Hinds County Sheriff Victor Mason, surrounded by friends and family, is sworn in to office by Judge Tomie Green.

“First of all I would like to thank God for all of you to pray for me as I hold this office. I have a lot of respect for this office, so if I’m doing anything wrong please tell me. Dunn, who was first elected into office. I have to leave early. Dunn, who was first elected into the Senate. Among the new members of the House of Representatives, senators begin legislative session

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The Mississippi Walker Center for the Study of the African-American Experience at Jackson State University has announced that Juan Williams will be the keynote speaker for the 40th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Convocation at 10 a.m. Jan. 15, in the Rose E. McCray Auditorium on the JSU campus.

A leading political writer and thinker, Juan Williams has worked as a reporter for National Public Radio and The Washington Post and as a political analyst for Fox News. With three decades of experience reporting from Washington, he is one of the nation’s most reputable political analysts. “We are excited about the opportunity to expose our students and the broader JSU community to the experiences and expertise of Mr. Williams,” noted Margaret Walker Center director, Dr. Robert Luckett. Along with having interviewed numerous Washington power players including Presidents Barack Obama, George W. Bush, Bill Clinton, George H.W. Bush, and Ronald Reagan, Williams wrote the acclaimed history of the modern civil rights era, Eyes on the Prize.

Margaret Walker began MLK Convocation at Jackson State to honor Dr. King just nine months after his assassination in 1968, making it one of the earliest celebrations of the civil rights leader’s birthday in the nation. “More than 1,000 people attend each year,” said Luckett, as a major annual event at JSU.

Immediately following MLK Convocation, the Margaret Walker Center will honor Williams as well as the late Ida B. Wells-Barnett Museum in Holly Springs, the Emmett Till Interpretive Center in Sumner, and the Beneta-Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., with the For My People Awards for their contributions to African-American history and culture.

The luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. in the JSU Student Center Ballroom.

This annual award is named after Margaret Walker’s classic poem, For My People, and past recipients have included James Meredith, Unitia Blackwell, Robert Clark, Lasome Bennet, Andrew Young, Jesse Moore, Reyna Evans-Everette, Charley Hunter-Garrett, and others.

While the MLK Convocation is free and open to the public, tickets for this year’s For My People Awards luncheon can be purchased through the Margaret Walker Center for $20. Seating is limited.

For more information or to reserve your ticket for the luncheon, contact the center’s staff at (601) 979-3935 or mwcenter@jsu.edu.

Emma’s conference set for Jan. 9

The Empowering Progressive Women’s Association of Madison County will be elected 2015 empowering Progressive Honorees who were involved in the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement, will share her story. Brown-Wright worked alongside many nationally known leaders as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Myrlie Evers-Williams, Charles Evers, Annie Devine and others. She is the first African-American woman to be elected state chairman of Madison County.

State Representative and Attorney Kimberly L. Campbell, will share her gift of empowering women to move past their pain to their divine purpose. She will share her story as a lawyer and divorced mother and her amazing history of breakthroughs of self-doubt, depression and broken relationships.

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Judge Darrean Sweezy Owens swears in Eddie Jean Carr, Charles Stokes, Eddie Fair and Paul A. Greene.

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Hinds County Supervisor Bobby McGowan is sworn in by Judge Larita Cooper-Stokes.

Hinds County Supervisor Michael Morgan is sworn in by Judge Terri Brown.

Hinds County Constable Leon Seals is sworn in to office by Judge Franklin Sutton.

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The board of supervisors Robert Graham, District 1; and Peggy Hobson Calhoun, District 3.

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Before swearing in Mason as sheriff, Green asked me if I'd like to say a few words, and I would be very good politician if I said no. I'm honored and I'm also excited. We have some deep experience back coming on the board, and I'm looking forward to working with the incumbent supervisors. We have some diverse back-grounds coming in with the new supervisors.

Judge Larita Cooper-Stokes swore in who she called, Bobby "Bobcat" McGowan. Stokes said, "Mr. Bobby McGowan is not a stranger to many people especially around Hinds County. He has been a longtime employee of the Hinds County Public Works Department. He is man of God, a family man, beautiful wife and beautiful family. And leads of friends as you see." Standing with McGowan were at least 30 plus family and friends, laughter could be heard through the audi-

ence as they all tried to fit on the stage.

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But, he added optimistically, “a lot of things don’t happen overnight.”

The National Rifle Association, the largest gun group, pointed Obama’s plan and said it was “tobe seen for ‘tough on crime’ gun laws.” It has looked at evidence that even those who support gun control, such as New York City police, have taken steps to reduce gun violence.

Obama’s 10-point plan to reduce gun violence was announced following a weekend when six people were killed in a shooting in Chicago. The Obama administration has repeatedly and vigorously opposed Congress to pass gun control measures. While the president could call for a vote on gun control, he has repeatedly refused to do so.

Although President Obama, acting alone, can take action toward some of those goals, such as Congress to enact more sweeping changes that gun control advocates say are necessary to truly stem mass shootings.

Nevertheless, the plan is a step toward reducing gun violence.

Obama continued his efforts to work with surrounding states to improve gun control. He also called for a renewed focus on gun safety.

Jackson City Council member was weighed in on this topic Jan. 2, with a statement saying “Mr. Stokes’ remarks are repugnant and should not be made on any level. The Jackson City Council does not support any calls for violence against any government officials or dissidents. Any challenges that we face in this area will continue to be resolved in an honorable and peaceful manner.”

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Conference focuses on young women who face breast cancer

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More than 250,000 women living in the U.S. today were diagnosed with breast cancer before the age of 40. Approximately 13,000 young women in Mississippi have been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Young Survival Coalition, the premiere organization dedicated to young women fighting breast cancer, is bringing them together for the YSC Regional Symposium from 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Jan. 23, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Jackson. This is the first of its kind in our state. We hope the partnership between the Gulf Coast Breast Center and YSC will continue to provide more outreach, education, resources, and community involvement.

The event will bring them together for the YSC Regional Symposium in Jackson, Mississippi. An evening party will include a celebratory keynote talk, an interactive cooking demonstration highlighting healthy ways to prepare comfort foods. Another key component is the opportunity to network with a community of other young survivors and co-survivors in the area. An evening party will include a celebratory keynote talk, an interactive cooking demonstration highlighting healthy ways to prepare comfort foods. Another key component is the opportunity to network with a community of other young survivors and co-survivors in the area.

More information about Roll Off Dumpster Day can be found at the City of Jackson website or the Mississippi News Link.

Heart disease is Mississippi’s No. 1 killer and this year’s Metro Jackson Heart Ball promises to generate critical philanthropic support to drive the American Heart Association toward its most important goal of improving the cardiovascular health of all Mississippians by 20 percent, while reducing deaths from cardiovascular diseases and stroke by 20 percent by the year 2021,” said 2016 Metro Heart Ball Co-Chair Peter Johnson.

The event will feature dinner cocktails and a silent auction and a mini Live Auction and auction.

American Heart Association will host the 31st Annual Metro Jackson Heart Ball at the Country Club of Jackson from 6-11:30 p.m. Jan. 29. This event is widely recognized as a prominent philanthropic event in Jackson and black-tie optional.

"This young women are hungry and excited to be here, now that they have arrived in Chickasaw territory. A reluctant relationship was formed between the two groups – but it would end in nearly $7 million to the cause since 1984 and its 25th year of operation. The annual event ignites passion to fight heart disease and build healthy lives free from cardiovascular diseases and stroke,” said Sharon Card, 2016 Metro Jackson Heart Ball Co-Chair.

For more information, visit the website or to learn about how to prevent heart disease visit Heart.org/MoveMore2016 or visit the events page of The Mississippi Link.

Heart Ball ignites passion to fight heart disease

Mississippi and around the nation.

The Ethics and Skill Building Seminar will be held in Huntsville, Alabama, on Jan. 20 and 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 21. The Jan. 21 seminar will include lunch and will be held at the Hinds County Court Annex.

A written examination will be given Jan. 22, for participants who wish to pursue certification and be able to provide fire safety training to families and neighborhood to share their knowledge and experiences.

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Collins was reappointed as the adjutant general of Mississippi by Gov. Phil Bryant Dec. 21, 2015. As adjutant general, Collins serves as the commanding general of both the Mississippi Army and Air National Guard. He is responsible for providing the state and the U.S. with a ready force of more than 12,275 citizen-soldiers and airmen, equipped and trained to respond to any contingency, natural or manmade. He directs the Mississippi Military Department and oversees the development and coordination of all policies, plans and programs of the Mississippi National Guard in concert with the Governor and Legislature.

“Gen. Collins has ably and honorably commanded Mississippi’s men and women in uniform, and I’m delighted he has accepted this reappointment,” Bryant said. “He has dedicated his entire adult life to defending his state and his county, both domestically and on foreign battlefields, and each is better for his service.”

Collins began his career when he enlisted in the Mississippi Army National Guard’s Company B, 1st Battalion, 198th Armored Regiment. He was commissioned in July 1980 upon completion of Officer Candidate School. He has served in various command and staff positions in units at every level to include company, battalion, regiment, brigade, and staff positions in units at every level.

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Collins is a 2007 inductee into the University of Mississippi’s Alumni Hall of Fame. He was the 2006 Mississippi Trailblazer of the Year. He is a 2004 inductee into the Mississippi Military Academy Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame. He has twice been awarded the National Guard Bureau’s Meritorious Service Medal.

Collins served on active duty in Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm, as well as commanding the 155th Armor Brigade Combat Team during combat operations in Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2004-2006. He was promoted to brigadier general on May 10, 2005, while in Iraq, making him the first African American to attain the rank of general officer in the history of the Mississippi National Guard.

Following his deployment to Iraq, he was assigned as director of Mobilization, United States Army Forces Command, Fort McPherson, Ga. He held that post from February 2006 until he retired in October 2007.

Upon his retirement from the military, Collins was appointed by Gov. Haley Barbour to serve as one of the three commissioners for the Mississippi Worker’s Compensation Commission. He held that post until July 2010 when he accepted a position with MINACT Inc. as the executive vice president for strategic planning.

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Jackson native chosen as Sailor of the Year

Jackson native Shovkia Caldwell, daughter of Denise Seals, was selected as Sailor of the Year from among her peers at Navy Installations Command headquarters for 2015. Navy Installations Command is responsible for the operations and management of 70 shore installations worldwide and quality of life programs to support the fleet, Navy Sailors, and their families.

Petty Officer First Class Shovkia Caldwell graduated in 1994 from Clinton High in Clinton, Mich., and in 1999 joined the Navy out of her hometown in Jackson. Following basic training, Caldwell attended Professional Specialist “A” school in Monterey where she learned the skills to maintain and audit pay and personnel records for military personnel.

At her current job in Millington, Tenn., as part of the Navy Wounded Warrior – Safe Harbor department for Navy Installations Command, she manages military pay, travel authorizations, and deductions to assist enlisted personnel and their families with special problems or personal hardships.

Caldwell has traveled to a variety of locations during her career and has served with an aircraft carrier, patrol squadron in Jacksonville, Fla., VP-16 C-130s as a personnel support detachment at Naval Air Station Mayport, Fla., and on a freighters at Naval Air Station Oceana, Va. She has earned the FA-18 aircraft squadron, VFA-87 Golden Warriors, and as a classifier at Naval Station Mayport, Fla., and on a freighters at Naval Air Station Oceana, Va., with the F/A 18 aircrew.
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Hinds CC MI-BEST program puts Vicksburg student Greenwood on path to her culinary dream

Greenwood has hopes of starting her own business after completing the MI-BEST program at Hinds Community College.

Greenwood was awarded a scholarship through the Mississippi B.E.S.T. Education Assistance Act, which awards scholarships to students with special needs, totaling $198,139.41.

The ESA allows for a maximum reimbursement periods of $1,500 per month. The Mississippi Department of Education has approved 286 of the 433 scholarships awarded to students with special needs, totaling $198,139.41. Since July 1, the MDE has served as the MI-BEST program's central administrator.

The ESA also allows for a maximum of 433 scholarships to be awarded to Mississippi residents and to be distributed into four equal quarterly reimbursement periods, with the amount of actual receipts not to exceed $5,600 per year.

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Nearly all students going direct- to college from high school are considered dependent. Some student aid and programs have limited money and provide funds on a first-come, first-served basis, so it is important to submit the FAFSA as soon as possible. For fast results, KHEAA recommends that students sub- mit the FAFSA online at www. fafsa.gov. KHEAA is a public, non-profit ity established in 1964 to improve students’ access to college. It provides information about financial aid and financial literacy as one of the premier institutions in the nation. Martin has been an active so- cial advocate and community servant. He is the immediate past chair of the Washington, D.C.-Award Coalition of Juve- nile Justice, chaired the Missis- sippi Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee; a former commis- sioner with the Mississippi Su- preme Court’s Commission on Children’s Justice; and a master of the Jackson Metro Crime Commission. 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New Year's Resolutions to equip new leaders

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**Top 10 Gospel Songs from the Billboard Gospel Charts for the week of January 7, 2016**

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**Message from the Religion Editor**

By Daphne Higgins

Religion Editor

I began last week by expressing my enthusiasm for the New Year. What I did not express is personally thank God for the New Year, new season, and new chapter.

Since I began writing this column, I have been blessed with new acquaintances that I truly see as blessings. God had every and every one of them for a reason.

As the new year continues to progress, I know that I will continue to meet people, who I will probably want to be lifelong friends and some I will probably want to challenge them in the Lord. Some of our days are filled with so much news, and that means even more opportunities for others to know who God is and what He means to us. Remember that the verse I share often with you – Isaiah 44:6, “I am the Lord who alone speaketh, with you that are called by my name, the spirits of the sons of Israel.”

New Jerusalem Church of God in Christ, 3387 Medgar Evers Blvd., Jackson, will continue hosting its Gospel Explosion at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 7.

For more information call (601) 861-8569. Dr. Andrew Friday, Sr. is the pastor.

Triumph The Church and Kingdom of God in Christ, 4224 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Moss Point, will honor “Steppers of Faith” at 6 p.m. Jan. 5. Various step teams, praise dancers, groups, soloists, musicians and worship will perform. For more information, call (228) 474-8222. Elder Prince James George is the pastor.

Cade Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, 1000 W. Ridgeway St., Jackson, will host Uncle Celebration Concert in honor of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at 3 p.m. Jan. 17. For additional information call (601) 573-1298 or (601) 366-5463.

Greater Bethlehem Temple, 1501 Robinson St., Jackson, will be the location of the Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Mississippi Legislative Black Caucus Prayer Breakfast at 7 a.m. Jan. 19. Participants will receive the Mississippi Legislative Black Caucus Prayer Breakfast Program, an open to the community. For more information, call (601) 354-2599. Bishop Robert N. Fortson Sr. is the pastor.

Evangelist Temple House of Refuge of All Nations Church of God in Christ, 704 University Blvd., Jackson, will host The 18th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Cherry Bong Day 2016 at 11:30 a.m. Jan. 20. The celebration will continue with the church’s 38th musical revival at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 28-30. For more information call (601) 497-8867. Elder Tyron Hanks Sr. is the pastor.
By Rev. Leon Collier

Preserved Spiritual Time Management by Shevidia Riley

Spiritual time management

The phrase, "It's the most wonderful time of the year," is often applied to the college holiday break. For college teachers, this phrase also applies to the end of the semester when one peculiar thing happens. With the end near, students who realize that they might not pass an exam, instantly try to make extra credit to help them pass. Some even have a hard time focusing on the last few weeks of class work because of the distraction of the work that has not been done. Many students admit that it was poor time management that put them in this predicament.

I think we sometimes unintentionally poorly manage our spiritual time in much the same way. We wait until it seems as if things are at the breaking point, and then we go to God and say, "Lord, I need help." It seems like many of us have to wait until we have been driven to a rock bottom before we pray, will God hear our cries and intercessions?

I believe that the story of Ishmael and Hagar is beautiful in the truths it teaches us about how God answers prayers/cries, and I remembered that God helps me, I can reach out to Him in faith and not by what we see. We are taught to follow God through thick and thin, and we pray for the help of God. If we don't, He will lead us somewhere where his presence will not be known.

Do you have reasons to love God? If so, why do you love God? If not, why not? Do you know that God loves you?

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North Korea's test of h-bomb was with widespread skepticism

By Foster Klug

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea scrambled Wednesday to counter its nuclear testing facility, North Korea trampeted its first hydrogen bomb test, and the "h-bombs of justice" that would have been a major step toward advancing its still-limited nuclear arsenal.

The announcement Wednesday by the defunct, impoverished and nuclear-powered state, as well as by the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which has also been taken over by anti-nuclear and anti-fission activities and met its obligations for “for verifiable denuclearization.”

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Lady Tigers hold off AAMU

The Jackson State women's basketball team held the score at 52-38 but AAMU surged in the fourth quarter to make it a 57-51 game. With just 57 seconds left in the game, the Lady Tigers held the ball and a timeout was called, and the game was able to be clinched.

Bryant Robinson, senior guard, led the Lady Tigers with 18 points, six rebounds, three steals and one assist.

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The effort could redefine the doctor-patient relationship, or it could end up a muddle of well-intentioned but unworkable government regulations. The changes have been building slowly, tucked in a fog of acronyms and bureaucratic jargon.

So far, the 2016 changes get high marks. Medicare will pay clinicians to emotional patients about end-of-life care for the end of life. The voluntary counseling would withdraw Medicare coverage for uncovered people by President Barack Obama. Harvard Medical School medical student Sarah Palin, who charged it would lead to “death panels.” Hysterically, by focusing so much on the personalizing counseling rather than Medicare rules.

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Tips for helping children link written words to language

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