Sentencing set for 10 in Mississippi racial beatings that killed James Craig Anderson

Hearts were warmed with respectful memories as a crowd of about 400 diners and listeners during the 23rd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Awards Banquet, Monday night, Jan. 19.

Coordinated by Hinds Co. District 5 Supervisor Kenneth Stokes and wife, County Court Judge LaRita Cooper Stokes, the event culminated a week-long observance of the life and legacy of the slain civil rights drum major for justice.

This year’s banquet was held at Jackson State University’s new student center in Ballroom A. Numerous awards were presented to citizens for their role in keeping Dr. King’s dream of justice alive. “We tried to honor a cross section of people, including two youths,” said Judge Stokes.

The top awards were “The Man of the Year,” presented to retired Senior County Court Judge Houston Patton, and “The Woman of the Year,” presented to civil rights activist and retired educator Ineva May Pittman.

The Stokes presented awards that were named for various Jackson families such as the Curry Family and the Hollis Musgrove Awards. Other awards were named in honor of civil rights icons such as Fannie Lou Hammer and Rosa Parks.

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Dr. King’s legacy a ‘Spirit of Goodwill’

The dream reflected in MLK Day of Service at Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area

By Peggy Hampton

The spirit of goodwill inspired by the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King rang loud and clear at the Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area (HFFMCA) warehouse on MLK Day, 2015. Volunteers fanned out to hammer, saw and paint as a way to honor Dr. King and his teachings that “Life’s most persistent and
Dallas was blessed with a loving and kind family. He was the youngest of four brothers and three sisters. He was born September 25, 1934 in Utica, Miss. His parents were the late Augusta Kelly Johnson and Lonnie Nolan.

As a child, Dallas was taught to obey, love and share those things that were considered Christian oriented, valuable and justifiable. He was respectful, helpful and a giving individual. He sought peace and understanding in his personal life and in business.

He was a member of Mt. Zion Methodist Church in Utica, Miss.

As a young man, Dallas married Mary Arrington of Taylorsville, Miss. and to that union two intelligent and loving children were born — Sidney Johnson and Carolyn Johnson Baba.

Many happy and successful years were shared with his immediate family and other family members. Mary Arrington Johnson succumbed May 1995.

At twenty-one years of age, he opened his body shop at 920 Eastview Street in Jackson while working two other jobs. He remained there fifty-seven years. He possessed a strong work ethic and was considered the oldest African-American body shop owner and operator in Jackson until his illness.

Dallas encouraged and motivated many young and older men to become interested in automobile body work. He attended workshops, automotive work sessions and engaged in conversations on new technology to learn authorized methods and procedures in the automobile repair business.

He was well informed and extremely wise concerning family and world affairs. Numerous individuals knew him and stopped by to have conversations openly and privately during his leisure and working hours.

Years later, he married Dr. Janice Duncan and continued his body shop work. Dallas donated to many community projects, significant social and political affairs.

He is survived by sons: Sidney Johnson (Rhonda) and Dr. Moderate Greenfield (Ruth); two daughters, Carolyn Johnson Baba (Ramsey) and Judy Martinez.

He received devotion, care and continued love from step-daughters, Dr. Jan Duncan and Natille Duncan.

He has four sisters: Mae Bell Johnson Donaldson, Elizene Johnson Jones of Jackson, Thelma Nolan Abrahm (Allan), and Emma Nell Nolan Thomas (Willet); two brothers: William Johnson (Kay) of Detroit, Mich., Fulton Nolan, Sr. (Queen Ester) of Chicago. He has thirteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Deceased brothers and sisters are Eugene Nolan, Julia Paige (Eliph), Earnest Paige (Lucinda), Mike Johnson (Lorraine), E.J. Johnson (Mary) and Willie Mae Nolan Whitaker (Lucious).

He has a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

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Mayor Yarber attends U.S. Conference of Mayors and President Obama’s State of the Union Address at U.S. Capitol

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Jackson Mayor Tony Yarber attended the U.S. Conference of Mayors and President Obama’s State of the Union Address at the U.S. Capitol.

Mayor Yarber made an extended trip out of state this past week for the U.S. Conference of Mayors to interact with other local leaders and the President of the United States to discuss the future of America’s cities.

Union Address at U.S. Capitol

The Mississippi Link (a publication in Hinds County, Mississippi) published an article titled "Mayor John Youngy Diamond and Mayor Marilyn Persley Bland."

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King Jr. his annual celebration. Dr. Williams showed his dedication to his flock as he led the crowd in prayer. He asked for prayers for those who are in need of economic recovery of America’s cities.

This meeting comes at a critical time in the Mississippi education system as more resources are being directed to our children for academic and socio-economic balance.

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Nissan joins the Connect 1 Conference as a major sponsor

Automobile manufacturer, Nissan is pleased to announce that it will be a platinum sponsor of the Spring 2015 Meet Connect 1 Conference. The conference will be held at the Horseshoe Casino & Hotel in Biloxi, March 7-8, 2011.

Nissan is interested in doing business with more small businesses and other business suppliers. Nissan has also expressed an interest in supporting the Production Associates who are typically vetted for large scale businesses, and skilled engineers.

The conference is designed to match people and businesses to one another, including capital startups, startup funding, new ventures, startups, technology, energy, business and economic development.

The conference features an array of workshops, networking events, business luncheons, welcome reception, business matchmaking, numerous workshops sessions, and a community service project, according to event organizers.

Speakers and presenters facing the conference include nationally and locally known leaders, corporate owners and executives.

Nissan began manufacturing automobiles in the U.S. in 1983. The company now has four U.S. manufacturing facilities including the plant in Canton, Mississippi.

A Nissan corporate executive is scheduled to talk at the conference about business opportunities available and lead the Nissan business matchmaking session. A Nissan team will show business attendees how to become a supplier to Nissan and how to get on the company's supplier list.

Nissan will also provide a representative team to exhibit and present career opportunities to the company.

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“For My People” Awards pay homage to Margaret Walker and honors others

By Stephanie R. Jones
Contributing Writer

Jackson State University paid homage to one of its own icons at the 47th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Convocation Friday, January 16. The event honored “For My People Awards Luncheon” honoring the Civil Rights leader, author and poet Margaret Walker Alexander. JSU recognized three people and as institution: keynote speaker Paula Giddings, JSU President Emeritus Dr. John A. Peoples Jr. and Pamela D.C. Junior, manager of the lauded Smith Robertson Museum and Cultural Center.

Peoples’ history at JSU is co-founded in its foundation and many would consider his honor as given. His name is synonymous with Jackson State. He was a student leader, a professor and administrator. He served as JSU’s sixth president from 1967-84. People were awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award in 1993. He was employed as a professor at JSU, in the Department of Political Science and Economics.

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President Obama delivers his state of the Union address to a joint session of Congress on January 20, 2015. Vice President Joe Biden and House Speaker John Boehner listen as he delivers his State of the Union Address in the House chamber of the U.S. Capitol. PHOTO BY MANDEL NGAN/AP

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His sports background includes coaching on the college level and six years as a professional baseball player, pitching for the Boston Red Sox minor league system. He has been inducted into two halls of fame - the Mississippi Semi-Professional Baseball Hall of Fame (1980) and the Jackson State University Sports Hall of Fame (2001).

Northwest IB Middle School students to be featured on the BBC

Wingfield High School Freshman Academies students learn about financial literacy

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Wingfield High School Freshman Academy students learned about the importance of financial planning from one of Mississippi’s leading financial institutions, Trustmark Financial Services.

Trustmark announced the launch of its first Trustmark Financial Scholarships at Wingfield on December 9, 2014. The program will be in 125 schools across Mississippi in honor of the institution’s 125th anniversary.

Wingfield Principal Dr. Willie Killins Jr. welcomed participants to the one of several schools that Trustmark approached across the country to participate in the future story on American education and culture. So far, they have visited schools in Philadelphia, Washington, and Jackson.

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Jesus invites us to follow Him - Part III

By Pastor Simeon R. Green II

We are asked to treat each other with more kindness, cour-
tesy, humility, patience and forgiveness. We
should highly regard one another and all can im-
prove. Our world cries out for more disciplined living of the commandments of God.

Again and again during the ministry, He issued a
call that was at once an invitation and a challenge.

To Peter and his brother Andrew, Christ said, “Fol-
low Me, and I will make you fishers of men.” (Matthew 4:19) To the rich young man who asked what he must do to have eternal life, Jesus answered, “Go and sell all that you have and give to the poor, and come and follow Me.” (Matthew 19:21) And to thou hast and give to the
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Me.” (Matthew 19:21) And to


Peter’s revealed answer
was: “Then art the Christ, the Son of the Living God.” (Matthew 16:16) Many,
many witnesses can give an identical answer by the same power, and I join with them in humble gratitude. But we must each answer the ques-
tion for ourselves - not then, then later; for at the last day, every knee shall bow and ev-
try tongue shall confess that Jesus is the Christ. Our challenge is to answer correctly and live accordingly in what is eternally too late. Since Jesus is indeed the Christ, what must we do?

Christ’s supreme sacrifice can find full fruition in our lives only if we accept the invitation to follow Him. This call is not irrelevant, unreasonable or impossible.

To follow an individual means to watch him or lis-
ten to him closely; to accept his authority, to be his leader, to obey him; to sup-
port and advocate his ideas; and to follow him as a model. Each of us can accept this challenge.

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Medicare chief steps down, ran health care rollout

By Ricardo Alonzo-Zaldivar Staff Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Medicare's top executive unexpectedly resigned Friday, the government's online health insurance marketplace mid-struggle to fix its problems. Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius said in a letter to workers that she's stepping down at the end of February, "with sadness and mixed emotions." Her chief of staff is also leaving.

Sebelius, 63, survived the tumultuous melodrama that initially paralyzed HealthCare.gov. She steered the site in place even as attacks on her boss, former Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, left official Washington in a swirl of White House upheaval.

But Tavenner was embra- ced by Congress because they're now ready to cut back on insurance subsidies this spring, and a new Republican majority is expected to cut deeply into the agency's budget. Tavenner brought a businesslike approach to the health care law's complex bureaucracy. Sebelius, a center-left Democrat, had urged the law into being as a Democratic-led legislature. The Supreme Court undermined the legality of the law's financial subsidies, but the new Republican Congress is preparing to strike back.

A former intensive care nurse with a businesslike approach to health care policy, Tavenner told staff in an email that she's stepping down at the end of February with "sadness and mixed emotions." Her chief of staff is also leaving.

"Marilyn Tavenner's departure underscores the uncertainty that the administration faces as it works to improve HealthCare.gov, the center of a divisive area of public policy, "Chris Newton, a Republican congressional staff, said in a statement. "Congressional Republicans are prepared to step up to the challenge."

This is the first time the head of a big Obama administration agency has left in the middle of the job. The reason for this is not clear:

"I know how this is said or how it might be used. I don't know whether a person, a computer, a phone, or a website has made a mistake, resulting from a data collection by these Web search engines. They included Google's search engine, HealthCare.gov, is prompting renewed concerns about privacy, because it may potentially link to data firms were hired to help improve the site's capability to submit personal data to private companies that specialize in analyzing them. While the new contract to data firms were hired to help improve the site's capability to submit personal data to private companies that specialize in analyzing them. While the new contract

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A million reasons to change
By James Clingman

E x a c t l y what is there in a million black folks who want and will partake in a new political party? What is there in a million brothers and sisters who are tired of the same old rhetoric, the same old leaders, and the same old political and economic em-

What’s in a group of one million blacks who are tired of the same old rhetoric, the same old leaders, and the same old political and economic em-

Consider our relative and proportionate size, which is reasonable in the political sense, it is rational, to believe that we have too many black voters to obtain concessions from F and G by virtue of numbers alone and to demand an election after an election?

What would be the result if we were to join the overwhelming and non-participating voters who are not involved in the political process in any other form? What if we were to join those who support any other political formal organization?

One million black people are not merely a numerical, but a significant political force. It will be beyond any question that those one million conscious black voters would have the power to affect elections to the point of getting their points of view in the marketplace.

We need a party! And the Black Independent Party looks as if it promises that. I’m glad for the controversy on the site, blackonomics.com.

As America Geuka al-


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What good much work was done both outside and inside when those one million conscious black voters were committed and determined to keep the promise of the political process alive.

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Hebdo magazine
colonial uprising, France con-


movements is more than unsettling.


Since over 30,000 Libyans were killed; the Paris attacks left 130 people dead. Right-wing President Svetlana was removed from the danger faced by her and her political quid and reciproc-


The need for a different kind of thinking is more than unsettling.


And as Abraham failed to protect his brother.


That's the American way - throw your hands up - breaking up, no making up - the whole shebang.


My brother and his fiancée broke off their engagement - the whole shebang. I'm glad for the controversy on the site, blackonomics.com.


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Sealed, signed bids are invited and will be received by the City of Jackson, Mississippi, until 2:30 P.M. in the City Clerk’s Office of Jackson, MS. The bids must be stamped to be considered. At 2:30 P.M. Tuesday, February 17, 2015, which time said bids will be publicly opened on the City Hall located at 219 South President Street (City Council Chambers) in the City of Jackson, Mississippi. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The City also reserves the right to waive any and all informalities in respect to any bid submitted. Bid awards will be made in accordance with House Bill 6 in 1988, 1988 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature.

The City of Jackson is committed to the principle of non-discrimination in public Purchasing. It is the policy of the City of Jackson to pursue policies and practices for equal opportunity for all persons doing business with the City. As a precondition to selection, each bidder, offeror, or contractor shall submit a complete and signed equal business opportunity (EBO) Plan Application, with each bid, offer, or contract, and the City is committed to use the EBO Plan Application with each contract to be awarded. Contract documents may be obtained from and/or examined at the architect’s office, 219 North Lamar Street, Jackson, MS 39201, 601-948-7722 and at the Purchasing Division, 200 South President Street, Room 604, Hood Building, Jackson, Mississippi. 36021. Copies of the bid specification shall be held with the City Clerk’s Office of Jackson. Said bids will be re-advertised and publicly opened in accordance with House Bill No. 999, 1988 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature.

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CLEVELAND - After Kevin Love dunked, the Cavaliers exchanged smiles, approving nods and a flurry of fist bumps and high-fives as Quicken Loans Arena rocked during a timeout.

This was the moment Cleveland desired for weeks - the Cavs at their creative, dominating best. It was inevitable. It was awe-some.

LeBron James scored 26 points, Love added 19 and the rejuvenated Cavs won their fourth straight, 106-92 over the Utah Jazz on Wednesday night.

Shaking off a flu bug that forced him to miss practice Tuesday and that also slowed Kyrie Irving, James added nine assists, seven rebounds and exacted some revenge on Utah's Gordon Hayward.

The Cavs improved to 4-1 since the four-time MVP returned after missing eight games with a strained back and knee. Cleveland went just 1-7 without the superstar and now that he's back, James wasn't going to let a sore throat, stuffy nose or body aches keep him off the floor.

"It's clicking," James said. "We have a good groove right now."

Irving added 18 points and Timofey Mozgov 16 for Cleveland, beginning to find its stride following a stretch of injuries and two major trades. J.R. Smith had 15 points, and all five Cavs starters score 15 points in back-to-back games since the Los Angeles Clippers did it in 2006.

Enes Kanter scored 24 with 17 rebounds and Hayward scored 14 for Utah, which has dropped five of six and four straight road games.

The Cavs avenged a 102-100 loss to the Jazz on Nov. 5, when Hayward dropped a buzzer-beating jumper after escaping James. There would be no such heroics this time for Hayward, who received an icy stare from James in the third quarter after a vicious dunk the Utah forward could do nothing to stop.

James said his glare at Hayward wasn't intentional.

"It didn't matter who it was, it could have been you," he said playfully to a reporter. "You would have got that same look."

Hayward wasn't offended by James' gaze.

"I think LeBron can pretty much bully anybody if he wants to," said Hayward, who had written in his blog after his winning shot that he could hold his own against James. "The point of what I said is that he can't bully me as much anymore. I've just gotten a little stronger. LeBron's one of the stronger players in the league. You can take that for whatever you want. He's never said any-thing to me about any of the com-ments I've made."

Later in the period, the Cavs had perhaps their most memo-orable sequence this season. Hustling back on defense, Smith used both hands to blindly back tap a loose ball to Tristan Thompson, who handed it off to Irving on the fly. Cleveland's point guard nearly fell before gaining his bal-ance and feeding Love with an alley-oop pass for a dunk to give the Cavs a 54-18 lead.

"Best play of the night," James said. "J.R. tapped it back to Kyrie and Kyrie was stumbling, rum-bling and bumbling and threw it up to Kev. The best sequence of the night. I think the fans was craving a moment like that and we play for our fans."

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The surviving members of TLC will hit the road this summer with reunited 90s group New Kids On The Block and rapper Nelly. TLC’s Rozonda “Chilli” Thomas and Tionne “T-Boz” Watkins launched a crowd-sourcing campaign to fund their fifth and final studio album on Monday, and on Tuesday announced their participation in “The Main Event” tour.

Chilli and T-Boz joined New Kids on “Good Morning America” Tuesday to make the announcement.

New Kids star Donnie Wahlberg said, “There is no stopping us. We always have something up our sleeves. Our fans keep asking us to come back out on the road, and we want to keep giving them what they want.”

The Main Event tour of North America will kick off on May 1 in Las Vegas.

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