Banks wins runoff race
Becomes Democratic nominee for city council Ward 6

In what was billed as “the battle of the pastors,” Aaron Banks, pastor of Glory Empowerment Center located at 3674 555 South Frennta Rd in South Jackson, was victorious in his quest to become the Democratic nominee for councilperson in Ward 6.

Banks defeated Ernest Slaughter, pastor of New Canvey Creek MB Church located at 815 McClan Rd., also in South Jackson, by gaining 675 votes or 55 percent. Slaughter received 405 votes or 40 percent.

This was the first political race for both candidates.

While voter turnout was low, it was higher than expected with a little more than one thousand people returning to make a decision.

South Jackson encompasses four wards with the largest portion belonging to Ward 6.

In recent years Ward 6, and south Jackson as a whole, has been plagued with an unalike of dis-lapidated housing, an influx of crime and changing demographics. “I recognize that the greatest re-sources in south Jackson after its citizens, is its real estate,” Banks said. “I want to be able to utilize all of these vacant building and create some new activity in Ward 6.”

Banks recently held a press conference at Appleridge Shopping Center which was once home to a skating rink, bowling alley and many other retail shops. Today, it sits empty and abandoned. “I want to use this to help find ways to restore this center,” said Banks. “I remember the glory days of south Jackson.”

Banks is proposing a program for churches to get involved in the process by offering a payment in lieu of tax. “We believe whatever help that there are many churches and other non profits willing to in-vest in south Jackson,” Banks said. “If we are suc-cesful in bringing this initiative online, we will re-

An Open Letter to IHL
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Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning

An Open Letter to IHL

Dear Dr. Boyce,

At the University of Mississippi, we are fully committed to preparing you for your important role as a leader in higher education. As such, we applaud your efforts to modernize the Copyright Office, the Register of Copyrights, and the Library of Congress.

However, we are concerned about the potential for any legislation to limit the position of Librarian of Congress, as it has been since 1870. The bill also limits the position of Librarian of Congress to a ten-year term.

The previous Librarian of Congress, James Billington, served in the position for 20 years. President Obama appointed Hayden, the 14th Librarian of Congress, on February 24, 2016. She is the first African American to hold the position as well as the first woman to be the Librarian of Congress.

On March 23, legislation was introduced to block Hayden. This bill serves no purpose other than to take power away from the Librarian of Congress and give it to powerful lobby-
MDAH ‘History is Lunch’ series presented the book Brother Hollis: The Sankofa of a Movement Man by Hollis Watkins

By Janice K. Neal-Vincent

During their History is Lunch Series, the Mississippi Department of Archives and History gave voice to long-time civil rights activist/founder of the Veterans of the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement, Hollis Watkins May 3.


Watkins explained that he grew up in a family that emphasized respect and truth. His parents chastised him and his siblings if they were found disrespecting others or guilty of lying. “Ultimately, my childhood taught me that we black people have the ability to be our best selves if parents and adults taught me that we black people have the ability to be our best selves if parents and adults taught me that we black people have the ability to be our best selves if parents and adults taught me that we black people have the ability to be our best selves if parents and adults taught me that we black people have the ability to be our best selves if parents and adults taught me that we black people have the ability to be our best selves. We all were told to stand up straight where Watkins and other protestors were jailed. According to Watkins, “We all were told to stand up straight. We all were told that we didn’t die from carbon monoxide poisoning. But we used solitary confinement to our satisfaction. We discovered that if we didn’t go into the hole as a large group, then it wasn’t too bad. We sang and sang and sang and after a while officials let us out.”

McInnis zoomed in on Freedom Summer which stemmed from the 1963 Freedom Vote Campaign whereby Northern whites came to Miss. and volunteers who went back home. “I don’t think we had any volunteers who went back home. But I have had more success volunteering in Mississippi to see the way these people were young. They were important,” said McInnis. Watkins who serves as its president. Southern Echo provides training throughout Mississippi and the region in politics, education, environmental concerns, economic development and community organizing.

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Watkins argued that because of his instilled values, he never thought of segregation or white oppression as what was to be expected. He only viewed those elements as someone else’s perverted notion of how life should be. “As I came into contact with other blacks, I discerned that they have the same understanding of life that I had. Therefore, the Civil Rights Movement made it easy for me to transfer my do-"..."

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City of Vicksburg Housing Director Geradine Young has partnered with FHLB Dallas member institutions to provide affordable housing to Vicksburg residents since 2014 and sees the potential for the AHP to be a great solution for the city. The AHP helps Vicksburg residents make repairs to their homes so they do not have to move out. "Everyday, someone chooses a safe and liveable place to live and we are committed to partnering with financial institutions that can make affordable housing accessible to our neighbors," said Young. Since 1990, the AHP has awarded more than $254 million for more than 47,000 projects across FHLB Dallas five-state Core. FHLB Dallas First Vice President and Director of Community Investment Greg Hettrick said it's an honor to help BancorpSouth Bank preserve homes in the Marcus Bottom neighborhood.

The AHP was designed for projects such as this one, said Hettrick. "Not only are we helping our member preserve assets with a rich cultural history, we are also helping the residents of homes who really need the help."

"Smith looks forward to making new memories in her home. "My house is very old," said Smith, "I raised my son here. I’ve been here for about 40 years and now that my house is more comfortable, I think I’ll stay another 40 years."

About BancorpSouth, Inc.

BancorpSouth (NYSE:BXS) is a financial holding company headquartered in Tupelo, Miss. with $27 billion in assets. BancorpSouth, a wholly-owned subsidiary of BancorpSouth, Inc., operates 215 full-service branch locations as well as additional mortgages, insurance, and loan production offices in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee, and Texas, including an insurance location in Illinois. BancorpSouth is dedicated to improving the quality of life, diversity, and inclusion in both its workplace and communities.

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The Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas (FHLB Dallas) provides liquidity and credit to its 1,499 member financial institutions in Texas, New Mexico and 11 other states. FHLB Dallas helps member institutions maintain adequate capital, which allows them to continue to invest in communities as needed. FHLB Dallas provides liquidity to about 11,000 owning institutions and offers a wide range of credit products and related services to support their lending needs.

"We are also helping repair the homes of residents who are low-income households located across FHLB Dallas' district banks in the FHLB System created by Congress in 1913. FHLB Dallas, with a total assets of $73.7 billion as of March 31, 2017, is a member-owned cooperative that supports housing and community investment by providing competitively priced loans and other credit products to approximately 885 members and associated institutions in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico and Texas. For more information, visit fhlb.com.

academic credentials, professional experience, administrative background, leadership experience, fiscal management and understanding of the mission and goals of the institution. The committee members also shared their perspectives on how each candidate's skill set aligned with the present and future needs of Jackson State University.

Several candidates, such as Prof. Chambers, were comprised of a diverse array of positive qualities, within the group, the JSU constituents indi- vidual and commonly identified one candidate who pos- sesses the innovative and visionary leadership required to advanceJSU.
Ridgeland names Hospitality Award winner during National Travel and Tourism Week

The Mississippi Link Newswire

By Janice K. Neal-Vincent
Contributing Writer

Ridgeland Tourism Commission named Shameka Collins of MyJoy, Inc. as the 2017 “Hospitality: Inside + Out” award winner in observation of United States Travel Association’s National Travel and Tourism Week.

The event was part of the 34th annual National Travel and Tourism Week (May 7-13), which unites communities across the country to celebrate what travel means to American jobs, economic growth and personal well-being.

As a part of the celebration, each of the Ridgeland hospitality partners was given an opportunity to nominate employees who have been outstanding in the operation of their organization and service to patrons and Ridgeland visitors.

Collins has been the general manager at the McDonald’s restaurant location on County Line Road in Ridgeland since 2013, where she has trained several employees to become general managers of their own restaurants. She is a graduate of McDonald’s prestigious training academy Hamburger University and leads the MyJoy, Inc. franchise in guest satisfaction, speed of service and profitability, as well as holds the highest guest satisfaction score of all McDonald’s restaurants in the Metro Jackson area.

In 2015, Collins was awarded the “Outstanding General Manager Award,” presented to the top 25 percent of all general managers in the Southern region.

“Ridgeland Tourism Commission congratulates and salutes Shameka on receiving this honor,” said Mary Beth Wilkerson, executive director of the RTC. “We appreciate all of the employees who serve in the Ridgeland travel and tourism industry – inside and out – and help create wonderful experiences for our visitors.”

The Ridgeland Tourism Commission markets and promotes the City of Ridgeland as a destination of travel providing support for the Ridgeland tourism industry and fostering awareness of the industry’s significance to create economic growth and opportunity through its travel industry.

For more information about Ridgeland Tourism, please visit www.visitridgeland.com.
Women volunteers from throughout metro Jackson and Lowe’s Heroes volunteers are partnering with future Habitat homeowners Annette and Ladarian Powell on the 2017 Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area Women Build. This annual build invites women to help make a difference by devoting at least one day to help build decent and affordable housing in their local communities.

More than 17,000 women, including Lowe’s Heroes volunteers, are volunteering at Habitat construction sites across the country as a part of the 2017 Women Build. Locally, approximately 150 women are volunteering over eight Saturdays in May and June to construct a house for the Powells and their three children. “We are so excited and so happy to become Habitat homeowners and especially to be partnered with Women Build,” said Annette. “So many times in life men do the heavy lifting in life. In this case, women are stepping up to work with us to build our house. It is truly a blessing from their hearts. We look forward to working with them and can’t thank them enough.”

Lowe’s helped launch Women Build in 2008 to empower women to advocate for affordable housing and spotlight the homeowner challenges faced by many. Local sponsors, besides Lowe’s, include the Jackson Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, the Beta Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, the Central MS Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women and EATON.

“Habitat for Humanity offers homeownership opportunities to families who are unable to obtain conventional home financing,” said Kathryn Merrell, chair of the Women Build steering committee for Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area. “Because donors and sponsors underwrite the entire cost for construction materials and site preparation and volunteers provide the labor, mortgage payments are kept affordable through an interest free mortgage — a leg up to a better life and a brighter future.”

Merrill McKewen, executive director of Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area, said Women Build is one of Habitat’s most popular builds. “Women are eager to support this build collectively because they embrace Habitat’s mission,” she said. “They know it’s all about helping a hard-working family that has limited access to traditional financing but a desire to buy a home and build a better life for themselves. Women know that the home is the foundation for families to gain strength, stability and self-reliance.”

To learn more about how to become a Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area volunteer, donor or homeowner, please call 601-353-6060 or visit www.habitatmca.org.

Volunteers sugar to get to work for the first day of Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area’s 2017 Women Build were members of the Beta Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated; Lowe’s Heroes volunteers; and employees from EATON.

Lowe’s Heroes Celeste Epton (left) and AKA member Candacee Hardin embrace the spirit of volunteerism on the Women Build site.

Volunteers including new homeowners Annette and Ladarian Powell raise the first frame on the 2017 Women Build.
Brinkley students focus on global economy at MCEE Summit

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Brinkley Middle School students gained an understanding of global economics at an International Summit held in April, Mississippi College and the Mississippi Council on Economic Education (MCEE) hosted the event. Shimmelle Thomas-Mayers, the principal of Brinkley Middle School, attended with her students. “I love the work that MCEE and its partners do to educate our students about finance,” said Thomas-Mayers. “It has helped our teachers to make a positive impact on day to day instruction in our math classes.”

Students learned how to strike trade deals and about currency rates and exports. They dressed for the part. Students wore the attire of countries across Europe, Africa, Asia and other continents.

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The council’s mission is to increase understanding of the economy for Mississippi students. Their outreach focuses on middle and high schools. Teachers received materials to get their classes ready in the weeks leading to the summit. Selena Steadman is president of MCEE in Jackson. She toots the summit as a great way to teach students about economics. “This makes it a fun and engaging way to learn about economics,” she said. “It’s important for them to understand the global economy.”

There were 20 teens making up six Brinkley teams on world economics at the event. The Summit has gained national recognition for teaching core skills in economics, finance and technology. Students gain a multi-cultural understanding of how the world works and what they can do to prepare. The Summit is a fun and challenging game where student teams represent the countries of the world. They compete to “raise the standard of living” by applying the principles that were taught. They develop problem solving, debate and video production skills. They also use knowledge gained in international trade, finance, banking, debate, video production. Students even design creative costumes and country displays as part of the experience.

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Brinkley Middle School students were among more than 20 that participated in the International Summit to learn global economics.
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McCall works tirelessly to earn MBA in a year

Jeffrey Duplessis, coordinator for the Mississippi Center for Nonprofit Development, Communication, Training, was looking for people in the Jackson area who had a passion for using social media because he knew it was a career path that was in great need in the region.

He found the perfect candidate in McCall, an assistant manager at the Republic Finance in Natchez, Mississippi, who immediately felt the rigors of business management career, Balance.

"I was offered my current job immediately after I earned a bachelor's degree, so I was able to get a quick start to my career. I had to juggle school and working throughout the weekend. I used my off weekends to catch up on assignments and complete my major tests. At one point, I felt like I had too much on my plate, but I never gave up. I come from a place where not too many people seem. "I feel like all of my hard work has paid off. I can finally say that I will earn an MBA, which is truly a blessing."

In order to turn a dream into a reality, one must put forth the effort to make it happen. That's being pursued. Alcorn State University's Meridian/Lauderdale Alumni Chapter presents the Purple and Gold Scholarship Banquet April 28 to honor outstanding students who are currently in high school in Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, and Kentucky.

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**Hinds CC Art Show winners, scholarship recipients announced**

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Winners of the Hinds Community College Student Art Show were announced during a reception May 8 at the Marsha H. Hull Art Gallery on the Raymond Campus.

- **CERAMICS/DESIGN: Charity Lockridge, of Vicksburg, first place and honorable mention; Regional Pickering of Clinton, second place; Susan Moore, of Crystal Springs, third place; Valerie Russell, of Vicksburg, and Mary-Saphrona Grey, of Yazoo City, honorable mention**

- **GRAPHIC DESIGN: Kimberly Sarracit, of Vicksburg, first place; Gurkirt Cheema, of Clinton, second place, Anna Hitz, of Raymond, third place; Dipannita Saha, of Jackson, honorable mention**

- **PHOTOGRAPHY: Abbigayle Ainsworth, of Clinton, third place; Susan Moore, of Crystal Springs, honorable mention**

- **PAINTING/ Mixed Media: Dipannita Saha, of Jackson, first place; Regional Pickering of Clinton, second place; Sarah Beth Pardue, of Clinton, third place; Susan Moore of Crystal Springs, honorable mention**

- **2D DESIGN PRINTMAKING: Abbigayle Ainsworth, of Raymond, first place; Dipannita Saha, of Jackson, second place; Raphael Spears, of Houltonia, Honorable Mention**

- **DRAWING: Susan Moore, of Crystal Springs, third place; Gabrielle Barrow, of Jackson; Lisa Berhens, of Edwards; Gurkirt Cheema, of Clinton; Angela Creekmore, of Clinton**

- **Jylian Crump, of Chicago, IL; Mary-Saphrona Grey, of Yazoo City; Logan McVan, of Vicksburg; Susan Moore, of Crystal Springs; Sarah Beth Pardue, of Clinton; Regional Pickering of Clinton; Rashad Plumpp, of Byram**

Hinds opened in 1917 first as an agricultural high school and admitted college students for the first time in 1922, with the first class graduating in 1927. Today, Hinds stands as the largest community college in Mississippi and offers quality, affordable educational opportunities with programs teaching job-ready skills.

For more information, contact usm.talentcenter@usm.edu or call 1.800.HindsCC.

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**Southern Miss Autism Lab offering programs for children, adolescents**

The University of Southern Mississippi’s Autism Research and Treatment (SMART) Lab is offering two programs for children and adolescents with autism spectrum disorder and their peers, beginning May 31 on the USM Hattiesburg campus.

- **Summer Social Skills Program**: The SMART Lab’s Summer Social Skills Program is designed for children ages 4-12 and focuses on behavioral and social skills, such as joining in groups and conversational turn taking, and will include strategies to promote social skills in real-world community settings. The twice-weekly instruction (Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at 1 p.m.; sessions will be 2.5 hours in duration) will be held for eight weeks, with groups divided by age.

- **Social Skills and Games Group**: This new program for adolescents age 13-19 targets social skills such as joining in groups and conversations. The group will meet in a fun, game-based setting. The twice-weekly instruction (Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at 1 p.m.; sessions will be 2.5 hours in duration) will be held for eight weeks, with groups divided by age.

These sessions will be taught by trained USM graduate students and led by USM Department of Psychology faculty members Evan Dart, Doug Nall, Gurkirt Cheema and Keith Radley in the USM Psychology Service Center. The SMART Lab, located in Ownby Hall, is a proud member of the National Autism Association, which is adjustable based on interest. The fee for the summer program is $40 per individual, which is adjustable based on interest. A sliding scale is available for families who need one.

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**76 JSU student-athletes become 2017 Arthur Ashe Jr. scholars**

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Seventy-six Jackson State University student-athletes were selected as 2017 Arthur Ashe Jr. team scholars in the most recent issue of ‘Diverse: Issues in Higher Education’.

The prestigious honor is given to student-athletes who have shown growth, a strong work ethic and positive attitude throughout the year. The year’s winners were:

- • Abbigayle Ainsworth, of Raymond
- • Gabriel Barnes, of Jackson
- • Lisa Berhens, of Edwards
- • Gurkirt Cheema, of Clinton
- • Angela Creekmore, of Clinton
- • Jylian Crump, of Chicago, IL
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- • Hinds Community College, celebrating its 100th year of Community Inspired Service in 2017, is a comprehensive institution with an excellent academic program in the nation accredited in 37 academic disciplines. As one of only 36 institutions in the nation accredited in all 37 academic disciplines, and focuses on behavioral and social skills, such as joining in groups and conversations. The twice-weekly instruction (Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at 1 p.m.; sessions will be 2.5 hours in duration) will be held for eight weeks, with groups divided by age.

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Myers, director of the Museum of Mississippi History, previously served as the museum and special projects coordinator at the Institute of Southern Jewish Life in Jackson where she worked to preserve and present the history of the southern Jewish experience through education and outreach programs.

She holds a bachelor of arts in history from Benedict College and a masters of arts from Johns Hopkins University.

Way history is presented. Both museums will use Mississippi’s rich tradition of storytelling to showcase the compelling life of ordinary people who made extraordinary contributions to the state and the nation.

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The seventh annual Mississippi Fallen Law Enforcement Officers Candlelight Vigil will be held Tuesday, May 16, at 6:30 p.m. at the Statewide Fallen Officers Memorial in Jackson.

Attorney General Jim Hood will join the Mississippi Chief of Police in hosting the ceremony, which coincides with National Police Week, to honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice with their life. Join us at the vigil to show surviving family and officers that we’ll never forget.

General Hood is the keynote speaker for the event.

Law enforcement agencies statewide and members of the public, along with family and friends of any Mississippi law enforcement officer killed in the line of duty, are invited to join officers from the Mississippi Chiefs of Police Association and the Mississippi Attorney General’s Office at the event.

WHERE: Mississippi Statewide Fallen Officers Memorial, Jackson

WHAT: Mississippi Fallen Law Enforcement Officers Candlelight Vigil

WHEN: Tuesday, May 23, at 6:30 p.m.

The Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum Foundation is partnering with local chefs, farmers and businesses to create a lantern-lit night under the stars. The farm-to-table event will take place during the weekend of the MEM Fair and will feature food from local restaurants. The candlelight ceremony will begin at 6 p.m. At the candlelight ceremony, the public will be invited to name the newest set of inductees in the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum’s Hall of Fame. All proceeds benefit the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum Foundation.

Tickets are $40 in advance, $50 at the gate.

For more information, visit www.mississippilink.com

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A.G. Hood partners with police chiefs for Fallen Officers Candlelight Vigil

The Mississippi Civil Rights Museum has been awarded $2.1 million in funding for the live entertainment. A farm is being featured.

“Hello, Mississippi!” as the event, which includes gospel singing and “No Strings Blues Band” as live entertainment. A farmer’s market and activities for children will also be featured.

Guests are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket and sit to enjoy the music.

A grant from the Greater Jackson Arts Council provided funding for the live entertainment.

Admission is free and open to the public.

For more information, or to register for the 5K walk, call Terry City Hall at 601-878-5521 or 601-955-6695.

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People of all ages are invited to attend.

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“We always know law enforcement are there to help us in times of trouble,” said attorney general.

Hood “Sadly, we forever face the loss of those officers – those brave souls – who died in the line of duty.”

The following names of five fallen Mississippi law enforcement officers have been added to the wall this year:

• B. M. Millinell 4/17/1920 Richton Town Marshal

• William L. Dunham 4/19/1922 Richton Town Marshal

• John R. Harris 7/18/1922 Hinds County S.G. Leeser

• Clarence J. Lanter 8/19/1920 Warren County S.O.

• James Lee Tate 2/20/2016 MS Bureau of Narcotics

Also, a police officer and chief, I know all too well the sacrifices that our men and women in uniform make every day,” said Ken W."
As we continue the “Journey from bondage to destiny,” let’s re-
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very happy, they were well cared for. However, God
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difficulties are a part of our life. Pain is to be expected.
By Shewanda Riley

The Republican majority (ACA), also known as Obamacare, the long anticipated vote on repealing and replacing the Affordable Care Act happened. The Republican majority, who had vowed to repeal and replace the ACA because of their “pro-life” beliefs. It just seems hypocritical to state that you are pro-life and yet remain silent when an innocent life is taken. Evangelical leaders were silent when an innocent life was taken. As frustrating as the news was, sometimes I can’t help but wonder that they don’t watch the news because it’s too depressing. I always re-read to those statements that if you do not watch the news then how to what to specifically pray for. Where is the heart of Christianity in this upside down world? Some Christians are speaking strongly about the injustice of the devastating picture who have wrapped malice, and all evil speakings, and wrath, and all malice, and all Guile, and hy- poisician, and envy, and all evil speakings, as newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: If so ye have tainted that the Lord is gracious: We see, when we have been born again and become a little child, there is a natural desire to pray and cry, “Abba, Father” The second is “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

My former pastor, the late Rev. Dr. Jerome McNeil, once stated that he should be moved by our Christian convictions and make sure that they are aligned with God’s word and the way of the Lord. In other words, compassionate concern for others and not a political ideology is a part of the heart of Christianity. Our wills need to be broken so that God can mold us. Unless we let God mold us, we will not have to hold grudges. God’s grace is sufficient for all things, no matter what comes our way. However, we must go before God to receive that love of God shall abound in our heart, and then keep it up-to-date. Then, when offenses come, they will just come and go, just as a breeze comes and goes. We would have greater unity if we each would become as little children. Do not become high-minded. Paul said if we think we stand, take heed lest we fall. A brother can say something that offends us and not even know it, so we need to forgive him and leave him with God, whether he meant it or not. One songwriter wrote, “Make me and break me, mold me and shape me.” Some things about each of us need to be broken. Our wills need to be broken so that God can mold us. We do not have to hold grudges. To stand as a witness with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ The second is: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’

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2. Joy Vashawn Mitchell
3. Hang On GEI Featuring Kierra Sheard
4. Work It Out Tye Tribbett
5. Victory Belongs To Jesus Todd Dulaney
6. I Need You Donnie McClurkin
7. Never Have To Be Alone CeCe Winans
8. God’s Grace Reverend Luther Barnes & The Restoration Worship Center Choir
9. Change Me Tameala Mann
10. Pray And Don’t Worry Gi

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By Pastor Simon R. Green III

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Our Heavenly Father gives that desire to us. Then, just as we cry, “Abba, Father,” we will also have a desire for the sincere milk of the word. We need to depend upon our Heavenly Father for everything: to give us understanding of His word, to heal our bodies and to supply our every need. Matthew 7:7-12 tells us: “Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For everyone that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh shall find; and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened. On what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him? If this be so, why would you that man should do so, do ye even more so: for this is the law and the prophets.”

We need to ever look to supply our needs. Look to God to open the Word to us, to heal our bodies, and to give us understanding. Another childlike characteris- tic is a little child’s love. A little child loves everyone, whether a person is clean, dirty, rich or poor. Those things do not matter to a little child. Also, offending a little child is hard. Offenses will come, but we should not hold things against a person; just become as a little child. We need the love of God shall abound in our heart, and then keep it up-to-date. Then, when offenses come, they will just come and go, just as a breeze comes and goes. We would have greater unity if we each would become as little children. Do not become high-minded. Paul said if we think we stand, take heed lest we fall. A brother can say something that offends us and not even know it, so we need to forgive him and leave him with God, whether he meant it or not. One songwriter wrote, “Make me and break me, mold me and shape me.” Some things about each of us need to be broken. Our wills need to be broken so that God can mold us. We do not have to hold grudges. To stand as a witness with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ The second is: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’

The heart of Christianity in an upside down world

The world is upside down. That’s the conclusion I’ve come to after watching the news for the last few weeks. Why do I say it’s upside down? It seems like doing right is wrong and doing wrong is called right.

In one week, there was not enough media coverage of another fatal police shooting of an unarmed black teenager. This time, the unarmed young man was 15 year old high school student honor student Jordan Edwards who was shot as he and his friends left a neighborhood party in Balch Springs, Texas. Media reports state that he and his friends were leaving the party because it was getting out of control; they wanted to avoid being there if something bad happened.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE JACKSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE JACKSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, WILL HOLD ITS MONTHLY MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2017 AT 12:00 PM. IN THE ADMINISTRATION CONFERENCE ROOM, 150 MS, at the KELLY FARM BUILDINGS, 250 SOUTH PRESIDENT STREET, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

APPLICANT FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

A. OLD BUSINESS

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. CASE NO. 2017-23, REQUEST BY REED B. HOGAN III, TO AMEND AN ADDENDUM OF EXISTING COA (2017-17) BY CHANGING LOCATION OF COLUMNS, ADDING GATE LARGER AND A NON-FUNCTIONAL IRON GATE ACROSS SADREWELL AT MULTIPLE LOCATIONS, LOCATED IN THE BELHAVEN HISTORIC DISTRICT.

2. CASE NO. 2017-24, REQUEST BY CENTURY-CONSTRUCTION L.L.C (APPLICANT STUART/POTTAWAL, TO CONSTRUCT TWO NEW HOMES FOR PARK 1368 HOME DEVELOPMENT AT MULTIPLE LOCATIONS, LOCATED IN THE FARISH STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT.

OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSION

- NONE

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ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI NAMING THE BRIDGE NEAR 1118 REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DRIVE TO DOROTHY MOORE DRIVE

WHEREAS, Reaween P. W. Williams, is a citizen of the City of Jackson and has contributed to the community and its youth;

WHEREAS, Reaween P. Williams, was born in Jackson, Mississippi on July 27, 1934, inherited a love of music from her parents, Ethel D. and Edward W. Williams and attended Jackson State University, from 1950-1954. Reaween has never married and only has five children; a son, a daughter and three grandchildren.

WHEREAS, she is an advocate for human rights, social justice and civil rights, working with groups such as Black Lives Matter, the Georgetown Community, the NAACP and the Mississippi Freedom Riders;

WHEREAS, she is married to her high school sweetheart and together they have three (3) children;

WHEREAS, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the City engineer is hereby authorized to sign a contract on the city's behalf with the City of Jackson, Mississippi to install the street signs; and

WHEREAS, the following is a true and exact copy of an Ordinance passed by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi and recorded in the records of the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi and seal of said City, and

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this 9th day of May, 2017.

Kristi Moore
City Clerk

ATTEST:

Kristi Moore
City Clerk

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ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI NAMING STAFF PARK AT EMMETT TILL PARK

WHEREAS, Section 110-1 and 110-2 of the Jackson Municipal Code authorize the Board of Trustees of the City of Jackson, Mississippi to name streets, parks or other places in said City.

WHEREAS, 14 year old Emmett Till, an African American boy, was murdered in 1955 in Mississippi because he ventured out of his stay in Money, Mississippi, was not prepared for the level of segregation he encountered in Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby further ordered that the City engineer is hereby authorized to make the street sign as described in Section 110-1 of the Jackson Municipal Code, by and with the advice and consent of the City Council, and

It is hereby further ordered that the City engineer is hereby authorized to sign a contract on the city's behalf with the City of Jackson, Mississippi to install the street signs; and

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this 9th day of May, 2017.

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Sealed, written formal RFPS may be submitted by the deadline of the RFP for the above project shall be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 392 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 3:00 P.M. (Central Time) 23rd Day of June, 2017 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all Proposals for any reason.

Applications packages may be obtained at the School District business office located at 392 South President Street or by emailing ppargen@jackson.k12.ms.us, calling (601) 960-8799, or documents may be obtained by emailing pagen@jackson.k12.ms.us, calling (601) 960-8799, or documents may be obtained by emailing pagen@jackson.k12.ms.us, calling (601) 960-8799, or documents may be obtained by emailing pagen@jackson.k12.ms.us, calling (601) 960-8799, or documents may be obtained by emailing pagen@jackson.k12.ms.us, calling (601) 960-8799, or documents may be obtained by emailing pagen@jackson.k12.ms.us, calling (601) 960-8799, or documents may be obtained by emailing pagen@jackson.k12.ms.us, calling (601) 960-8799, or documents may be obtained by emailing pagen@jackson.k12.ms.us, calling (601) 960-8799.

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ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI HONORARILY NAMING MONUMENT STREET FROM MILL STREET TO CAPITOL STREET, TO DOROTHY MOORE DRIVE

WHEREAS, Mrs. Dorothy Moore is a citizen of the City of Jackson and has contributed to the community and its youth;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Dorothy Moore is the mother of five children, a son and a daughter who were her late husband, the late Mr. Ethyl T. Moore, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, she has an M.A. in Counseling from Jackson State University; and

WHEREAS, she has been married to her high school sweetheart, Ethel D. Williams, since 1954 and they have five children, a son and a daughter;

WHEREAS, she was reared on the streets of Jackson and has never married;

WHEREAS, she is a teacher at the Alcorn Theater, where she always has a smile on her face;

WHEREAS, she was signed to the record label in 1956 in New Orleans, but also worked with the record label in 1957, 1958 and 1959;

WHEREAS, she has never married and only has five children, a son and a daughter;

WHEREAS, she broke a music contract in 1967, but she has always been a teacher at the Alcorn Theater, where she always has a smile on her face;

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING ZONING CASE NO. 3782

In accordance with and pursuant to the authority and direction of Section 111-1-3 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, by virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of Ordinance No. 2007-14, as amended, the City of Jackson, Mississippi, hereby gives notice, hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that on or about the 9th day of May, 2017, at 1:30 p.m., the City Planning Board of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, will hear an application requesting a Rezoning from 1-api Industrial District to C-2 Community Meal-Use District, presented by Chester Beasley for a Community Recreational Facility to operate an Escape Room at 1420 Terry Boulevard, in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as: beginning at the Northeast corner on said lot 14, Block H Pecan Tree Park Subdivision, Hinds County, Mississippi; thence south along the line of said lot 14, 93.40 feet; thence south and parallel to the east line of Arbor Vista Street a distance of 93.40 feet; thence northerly for a distance of 45.40 feet, to the south line of Arbor Vista Street; thence east along the south line of Arbor Vista Street a distance of 103.51 feet; thence northerly for a distance of 65.00 feet or more or less, to a point, thence east along the north line of 100 feet; thence more or less, to a point, thence west along the east line of 100 feet, more or less, to a point, thence north along the north line of 100 feet, more or less, to a point, thence south along the south line of 100 feet, more or less, to a point, thence west along the west line of 100 feet to the point of beginning and containing 0.396 acres, more or less.

The City of Jackson, Mississippi, will receive bids for the construction of a Community Recreational Facility/Escape Room at 1420 Terry Boulevard, in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as: beginning at the Northeast corner on said lot 14, Block H Pecan Tree Park Subdivision, Hinds County, Mississippi, thence south along the line of said lot 14, 93.40 feet; thence south and parallel to the east line of Arbor Vista Street a distance of 93.40 feet; thence northerly for a distance of 45.40 feet; thence east along the south line of Arbor Vista Street a distance of 103.51 feet; thence northerly for a distance of 65.00 feet or more or less, to a point, thence west along the east line of 100 feet, more or less, to a point, thence north along the north line of 100 feet, more or less, to a point, thence south along the south line of 100 feet, more or less, to a point, thence west along the west line of 100 feet to the point of beginning and containing 0.396 acres, more or less.

The award of this contract will be contingent upon the Contractor satisfying the requirements of the Contract Documents.

Submit all bids to Kristi Moore, Director of Public Works, City of Jackson, at 839 S. State St., in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A VARIANCE ZONING CASE NO. 3783

In accordance with and pursuant to the authority and direction of Ordinance No. 2007-14, as amended, the City of Jackson, Mississippi, hereby gives notice, hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that on or about the 9th day of May, 2017, at 1:30 p.m., the City Planning Board of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, will hear an application requesting a variance to Section 111-1-3 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, whereby said applicant is to be added to a list of suppliers that is maintained by the State of Mississippi, in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total bid price, if requested by the County. The City of Jackson, Mississippi, will receive bids for the construction of a Community Recreational Facility/Escape Room at 1420 Terry Boulevard, in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as: beginning at the Northeast corner on said lot 14, Block H Pecan Tree Park Subdivision, Hinds County, Mississippi; thence south along the line of said lot 14, 93.40 feet; thence south and parallel to the east line of Arbor Vista Street a distance of 93.40 feet; thence northerly for a distance of 45.40 feet; thence east along the south line of Arbor Vista Street a distance of 103.51 feet; thence northerly for a distance of 65.00 feet or more or less, to a point, thence west along the east line of 100 feet, more or less, to a point, thence north along the north line of 100 feet, more or less, to a point, thence south along the south line of 100 feet, more or less, to a point, thence west along the west line of 100 feet to the point of beginning.

The award of this contract will be contingent upon the Contractor satisfying the requirements of the Contract Documents.

Submit all bids to Kristi Moore, Director of Public Works, City of Jackson, at 839 S. State St., in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL EXEMPTION ZONING CASE NO. 3785

In accordance with and pursuant to the authority and direction of Ordinance No. 2007-14, as amended, the City of Jackson, Mississippi, hereby gives notice, hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that on or about the 9th day of May, 2017, at 1:30 p.m., the City Planning Board of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, will hear an application requesting a special exemption to the requirements of Ordinance No. 2007-14, as amended, whereby said applicant is to be added to a list of suppliers that is maintained by the State of Mississippi, in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total bid price, if requested by the County. The City of Jackson, Mississippi, will receive bids for the construction of a Community Recreational Facility/Escape Room at 1420 Terry Boulevard, in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as: beginning at the Northeast corner on said lot 14, Block H Pecan Tree Park Subdivision, Hinds County, Mississippi; thence south along the line of said lot 14, 93.40 feet; thence south and parallel to the east line of Arbor Vista Street a distance of 93.40 feet; thence northerly for a distance of 45.40 feet; thence east along the south line of Arbor Vista Street a distance of 103.51 feet; thence northerly for a distance of 65.00 feet or more or less, to a point, thence west along the east line of 100 feet, more or less, to a point, thence north along the north line of 100 feet, more or less, to a point, thence south along the south line of 100 feet, more or less, to a point, thence west along the west line of 100 feet to the point of beginning.

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American University of Antigua finds success with Diversity Mission

By Stacy M. Brown

Dr. Kwaku Boakye has a goal to improve the overall health conditions in developing countries. Me, his brother, Kwadwo

A new nonprofit called the Gold Coast Medical

The school meant the American University of Antigua finds success with diversity innovations. PHOTO COURTESY OF AUA

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The school's push for diversity has been a recent change, as a result of a national physician shortage, which experts project will increase to roughly 105,000 doctors by 2030. Simon noted that increasing enrollment among black men could help solve persistent public health issues. "Not having diversity impairs the quality of a medical education for everyone, said Simon. "If you don't have the education that includes diversity, you won't be as good a doctor."
President Trump wages war on Obama's legacy in first 100 days

By Lauren Victoria Burke NNPA Newswire Correspondent

President Donald Trump has reversed himself and is taking a stab at the one area of his administration that is least controversial and most likely to last: national security. Trump has signaled that he plans to bring a devoid presence like Betsy DeVos, his教育部 (Department of Education) secretary, to the White House. In Trump’s first 100 days, the White House won’t become the new home of DeVos or any of the other cabinet members. Instead, the White House will become the center of the Trump administration, where the president and his staff will make decisions and issue guidance and services to small business owners, Dixon said. The office is staffed by a seasoned executive team, which is being requested by companies that are trying to build up a strong base for their business or avoid sales practices that are considered toxic in the 21st century. The newsroom includes more than 100,000 monthly visitors to the website and 46,000 Twitter followers. The office is believed to be operational and is expected to grow to its full potential in the coming months.

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Amirah Vann

The Underground interview

By Kayan Williams

Ready for Her Close-Up? An actress and singer “wri-
ter from Far Rockaway, Queens, Amirah Vann began
performing at a young age. Pursuing her passion for per-
formance, she completed her undergraduate study in act-
ing at Fordham University’s Lincoln Center before enter-
ing at NYU’s Tisch School of the Arts. Upon graduation, Amirah
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Kam Williams

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What's Happening in Black Entertainment and Media

**Bassett**

We love all things ANGELA BASSETT and the actress just inked a deal with FOX to star and executive produce a series called 911. Few details are currently available on the show, but she is teaming up once again with Ryan Murphy (AMERICAN HORROR STORY) on the project. Sounds like potential #blackgirlmagic to us.

**Thede**

Comedian ROBIN THEDE will host her own late-night talk show on BET this fall. The show, THE RUNDOWN WITH ROBIN THEDE, will be co-produced by CHRIS ROCK. THEDE has had a long-standing presence in the comedy world and written for shows like HOUSE HUSBANDS OF HOLLYWOOD and NIGHTLY SHOW WITH LARRY WHITMORE. We are excited for her and this new venture.

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**TV ROUNDUP**

**MONDAY**

ANGE TRIBECA – A man is mysteriously murdered in New York, so the team heads to the Big Apple based on Tribeca’s hunch that the same serial killer they’ve been tracking is the culprit. 10:30 p.m. ET on TBS

TUESDAY

BROOKLYN NINE-NINE – In this combined episode, Capt. Holt’s mom seeks support from the precinct after her house is robbed; Terry, Rosa and Boyle remodel the break room; and Amy teaches Gina how to change her car tire. Then, Jake and Rosa try to earn the respect of their idol; and Charles, Terry and Gina test different parenting methods to resolve a conflict between Scully and Hitchcock. 8 p.m. ET on FOX

FAMOUS IN LOVE – Paige wants to celebrate her birthday with friends. 8pm ET on FREEFORM

PRISON BREAK – Sara fears for her family’s safety when she discovers the real reason that Michael faked his own death. Suco helps Michael and Lincoln find a way home. 8pm ET on FOX

IF LOVING YOU IS WRONG – Kelly finds herself in an all-too-familiar predicament with a man she just can’t get rid of. 9 p.m. ET on OWN

REBEL – Rebel and Cheena team up with Mack and Jimmy to find a missing Brim. 10 p.m. ET on BET

WEDNESDAY

EMPIRE – In the Season 3 finale, when Cookie is banned from Leviticus Vegas, she pulls together a team of her own allies to seek revenge on Giuliana and steal her secret weapon. Meanwhile, Jamal is encouraged to put his album on hold, so as not to compete with Lucious’ “Inferno.” 9 p.m. ET on FOX

ARCHER – Arthur and Trollie try to escape a rampaging Dutch by telling the world’s worst knock-knock joke. 10 p.m ET on FOX

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