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Nissan executives support union vote

NISSAN VS. UAW

By Othor Cain
Editor

Workers at Nissan Motor Company's Canton plant will decide Aug 3 and 4 whether the United Auto Workers (UAW) will represent them. The company and the UAW said Monday that the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) had set the election date.

In a press release shared with media outlets, UAW shared: *In an election petition filed with the NLRB, Nissan employees originally sought to schedule the election earlier that same week but instead agreed to the Aug. 3-4 dates offered by the company.*

In announcing the election dates, the UAW criticized Nissan for stepping up efforts to intimidate employees following the July 11 announcement that an election petition had been filed. In the days following the petition, Nissan employees have reported widespread pressure by company supervisors in one-on-one meetings and in videos broadcast inside the Canton plant.

The Mississippi Link was given access to the video that was produced and shown after the press conference, which was held last week at the UAW office located near the plant in Canton. "We have absolutely nothing to hide and we believe very strongly in communicating with our employees and we do that on a regularly bases, in fact, everyday said Jeffrey Webster, director of Diversity and Inclusion for Nissan North America. "We didn't just start showing videos, we find that this is one of the most effective ways to get it done with a limited amount of time."

Based on our viewing of the video, *The Mississippi Link* found it not to contain any language, actions or messaging of intimidation. Officials with Nissan said it's an opportunity to tell the company's side of the story. "We respect and appreciate all of our employees and we believe in and support their right to vote, but we also think it is only fair why we believe that UAW isn't the best representative for them," said Parul Bajaj, manager of Corporate Communications for Nissan. "It is always a good opportunity for everyone to hear both sides of the situation."

Some workers at the plant in Canton have accused Nissan of turning up the heat and the UAW highlighted that in its release Monday.

Because of Nissan's actions, which are inconsistent with the company's stated principles of neutrality, the UAW said it will prepare a new round of unfair labor practice charges to submit to the NLRB.

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Marian Wright Edelman: We need another 'movement'

50 years later, what has changed in the Mississippi Delta?

Edelman with some of the parents and children in Marks, Miss.

By Othor Cain
Editor

Fifty years ago this year, a young lawyer, who served as the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund legal counsel in Jackson, Miss, Marian Wright, urged then U.S. Sen. Robert F. "Bobby" Kennedy and the Senate subcommittee panel for the War on Poverty to take a tour of the Mississippi Delta to "come see for yourselves" the living conditions of Mississippians in one of the nation's poorest regions.

In 1967 when then 27 year old Wright and Kennedy visited the region, problems in the Delta included a lack of education, little to no access to health care, extreme poverty, hunger and malnourishment.

What has changed?

Wright, a South Carolina native and the first black woman admitted to the Mississippi bar, was instrumental in several civil-rights victories in Mississippi. She represented long time state representative Robert Clark, the first black elected to the Mississippi House of Representatives since Reconstruction.

"Much has changed. Mississippi has more black elected officials than any other state and I see the number of black lawyers, doctors and other professionals has increased over the years,"she said.

Kennedy was outraged by the depth of poverty in the Delta and he was determined to do something about it. "This 1967 tour set in motion a chain

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JSU's Bynum touts new era, with focus on his 3 tenets

By L.A. Warren
Jackson State University

Jackson State University President William Bynum Jr. conducted his first official media conference Friday since taking the helm as JSU's 11th chief executive by sharing his three foundational tenets and addressing questions about the institution's finances, enrollment, accreditation and layoffs.

The self-described "God-loving, God-fearing, blessed and highly favored" leader who began July 1 said there's still a lot to be discovered and dealt with since being hired; however, the three things that will remain consistent involve the three pillars of his leadership style: student-centeredness; teamwork and collegiality; and the pursuit of excellence.

Speaking to a crowd of mostly media, staff and a few community constituents in the Welcome Center on the main campus, Bynum emphasized that his top "uncompromising" focus will be on students, making sure their best interests and needs are taken into account.

Jackson State University President William Bynum Jr., meeting with media Friday in the Welcome Center on the main campus, said he will fully champion JSU as a fundraiser.

Bynum greets constituents during a press conference in which he stated that the university will do everything in its power to guarantee students receive a return on their investment. PHOTOS BY CHARLES A. SMITH/JSU

"Students are the reason we exist." He said the university will do everything in its power to guarantee students receive a return on their investment. "We will come up with certain indicators of student success – whether that's enrollment, retention, graduation rates or job placement."

He said his second focus will be on teamwork and collegiality, with JSU working across divisional lines so constituency groups are talking on the same page. "There will be a sense of shared goals and objectives so that we're not doing desperate things that do not fit our goals and objectives because together we can, together we will," he said. It's a mantra that he declared will be recited repeatedly and adhered to consistently.

His third pillar is the pursuit of excellence, which involves raising the bar. He said, "the good thing about higher education is that "we basically get to do the same thing each and every year just with a different group of students. Because of that, there is no reason we shouldn't do it better each and every year. We can't be complacent with what we've done before."

Bynum, who previously was president of Mississippi Valley State University, said he expects an assessment from students, employees and alumni whenever there is a program or academic offering so that new ideas can be incorporated that will help the institution thrive.

He sought to debunk any negative thoughts about JSU's financial future.

"We're going to be just fine. We're going to have a tough year or two in terms of tightening our belts the way we do with our own personal budget and personal household accounts."

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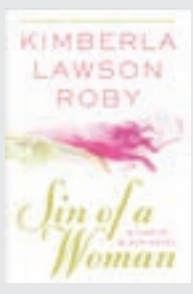

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Historic West Jackson pastor honored for 11 outstanding years of service

'God gets the glory, not I.'

The Mississippi Link Newswire

A crowd of worshippers and well-wishers poured into Holy Temple Missionary Baptist Church Sunday afternoon to celebrate the 11th-year anniversary/appreciation of Pastor Audrey Lynne Hall.

Echoes of worship could be heard in the parking lot as the choir and congregation engaged in heightened praise. Holy Temple is located at 5077 Cabaniss Circle in West Jackson.

"She has been an outstanding and wonderful pastor," said Deacon Chairman Edison T. Brown Jr. during an earlier interview. "One thing I enjoy about being a part of her ministry is the fact that she is a Bible-based teacher and preacher."

Before his message, speaker Rev. Dr. Ava S. Harvey Sr., pastor of Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church of Brandon commented, "The naysayers said it wouldn't last; they said the doors of the church would close, but here we are 11 years later."

Harvey, who also serves as the church's overseer, said the journey has not been easy for Hall and her congregation. His comments stemmed from mixed and critical views many had when she, in July 2006, became the first female pastor of the church after serving a year as interim. She was officially installed October 29, 2006, historically making her the first female pastor of a Missionary Baptist Church in Jackson, Miss.

Hall and Evangelist Leslee Harvey, First Lady of Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church of Brandon, Miss.

Guest speaker Overseer Rev. Ava S. Harvey Sr., pastor of Pilgrim Rest and Rev. Greg Divinity, New Vineyard Church

Pilgrim Rest Church choir member George Taylor leads choir in singing "God Is..." PHOTOS COURTESY OF HOLY TEMPLE

The Enterprise, Miss. native said she does not focus much on that. Her goals have always been to preach and teach the Gospel according to God's Word in order to win souls for His Kingdom. "God gets the glory; not I," she stressed. "I thank and Praise God for keeping me at Holy Temple as shepherd of this great ministry for 11 years."

Under her leadership thus far, God has blessed the church to secure more than $20,000 in grants for youth services, make building improvements, pay off the mortgage, establish a homeless ministry outreach, establish a Girls Scout troop and conduct such ministries as marriage enrichment and care and concern.

Her pride and joy is her youth ministry – Christ Raising Up New Kingdom Kids (CRUNKK).

The youngest of three children born to Dock and Carrie Hall (both deceased), Hall is a graduate of Enterprise High School, the University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg; and the Juris Doctorate Program at the Antioch School of Law, Washington, D.C. She has also done ministerial studies at Wesley Biblical Seminary, Jackson, Miss.

Professionally, she is the district director for the U.S. Department of Labor Wage and Hour Division Jackson District Office for the State of Mississippi. She has served the U.S. Department of Labor for more than 25 years. She is also a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Beta Delta Omega Chapter Jackson, MS where she does a great deal of community service.

Speaking of community, she and the church have joined residents in forming an association for neighborhood improvements concerning streets, drainage and erosion.

During Sunday's celebration, Harvey's powerful message on being a faithful servant (I Corinthians 15:10-11) had to ignite some soul-searching; while guest soloist Douglas V. Noel moved many souls to their feet with his rendition of gospel artist Douglas Miller's popular gospel song, "My Soul is Anchored," Hall's favorite.

Noel is pastor of New Cov-

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enant Christian Fellowship Church in Crystal Springs, Miss. and the lead singer of the gospel group Douglas Noel & Friendz of Hazelhurst, Miss.

"We are so grateful to everyone for coming to help us make our pastor's 11th-year anniversary/appreciation so special," said Deaconess Joann Robinson, president of Holy Temple's Shepherd's Ministry.

Apostle Diane Johnson speaking words of encouragement to Hall.

New Covenant Christian Fellowship Pastor Douglas Noel singing Hall's favorite song, "My Soul is Anchored."

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Nissan's treatment of workers in Mississippi is contrary to statements made last year by Carlos Ghosn, chairman and CEO of the Renault-Nissan Alliance. In a February 2016 hearing before the French National Assembly, Ghosn denied allegations that Nissan opposes employee representation in Mississippi, claiming the company "has no tradition of not cooperating with unions."

Gary Casteel, secretary-treasurer of the UAW and director of the international union's transnational department, noted the disconnect between Ghosn's political statements and Nissan's actual behavior in Canton.

"Over the past six days, Nissan has made it abundantly clear that it does not respect its Mississippi employees' rights to vote in a free and fair election," Casteel said. "In fact, the company is running one of the most aggressive anti-worker campaigns that we've seen in modern U.S. history."

Officials with Nissan maintain that when UAW and some employees say they want Nissan "to get out of the way," they are essentially saying they don't want Nissan to have a voice.

"We liken this to a political campaign, voters should be able to hear and have access to information from all sides before casting a vote," Bajaj said. "We should be able to share our benefits and praise the wonderful work of our employees."

Nissan released the following statement after learning that a vote for a union would take place.

The secret ballot election date has been set for technicians at the Nissan Canton Vehicle Assembly Plant, subject to NLRB approval. During the election, which will take place on August 3 and 4, 2017, Nissan Canton technicians will decide whether or not to have the UAW become their exclusive representative for purposes of collective bargaining. Nissan does not believe that UAW representation is in the best interest of Nissan Canton and its workers. However, it is ultimately up to the employees to decide.

"In Canton, Nissan technicians enjoy pay and benefits that are among the best in Mississippi, a safe work environment, and a history of job security that exceeds UAW-organized plants," said Rodney Francis, HR director at Nissan Canton. "Our success has been built upon the direct relationship we have with employees. Given the UAW's history of strikes, layoffs and plant closures, it is clear that their presence could be harmful."

Nissan will post election voting times and locations to ensure every Nissan Canton technician has an opportunity to vote and have his or her voice heard. The company encourages employees to educate themselves on UAW representation in order to make an informed decision.

The Nissan Canton plant opened in 2003 and has created more than 25,000 total jobs statewide and has some of the best paying and most secure manufacturing jobs in the state. Over the last several years, UAW has launched baseless and false claims against the company in an attempt to unionize the workforce.

The Mississippi Link will follow the vote and share the outcome as soon as that information becomes available.

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of events that culminated in years later a virtual elimination of hunger in America during the Nixon years," Wright told a historian.

A short time after the trip to the Mississippi Delta, Wright would move to Washington, D.C. to work on the Poor People's Campaign with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968. Kennedy encouraged Wright to tell King to bring the poor to Washington to dramatize their plight. King and Wright began to plan a March on Washington, to call for an economic bill of rights for the poor while demonstrations took place around the country.

Tragically, both King and Kennedy were assassinated that year before the campaign could launch, but the King family and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference went ahead with the campaign in his honor.

Thousands of people from all over the country camped on the National Mall in Washington. They called their camp "Resurrection City."

Mayor Thomas of Glendora, Miss.

Wright would later that same year marry an aide to Kennedy that accompanied him on the trip to the Delta in 1967, Peter Edelman, now a professor at Georgetown Law School.

Edelman told a group of reporters accompanying her back to the Mississippi Delta five decades later that, "extreme hunger and malnourishment have been replaced by food insecurity and obesity." "The war on poverty continues and we need another campaign…this work must continue."

In Mississippi, poverty rates and hunger continue to exceed state and national averages. "We cannot let this work end," Edelman said. "It is absolutely disgraceful that we have 14.5 million poor children in the United States of America – with half of them living in extreme poverty – in the richest, most powerful economy in the world.That's not right and we should not let it happen."

Edelman, now 78, recognizes progress but she also highlights the need for more work. "Despite the gains in Mississippi and elsewhere, the proposed cuts at the federal level and inaction by state legislatures could roll back some of the progress made," she said. "We need another campaign, we must finish this work."

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Still, there were questions about lingering state budget cuts.

"The state is facing some tough times in terms of its own revenue projections," he said. "Over the past three years, we've had a number of budget cuts. … We know in this particular budget cycle the legislature has been extremely conservative. The state went back a couple times to make adjustments. That's why we've gotten an additional decrease in budget," which he described as a "moving target."

He said JSU would be good stewards of taxpayers' dollars – whatever it receives in state allocation. In addition, he vowed that JSU would continue lobbying alumni, friends and legislators because "at the end of the day, those challenges will continue."

Asked about raising private dollars, Bynum said, "The first part of fundraising is friendraising, getting out and about and letting people touch and feel and hear from me about my vision and commitment. … We're going to get out and meet a bunch of folks, talk to people and interact with them. I've already had an opportunity to visit five alumni chapters and four churches. We will continue getting out in the corporate and business communities. … The hard part of fundraising is making sure you match up and create a win-win situation."

As well, he said, " JSU will work with the federal government and different agencies for future opportunities, and we will push faculty even harder in those endeavors."

Then, there were questions about the success of JSU's newly implemented budget and recovery plan.

Bynum acknowledged the mammoth yet successful task of his predecessor, former interim President Dr. Rod Paige, and the administrative team for the "heavy lifting" and difficult decisions about reductions.

"When you're freezing 60 positions and cutting 40-something positions it's one of the toughest decisions you'll have to make as an administrator. It was a good example of shared governance. Nothing that I will do in the short term will change any of those things that the governing group put into effect," said Bynum, while dismissing concerns about university accreditation.

He said JSU is on solid ground with the accrediting body of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

Furthermore, he said, there will be times when JSU will revisit decisions in the recovery plan. "The main thing is to make sure the budget is in a good place, and we truly won't know that until the end of September." He said that's when there will be a clearer picture about enrollment in the fall as well as developing projections for the following spring.

Bynum admits that early indicators show some enrollment decline, especially with changes in scholarship policies. Despite this, he said the size of the freshman class will be similar to what it has been in previous years.

Bynum is excited about new student orientation, the upcoming football season and meeting with student groups.

Bynum also addressed salary reductions and changes resulting from a transition in leadership. He said some changes were implemented to fit his leadership style and level of passion. "You'll see a few more changes as we continue to learn through discovery and assess different areas and different personnel" – with the university unable to comment on the latter, he said.

For now, Bynum is also focused on building alumni support.

He's developed a "strong working relationship" with the president of the Jackson State University National Alumni Association, Yolanda Owens. "She was the first person to greet me and my wife. We're all working for the betterment of Jackson State University. I've visited several alumni chapters, and she's joined me on a few of those visits."

Owens and Bynum are in constant contact. "I was on the phone last week with the executive board and all the chapter presidents (about 50 people on the phone), and I updated them on what was going on about organizational changes, financial challenges and how we're going to be working henceforth. We're going to continue to meet and talk about shared goals and shared ideas," said Bynum, who plans to include alumni in the crafting of his strategic plan.

On another upbeat note, Bynum said he's looking forward to students returning to school this fall because of the liveliness and energy they bring to the campus.

"I am thankful that the good Lord put me on this earth to do exactly what I need to do each and every day and that is to work with young people and their families who are seeking a higher education. … I can't tell you how pumped I get each and every day when I wake up and how excited I am to know that what I'm doing could affect a young man or a young woman in achieving their own ultimate goal, and that's a college degree," he said.

"There's nothing like the start of new student orientation and being able to look into those eyes of young freshmen … and seeing their hopes, dreams and aspirations. I'm also extremely excited about the upcoming football season and tailgating." Bynum said he is also anxious to meet with more student groups.

The offbeat question during the press conference dealt with his choice of neckties.

Bynum displayed his quick wit and evoked laughter when asked whether his blue tie was new, remarking "Yes. It's easier to shop for blue (JSU color) than green" – which is one of the colors of his previous employer (MVSU Delta Devils) – a perennial JSU rival.

In fact, Bynum stated firmly that he's fully channeling his "Thee I Love" spirit.

Implicit bias – JSU research on subconscious and involuntary responses

By Anthony Dean
MS e-Center Consultant

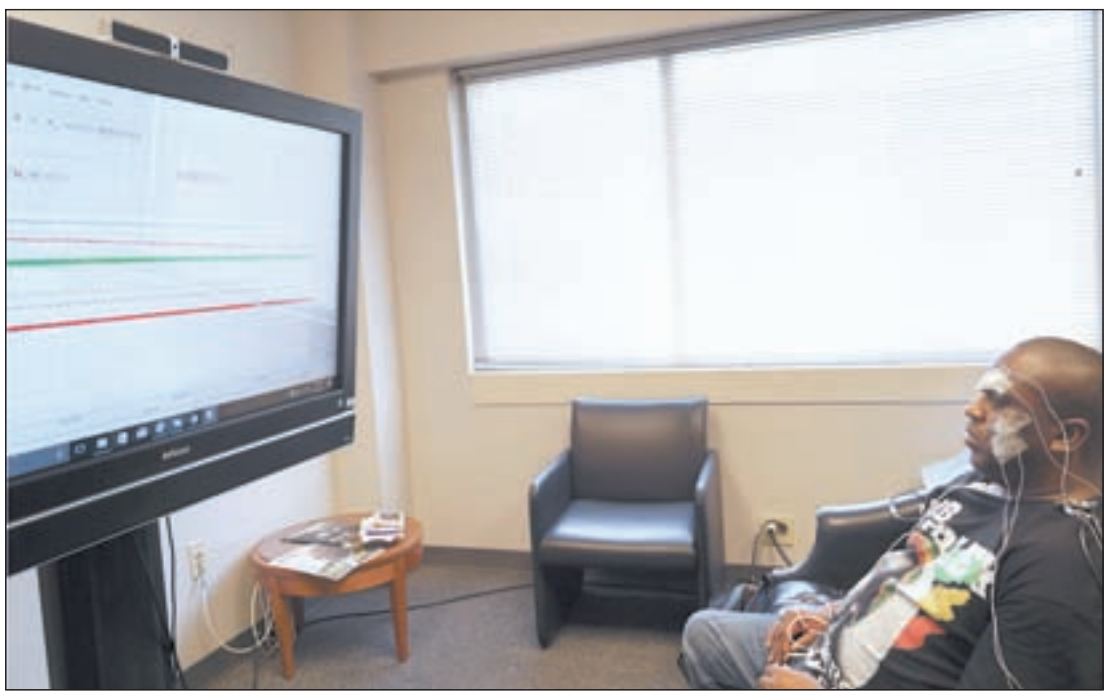
It's no secret that unconscious biases penetrate various realms of society, from hiring decisions to medical care and even in education.

But what about implicit bias in our everyday lives? Does it play a role in how we view people who don't look like we do, who we patronize, or the impact on education?

Implicit bias refers to attitudes or stereotypes that affect our understanding, actions, and decisions in an unconscious manner, according to the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity. It's different from suppressed thoughts we might conceal to keep the peace; it's the opposite of explicit bias, which refers to attitudes or beliefs that we fully admit to.

Jackson State University's department of political science is currently immersed in research on implicit bias, as it relates to subconscious and involuntary responses. Armed with three grants from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to conduct the research, political science professor, D'Andra Orey and his team set out to understand the physiological ramifications of racially divisive subject matter on African Americans.

The research is conducted in laboratories at the MS e-Center and on JSU's main campus. Through a series of student and community participation studies, Orey and his team are examining the material health effects of exposure to police and protestor violence, confederate imagery and implicit bias.



A JSU research participant has wires connected to his fingers, forehead and torsos to a device that is similar to a polygraph machine and a laptop to show how much unconscious biases inform how he see events in the contemporary political scene.

"Topics addressing the confederate flag and police force involving African-American males generate a range of emotions. But it was after leading and losing a referendum in 2001 to change the Mississippi state flag that became the catalyst for the research our department is currently engaged in," Orey said. "When we lost, we lost like 65-35. Folks didn't want a change, so that was like a kick in the gut."

It was during Orey's tenure, as associate professor at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln (UNL) that he discovered his colleagues were conducting research on identical twins and non-identical twins to determine if there was a genetic predisposition to people being liberal or conservative. "My position when we were doing the twin data stuff was that black folk have to have a certain type of gene to be able to survive and go through a traumatic experience similar to the post-traumatic slave syndrome," he said.

He also realize that a large number of studies administered by traditionally white institutions did not have many black participants, therefore, he concluded that none of them were interested in any questions related to race. This prompted Orey to think about the effects of violent imagery on African Americans.

The NSF grant also funded Orey's research that focused on the investigation of the biological effects that racially traumatic and stressful events and symbols have on African Americans.

Participants are hooked up to a machine that monitors their heart rate and facial expressions, and sweat secretions (electrodermal). They are then shown beautiful and shocking images, at random, that include police brutality, protests in various stages of civil unrest, beautiful flowers, and the confederate flag among other things to test their electrodermal response. To increase their data pool, Orey's research has been expanded to include paid representatives from the community.

The most recent grant from NSF allows Orey and his team to analyze the impact of subconscious racial biases in the killings of black males using active shooter simulators. Participants go through a week of cultural competency training to address negative stereotypes associated with people of color and strengthen racial identity, while another group of participants would forego the training. All participants were given a subconscious test, based on a study out of Harvard, to detect if they are biased towards different ethnic groups and if the cultural competency training decreased any prejudice.

Both groups of participants were given simulation goggles and a "real" empty 9 mm Glock. The simulation goggles projected a variety of police-involved scenarios aimed at ultimately judging if they will shoot a black person faster than a white person. Their responses will then be correlated with their biases if any.

"This is a pilot study, and we'll observe if those that received the cultural competency training will see that black folks are not the negative stereotypes. Hopefully, any implicit bias will decrease. We then can put together a module to show that this type of training does reduce these types of shootings," Orey stated.

"The Mississippi e-Center Foundation has provided resources to assist with the implicit bias research," said William McHenry, executive director. "The cutting edge research Orey and the department of political science is doing will provide scientific data to address and develop solutions to the many facets of implicit bias globally."

While the research that Orey and his team is conducting is similar to other universities like Harvard, MIT, and UNL, they adopted some of the methods and applied them to the unique experiences of African Americans. "JSU is the only university conducting this type of research in the United States," according to Orey.

After summarizing the date from the research, Orey will publish his findings and hopefully it will lead to broader discussions and solutions that can mitigate implicit bias.

NISSAN AND MISSISSIPPI:
A SOUTHERN SUCCESS STORY

NISSAN

At Nissan Canton, we believe in our people. By working directly with our employees, we have built a great plant and strong community.

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My Valley Story: Valley's Impact on Fair is Great

Mississippi Link Newswire

In 2001, when Bradford Fair,'05 crossed the graduation stage of Clarksdale High School he knew without a shadow of a doubt where he would attend college.

Mississippi Valley State University was the place for him, much like it had been for his brother Byron, and their father, Marshall, who attended the university when it was known as Mississippi Vocational College.

"Valley was the place for me. I wanted to be at an HBCU and I wanted to be close to home. That narrowed the search to a very small number of one," said Fair.

From Valley, Fair received a full band scholarship that he maintained and allowed him to march in the band for four years. He served as Mr. MCIS (Mathematics, Computer and Information Sciences) his freshman year and also became a part of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

Because he is skilled in piano, percussion and organ he was able to serve as the pianist for the MVSU Jazz Band. He also performed at events which featured B.B. King, Isaac Hayes, Coretta Scott King, Vanessa Bell Armstrong, as well as other notable university events.

"Being here at Mississippi Valley was special for me," said Fair. "I thrived and became the man I am today. The professors and the family atmosphere at The Valley is second to none."

Fair

After graduating from MVSU with a bachelor of science degree in computer science, Fair returned to Clarksdale. He managed his family's business, Royal Funeral Home. Following the death of his father in 2008 and his mother, Bobbie in 2016, Fair became CEO of Royal Funeral Home.

He has held computer technician roles in the Coahoma County and Clarksdale Municipal school districts. Currently, he is an IT specialist for the Desoto County School District, which is the second largest school district in the state of Mississippi.

"With all that I have lost I have also gained a great deal. I have a wonderful son in B.J. (Bradford Jr.), I love my community and God has blessed me to run my family's business while also doing what I love."

While a student at Valley, Fair was involved many activities he said that experience was the foundation to how he is able to juggle so much now.

"I was in everything I could (join) and now, everything I do is like second nature," said Fair. I'm not afraid of any challenge, and when you are a Valley grad, you have to tackle the world with fearlessness.

Always looking for ways to impact his community, Fair created Divine Outreach Ministries in 2008. Because he is a cancer survivor, diagnosed when he was merely eight months, he started the ministry as a way to expose his community to something he felt would uplift them.

Divine Outreach Ministries, which is a ministry set aside to expose the Mississippi Delta to artists who can bring positive spirits to the area through the ministry of speaking, singing and other talents. Fair has brought to the Clarksdale area national recording artist Marvin Sapp, Tamela & David Mann, also known as Cora and Brown from Tyler Perry's Meet the Browns, Rance Allen, Tyga Graham who played Bobby in Tyler Perry's I Can Do Bad All By Myself and gospel recording quartet, The Walls Group.

"It is my desire to continue to plant good seeds in the good ground of Clarksdale much like Mississippi Valley State planted good seeds into me."

JSU SUCCESS: STEM project gets $300,000 funding support from NSF

Mississippi Link Newswire

A Jackson State University project targeting at-risk and underrepresented students in STEM skills will receive a $300,000 boost from the National Science Foundation to support its work. According to JSU alumnus, Tim Turner, professor and chair of the Biology Department, "This funding will assist in our ongoing efforts to ensure that our students are fully prepared for flourishing careers in STEM fields. Their success is critical to America's ability to compete on the world stage in the sciences."

The grant, announced by U.S. Rep. Bennie Thompson, was awarded to fund JSU's Students Understanding Chemistry Concepts to Enhance STEM Skills project, known by an acronym that reflects its purpose – SUCCESS.

Turner

Turner explains that the project is designed to focus on biology majors and will enable them to successfully complete general and organic chemistry. The SUCCESS project will provide three-day chemistry readiness workshops prior to the start of a course, and an additional two-hour SUCCESS session during each week of the semester. Ultimately, the goal is to diversify the STEM workforce. Turner will serve as the principal investigator (PI) for the project.

College of Science, Engineering and Technology Dean Richard Alo, said, "We are always mindful of our role in preparing the next generation of STEM leaders. Jackson State has a well-deserved reputation for producing students at the bachelor's, master's and doctoral level who are fully capable of adding value as they join the ranks of corporate and government tech and research teams. This grant helps us continue to build a quality workforce by developing a quality product."

How these interventions promote student success will be documented, and the knowledge gained will complement successful approaches to undergraduate instruction across multiple stem disciplines.

Data from the intervention groups will be compared to historical data and evaluated to determine whether these strategies: (a) improve attendance in chemistry classes, (b) decrease drop/fail/withdraw rates, (c) improve students' conceptual understanding of chemistry, and (d) improve student retention. Results will be disseminated in biology and chemistry education conferences and associated proceedings.

Co-PIs for the SUCCESS project include: Barbara Howard, assistant professor in the Department of Professional Interdisciplinary Studies, School of Lifelong Learning, College of Education and Human Development; Ashton Hamme, professor and interim chair of the Department of Chemistry; Naomi Campbell, associate professor, Department of Chemistry; and Barbara Graham, associate professor and assistant chair of the Department of Biology. The external evaluator will be ConSandra McNeil, professor of sociology and assistant chair of the Department of Criminal Justice and Sociology at JSU.

Overall, this project will contribute to what is known about promoting student success in STEM with at-risk and under-represented students.

Christopher Clark describes his journey at Alcorn as a Provost Scholarship recipient

Mississippi Link Newswire

Alcorn State University provides countless opportunities that will aid students on their quest for attaining academic excellence. Christopher Clark, a junior biology/pre-pharmacy major from Mobile, Alabama, witnessed the awesome benefits the university has to offer.

"Being an out-of-state student, I applied for many of the scholarships Alcorn has to offer," said Clark. "I put the most effort into the Provost Scholarship because it covers everything I need to be a successful student at Alcorn."

The Provost Scholarships are awarded to enrolling freshmen with a composite score of 24-27 on the ACT or its equivalence on the SAT

Clark

(1090-1240 reading and math only) and a 3.0 or better high school cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale upon graduation. This scholarship is renewable each year provided the student maintains a 3.0 or above cumulative GPA. This scholarship covers room, board, tuition and a $400 per semester book allowance. The recipient of this scholarship must be a first-time freshman.

As a result of his diligence to his studies, Clark has earned more than the minimum to keep his scholarship. He said that the scholarship plays a huge role in motivating him to be a great student.

"The scholarship motivates me to never settle for anything. Although the requirement is a 3.0, that does not mean I will be all right with having a 3.1 by the end of the semester. This scholarship motivates me to do what ever it takes to go beyond the requirements."

Clark reflected on his initial reaction to receiving the scholarship. It was great for him to know that he had accomplished his goal of pursuing an education without worrying about student loans.

"Once I was given the notice I received the scholarship, I was very excited. I made it my goal to earn a scholarship so that I can put my full effort towards my education without worrying about costs. I thank Alcorn for noticing my hard work."

Clark encourages his peers and prospective college students to search for scholarships that will help them reach their goals.

Dr. John Zheng publishes fifth edited book

Mississippi Link Newswire

John Zheng, chair and professor of English at Mississippi Valley State University, has published his fifth edited book, Sonia Sanchez's Poetic Spirit through Haiku, in June 2017 with Lexington Books.

This collection of ten critical essays is the first scholarly criticism of haiku by Sanchez, who has exemplified herself for six decades as a major figure in the Black Arts Movement, a central activist in civil rights and women's movements, and an internationally-known writer in American literature.

Sanchez's haiku, as an integral and prominent part of contemporary African-American poetry, has expressed not only her ideas of nature, beauty, and harmony but also her aesthetic experience of music, culture and love.

Aesthetically, this experience reflects a poetic mind which has helped the poet to shape or re-image her poetic spirit.

William Ferris, distinguished professor at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and author of Give My Poor Heart Ease: Voices of the Mississippi Blues, states that "Sonia Sanchez's Poetic Spirit through Haiku explores how Sanchez used haiku to empower her voice within the Black Arts Movement. The volume's editor Zheng explains that Sanchez expressed herself as "a protest poet, a fighter, and a revolutionary" through haiku, a poetic form that originated as Japanese court poetry. Zheng notes that Sanchez, like Richard Wright, embraced haiku as a comfortable, familiar poetic structure. Zheng's pioneering work on haiku in Richard Wright in his earlier book, The Other World of Richard Wright: Perspectives on His Haiku, and this fine work on Sanchez offers the reader a fascinating new perspective on both writers."

Philip C. Kolin, distinguished scholar on Tennessee Williams and editor of Southern Quarterly at University of Southern Mississippi, says that "Zheng has assembled a distinguished group of contributors to study Sanchez's haiku in a volume that needs to be read and savored. The essays, plus Zheng's masterful introduction and own contribution, discuss such powerful topics as the origins and development of the African-American haiku, racial memory and representation in Sanchez's haiku, and the way she was influenced by and incorporates the blues, civil rights, and ethnographic celebration into her poems. Zheng and his contributors deserve kudos for building bridges between ancient poetic traditions and one of today's most prolific and gifted African-American poets."

Zheng appreciates Sanchez for her generous support of this book project, the publisher for their support of academic research, Mississippi Valley State University for the opportunity to best represent the institution in its intellectual enrichment, and the J.H. White Library for their tireless help.

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MSU anthropology professor looks to the past to understand modern disease transmission

The Mississippi Link Newswire

STARKVILLE, Miss. – A fascination with skeletons and the clues they provide about those who lived in the past led Molly Zuckerman to pursue a career in anthropology.

Now an associate professor in Mississippi State University's Department of Anthropology and Middle Eastern Cultures, Zuckerman is using lessons from ancient skeletal remains to guide insight into the spread of diseases today.

"I'm really interested in how diseases change over time," Zuckerman said. "I want to know how the diseases that impact entire human populations shift over time and how that can cause a shift in rates of death and sickness. I view skeletons as little petri dishes. They can generate lasting lessons about wealth, social inequality, poverty and stigma and how these can shape health. These lessons are directly applicable to future populations and present populations."

Zuckerman and two colleagues from the University of Oklahoma, Courtney Hofman and Christina Warinner, recently received a $64,467 National Science Foundation grant to study the use of human dental calculus, a form of hardened dental plaque, as a tool for identifying and diagnosing infectious diseases in past populations that are not otherwise identifiable with a high certainty in human skeletal material. These diseases include syphilis, tuberculosis and pneumonia.

When the methods developed with this research are applied to human skeletons from archaeological sites, researchers may be better able to understand when certain diseases appeared, how they affected different populations, and subsequently spread.

"These kinds of data have obvious real-world implications. One need only look at the spread of Zika, for example," said Rick Travis, dean of MSU's College of Arts and Sciences. "Dr. Zuckerman puts MSU and AMEC at the front lines of anthropological efforts to address ongoing human health crises."

Zuckerman PHOTO BY MEGAN BEAN

As a result of this research, public brochures and a permanent hands-on educational exhibit will be created for MSU's Cobb Institute of Archaeology. Additionally, the results from this study will be disseminated in peer-reviewed scholarly publications, as well as highlighted in science education programming for broad and diverse audiences. Zuckerman, along with the other recipients, also will give multiple public and K-12 lectures in collaboration with local and national educational organizations.

Zuckerman received her Bachelor of Arts degree in anthropology and women's studies from Pennsylvania State University in 2004. She went on to earn her Master of Arts degree and Ph.D. in anthropology from Emory University. She has been teaching in MSU's Department of Anthropology and Middle Eastern Cultures since 2011. She also is a faculty research associate at MSU's Cobb Institute of Archaeology.

Zuckerman's interest in infectious diseases primarily started when she was at Emory University and wrote her dissertation on syphilis. She continues to research the disease, which in part led her to the NSF grant on infectious disease transmission.

"The nice thing is that rather than that being an esoteric research question, it's directly relevant to public health," Zuckerman said. "Syphilis is one of the diseases returning with great force and intensity. It's increasing in incidence throughout both developed and developing nations. You can't culture syphilis, so it's almost impossible to work on it in a lab setting. Studying people who lived in the past is one of the only ways to understand more about the disease."

Zuckerman said she enjoys discussing her research with students in class, and helps facilitate research opportunities for interested students. She teaches a class called plagues and peoples that examines the relationships between infectious diseases and society. She also teaches a class on biology and culture, which studies how biology and social conditions combine to produce biology and health.

"With plagues and peoples, we start before humans even evolved," Zuckerman said. "We work with pre-humans and trace human populations through time. What emerges as we go through the class is the same theme I find interesting in research, which is how social inequality and poverty shape different health conditions."

One of Zuckerman's recent projects has received statewide, national and international news coverage. Zuckerman is part of the University of Mississippi Medical Center-based Asylum Hill Research Consortium, which is studying ways to research and memorialize the remains of up to 7,000 patients of the state's first mental institution who were buried on the campus from the mid-1800s to the early 1900s.

Zuckerman assisted with the excavation of many skeletons at the site in 2012 and has since been involved with documentary records and work on the skeletons. She has presented conference papers on her findings and expects to continue working on the project for another 5-10 years as it moves forward.

MSU's College of Arts and Sciences includes more than 5,000 students, 300 full-time faculty members, nine doctoral programs and 24 academic majors offered in 14 departments. It also is home to the most diverse units for research and scholarly activities, including natural and physical sciences, social and behavioral sciences, and the humanities.

For more information on MSU's College of Arts and Sciences, visit www.cas.msstate.edu.

More information on the Department of Anthropology and Middle Eastern Cultures can be found at www.amec.msstate.edu.

MSU's reorganized Franklin Furniture Institute continues to support industry, contribute research and drive innovation

The Franklin Furniture Institute at Mississippi State University is continuing core activities in support of the furniture industry, including: furniture testing, fundamental and applied furniture-related research, technical assistance, graduate and undergraduate education and training, and industry-driven specialized programming and activities. PHOTO BY RUSS HOUSTON

The Mississippi Link Newswire

STARKVILLE, Miss. – Mississippi State University's Franklin Furniture Institute is reaffirming its strong commitment to the state's furniture manufacturing industry by continuing to provide testing and research while broadening its focus to enhance innovation and technology.

MSU vice president for the Division of Agriculture, Forestry, and Veterinary Medicine Gregory A. Bohach said, "The university and MSU's Franklin Furniture Institute remain dedicated to the furniture industry moving forward with a revitalized program that will have an emphasis on innovation and will be renamed the Franklin Innovation Center."

One particular area of focus will be establishing a stronger connection between students in furniture-related curriculums and the MSU College of Business's Center for Entrepreneurship and Outreach – which helps students, faculty and staff at Mississippi State University start and grow successful companies, create jobs and market state-of-the-art new products.

The institute's ongoing program of testing, research and Extension/outreach will not be changed as the university launches the reorganization process. With a more than 30-year record of service to the furniture industry, Bohach said MSU's core activities in support of the furniture industry will continue, including: furniture testing, fundamental and applied furniture-related research, technical assistance to the industry, graduate and undergraduate education and training, and industry-driven specialized programming and activities.

MSU's Franklin Furniture Institute, launched in 2001 with the goal of securing the future of Mississippi's furniture industry, is building on the university's long history of providing wood product research, technical assistance and continuing education to the state and region.

Created through a major gift from Franklin Corp. founder and MSU alumnus Hassell Franklin, the institute is a multi-disciplinary effort involving MSU's colleges of Business, Engineering, Architecture, Art and Design, and Forest Resources. Since the institute was established, furniture manufacturers facing stiff global competition from China and other foreign suppliers have turned to MSU researchers for help in meeting the challenge.

MSU has worked with the Mississippi Development Authority and the American Home Furnishings Alliance to support Mississippi's $7 billion furniture industry – an industry that provides the Mississippi economy with over 48,000 jobs that earn a $2 billion payroll.

"MSU's commitment to the furniture industry remains strong and unwavering," said MSU President Mark E. Keenum. "As we move into our fourth decade of support for this vibrant Mississippi industry, both MSU and our furniture industry partners are mindful of the need to bring innovation, cutting-edge technologies, and a fresh vision to how the industry will grow and thrive in the future."

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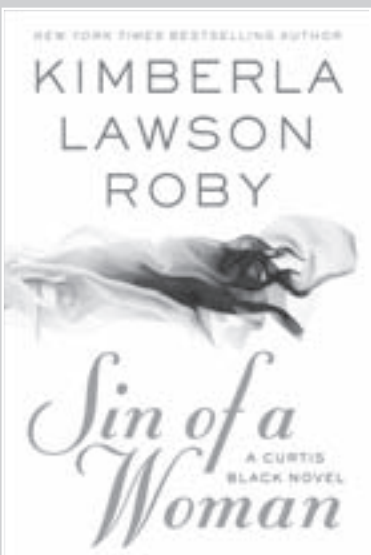

BOOK REVIEW: "SIN OF A WOMAN"

BY KIMBERLA LAWSON ROBY

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

Nothing's set in stone. Few things are.

Lucky for you, there's usually a chance to change your mind or have a do-over. You can often get another go at something because few things are that firmly decided. As in the new book "Sin of a Woman" by Kimberla Lawson Roby, you can sometimes have a second chance.

More and more every day, Porsha Harrington got on Pastor Raven Jones Black's last nerve.

But Raven absolutely had to put up with Porsha, which was part of the problem: Porsha, inheritor of her father's estate and

Lawson Roby

mistress of Raven's then-husband-now-ex, had given Raven $250,000 to start New Vision Christian Center. The partnership would make them both rich; Raven would be the church leader, Porsha would be the assistant pastor, they'd both get paid from member contributions and tithes.

That is, as long as Raven could tolerate being near Porsha. Which wasn't long.

Years ago, Raven spent time in prison for embezzlement from the church belonging to her ex-father-in-law, Rev. Curtis Black. She'd also stolen some money from a loan shark, and she'd told huge lies all the way to the bank. But that was all coming around to bite her now, and she needed another scheme to get everyone off her back. If she could start with Porsha and make money doing it, well, all's the better.

So Raven just cooked up another lie.

Something was missing from Porsha Harrington's life.

She was single, for one. More than anything, Porsha wanted to be married with a family, a desire that was so strong, it shocked her. Something else shocked her, too: she realized, in prayerful moments, that the men she'd mostly chosen were married ones, and God just couldn't be happy about that at all. Instead, He seemed to be leading her to become more active at New Vision, and that made her heart glad. So did Dillon, the man she'd cheated with once, who'd now turned over a new leaf himself.

God would point Porsha into the direction she needed to be. He had plans for her.

Too bad Raven did, too.

Oh, yes. Now there you go: a novel with scandal, back-stabbing, nastiness, prayer, gutter behavior, responsibility, and pure entertainment. That's "Sin of a Woman."

And yet, just because author Kimberla Lawson Roby has put one of literature's worst-behaved characters in a book that strongly features that character's delicious awfulness doesn't mean that the book itself is horrible. No, readers will be surprised to see that, while this story is sexy and wonderfully outrageous, it's also rather tame; Roby veers away when the bedroom door closes, so there's nothing offensive here.

The story is spicy, but it won't burn your eyes; one character even turns virtuous, which should tell you plenty. That obviously sets us up for a sequel, for which readers will hunger.

If you thought your summer was going to be boring, there's still time to change your mind: look for this novel and enjoy. For you, "Sin of a Woman" is rock-solid.

Interview

Regina Hall

The "Girls Trip" Interview

By Kam Williams
Columnist

Regina Hall launched her career in the late nineties while still earning a master's degree from New York University. The accomplished actress will soon appear in Naked, a remake of the 2000 Swedish film Naken. The romantic comedy co-starring Marlon Wayans is set to be released August 11.

In 2016, Regina appeared opposite Morris Chestnut in the suspense thriller When the Bough Breaks. Earlier that year, she was seen on the big screen in Barbershop: The Next Cut is an ensemble comedy also featuring Ice Cube, Cedric the Entertainer, Common, Eve and Nicki Minaj.

Regina's other outings include The Best Man, The Best Man Holiday, Think Like a Man and Think Like a Man Too. She also starred in About Last Night, a remake of the 1986 film of the same name.

Among her additional film credits are Scary Movie and its three sequels, Paid in Full, Malibu's Most Wanted and First Sunday. And she was seen in Law Abiding Citizen, Death at a Funeral, Love & Basketball and Disappearing Acts, too

On television, Regina recently made guest appearances on Grandfathered and Black-ish. In January 2015, she starred in the Lifetime film With This Ring. Her other TV credits range from Married to Law & Order; LA to Ally McBeal.

Here, Regina talks about her new movie, Girls Trip, an over-the-top comedy co-starring Queen Latifah, Jada Pinkett Smith and Tiffany Haddish.

Kam Williams: Hey, how are you Regina?

Regina Hall: Good, good. How are you, Kam?

KW: Great. I'm honored to have another opportunity to interview you.

RH: Thank you.

KW: What interested you in playing Ryan Pierce?

RH: I think it was just the way her character develops. I was drawn to her journey as a woman who seems to have it all, who has this public persona as a celebrity, yet can get together with her girlfriends and be wild.

Hall

KW: Was there anyone you based her on?

RH: Not on any one person, but on a mix of people.

KW: What was it like being directed by Malcolm [Lee] for the fourth time?

RH: It's always great working with him and Will [producer Will Packer]. It's such a collaborative process. It's fun being directed by Malcolm because he knows me, and I know how he likes to work. There's a lot of trust. I feel comfortable asking questions, and We can sit down and talk through things

KW: And how was it working with Jada, Tiffany and Queen Latifah?

RH: It was great. It's so special to work with women you've respected for so long, and to get to know them as people. It was like we were on a real girls' trip.

KW: Had you done anything with Larenz Tate before?

RH: No, but he's great. I loved working with him. I hadn't worked with Mike [Colter] or Kofi [Siriboe] before either. They were all fabulous.

KW: Editor/legist Patricia Turnier asks: How do you feel about the Essence Music Festival?

RH: It's a great resource and a great place to have fun. It's the epicenter for black women that time of year. You can meet people from all over. It has great concerts and New Orleans has amazing food. Yeah, I love the Essence Festival.

KW: Patricia was wondering whether there is an African-American icon you would like to portray?

RH: Hmm... that's a great question, Patricia. Yes, there are one or two I don't want to reveal. I don't think anybody has heard of them.

KW: Patricia also asks: What message do you want people to take away from Girls Trip?

RH: I think it's about sisterhood, and being true to yourself and to who you are. The movie's also about friendship. You come to care about these characters because we have a real bond and a real love for each other. Hopefully, people take away that message.

KW: She like to know how did you like New Orleans?

RH: I love the city. I've shot there several times before. The people are so warm. The food is a bit too tasty. I try to arrive about five pounds underweight, so I can gain a few while I'm there. That way, I won't look too heavy on camera. I always gain weight when I'm there. But I love New Orleans because it has a lot of heart and a lot of soul, and very beautiful people who are always so kind.

KW: Patricia concludes by saying: You went to college before your acting career. You obtained a master's degree in journalism. Many kids think they do not need an education to make it in the entertainment industry. How has your education benefited you professionally?

RH: It served several purposes. It helped me to break down and understand scripts. And the discipline of getting my master's gave me a certain amount of confidence. I don't think college is the only path, but I enjoyed it and it worked out very well for me. I had some good friends with whom I could get a little crazy, but still be responsible. It was the perfect bridge from living at home to independence. I also love learning. I might have been a professional student and earned a couple of doctorates, if I didn't have to pay bills.

KW: It's unfortunate how expensive college has become, putting higher education out of the reach of most children.

RH: That is sad. Education ought to be affordable for everybody. That only advances a society.

KW: What was your very first job?

RH: I can't remember if I worked in a movie theater or at Constitution Hall in D.C. first?

KW: The Uduak Oduok question: Who is your favorite clothes designer?

RH: I honestly don't know if I could pick just one. There are so many. That list is long.

KW: Larry Greenberg asks: Do you have a favorite movie monster?

RH: I really do love King Kong. Hope he saves a black woman next time, instead of falling in love with a little blonde lady.

KW: What's the craziest thing you've ever done?

RH: Once, my roommates and I had a cab driver who offered to take 50 cents off for every article of clothing we removed. Now, I wonder why we didn't get out of the taxi. But, I guess that's the sort of thing you can get talked into when you're 19.

KW: How much clothing did you take off?

RH: Not much, since there were three of us. Just our shoes and socks.

KW: Mike Pittman asks: What was your best career decision?

RH: Doing Scary Movie, even though there were some people who thought it would hurt my career, after The Best Man and Love & Basketball. But it was a good decision to do something different, because it opened other doors.

KW: The Gabby Douglas question: If you had to choose another profession, what would that be?

RH: I don't know... Something with animals. I'd probably be in Borneo, holding an orangutan.

KW: The Kerry Washington question: If you were an animal, what animal would you be?

RH: Probably an orangutan. I love orangutans. They are so much fun and so close to us in DNA. They're so cute with that hair on their heads that sticks up. And their females are the longest nursing of all animals. They love their babies, even though their habitats are being destroyed for palm oil.

KW: Finally, what's in your wallet?

RH: Not enough. [LOL]

KW: Thanks again for the time, Regina, and best of luck with Girls Trip.

Film Review

Girls Trip

BFFs party in New Orleans in raunchy reunion romp

By Kam Williams
Columnist

Ryan (Regina Hall), Sasha (Queen Latifah), Dina (Tiffany Haddish) and Lisa (Jada Pinkett Smith) have been friends since their college days in the nineties.

Back then, the tight-knit Flossy Posse partied as hard as they hit the books. After graduating, they curtailed the carousing considerably for the sake of their professional careers.

Today, journalism major Sasha is still struggling to pay the bills as a gossip columnist. Divorced Lisa is exhausted between her demanding nursing job and having to raise a couple of kids alone. And short-fused Dina just got fired for assaulting a colleague.

By contrast, self-help guru Ryan seems to be on top of the world. Not only is her new book, "You Can Have It All," on the best seller list, but she's happily-married to Stewart (Mike Colter), a handsome and charming, former football star. Plus, the successful couple is on the verge of landing their own, nationally-syndicated TV talk show.

At the point of departure, Ryan is set to deliver the keynote speech at the Essence Festival, an annual celebration of African-American music and culture. She can think of no better occasion to reunite the Flossy Posse for the first time in years, so she invites her BFFs to join her for an all-expenses paid trip to New Orleans.

The girlfriends jump at the opportunity to share a wild weekend of debauchery around the Big Easy. What ensues is jaw-dropping: there's explicit sex chat... male frontal-nudity... hallucinating from substance abuse... even urinating on revelers from a zip line strung above Basin Street.

Directed by Malcolm Lee (The Best Man franchise), Girls Trip is a relentlessly-raunchy romp which starts out as a shock comedy before turning into a message movie towards the end. The adventure unfolds like an African-American variation of Rough Night and Bridesmaids, at least until Ryan's marriage is exposed as a charade. At that juncture, it morphs into a morality play reminiscent of a Tyler Perry production.

Since I saw the film in a theater full of sisters, it's easy for me to report that this female empowerment flick will certainly resonate with its target audience. In fact, they laughed so loudly that I must have missed half the picture's punchlines. And what better stamp of approval could you ask for than a standing ovation as the curtain comes down?

Excellent (4 stars)

Rated R for pervasive profanity, crude humor, graphic sexual dialogue, drug use and brief frontal nudity

Running time: 122 minutes.

Sudoku

The challenge is to fill every row across, every column down, and every 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9. Each 1 through 9 digit must appear only once in each row across, each column down, and each 3x3 box.

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Sports

Keontre Anderson named SWAC Preseason Defensive Player of the Year, three Tigers named All-SWAC

The Mississippi Link Newswire

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – The Southwestern Athletic Conference released its 2017 SWAC preseason All-Conference Teams Friday and Jackson State's Keontre Anderson was selected as the SWAC Preseason Defensive Player of the Year. Anderson was also named to the All-SWAC preseason first team. He was joined by teammates Vincent Hunter and Shawn Bishop.

Anderson, a senior defensive end, led the FCS with 25.5 tackles for loss to go along with nine sacks and six quarterback hurries. The Canton, Mississippi native also finished second on the team in tackles with 55.

Hunter was named to the second team as an offensive lineman. The Memphis, Tennessee native played in all 11 games for JSU and helped the Tigers compile 3,394 total offensive yards (1,139 rushing and 2,255 passing yards) and 20 touchdowns.

JSU senior DE Keontre Anderson (#14)

Bishop, played in all 11 games for the Tigers and finished the 2016 season as the third leading tackler on the team with 51. The Jackson, Mississippi native also had eight tackles for loss for 22 yards and blocked a kick.

Jackson State opens the 2017 season September 2 when the Tigers travel to Fort Worth, Texas to take on the TCU Horned Frogs.

For ticket information visit gofrogs.com.

SWAC tournament trophy to be named after the late coach Davey L. Whitney

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Lorman, Miss. – The Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) Men's Basketball Championship trophy will bear the name of an iconic Alcorn State University sports figure.

The SWAC Council of Presidents and Chancellors voted to name the Men's SWAC Championship Basketball Tournament trophy after the legendary coach Davey L. Whitney.

President Alfred Rankins Jr. commended the Council for recognizing Whitney's achievements.

"I am pleased that the SWAC Council of Presidents and Chancellors recognized the great accomplishments and contributions of coach Whitney by naming the tournament championship trophy in his honor," said Rankins. "Coach Whitney was one of the best Division I coaches of all time."

Whitney, who passed away in 2015, coached at Alcorn from 1969 to 1989 and 1996 to 2003. Under his leadership, Alcorn beat Mississippi State 80-78 in the 1979 National Invitation Tournament (NIT).

Whitney

Whitney led Alcorn to a win against South Alabama in the first round of the 1980 NCAA Tournament, which was the first time a historically black college and university had won in the tournament. Whitney also led Alcorn to NCAA Tournament wins in 1983 and 1984 and six appearances in the dance. Whitney finished his career with a record of 566-356 and 12 Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) championships.

Whitney was named SWAC Coach of the Year nine times. He was elected to the Kentucky State University Hall of Fame in 1976, the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame in 1991, the Alcorn State University Hall of Honors in 1993, the Alcorn State University Sports Hall of Fame in 1996 and the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame in 2010.

The Whitney family expressed their appreciation upon receiving the good news. Gail Whitney, Whitney's daughter, said that the family is grateful for the love and support that the SWAC and the University has shown for her late father.

"The Whitney family would like to extend our appreciation to the Southwestern Athletic Conference and Alcorn State University for honoring the legacy of our father, Davey "The Wiz" Whitney Sr.," said Whitney. "We look forward to the first presentation of the trophy at the 2017-2018 SWAC Basketball Tournament Championship."

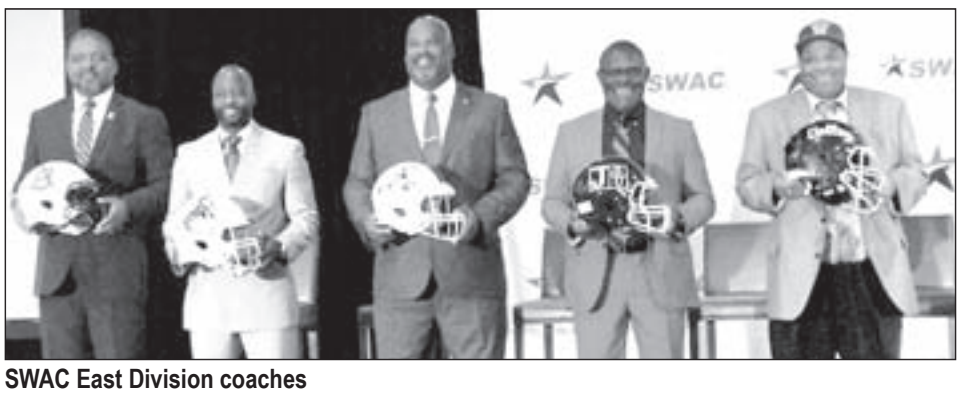
SWAC releases preseason football poll, Tigers predicted to finish third in east

The Mississippi Link Newswire

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – The Southwestern Athletic Conference released its preseason predictions during its annual football media day and the Jackson State Tigers were predicted to finish as the third best team in the SWAC East Division, behind defending Eastern Division Champion Alcorn State and Alabama State.

The Tigers totaled 59 points, as decided by conference head coaches and sports information directors. Alcorn State posted 80 points and Alabama State had 66. Alabama A&M (45 points) is predicted to finish fourth and Mississippi Valley State (20) is selected to finish fifth.

Defending SWAC and HBCU National Champion (Air Force Celebration Bowl) Grambling state tallied 85 points and was predicted to win the West Division and was selected as the conference overall favorite. Southern was selected second (68 points) while Prairie View A&M came in third (59). Texas Southern (37 points) and Arkansas Pine Bluff (21 points) rounded out the order of predicted finish.



SWAC East Division coaches

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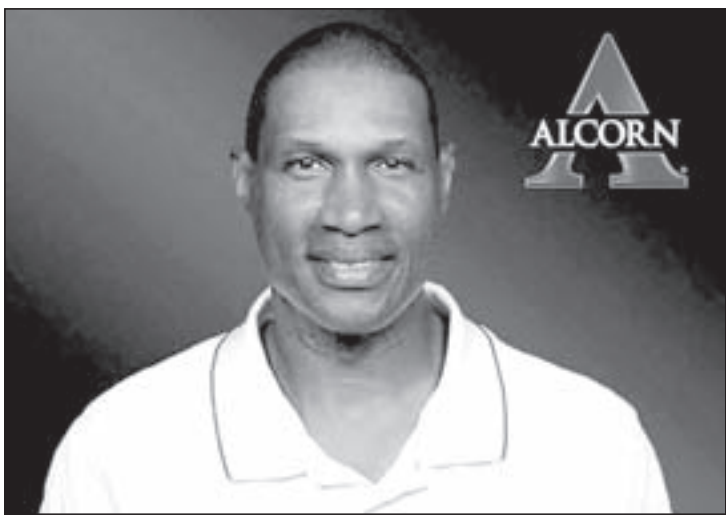
For ticket information visit gofrogs.com.

Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame sets schedule for Frazier's induction



Frazier

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Alcorn State University football legend Leslie Frazier will be inducted into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame (MSHOF) on Aug. 4-5.

The MSHOF weekend begins with the "Drawdown of Champions" Friday, Aug. 4 at 6:30 p.m. to honor Frazier as one of six new inductees. The party offers food from Jackson area restaurants, libations, a silent auction and a chance to win cash in the drawdown. Tickets are $50 each and additional numbers for the draw are $25 each. Dress is casual for the evening and is held at the museum.

Saturday, Aug. 5 from 10-11:30 a.m., the class of 2017 and other Hall of Famers will be back at the museum to sign autographs and meet fans. Regular museum prices of $5 for adults, $3.50 for students and kids 5 and under are free will apply.

The Induction Banquet, presented by Sanderson Farms and the Sanderson Farms Championship, begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Jackson Convention Complex and includes an open bar reception for the inductees prior to the dinner at 7 p.m. Individual tickets are $125 each for the reception and banquet.

Frazier will be honored along with former Clarion-Ledger sports columnist Rick Cleveland, former Jackson State baseball coach/athletic director Bob Braddy, former Ole Miss women's basketball player Eugenia Conner, who was inducted posthumously, former Oklahoma and Southern Miss running back Marcus Dupree, and former Mississippi State baseball player Jay Powell, who coaches at Jackson Academy.

For more information on the MSHOF induction ceremony, contact executive director Bill Blackwell at 601-982-8264.

About Frazier

Frazier has excelled in athletics at every level starting early in high school earning nine letters at Stephen D. Lee in Columbus, three each in baseball, basketball and football.

Highly recruited, Frazier chose Alcorn and was an All-SWAC selection in baseball and in football under Hall of Fame coach Marino Casem. He signed as an undrafted free agent with the Chicago Bears in 1981 where he teamed up with fellow Hall of Famers Walter Payton and Tyrone Keys to win Super Bowl XX.

His coaching career began at small Trinity International University and has been extremely successful including winning Super Bowl XLI as a coach for the Indianapolis Colts. Frazier served as head coach of the Minnesota Vikings from 2010 to 2013 and currently works for the Buffalo Bills as the defensive coordinator.

Frazier at Alcorn

Frazier made an immediate impact as a freshman at Alcorn in 1978. Playing for coach Casem, he intercepted six passes and wrapped up 62 tackles to help the Braves finish with a winning record.

Frazier had a breakout season the next year as he picked off a school-record nine passes, a record that still stands. He was part of a defense that limited the opposition to just 108.7 yards per game and 10.7 points per outing. Frazier ended with 44 tackles and 26 pass breakups. He helped lead the Braves to the 1979 SWAC Championship.

In his final season as a Brave in 1980, Frazier led the team in interceptions with a total of five and recorded 49 tackles. He also returned 14 punt returns and scored one for a touchdown.

Frazier ranks second in school history in interceptions with 20 which is also sixth in the SWAC record book.

Frazier's postseason football accolades at Alcorn

- 1978 All-SWAC Honorable Mention
- 1979 All-SWAC First-Team
- 1979 NCAA All-America First-Team
- 1979 AFCA All-America First-Team
- 1979 NAIA All-District Team
- 1980 All-SWAC Second-Team
- 1980 NAIA All-District Team
- 1980 SBN All-Star Game Participant

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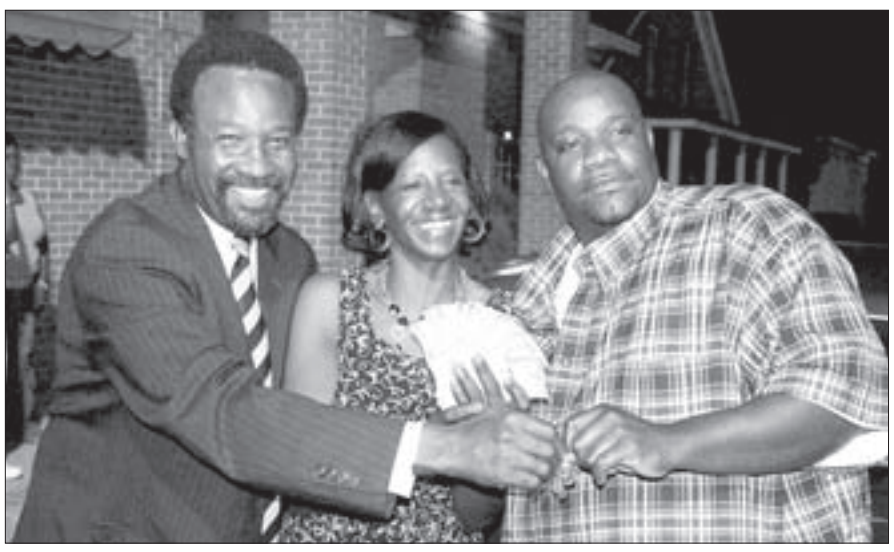
Mississippi Delta radio station heats up summer months

Promotions Director James Poe on mic.



It was 2010, "The Awesome A-M" was getting its feet wet in the cotton fields of the Mississippi Delta, but we still managed to give away a "Cadillac" and $960 cash as part of our 96 Days of Summer promotion. The winner of the cash was Barbara Day and the keys to the highway were won by "Big Richard" Green of Greenwood."

The Mississippi Link Newswire

GREENWOOD, Miss. – A delta radio station, WABG A-M has launched a 96 day campaign to heat up things in the Mississippi Delta this summer.

According to James Poe, owner and general manager of the vintage station located on Money Road, this is not the first time the station has done such a promotion.

"In 2010 we gave away a Cadillac, $960 cash and over ten thousand dollars in cash and prizes that summer," he said.

Poe, who designed and will oversee the promotion, said the support from the local community is what makes the promotion work.

"Mike Turner of Mike Turner Auto Sales is a great supporter of all of our promotions as is Derrick Simpson of Market Place and others," Poe said.

"Without the community support there is no way we could do this. It is a community effort spearheaded by those who want to give back. Neither the sponsors nor the station gets any monetary gain from the promotion. It's a lot of hard work and sleepless nights."

The building housing WABG Radio was build in 1950, located on Money Road in Greenwood.

The people in the community look forward to it.

"They are the real winners and it is our way of showing our appreciation for them listening to the station and our sponsors' way of thanking them for their business. There are no losers during the 96 Days of Summer," Poe said.

The promotion kicked off June 20, the first day of summer, and will end the week before September 22, the last day of summer.

Poe explained that it will culminate with a big gathering of all daily winners coming together on the grounds of the radio station which is surrounded by 16 acres of flatland and a 40 foot x 25 foot stage.

An outdoor style blues festival will be held with musicians, friends and winners for the drawing of this year's vehicle, a 2007 Nissan Quest mini van, and $960 cash.

"We will bring all our winners together and have a big party, get to know each other and finish the evening with the drawings for the vehicle and cash," he said. "The same person can actually win them both," he concluded.

Poe said the contest is open to the station's online listeners around the world as well and all that's required to win is to listen to the station.

The station is located at 960 on the AM dial and operates 24-hours playing Mississippi Delta blues, classic rock and what Poe calls "stuff."

For complete rules and details of the 96 Days of Summer promotion you may call Poe at 662 299-9150, e-mail thejamespoe@yahoo.com or log on to the station's web page at: http://www.awesomeam.com.

State Board of Health elects new leadership

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Recently during its quarterly meeting, the Mississippi State Board of Health elected new leadership in the positions of chairman and vice-chairman.

Ed "Tad" Dalton Barham, M.D., F.A.C.R., was elected Board chairman. A Clinton resident, Dr. Barham has been a board member since 2012 and currently serves as the chief of radiology and director of breast imaging at Woman's Hospital in Flowood.

"It has been a great privilege for me to be a member of the State Board of Health," said Dr. Barham. "I am grateful for the opportunity to serve in a leadership position, and look forward to working with my colleagues to help promote public health in Mississippi."

Thad Fulton Waites, M.D., was elected vice-chairman of the board. Dr. Waites is a Hattiesburg physician who currently practices internal medicine at Hattiesburg Clinic and Forrest General Hospital. He is serving his second term with the board, being first appointed in 2010.

The new board leaders replace Lucius M. Lampton, M.D., F.A.A.F.P., who has served as chairman since 2007, and J. Edward Hill, M.D., F.A.A.F.P., who has served as vice-chairman since 2011.

"During the last decade, the Mississippi State Department of Health has emerged again as a national leader in public health. It has been an honor to serve my state in this capacity and a joy to work with the excellent staff at the department over the years," said Dr. Lampton.

"I am enthusiastic that our new election rules including term limitations for board leadership will encourage broader participation by all members in decision making," Dr. Lampton added.

The Board of Health is composed of 11 members appointed for staggered terms by the governor. Their duties include providing policy direction for the agency, appointing a state health officer, and approving the State Health Plan and all agency rules and regulations.

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Bell is 2017 recipient of Chief Justice Award

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Deborah H. Bell, interim dean of the University of Mississippi School of Law, is the recipient of the 2017 Chief Justice Award.

Bell

Mississippi Supreme Court Chief Justice Bill Waller Jr. presented the award July 14 during the Mississippi Bar Convention in Destin, Fla. The annual award recognizes an individual whose work has significantly improved the judicial system.

Chief Justice Waller cited Bell's visionary leadership in legal education and programs of the Mississippi Bar, her extensive teaching both at the law school and in continuing legal education seminars, and her dedication to assisting low-income people.

"Professor Bell's work significantly improved legal education, the practice of family law and the lives of the poor," Chief Justice Waller said.

Bell's primary area of expertise is family law. Her book, Bell on Mississippi Family Law, is considered the foremost treatise on family law and is widely used by chancellors and family law practitioners.

Bell has served as interim dean of the law school for the past two years. A member of the law faculty since 1981, she has taught commercial law, property, family law, housing law, lawyering skills and poverty law.

She is the founder of the law school's Civil Legal Clinic and was its director until 2009. She developed the University of Mississippi Pro Bono Initiative, which provides law students with opportunities to gain practical experience working with licensed attorneys to assist low-income people in free family law clinics across north Mississippi.

In May 2013, Bell was appointed as the law school's first associate dean for Clinical Programs. She leads the law school's expanded clinical program, which includes ten clinic practice areas.

Bell served as attorney for the Governor's Housing Task Force in 1988-89 and was involved in drafting legislation that created the Mississippi Home Corporation and the Mississippi Landlord-Tenant Act of 1991. She has served on the Access to Justice Commission Pro Se Committee, the Mississippi Gender Fairness Task Force, and the Supreme Court Domestic Violence Task Force.

Bell has received numerous honors and awards, including the Mississippi Bar Susie Blue Buchanan Award in 2009, and the Mississippi Center for Justice Champion of Justice Award in 2007. In 2005, she received the Mississippi Women Lawyers Association Outstanding Woman Lawyer of the Year Award, the University of Mississippi Law Faculty Public Service Award and the Mississippi Bar President's Award.

Bell was born in Indianola and grew up in the Delta. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Mississippi College and a law degree from the University of Mississippi School of Law. She served as editor-in-chief of the Mississippi Law Journal. She worked as a law clerk for Judge Elbert P. Tuttle of the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and was a staff attorney for the Atlanta Legal Aid Society before returning to Ole Miss to teach.

Senator David Blount met with children in the Greater Bethlehem Temple Church Summer Academy

Children in the Greater Bethlehem Temple Church Summer Academy also visited Senator David Blount in the Senate Chamber, July 14.
The group, ages 6-11 years old, chaperoned by Angela M. Calhoun, were on an educational tour and got a kick out of their dialogue with Sen. Blount.

Hinds County reveals the first fully functional ambulance bus

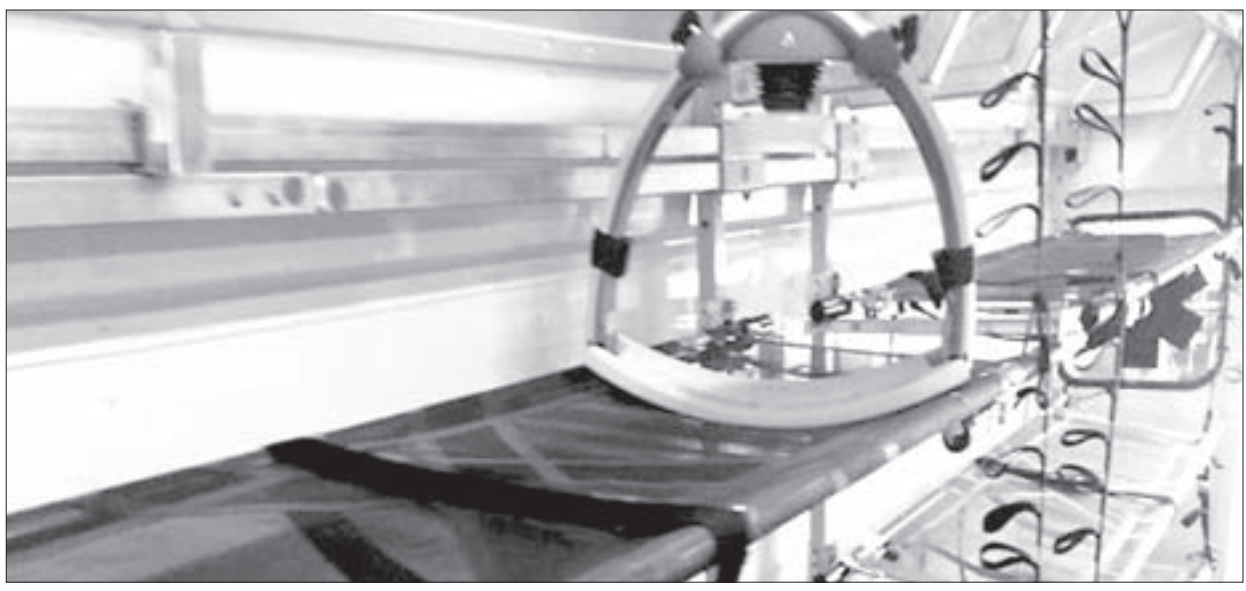
The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Hinds County Board of Supervisors is excited to highlight the first fully-functional Ambulance Bus (AmBus) in Hinds County. The bus was donated by the Hinds County School District.

The State Health Department provided a kit to make it possible to retrofit the AmBus, and The Hinds County Central Repair Department provided the skills and labor to transform the bus into the Am Bus.

The AmBus will equip twelve patients on backboards, with additional space for a few ambulatory patients. The bus will be used for transporting patients with non-life threatening injuries.

The Board of Supervisors is excited to have this new AmBus in the County. It will be a vital necessity, during a mass casualty crisis.



The AmBus is equipped inside to transport 12 patients on these backboards with a few seats for other patients.

The danger and beauty of jealousy

By Pastor Steve Ellison
Special to The Mississippi Link

Oh, the questions God asks. Proverbs 27:4 says, "Wrath is cruel and anger a torrent, But who is able to stand before jealousy?" (NKJV)

The verse describes two different individuals. Neither is right. Each is guilty of wrong attitudes and almost certainly guilty of wrong actions. By the way, each one of us could be an example of either of them at any given time.

The person who is full of wrath will be intense, fierce, and cruel. That is bad for everyone around. The angry person presents a very real danger to the object(s) of his anger and anyone else unlucky enough to be in the vicinity. The person described in this verse, full of wrath, with anger flooding out in an overwhelming torrent, is likely to make his intentions known. Thus, the object of his anger will see him coming, which gives the victim a chance to make himself scarce or protect himself. It also gives others a chance to talk some sense into the angry person. Often, this cruel, intense, fierce, torrential anger will play itself out relatively quickly. This type of emotion simply cannot be maintained for an extended period of time.

The angry person is dangerous but not nearly as dangerous as the jealous person. The jealous person allows the hurt to fester and simmer but he will not allow it to boil over. He must not. Be sure; jealousy rages, but it also reckons calmly. The jealous person keeps his intentions hidden. He plots and he plans to get back at the one he thinks caused his hurt. He does not intend to get even. He intends to get ahead in this game of revenge. The object of his anger often does not see the strike coming. The attack comes when he least expects it. Simple anger is like a dog that announces its bite with a bark. Jealous anger is like the silent copperhead snake that lies in wait hidden among the leaves. The rage of the jealous person does not flame out quickly. Time does nothing to put out the fires of jealousy. Only a complete change of heart will do that. (Did I hear someone say, "Help me, Jesus"?)

The One who created us asked, "Who can stand before jealousy?" The obvious answer is no one. The hunted has no chance if he does not know he is being hunted. The jealous person bent on vengeance has time on his side. He can simply wait for an unguarded moment. No one can stand up to the need for round the clock vigilance. Maybe not as obvious but just as accurate is the idea that the jealous person cannot stand before jealousy either. The jealous person will not be destroyed unawares by a quick blow from a hidden adversary. Rather, he will be slowly eaten alive from the inside out. Jealousy is its own punishment. No one can devise a greater torment for a jealous person than that which he inflicts on himself. The jealous person imprisons himself within walls of bitterness and inconsolable grief. No one can stand before jealousy.

In at least six places in the Bible, God declares Himself to be a jealous God. In fact in Exodus 34, God says His name is "Jealous." Numerous times in the Bible, God describes His wrath as a jealous wrath. He considers Himself married to His people. He has every right to be jealous over us. He created us. He bought us back after we ran away. When we strayed, He took us back again and again and again. Who can stand before that kind of jealousy? No one. Bow before that jealousy and give yourself to Him. He loves you with an everlasting love.

Try the spirits by the Word of God

Part II

By Pastor Simeon R. Green III
Special to The Mississippi Link

Jude, verses 4-7 reads: "For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ. I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not. And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire."

He destroyed them. He reserved them. He took vengeance on them. Who were they? They were people that once knew God. Someone may say, "Oh, you can't fall away." Listen, friend, there are millions falling away. Before this day is over, there will be hundreds meeting the experience of death. Under false religion, they feel they have an agreement with death and hell, and they are ready to die. However, the truth of the matter is, by their own testimony, when death comes on them, they will split hell wide open.

May God help us not only to lift a standard against that teaching; but also to lift the standard against the spirit that wants to come into our lives and make us feel that God will accept us living short of known light.

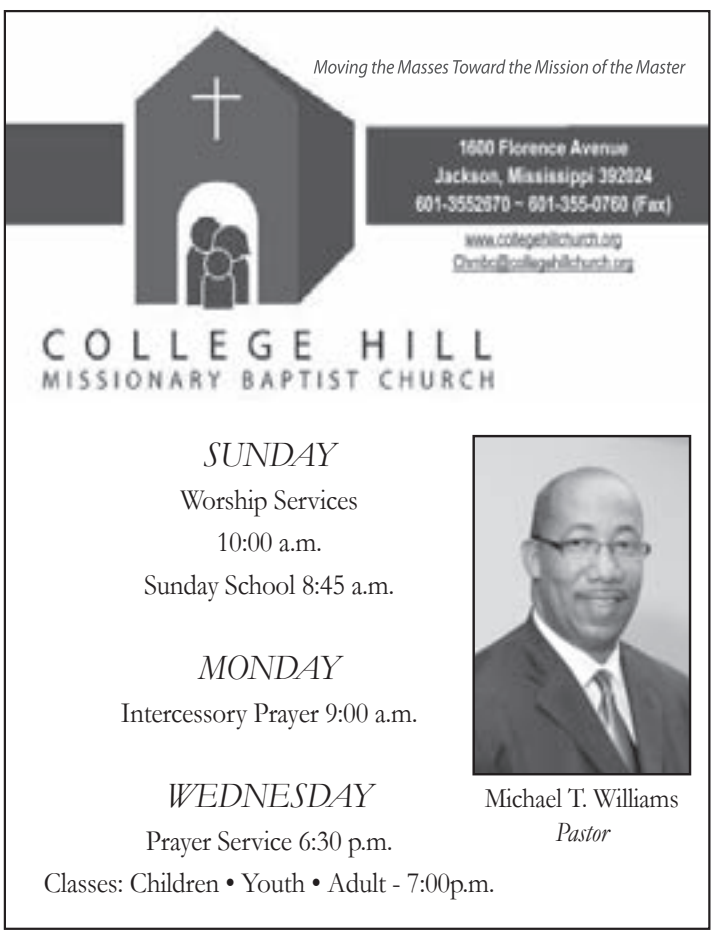
In fact, 2nd Thessalonians 2:10-12 tells us that it is the deceitfulness of unrighteousness: "And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness."

What is the deceitfulness of unrighteousness? It is a spirit that gets hold of us and makes us feel that God will accept us short of doing His Divine Will. Do not forget the words of our Savior in Matthew 7:21. Again, He said, "Not everyone that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; but he that doeth the Will of My Father which is in Heaven." In other words, let Him be Lord, and let Him guide your life.

I am glad that Jesus not only is a Savior but also a shepherd, a captain, and a guide. He is our example and our divine leader. Thank God, He is everything we need in every way, in all circumstances, and for all times. He is able to keep us from falling and to present us faultless. Glory to God!

Next week, July 28, 2017, "Measuring Our Spiritual Success"

Rev. Simeon R. Green III is pastor of Joynes Road Church of God, 31 Joynes Road, Hampton VA 23669. He is a member of the National Association of Evangelism Church of God, Anderson, Ind.



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NOTICE TO VENDORS IN THEATRICAL PRODUCTION LIGHT & SOUND EQUIPMENT:

DUE DATE & WHERE
Sealed, signed bids are invited and will be received by the City of Jackson, Mississippi, until 3:30 P.M. in the City Clerk's Office of Jackson, the bid must be stamped in by 3:30 P.M. Tuesday, August 8, 2017, at which time said bids will be publicly opened at the City Hall for the following:

Theatrical Production Light & Sound Equipment
See BID PACKAGE REQUEST for Specifications/Descriptions

SPECIFICATION QUESTIONS

For additional information regarding specifications, contact: Michael Raff, Thalia Mara Hall Auditorium, (601) 960-1537.

EBO REQUIRED

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 promote full and equal business opportunities for all persons doing business with the City. As a pre-condition to selection, each contractor, bidder or offer shall submit a completed and signed Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Plan Application, with each bid submission, in accordance with the provisions of the City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Executive Order. Failure to comply with the City's Executive Order shall disqualify a contractor, bidder or offeror from being awarded an eligible contract. For more information on the City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity Program, please contact of the Division of Equal Business Opportunity at 601-960-1856. Copies of the Executive Order, EBO Plan Applications and a copy of the Program, as attached, are available at 200 South President Street, Second Floor, Jackson, Mississippi.

The City of Jackson, Mississippi ("City of Jackson") is committed to cultivating and ensuring the quality of life of its citizens, through various programs, employment, initiatives, and assistance. The City encourages all persons, corporations, and/or entities doing business within the City, as well as those who seek to contract with the City on various projects and or conduct business in the City, to assist the City in achieving its goal by strongly considering City residents for employment opportunities.

BID PACKAGE REQUEST

Bid Package with specifications may be secured from The Purchasing Division; Warren Hood Building, 200 S. President St., Room 604, Jackson, MS 39201, (601) 960-1025.

SUBMITTING OF A BID

1. You are required to send One (1) Original and two (2) copies of all information being submitted, this includes your Proposal Form, completed EBO Application and any information you submit with your bid (research data sheets, booklets, pamphlets, etc.) or your bid may be considered non-responsive. Your bottom line bid price must be submitted on the form provided by the City when noted unless otherwise instructed.

2. The complete proposal pricing section must be returned if you submit a bid, and any required/mandatory documents. (Example: Bids having more than one bid section, parts, pages or a check list.)

3. The instruction and specification sections should not be returned with your Bid Proposal Forms, they are yours to keep.

4. Proposal Forms must be legibly handwritten or it must be typed, if not, they will be considered non-responsive. Errors or corrections must be crossed out and changes must be printed in ink or typewritten. All changes must be initialed in ink by the person signing, the bid.

5. The unit price will always govern in determining the extended price or the total price. Therefore, please review your price carefully before submitting your bid. No bid shall be altered or amended after the specified time for bid opening or once delivered.

6. Manufacturer name and model must be stated when required for each item. Any item without this information may not be considered.

ALTERNATIVE BIDS OR NOTES

7. Do not submit prices for more than one product, or the same product per item. This means only one product, one size, and price per bid form as specified in the package.

8. Alternate bids not acceptable, unless submitted in a separate sealed routing envelope, and in no way concealed in a delivery envelope. Alternate bids may be submitted but not necessarily acceptable by the City. The City reserves the right to determine whether an alternative being offered is equivalent to and meets the standard or the specifications. All bids submitted must be on the bid proposal forms furnished by the City or copies thereof otherwise it will not be considered.

9. Any bid received with limiting or conditional requirements will automatically be deemed non-responsive. Examples:

1. All or none.
2. All items must be ordered at the same time.
3. Specified amount to be ordered.
4. No notation or other packaging pricing below the submitted price.

10. Bid openings will be conducted in and open to the public. Note, however, they will serve only for the opening and reading of the bid price and in no way indicate an award.

WHERE TO SEND BID

11. Please submit your signed bid and two copies, in a sealed envelope addressed to:
City Clerk's Office of Jackson, P. O. Box 17, Jackson, MS 39205 or hand deliver to the City Clerk's Office of Jackson, 219 South President Street, Jackson, MS 39201 until 3:30 P.M. using the above instructions.

12. Only ONE (1) COMPLETE BID SUBMITTION ALLOWED PER DELIVERY ENVELOPE, with the required complete Bid Number and a returnable address on the outside of that delivery envelope. If more than one complete bid proposal is submitted per a delivery envelope, it will not be accepted as an official bid.

13. Facsimile transmitted bids or other documents are not acceptable.

14. All one-time bid awards must be valid for a minimum of 60 days from bid opening date. All term bids must be valid for the duration of the terms defined in the proposal for each particular bid. Vendors may not withdraw a bid prior to the end of 60 days, or the stated terms of said bid. Vendors who do not comply with this requirement shall be considered non-responsive.

EMPLOYEE BIDDING

15. Bidding by City employees is prohibited. It is hereby declared unlawful for any city official to bid on, or sell, or offer for sale, any merchandise services, equipment or material, or similar commodity to the City of Jackson during the tenure of his or her employment, or for the period prescribed by law thereafter, or to have any interest in the selling of the same to the City of Jackson. (§ 25-4-105) (Miss Code 1972 as amended)

SUBMITTING A NO BID

16. You may submit a bid for ALL Sound Equipment and ALL Lighting Equipment; or you may submit a bid for ALL Sound Equipment and NO Lighting Equipment; or you may submit a bid for NO Sound Equipment and ALL Lighting Equipment. If bidding a category, you must bid every item within the category. Bids otherwise submitted may be rejected.

To submit a no bid, SEND ONE (1) proposal form. Write no bid on the form, your Company name/ Address, sign and Note on the outside of the envelope the Bid Number and "NO BID". This must be received the same time as if you were submitting a regular bid to be recorded.

CITY OF JACKSON RIGHTS

17. The City of Jackson reserves the right to waive any general condition, special conditions or minor specification deviation when considered to be in the best interest of the City of Jackson, so long as such waiver is not given so as to deliberately favor any single vendor and would have the same effect on all vendors.

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 to the lowest and best bidder quoting the lowest net price in accordance with specifications. The award could be according to lowest cost per item; or to the lowest total cost for all items; or to accept all or part of any proposal. Delivery time may be considered when evaluating the bid proposal. In those cases where it is known prior to advertising that the City's intention is to award according to the lowest total cost for all items, or in some variation thereof, statements to this affect will be included on the proposal form. Absence of such statements means the City will make that determination during the bid tabulation.

DELIVERY & OTHER COST

This order is to be delivered F. O. B., prepaid and allowed, to Thalia Mara Hall, 225 E Pascagoula St, Jackson, Mississippi 39201, within the number of days stated after receipt of our purchase order. "Note all cost must be included in the bid price." No additional cost can be attached to a bid order.

TAXES

SALES TAX AND FEDERAL EXCISE TAX ARE NOT TO BE INCLUDED IN ANY BID PRICE. THE CITY OF JACKSON ASSUMES NO TAX LIABILITY.

Hellene Greer
Purchasing Division

Michael Raff
Human & Cultural Services

7/20/2017, 7/27/2017

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PUBLIC NOTICE
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The City of Jackson is accepting applications for all local non-profit agencies, private organizations including Faith-based organizations, for-profit entities, and Economic Development Entities interested in performing professional services for the Blight Elimination Program, until 5:00 PM, CDT on Friday, August 4, 2017 in the City Clerk's Office, 219 South President Street, Jackson, MS, 39201. There will be an Interest Meeting held at 2:00 p.m. on July 24, 2017 in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, 1st Floor of the Warren A. Hood Building located at 200 S. President Street; Jackson, MS 39201

Application packets are available in the Office of Housing and Community Development, located at 218 S. President Street, Second Floor, Jackson, MS 39201, and on the City's website at www.jacksonms.gov. The application must be filled out in its entirety and all required documentation must be attached at the time of application submission. The City of Jackson reserves the right in its sole discretion, to amend, suspend, terminate, rescind, or reissue this RFQ for the Blight Elimination Program.

Questions should be directed to: Valerie Tucker, 601-960-4238 or email vtucker@city.jackson.ms.us

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE
JACKSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE JACKSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (JHPC) WILL HOLD ITS MONTHLY MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2017 AT 12:00 P.M. IN THE ANDREW JACKSON CONFERENCE ROOM (RM. 105) OF THE WARREN HOOD BUILDING, 200 SOUTH PRESIDENT STREET, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

I. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

A. OLD BUSINESS
- NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS
1. CASE NO. 2017-24, REQUEST BY: CENTURY CONSTRUCTION/HELM PLACE III, LLC (APPLICANT: STUART POVALL), TO CONSTRUCT UP TO 70 NEW HOMES FOR PHASE III OF HELM PLACE DEVELOPMENT AT MULTIPLE LOCATIONS, LOCATED IN THE FARISH STREET HISTORICAL DISTRICT.

2. CASE NO. 2017-29, REQUEST BY: BEVERLY AND DAVE FULCHER (APPLICANT: JOHN WEAVER) TO DEMOLISH A NON CONTRIBUTING NEW STORAGE BUILDING, AND ADD A TWO STORY BEDROOM AND PLAYROOM AT 1343 ST. MARY ST., LOCATED IN THE BELHAVEN HISTORIC DISTRICT.

3. CASE NO. 2017-30, REQUEST BY: JENNIFER WELCH TO REMOVE BRITTLE VINYL SIDING AND REPLACE WITH 8.25" HARDIEPLANK AT 1107 BELLEVUE PLACE, LOCATED IN THE BELHAVEN HEIGHTS HISTORIC DISTRICT.

II. OTHER ITEMS

DISCUSSION
1. NOTICE OF PROPOSED RAILROAD COMMUNICATION TOWER BY GOLDER ASSOCIATES INC.

2. MR. WILLIAM MCCLAIN WOULD LIKE TO MAKE AN AMENDMENT TO HIS ORIGINAL COA 2017-20.

III. ADJOURN

7/20/2017, 7/27/2017

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Drivers- $40-60k Per Year! Paid Time Off!
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STATE STREET CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

FEDERAL-AID Project No. TGR-0250-00(047) LPA/107200-801000

The City Clerk of the City of Jackson will receive bids for the new street layout from Hartfield Street to Sheppard Road along State Street, Federal-Aid Project No. TGR-0250-00(047) LPA/107200-801000, no later than 3:30 P.M., Local Prevailing Time, August 1, 2017, in the City Clerk's Office located at 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi. All bids so received will be publicly opened and read aloud. A pre-bid meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m., July 21, 2017, in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room on the first floor of the Warren Hood Building, 200 S. President Street, Jackson, Mississippi.

The Completion Date for this project is December 18, 2019.

The work shall consist essentially of the following items:

• Road Diet design features;
• Resurfacing, and reconstruction improvements;
• Improved traffic signalization;
• Replacing and/or upgrading water and sewer utility lines where needed as well as storm drainage;
• Multi-use Trail with ADA compliance;
• Landscaping Improvements;
• Bioswales between the curb and Multi-use trail to filter stormwater.

The above general outline of features of the work does not in any way limit the responsibility of the Contractor to perform all work and furnish all plant, labor, equipment and materials required by the specifications and the drawings referred to therein.

The attention of bidders is directed to the Contract Provisions governing selection and employment of labor. Minimum wage rates for Federal-Aid projects have been predetermined by the Secretary of labor and are subject to Public Law 87-581 Work hours Act of 1962, set forth in the Contract Provisions.

The City of Jackson hereby notifies all Bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged and women's business enterprises will be afforded the full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award. The DBE goal for this project is 5 percent.

The award of this contract will be contingent upon the Contractor satisfying the DBE/WBE requirements.

The plans, contract documents and special provision, and proposal forms are on file for public inspection at the following locations:

• City of Jackson Engineering Division, 200 S. President Street Suite 424, Jackson, Mississippi 39201.
• Neel-Schaffer, Inc, 125 South Congress Street, Suite 1100, Jackson, Mississippi, 39201.

All documents required for bidding purposes may be obtained from Neel-Schaffer, Inc, 125 South Congress Street, Suite 1100, Jackson, Mississippi, 39201. (Mailing address: P.O. Box 22625 Jackson, MS 39225-2625) upon payment of $400.00 for each set, which will not be refunded.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Certified Check on a solvent bank or a Bidder's Bond issued by a surety Company licensed to operate in the State of Mississippi, in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total bid price, payable to the City of Jackson as bid surety. Bidders shall also submit a current financial statement, if requested by the City. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Contract bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount.

The proposal and contract documents in its entirety shall be submitted in a sealed envelope and deposited with the City Clerk, 219 South President Street Jackson, MS prior to the hour and date above designated. No bidder may withdraw his bid within sixty (60) days after the date of actual bid opening, without Owner's consent.

Work to be performed shall be in accordance with the Mississippi Road and Bridge Construction (the 2004 edition) together with all amendments and/or special provisions and/or addenda to the standards duly approved and adopted, unless otherwise noted in these specifications. The 2004 Edition of the Mississippi Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, adopted by the Mississippi Department of Transportation, as referred to herein, may be purchased from the Mississippi Department of Transportation.

Bidders are hereby notified that award will not be made to any bidder submitting a proposal involving omissions or irregularities outlined in Section 102 of the 2004 Edition of the Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, or accompanied by letters qualifying any manner the conditions under which the proposal is tendered.

No (bid proposal) will be sold after 12:00 o'clock Noon, of the day preceding the Advertised Date for receipt of bids.

The City of Jackson, Jackson, Mississippi

BY
Jerriot Smash
Interim Public Works Director

Robert Blaine
Chief Administrative Officer

Terry Williamson
Legal Counsel

7/13/2017, 7/20/2017

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
City of Jackson
Jackson, Mississippi

Sealed, signed bids are invited and will be received by the City of Jackson, Mississippi, until 3:30 P.M. in the City Clerk's Office of Jackson, the bid must be stamped in by 3:30 P.M. Tuesday, August 8, 2017, at which time said bids will be publicly opened at the City Hall located at 219 South President Street (City Council Chambers) in City Hall for the following:

68052--080817 - Special Gun Units
for City of Jackson

BIDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT
WWW.JACKSONMS.GOV

The above must comply with the City's specifications. Copies of proposal forms can be obtained from the Purchasing Division, 200 South President Street, Room 604, Hood Building, Jackson, Mississippi 39201. Copies of bid specifications are filed with the City Clerk for public record in accordance with House Bill No 999, 1986 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 promote full and equal business opportunities for all persons doing business with the City. As a pre-condition to selection, each contractor, bidder or offer shall submit a completed and signed Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Plan Application, with each bid submission, in accordance with the provisions set forth by authority of the City of Jackson's EBO Ordinance. Failure to comply with the City's EBO Ordinance shall disqualify a contractor, bidder or offer, from being awarded an eligible contract. For more information on the City's EBO Program, please contact the Office of Economic Development at (601)960-1638. Copies of the EBO Ordinance, EBO Plan Application and a copy of the EBO Program are available with the Office of Economic Development at 218 South President Street, Second Floor, 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 to the lowest and best bidder quoting the lowest net price in accordance with specifications. The award could be according to the lowest cost per item; or to the lowest total cost for all items; or to accept all or part of any proposal. Delivery time may be considered when evaluating the bid proposal. In those cases where it is known prior to advertising that the City's intention is to award according to the lowest total cost for all items, or in some variation thereof, statements to this affect will be included on the proposal form. Absence of such statement means the City will make that determination during the bid review.

Hellene Greer, CPPB, NPCA, Manager
Purchasing Division
(601) 960-1025 or (601)--960-1533

7/13/2017, 7/20/2017

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A VARIANCE

ZONING CASE NO. 3981

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Randy & Melissa Abraham has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Variance to have a 5'8" tall & 32' long privacy wall on the side yard facing West Cheryl Dr. in the R-1A (Single-Family) Residential District, for property located at 2206 North Cheryl Dr. in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

A parcel of land containing 0.5397 acres, more or less, and being situated in the Southeast ¼ of Section 18, Township 6 North, Range 2 East, City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows, to- wit:

Commence at the southwest corner of Lot 30, Massena Heights Subdivision Part I, a subdivision according to the map or plat of which is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 26 at Page 21 said southwest corner being the Point of Beginning for the parcel herein described; thence South 12 degrees 30 minutes 04 seconds East for a distance of 130.0 feet along the eastern right of way line of West Cheryl Drive, to the intersection of the said eastern right of way line of said West Cheryl Drive, with the northern right of way line of North Cheryl Drive; thence North 77 degrees 32 minutes 23 seconds East for a distance of 124.25 feet along the said northern right of way of North Cheryl Drive; thence leave said northern right of way line and run North 06 degrees 21 minutes 11 seconds West for a distance of 131.00 feet to a point on the southern line of Lot 31 of the said Massena Heights Subdivision Part I; thence South 77 degrees 26 minutes 00 seconds West for a distance of 11.76 feet along the southern line of the said Lot 31 to the southwest corner thereof; thence North 00 degrees 18 minutes 49 seconds East for a distance of 51.29 feet along the eastern line of the said Lot 30; thence South 77 degrees 26 minutes 00 seconds West for a distance of 130.63 feet along a line which is parallel to and fifty (50') feet from the southern line of the said Lot 30 to the said eastern right of way line of West Cheryl Drive; thence South 04 degrees 14 minutes 25 seconds East for a distance of 50.53 feet along the said eastern right of way line of West Cheryl Drive to the Point of Beginning.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, July 26, 2017, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

WITNESS my signature this 27th day of June 2017.

/s/Ester L. Ainsworth
Zoning Administrator
City of Jackson, Mississippi

7/6/2017, 7/20/2017

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A VARIANCE

ZONING CASE NO. 3982

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Redeemer Church has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Variance to construct a two story addition at the east side of the property in the R-1 (Single-Family) Residential District, for property located at 640 E. Northside Dr. in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

All land owned by Grantor and bounded on the South by Northside Drive, on the East by Cedarhurst Drive, on the North by Wellington Road, and on the West by Londonderry Drive, whether correctly described herein or not, but more particularly-described herein as follows:

Parcel 1: Lot 4, of Block Y of Broadmoor Subdivision, Part 3, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, recorded in Plat Book 6 at Page 34, reference to which map or plat is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description.

Parcel 2: A certain parcel of land being situated in Section 14, Township 6 North, Range 1 East, in the City of Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the West line of Cedarhurst Drive with the South line of Wellington Road as both streets are now laid out and improved, and from said point of beginning run Westerly along the South line of Wellington Road for 434.3 feet to the East line of Lot 2, Block Y, Broadmoor Part 3: run thence Southerly along the East line of Lots 2 and 4, Block YT, Broadmoor Subdivision, Part 3 for 235.15 feet to the North line of Northside Drive, turn thence to the left through an angle of 90 degrees 19 minutes and run Easterly along the North line of Northside Drive for 426.24 feet; turn thence to the left through an angle of 26 degrees 33 minutes 54 seconds and run Northeasterly for 8.94 feet to the West line of Cedarhurst Drive; run thence Northerly along the West line of Cedarhurst Drive for 230.30 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel 3: Lot 3, of Block Y of Broadmoor Subdivision, Part 3, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, recorded in plat Book 6 at Page 34, reference to which map or plat is hereby made in aid of and as part of this description.

Parcel 4: Lot 1, of Block Y of Broadmoor Subdivision, Part 3, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, recorded in Plat Book 6 at Page 34, reference to which map or plat is hereby made in aid of and as part of this description.

Parcel 5: Lot 2, of Block Y of Broadmoor Subdivision, Part 3, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, recorded in Plat Book 6 at Page 34, reference to which map or plat is hereby made in aid of and as part of this description.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, July 26, 2017, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

WITNESS my signature this 27th day of June 2017.

/s/Ester L. Ainsworth
Zoning Administrator
City of Jackson, Mississippi

7/6/2017, 7/20/2017

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 77-3-16 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, requesting names to be added to a list of contractors and suppliers qualified to perform contracts within the scope of proposed utility projects concerning construction, extension, and/or repair of electric public utility facilities for or on behalf of Entergy Mississippi, Inc. Names of qualified contractors or suppliers desiring to be added to such list may be submitted to supplierqualification@entergy.com.

Please include contact information, type of contractor or supplier and a description of qualifications. Questions Call 1-844-387-9675.

3/9/2017 thru 12/28/2017

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

ADVERTISEMENT FOR REQUEST FOR BIDS FOR ROOF FALL PROTECTION (WEST CONCOURSE) AT THE JACKSON-MEDGAR WILEY EVERS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BY THE JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY JMAA PROJECT NUMBER 012-16 JULY 12, 2017

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority ("JMAA") will receive sealed bids at the Jackson- Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport ("JAN"), Main Terminal Building, Suite 300, in the City of Jackson, Rankin County, Mississippi, until 2:00 p.m. Central Standard Time on August 11, 2017 (the "Bid Deadline"), for services in connection with the furnishing and installation of a Roof Fall Protection (West Concourse) System, Project No. 012-16, at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport (the "Work").

JMAA will publicly open and read aloud all bids at 2:05 p.m. Central Standard Time on August 11, 2017 (the "Bid Opening"), in the Staff Conference Room, Third Floor of the Main Terminal Building, Suite 300 at JAN. JMAA invites Bidders and their authorized representatives to attend the Bid Opening.

The outside or exterior of each bid envelope or container of the bid must be marked with the wording: "Roof Fall Protection (West Concourse) at JAN, JMAA Project No. 012-16." Bid proposals, amendments to bids, or requests for withdrawal of bids received by JMAA after the Bid Deadline will not be considered for any cause whatsoever.

JMAA will award the Work to the lowest most responsive and responsible bidder as determined by JMAA in accordance with the criteria set forth in the Information for Bidders. The Information for Bidders contains, among other things, a copy of this Advertisement for Bids, Instructions to Bidders and an Agreement to be executed by JMAA and the lowest and best bidder. Any Addenda issued clarifying and/or changing plans and specifications; clarifying and/or changing instructions in the Instruction to Bidders; and/or answering questions in relation to the Instruction to Bidders, including plans and specifications, shall become part of the Information for Bidders. Plans and specifications related to the Work are considered a part of the Agreement.

The Information for Bidders is on file and open for public inspection at JAN at the following address:
Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport
100 International Drive, Suite 300
Jackson, Mississippi 39208
Telephone: (601) 939-5631
Email Address: cparker@jmaa.com
Attention: Chad G Parker, C.P.M.
Properties Manager

A copy of the Bid Documents (including plans and specifications for the Work) may be obtained upon payment of a $150.00 refundable fee per set. Bid documents must be returned to the printer in useable condition no later than thirty (30) days after opening of Bids for purchase cost to be refunded. The Engineer for this Project reserves the right to determine quality of plans upon return. Payment for the bid documents is to be in the form of a company or cashier's check made payable to EJES, Inc. The check may be presented upon pick-up of the Bid Documents at the following address or may be mailed to the following address:

EJES Incorporated
405 Briarwood Drive, Suite 110
Jackson, MS 39206
Telephone: (601) 691-1060

Bid Documents may be picked up or shipped to the person making the request. Documents will not be distributed or mailed, however, until payment is received.

The contact for all questions and submittal of Bids and required forms is Mr. Chad G Parker, Properties Manager. Mr. Parker can be contacted at cparker@jmaa.com or 601-664-3516.

JMAA will hold a Pre-Bid Conference at 10:00 a.m. Central Standard Time on July 25, 2017, in the Community Room, 3rd Floor Mezzanine Level, at the Main Terminal Building at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, MS 39208. Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference is highly recommended for all those interested in submitting bids as a Prime Contractor for the Work and persons seeking opportunities to provide work as a Sub-Contractor. The benefits of attendance include networking opportunities between Prime Contractors and Sub-Contractors, as well as the opportunity to be on a list of contacts that will be published to interested parties as part of the minutes from the Pre-Bid Conference; review of the plans and specifications; and a site visit of the area covered in the scope of work. No site visits will be scheduled other than the one provided during the Pre-Bid conference.

JMAA reserves the right to amend the plans and specifications for the Work by Addendum issued before the Bid and to hold and examine bids for up to ninety (90) days before awarding the Contract.

If it becomes necessary to revise any aspect of this Request for Bids or to provide additional information to Bidders, JMAA will issue one or more Addenda by posting on JMAA's website (http://jmaa.com/rfqrfb-center/). JMAA will also endeavor to deliver a copy of each Addendum, to all persons on record with JMAA as receiving a copy of the Information for Bidders, via email.

JMAA has established a DBE participation goal of 0% for the Work solicited by this RFB.

JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

DATE: July 12, 2017
/s/ Carl D. Newman, A.A. E.

Carl D. Newman, A.A. E., Chief Executive Officer

7/13/2017, 7/20/2017

Sudoku Solution

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7	4	2	8	3	6	9	1	5

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Advertisement for RFP

RFP 2017-06 Online Professional Learning Video Content Provider and Video Management System

Sealed, written formal bid proposals for the above bid will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time) August 01, 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 rfps, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any rfp if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date rfps are opened. Proposal forms and detailed specifications may be obtained free of charge by emailing pagreen@jackson.k12.ms.us, calling (601) 960-8799, documents may be picked up at the above address or downloaded from JPS website at www.jackson.k12.ms.us.

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Advertisement for RFP
RFP 2017-07 - Multi-Tiered System of Support Instructional Interventions

Sealed, written formal rfp proposals for the above rfp will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 (Local Prevailing Time) August 02, 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 rfps, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any rfp if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date rfps are opened. Proposal forms and detailed specifications may be obtained free of charge by emailing pagreen@jackson.k12.ms.us, calling (601) 960-8799, or documents may be picked up at the above address or downloaded from JPS website at www.jackson.k12.ms.us.

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SECTION 901
ADVERTISEMENT
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CITY OF JACKSON
TIGER - GRANT WEST COUNTY LINE ROAD CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

The City Clerk of the City of Jackson will receive bids for the Tiger Grant - West County Line Road Corridor Improvements, Federal-Aid Project No. TGR-0250-00(047)/107200-802000, no later than 3:30 P.M., Local Prevailing Time, August 8, 2017, in the City Clerk's Office located at 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi. All bids so received will be publicly opened and read aloud. A pre-bid meeting will be held at 10:30 A.M., July 21, 2017, in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room on the first floor of the Warren Hood Building, 200 S. President Street, Jackson, Mississippi.

The Completion Date for this project is January 2, 2020.

The work shall consist essentially of the following items:
• Relocating approximately 7,000 feet of the Illinois Central Railroad to include three bridges.
• Construction of approximately 250 linear feet of four-lane asphalt roadway with curb and gutter and subsurface drainage.
• Replacement of one fully actuated traffic signal and modification of a second traffic signal.
• Reconstruction and extension of approximately 2,500 linear feet of two-lane asphalt residential streets including Rand Street and Guice Lane.
• Closure of at-grade crossings of the railroad at Richmond Grove Road and Brown Street.
• Construction of cul-de-sac on Brown Street.
• Landscaping and gateway signage.

The above general outline of features of the work does not in any way limit the responsibility of the Contractor to perform all work and furnish all plant, labor, equipment and materials required by the specifications and the drawings referred to therein.

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The award of this contract will be contingent upon the Contractor satisfying the DBE/WBE requirements.
The plans, contract documents and special provision, and proposal forms are on file for public inspection at the following locations:

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2. Neel-Schaffer Inc., 1230 Highway 51 North, Madison, Mississippi, 39110.

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The City of Jackson, Jackson, Mississippi

BY
Jerriot Smash — Interim Public Works Director
Robert Blaine — Chief Administrative Officer

Terry Williamson
Legal Counsel

7/13/2017, 7/20/2017

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Advertisement for Bid
Bid 3060 Bailey APAC School Kitchen Equipment

Sealed, written formal bid proposals for the above bid will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time) July 17, 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 bids, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date bids are opened. Proposal forms and detailed specifications may be obtained free of charge by emailing pagreen@jackson.k12.ms.us, calling (601) 960-8799, or documents may be picked up at the above address or download from the JPSD website at www.jackson.k12.ms.us.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF JACKSON ZONING ORDINANCE

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in anywise affected thereby, that the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, will be conducting a public hearing on proposed text amendments to the City of Jackson Official Zoning Ordinance as adopted on May 29, 1974 and subsequently amended.

Amendments to the text of the Zoning ordinance are intended to provide for a more efficient Zoning Ordinance and establish more effective zoning regulations for each of the zoning districts. Copies of the proposed text amendments will be available for review at the Office of City Planning 200 S President Street, Suite 204, Jackson, and MS 39201. For additional information please submit an email to eainsworth@city.jackson.ms.us.

The said proposed text amendments will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, July 26, 2107 at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

WITNESS my signature this the 27th day of June, 2017.

/s/Ester L. Ainsworth
Zoning Administrator
City of Jackson, Mississippi

7/6/2017, 7/20/2017

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING

ZONING CASE NO. 3980

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that 3601 N. State, LLC has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from R-1 (Single-Family) Residential to R-4 (Limited Multi-Family) Residential to give uniform zoning and to allow for the construction of townhomes for the property located at 3601 North State St., in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

S ½ of Lots 17 and 18, Lot 19, Block G, Northview Addition, Hinds County, MS

This is supplemented by the following addendum:

The South Half of Lots Nos. Seventeen (17) and Eighteen (18) and Nineteen (19), Block "G" of North View Addition less ten feet (10') off of West side thereof according to map or plat of Part One (1) of North View Addition which is on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, said lands being the same as that Mrs. Mayme E. Ware conveyed to J.P. Ricks and wife, Mrs. M. R. Ricks, by deed dated May 15, 1945, and recorded in said Clerk's office in Deed Book 403, at Page 269, with the interest of said J.P. Ricks being devised to said Mrs. M. R. Ricks in his last will and testament which was fully administered as case No 62-561, on the docket of the Chancery Court of the first Judicial District of Hinds County, MS.

Which aforesaid ten (10') feet off of west side was more particularly described in that certain Warranty Deed of. P. Ricks and Mrs. M. R. Ricks unto Champion M. Wilbourn and Mrs. Marjorie B. Wilbourn, dated July 27, 1950, filed for record July 31, 1950, in Deed Book 664, Page 226, reference to which is hereby made for descriptive purposes, and in which said instrument in said Book 664, at Page 226, the following description is set out:

A strip of land ten (10) feet wide off the west side of the South Half of Lot Seventeen (17) in Block "G", Northview Addition, Part One, according to the official map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the chancery clerk of Hinds County, at Jackson, MS, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at a point on the line dividing Lots 16 and 17 in said Northview Subdivision in said Block "G" on the south intersection of said lots, run thence north along the dividing line between said lots 16 and 17 a distance of 75 feet, run thence east along a line parallel with the south line of said Lot 17 a distance of 10 feet, run then south along a line parallel with the west line of said Lot 17 a distance of 75 feet to a point on the south line of said lot 17, which point is 10 feet east of the point of beginning, run thence west along the southline of said lot 17, 10 feet to the point of beginning.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, July 26, 2017, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

WITNESS my signature this 27th day of June 2017.

/s/Ester L. Ainsworth
Zoning Administrator
City of Jackson, Mississippi

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING

ZONING CASE NO. 3979

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Quality Property, LLC has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from C2 (Limited) Commercial to C3 (General) Commercial to operate an automotive service & repair shop for property located at 5408 Robinson Rd. Ext., in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Being situated in lots 11 and 12 SWEP J. TAYLOR SUBDIVISION, Part 2 according to a plat on file in the Office of Chancery Clerk at Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, in Plat Book 5, at page 33, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds to writ:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of lot 10 of the aforesaid SWEP J. TAYLOR SUBDIVISION, Part 2, and run easterly along the North line of lot 10 and the South line of lot 12, a distance of 80.0 feet; thence right through an interior angle of 90 degrees 15 minutes and run northerly a distance of 195.1 feet to the Point of Beginning of the property herein described; thence continue northerly along the last mentioned line a distance of 110.0 feet; thence right through an interior angle of 269 degrees 45 minutes and run easterly a distance of 80.0 feet; thence right through an interior angle of 90 degrees 15 minutes and run northerly a distance of 134.13 feet to the Southeast corner of a certain 1.032 acre tract; thence right through an interior angle of 65 degrees 38 minutes and run southwesterly along said 1.032 acre tract a distance of 258.7 feet to the east line of Robinson Road Extension; thence right through an interior angle of 115 degrees 57 minutes and run southerly along said east line a distance of 70 feet; thence right through an interior angle of 194 degrees 48 minutes and continue along said East line a distance of 70.6 feet; thence right through and interior angle of 73 degrees 37 minutes and leaving said East line, run Easterly a distance of 177.5 feet to the point of beginning containing 0.8518 acres, more or less.

Being situated in lots 11 and 12, SWEP J. TAYLOR SUBDIVISION, Part 2, according to a plat on file in the Office of the Chancery Clerk at Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi in Plat Book 5, at page 33, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds to wit:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of Lot 10 of the aforesaid SWEP J. TAYLOR SUBDIVISION, Part 2, and run easterly along the North line of lot 10 and the South line of lot 12, a distance of 80.0 feet; thence right through and anterior angle of 90 degrees 15 minutes and run northerly a distance of 195.1 feet to the point of beginning of the property herein described; thence continue northerly along the last mentioned line a distance of 110.0 feet; thence right through an anterior angle of 26 degrees 45 minutes and run easterly a distance of 80.0 feet; thence right through an anterior angle of 89 degrees 45 minutes southerly for a distance of 110 feet to a point; thence run westerly for a distance of 80 feet to the point of beginning, all being a Part of lots 11 and 12, SWEP J. TAYLOR SUBDIVISION, Part 2, according to a plat on file in the Office of the Chancery Clerk at Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, in Plat 5, at page 33.

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Trump's proposed budget cuts threaten civil rights

Under Trump, federal agencies scale back civil rights protections

By Charlene Crowell
NNPA News Wire Columnist

Decades of vigilant struggles, sacrifices and civil rights legislation enacted in the 1960s won federal promises to ensure that discrimination is illegal and would not be tolerated. Unfettered access to housing, voting rights, fair credit, public accommodations and more were marked and celebrated as hard-fought victories for black Americans and other people of color. In later years, additional protections were added as amendments to safeguard the rights of the elderly, disabled, and the LGBT community.

Now in 2017, a growing number of interests are openly questioning whether the Trump Administration intends to uphold these laws. More specifically, a series of federal agencies with offices dedicated to civil rights are at risk. Through budget cuts and staff reductions, these agencies will either outright deny or severely limit the ability to challenge discrimination that continues today.

Case in point: the Department of Education's scaling back of civil rights enforcement. Proposed Trump Administration departmental budget cuts will result in the loss of the equivalent of 46, full-time positions. For remaining staff, case load levels will rise.

Commenting on the severity of cuts, Laura Dunn, the executive director of SurvJustice, a DC-based nonprofit that supports legal justice recently told Inside Higher Ed, "They know that they can't complete these investigations with such a lean budget and inadequate staffing."

On June 8, Candice Jackson, the acting assistant secretary for the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) issued an internal education memo directing all 12 regional Office of Civil Rights (OCR) staff to immediately begin new practices.

Per Jackson, the Education Department's goal is to swiftly address compliance issues, reach reasonable resolution agreements and encourage voluntary settlements wherever possible. Staff members, who handle investigations, were advised to clear case backlogs and resolve complaints in a "reasonable time frame."

Education's OCR is charged to prevent, identify, end and remedy discrimination against students. OCR investigates education complaints involving admissions, recruitment, financial aid, academic programs, student treatment and services, vocational education, housing, employment and more. Complaints may be filed by an affected consumer or on behalf of another person or group.

Under the Obama Administration, additional OCR staffing in the Education Department was added to better meet the goal of closing cases within 180 days. In some instances, clearing case backlogs took years, instead of days, to thoroughly investigate and resolve complaints.

On June 16, the nonpartisan U.S. Commission on Civil Rights weighed in on proposed cuts and issued a lengthy statement detailing a new two-year, comprehensive assessment of federal civil rights enforcement. In part the statement read, "The review will examine the degree to which current budgets and staffing levels allow civil rights offices to perform their statutory and regulatory functions."

"The Commission has grave concerns about continuing signals from the current administration, including the President's proposed budget and statements of cabinet and senior Administration officials, that the protection and fulfillment of civil rights of all persons will not be appropriately prioritized," continued the Commission statement. "These proposed cuts are particularly troubling in light of Education Secretary Betsy DeVos' repeated refusal in Congressional testimony and other public statements to commit that the Department would enforce federal civil rights laws."

Other agencies that will also be reviewed by the Commission include: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Health and Human Services (HHS), Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Justice, Labor, and the Legal Services Corporation.

More criticism of the Education Department under Secretary DeVos arrived June 27 when 34 U.S. Senators representing 22 states sent their own detailed letter of concern. Two of the three black U.S. Senators now serving in the Senate were signatories: California's Kamala Harris and New Jersey's Cory Booker.

"You claim to support civil rights and oppose discrimination, but your actions belie your assurances," wrote the senators.

The senators' letter continued: "Closing cases quickly at the expense of the quality of the investigation is not in the long-term interests of the complainants and impedes students, teachers, and families in receiving just resolutions. Rather than abandon a systematic approach, we strongly urge you to support increased funding for OCR's budget to allow the office to hire additional personnel to swiftly resolve complaints."

Research by the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL) has found that students of color are often targeted by high-cost private career and training institutes that advertise high incomes for 21st Century jobs. However, the outcomes promised and the experiences of these students do not match. Only 27 percent of all for-profit students in four-year programs graduate within six years.

Students who do not graduate almost always wind up with deep student debt and low-paying jobs. When their loan repayments become too costly to maintain, loan defaults result that mar their credit profiles.

"If the Education Department was serious about addressing civil rights enforcement," noted Robin Howarth, a CRL senior researcher, "they would be continuing the Obama Administration's emphasis on adequate staffing of this complex and time-consuming function. Instead, they opt for gutting the standards of investigation in favor of quick resolution of cases."

Howarth is right. Closing complaint cases quickly is not the same thing as justice.

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