, Botswana's envoy to the United States, calls his native country "the world's best-kept secret," and as the 2.2 million citizens celebrate 50 years of independence, Newman said that not only will he spread the good news about the country's success, but tourism officials, corporate partners and others will also share the positive reports.

"We are a modern democracy and success story," said Newman during an interview prior to a June 10 black-tie gala at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel in downtown Washington, D.C. "Botswana is the world's largest producer of diamonds in terms of value."

Newman said it was fortuitous for natives of Botswana, that diamonds were discovered in 1967 and since then, diamond mining has fueled much of the country's infrastructure expansion and growth in areas such as education, agriculture and healthcare. Revenues from diamond mining accounts for almost 80 percent of export earnings, more than one-third of GDP, and, according to the World Diamond Council, generates almost one-third of the government's revenues.

"The British were willing to part with [the country] and expected Botswana to be a charity case forever," he said with a chuckle.

The Ibrahim Index ranks Botswana as the best governed nation on the African continent and, according to Forbes magazine, two major investment services rank Botswana - a landlocked republic that gained independence after being a



Ambassador David Newman (left), Botswana's envoy to the United States, and Mrs. Changu Mazana Newman pose for a photograph during a black-tie gala at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel in downtown Washington, D.C. (Travis Riddick/NNPA News Wire)

British protectorate - as the best credit risk in Africa.

Newman credits a number of factors for Botswana's stability, including the people themselves, who he said naturally practice tolerance, respect and humility.

"We've developed some good partnerships. We've had 50 years and 10 elections, one every five years. It's a very stable, secure country," he said.

Benjamin Chavis, president and CEO of the National Publishers Association (NNPA), praised the progress the country - headed by President Lt. Gen. Ian Khama, former commander of the Botswana Defense Force - has made. "At a time when our world is overwhelmed with negative news, the 50th anniversary of Botswana's independence is evidence of enduring good news," said Chavis. "The NNPA is very interested in getting and sharing the stories of Botswana's stable democracy and the significance and improvement of the quality of life of African people in Southern Africa."

"We look forward to working with our counterparts in Botswana who're involved in the media, both print and digital. Botswana is a global story of what all people should be made aware of."

For 10 days in early June, Newman, tourism officials and representatives of the DeBeers Group traveled to the largest diamond show in the world in Las Vegas, and to New York,

Chicago and Washington, DC to drum up exposure and nail down trade and investment opportunities.

"We've been in Botswana for almost 50 years since they found diamond deposits at Okavango in 1967," said David Prager, De Beers' Global Head of Corporate Affairs. "We have a joint venture called, 'Debswana,' which is a true 50-50 partnership. Botswana does the mining which has helped fuel tremendous economic growth. Diamonds are our long-term proposition. DeBeers is blessed to be a partner. For DeBeers, it was the right thing to do. We're proud corporate citizens."

Debswana is the country's largest private-sector employer. "There is good governance, strong democratic institution, a belief in the rule of law and prudent, smart men who saw the necessity to reinvest money from the diamonds into the infrastructure, education and healthcare," said Prager. "They built a self-fulfilling, virtuous economic model that has allowed them to grow. This tour is telling the story most people don't know. Botswana has a powerful, singular story to tell."

Prager said that every five weeks, representatives from 85 companies travel to Botswana for sales events.

Jillian Blackbeard, marketing manager for Botswana Tourism, echoed Prager's comments about diversification, as she discussed her country's

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Pfizer Officials Call for Blacks to Participate in Sickle Cell Disease Clinical Trials

By Joan H. Allen (NNPA News Wire Contributor)

In a desire to help create a greater awareness of sickle cell disease (SCD) and increase their efforts to find a cure, Pfizer invited members of the Black Press to meet and discuss with key members of their rare disease medical and management staff the state of (SCD) and their search for a cure.

It is estimated that sickle cell disease (SCD) affects approximately 100,000 Americans and 1 out of 365 Blacks in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. About 1 in 13 Blacks are born with sickle cell trait (SCT).

Sickle cell disease is one of the most prevalent genetic disorders in the U.S. It is a rare and debilitating chronic disease with lifelong clinical impact and reduced life expectancy; life expectancy is 48 years for females and 42 years for males with sickle cell disease.

There are more than 100,000 people in the U.S. living with sickle cell disease, and many of them experience multiple vaso-occlusive crises each year. These painful crises result in more than 75,000 hospitalizations per year in the U.S., with an average hospital stay of approximately six days.

Niesha Foster, the senior director and corporate affairs lead for Pfizer's inflammation, immunology and rare disease unit, introduced the participants who shared why they've been so devoted to creating greater awareness about (SCD), and the opportunities available to assist those that struggle with this debilitating disease.

Sonja Banks, the CEO of the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Inc. (SCDAA) shared how alarmed she was to learn in 2010 that "in a hundred years of



Pfizer is currently in Phase 3 of their clinical trial for a drug to treat sickle cell disease. The company needs to enroll 350 participants within the next 2 years.

discovering the sickle cell disease, only one FDA drug had been approved and it wasn't even for sickle cell. It was just as heart wrenching then, as it is now, to know that our people are still going to hospitals as their medical home. Why don't we have a cure?"

Pfizer's Chief Medical Officer Dr. Freda Lewis-Hall recalled the joy she initially felt interning at Howard University Hospital after graduating from medical school, but when she attempted to ease the pain of a toddler living with sickle cell, that joy was replaced with an overwhelming sense of futility.

"I heard an unbelievable piercing sound from a toddler in a sickle cell crisis," said Lewis-Hall. "I tried to hydrate her and provide some pain relief...it was at that moment that I realized how helpless I was without the tools."

Thirty years later, Lewis Hall said that physicians still lack the necessary tools to treat the disease.

Although some of the drugs that scientists have discovered have just not been good enough or safe enough, according to Lewis-Hall and Banks, the reason

why a cure hasn't been developed is because African Americans haven't participated enough in clinical trials.

All of the participants, including Dr. Kevin Williams, the vice president of global medical affairs in Pfizer's rare disease unit, recognized that African Americans are reluctant and often afraid to participate in clinical trials, because of the lingering distrust of the medical field due to the Tuskegee Syphilis Study and often poor treatment received at medical facilities.

Thomas Watkins, the publisher of the Daily Challenge, said "Blacks will participate in clinical trials as long as they're not the only ones."

Banks said that the African American community needs to get over the stigma associated with clinical trials.

"The syphilis study wouldn't happen again," said Banks. "We are too much of an educated community now ... and who's going to make these drugs come to fruition? If we don't participate we'll never find treatment or a cure."

"A lot of people have no idea about what it means to partici-

pate in a clinical trial," says Dr. Lewis Hall ... Some of it is re-educating about the things that have happened in our collective African American past.

"We need to be educated specifically what it really means to be in a clinical trial," said Lewis-Hall. "Our absolute best advocates are people who have been in clinical trials."

Today's clinical trials are also highly regulated by third party experts and require informed consent.

Marie Ojiambo, who is not only a SCD patient and Pfizer intern, but is also an advocate that works with SCDAA said that it's easier for her to go to a SCD patient and get them to participate in a clinical trial than it is for a doctor.

There are 37,500 clinical trials currently available, said Dr. Lewis-Hall.

Pfizer is currently in Phase 3 of their clinical trial and needs to enroll 350 participants within the next 2 years. Since they've already obtained some positive results from their Phase 2 trials, they hope to have a drug available in 3-5 years.

Dr. Lewis-Hall explained that it usually takes 15 years to bring a new drug to trial. "So by the time that you get to Phase 3, it would be an unusual event for a company to walk away...and if this drug doesn't make it because of a lack of participation, it would be a crying shame."

For more information about clinical trials log on to www.clinicaltrials.gov or www.getthehealthytayhealthy.com and click on the link, "Find a Trial."

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Brief Sports News

NBA
OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) - Kevin Durant decided his best chance for "growth" means leaving his beloved Oklahoma City behind for a big move out West to join the star-studded, record-setting Golden State Warriors and play alongside Splash Brothers Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson.

In the most anticipated move of the NBA offseason, Durant announced his decision on The Players' Tribune. His contract is for \$54 million over two years and includes a player option, a person with knowledge of the deal said Monday, speaking on condition of anonymity because details weren't made public. Durant's move will become official as soon as Thursday, when free agents can sign their new contracts. And the 2015 champion Warriors, who squandered a 3-1 NBA Finals lead to lose to LeBron James and the Cavaliers last month, know how tough Durant is in any lineup: They rallied from down 3-1 to beat Durant and the Thunder in a seven-game Western Conference Finals.

DALLAS (AP) - Andrew Bogut is headed to the Dallas Mavericks from Golden State thanks to the Warriors' successful pursuit of Kevin Durant.

A person with knowledge of the deal said the Mavericks have agreed to acquire Bogut with the Warriors trying to clear salary cap space.

Other details of the trade are still being worked out, the person told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the deal hasn't been finalized and can't be official until league business resumes Thursday.

The person also said the Mavericks are set to sign Harrison Barnes, who will become an unrestricted free agent after Golden State renounces his rights to clear enough cap room to sign Durant.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - The San Antonio Spurs agreed to a two-year deal with veteran forward Pau Gasol, a person with knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press.

The deal is worth more than \$30 million and final terms will be completed after the Spurs make a move or two to create the necessary cap space.

NEW YORK (AP) - Brandon Jennings will finally play for the Knicks, seven years after they passed over him in the draft.

Jennings agreed to a contract, a person with knowledge of the details told The Associated Press, confirming reports of the point guard's one-year, \$5 million deal on condition of anonymity because it can't be signed until Thursday.

MIAMI (AP) - Dwyane Wade has an offer to consider. Wade has been extended a two-year, \$40 million contract offer to stay with the Miami Heat, a person with knowledge of the negotiations told The Associated Press on Monday.

The second year would be at Wade's option. The contract, if accepted, would essentially match the career-best \$20 million salary Wade made this past season.

TENNIS

LONDON (AP) - Cruising into the quarterfinals without the loss of a set, Roger Federer is making it look easy as he chases a record eighth Wimbledon title. Serena Williams, meanwhile, is picking up momentum as she goes for a seventh championship at the All England Club.

Federer swept to a 6-2, 6-3, 7-5 win over 29th-ranked American Steve Johnson on Centre Court, equaling Jimmy Connors' Open-era record by reaching his 14th quarterfinal at the All England Club. Federer broke Johnson five times and was in control throughout a match that lasted just over 90 minutes.

Williams' match swung in her favor once the roof was shut over Centre Court, as she reeled off the last nine games to beat No. 13 Svetlana Kuznetsova 7-5, 6-0 and reach the quarterfinals for the 12th time.

No. 2-seeded Andy Murray reached to the Wimbledon quarterfinals for the ninth straight year, and No. 6 Milos Raonic, No. 9 Marin Cilic, No. 12 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, No. 32 Lucas Pouille and Sam Querrey also advanced.

In the women's draw, No. 3-seeded Agnieszka Radwanska was eliminated by No. 19 Dominika Cibulkova of Slovakia 6-3, 5-7, 9-7. Venus Williams, No. 4-seeded Angelique Kerber, No. 5 Simona Halep, No. 21 Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova and Yaroslava Shvedova also advanced.

TRACK & FIELD

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) - Boris Berian completed his journey from a burger flipper to Olympian, finishing second in the men's 800-meter final at track trials to book his trip to Brazil.

Alysa Montano had no such luck. The runner who was cheated out of a medal by dopers at the last Olympics got tripped up on the second lap of the women's 800 final and did not finish.

Kate Grace, Ajee Wilson and Chishuna Williams made the 800 team for the women; Clayton Murphy and Charles Jock join Berian on the men's side.

Sam Kendricks won the pole vault to make his first Olympics, four years after coming to trials, but getting bumped off the start list at the last minute by higher qualifiers.

BASEBALL

NEW YORK (AP) - Jose Reyes is set to rejoin the New York Mets for Tuesday night's game against the Miami Marlins, his return to the major leagues following a domestic violence suspension.

After Monday's 8-6 comeback win over Miami, the Mets said Reyes was headed to New York following a minor league assignment with Double-A Binghamton. The 33-year-old infielder, a four-time All-Star shortstop who played for the Mets from 2003-11, hit .176 (6 for 34) during 11 games in the minors that began with two for Class A Brooklyn.

Reyes has shifted to third base in the minors and is likely to play there with New York. Wilmer Flores has been playing third in the absence of captain David Wright, who is probably out for the season following neck surgery.

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Hillary Clinton Up Close

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"And that's not always the case, so we want to make sure that we make the effort to reach out, and not only during the campaign, but even in the White House," Clinton said. "I see the Black Press playing an active role in getting our message out directly to its readers, participating in the various activities such as today's luncheon, and making sure that it has access as well as being included in the advertising buy."

Hillary Clinton has made it clear that she will continue the initiatives that President Barack Obama implemented and work to enhance affordable health care. She credits the president with saving America from another national economic disaster, having inherited the worst financial crisis in American history since the Great Depression. And he's done so much more than he is given credit for, she said, and she plans to continue support of those efforts.

When asked about the Black, Latino, and LGBTQ communities, Hillary Clinton said she has plans to address the issues that disproportionately affect each of those underserved communities, and you can actually go to her website and read for yourself exactly what her vision is. She provided additional insight, adding that, "we need more good jobs with rising incomes, because we're just not seeing enough of them. There aren't enough employment opportunities in Chicago's underserved communities."

It's clear that Clinton recognizes the disparities that plague the marginalized.

"We need to make sure that there are some big, bold programs like infrastructure, like clean, renewable energy, like advanced manufacturing, that are within the reach of those people who need

those jobs and [that should] have the chance to compete for them," she proposed, noting that over the last 10 to 15 years Americans have seen a lot of the jobs in the country that are not within reach of those who live in the most distressed urban or rural areas.

Hillary Clinton said she wants to make jobs available first. Second, she wants make high quality education more accessible. She was adamant about the need for the United States to do better at preparing our youngest children to go to school and supporting them throughout their academic careers.

"There are a lot of ways we can do that. I am committed to working with communities, churches and educational systems to try to figure out how," she said. "But parents and grandparents have to be supported in doing the most important job of raising the next generation of children, and we need to do all that we can to see to it that we do that."

Clinton spoke about her vision to restore, "schools that people believe in, that they are passionate about, and we have that in a lot of places and I know that you don't have that in Chicago."

Clinton continued: "We need diversionary programs so that we're not suspending and expelling five-, six-, seven and eight-year-old kids, who are acting out. We have a terrible disciplinary divide where kids, who are either having problems or are just acting like normal kids, are being suspended if they're African-American or Latino and White kids doing the same thing aren't. That starts the whole cradle to prison pipeline."

In her effort to end the cradle-to-prison pipeline, Clinton envisions doing more to intervene in helping young children be successful, including after school support intervention programs.

"We just need a big wrap around, 'It takes a village to raise a child' attitude about how we're going to help our kids," the former Secretary of State said.

For the older youth, Clinton said that she recognizes that oftentimes teenagers don't have opportunities to direct their energy in positive directions and how easy it is for them to be misdirected, often leading to gang affiliation or some other form of violence or destructive behavior.

Clinton said that, "The policing issue is an essential, necessary step to be resolved, and then we have to figure out what more we can do to keep people safe."

She also pointed out that she promised the parents who have lost their children to gun violence that, she would do everything she can to change the gun laws.

If she becomes the first female president of the United States, she will break the highest glass ceiling in the world and with that in mind, she would also bring a cognizant reality of setting a precedent for women in the workplace.

"We also have to raise the minimum wage," she added. "Right now, two-thirds of minimum-wage workers are women. And that's a poverty wage. And I have met women working two and three minimum-wage jobs just to keep their heads above water, to keep their house and to keep their kids in day care, take whatever it may be."

Clinton said that she also wants to help more minorities and women start their own businesses.

"I want to see how we can help improve the process, to get faster credit, helping them to get the support they need, to understand to write a business plan...how to deal with the stress of being a business owner."

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He also served the University of Missouri-Kansas City for more than 10 years in a number of capacities, including assistant director for alumni relations, director of minority student affairs and executive director for the Diversity in Action office.

The Atlanta, Georgia, native holds a bachelor's degree in psychology; a master's and educational specialist degree in higher education administration; and an interdisciplinary doctorate in urban leadership, policy studies and education administration, all from the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Seabrooks is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including: the 2016

Phi Theta Kappa Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction; PTK's 2015 Distinguished College President Award for the Missouri region; the 2013 Business Partner of the Year Award, Guadalupe Center Inc., which was presented for MCC-Penn Valley's outstanding contributions to the Hispanic community in Kansas City; and, among others, the 2013 ACE Award from the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, presented annually to culturally diverse mid- to senior-level managers who achieve excellence and have an impact that exceeds expectations for their employers and the company's bottom line.

Seabrooks was inducted into the Black Achievers'

Society of Greater Kansas in 2010. A leadership award was established in his name at the University of Missouri-Kansas and is given annually to a UMKC professional for exceptional dedication, service and empowerment which he or she provides to the university's students. Seabrooks was the inaugural recipient in 2005.

The new Cedar Valley president, a first-generation college graduate, is married to Leslie and is the father of two sons, Joe Tre and Jackson. He refers to them as his "greatest accomplishments."

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