

NAACP names Derrick Johnson as interim president

By Lauren Victoria Burke
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The NAACP has named Derrick Johnson, the vice chairman of their board of directors, the organization’s interim president. The unanimous decision was

made by the executive committee of the board of directors during the Association’s 108th annual convention in Baltimore. The NAACP is the largest and oldest civil rights organization in the U.S. The executive commit-

tee of the board is comprised of 14 people. On May 19, the NAACP board announced that the contract of Cornell William Brooks, the outgoing president, would not be renewed. Brooks’ contract ended June 30. Brooks began his tenure as NAACP President in May of 2014. “I am thrilled to announce that my friend and colleague Derrick Johnson has been appointed to interim president and CEO. I

could not think of a better, more battle-tested or more qualified individual to guide the NAACP through this transition period,” said Leon Russell, the chairman

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Former Supreme Court Justice accepts appointment to Mid-South Housing Foundation Advisory Board



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Former Supreme Court Justice and Phelps Dunbar law firm senior partner, Reuben V. Anderson, has accepted an appointment to the Advisory Board of the Mid-South Housing Foundation, a non-profit

organization which provides affordable housing throughout the Mid-South. Mid-South Housing Foundation provides affordable housing to thousands throughout

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Justice for Jasmine

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Jasmine Shepard should have become the first black valedictorian in 110 years at Cleveland High School in Mississippi. An amazing achievement considering that Cleveland, Miss. still has not fully complied with federal desegregation orders from Brown v. Topeka Board of Education. But Shepard was denied the honor of being sole valedictorian when she was forced to share it with a white student who did not qualify for it. A white co-valedictorian spoke, followed by a black one, Shepard, who argued that their educational experience had been enhanced by the diversity. Since filing a lawsuit against the school district a few weeks ago, Shepard and her family have been the target of a torrent of racist and hateful messages. Messages that are too sickening and hateful to be shared here. This whole incident exemplifies the barriers that black girls and women face – when we work twice as hard we get half the credit, and when we speak out about that unfairness we get flooded with hateful messages. Black girls know all too well that they must often navigate through a landscape that reinforces multidimensional stereotypes, discrimination, and debilitating narratives about their black femininity. Recognizing Jasmine as the sole valedictorian is a small but crucial step to changing these harmful narratives about black girls. Shepard should be recognized for the incredible work she’s done to become the first black student to ever earn valedictorian honors in Cleveland.



Shepard

Shepard’s facebook reply

“Hey, everyone! I just wanted to thank each of you for the overflow of support that you’ve given me in the past few days! I also wanted to address the individuals that have made it their mission to speak ill of me and my family (calling me fat, ugly, racist, uppity, money grabber, etc.). You may disagree with us in this plight, but please respect us as well as others on this page. Name calling and bashing is not necessary. Throughout my life, my parents have shielded me from behavior pictured below, but now I see that I will have to face this head on. You can send me these types of messages, but those sentiments will not be returned. I hope all of you have a blessed Sunday. With Love, Jasmine”

Piney Woods Summer Camp makes learning fun

The Mississippi Link Newswire

PINEY WOODS, MISS. – The Piney Woods School campus was bustling with activity recently as children from across the United States participated in a two-week summer camp. In addition to providing lots of fun and excitement, the camp helped young people hone their academic, athletic and social skills. “Everything went phenomenally well,” Summer Camp Director Theresa Wansley said. “We had 140 children here, and they had an awesome time participating in a sports camp, an agriculture/robotics camp, and an arts camp where they produced a play, which included writing the script, conducting auditions and designing the set.” In addition, the Mississippi Department of Wildlife Fisheries and Parks (MDWFP) conducted a Jr. Conservation Officer Training Academy which allowed participants to experience different types of training that Mississippi conservation officers undergo. “The camp was great,” said



Capt. Dale Bell, with the Mississippi Department of Wildlife Fisheries and Parks, instructs members of the Jr. Conservation Officer Training Academy.

Capt. Dale Bell, who coordinated the training academy. “This was a scaled down version of the training our officers actually go through.” Krystyan Elly, 14, of Pascagoula, Miss., was chosen as the platoon leader for the training academy. “I learned social skills, how to be a better leader, and how

to conduct myself in a more orderly fashion,” Elly said. “They made us say yes sir and no sir, and we had specific bed times which helped us be prepared for the next day. “We also had chores in the dorm where we pulled trash, mopped, swept and kept our rooms organized,” Elly said. “We also had a lot of fun activi-

ties like going to the recreation hall where we socialized with everyone.” In addition, Elly said she learned a lot about swimming, including life-saving techniques and how to perform water rescues. “We learned the side stroke, and I didn’t know anything about a side stroke,” she said.



Participants in the performing arts camp present a play in The Piney Woods School Rock Garden.

“We also did water survival, including something called the huddle. The next time I get cold in the water I will just huddle up.” “I really enjoyed the swim lessons,” said 12-year-old Deasia Alexander of Jackson, Miss. “Most of the stuff we did I didn’t know how to do. When I usually get in the pool, I just

sit there and float. Now I know how to do strokes.” Laurel, Miss. brothers Samuel Hill, 14, and Ezekiel Hill, 11, along with 14-year-old Kevion Overby of Raleigh, Miss., said they enjoyed the agriculture/robotics camp. “It was very exciting,” Samuel Hill said.

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Film Review

Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets

Besson adapts comic book series novel into hallucinogenic sci-fi spectacular

By Kam Williams
Columnist

In 1997, Luc Besson released The Fifth Element, a visually-captivating sci-fi adventure which netted four Césars, including Best Film and Best Director. A couple of decades later, Luc is back with Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets, an even more innovative, outer space odyssey, if that’s possible.

The groundbreaking extravaganza is based on “Valerian and Laureline,” a comic book series written by Pierre Christin and illustrated by Jean-Claude Mézières.

The futuristic tale is set in the 28th Century, and stars Dane DeHaan in the title role as a time/space traveling military officer for Alpha, a city with a thousand planets. Straitlaced Major Valerian patrols that universe with Laureline (Cara Delevingne), a Sergeant well-versed in virtual reality operations.

He also happens to have a crush on his relatively-rebellious sidekick, although she routinely rebuffs his romantic overtures.

And they report directly to Commander Arun Filitt (Clive Owen) who, in turn, answers to General Okto Bar (Sam Spruell) as well as Alpha’s Min-



ister of Defense (Herbie Hancock).

The film unfolds on Mul, a utopian paradise inhabited by a peaceful spe-

cies of bald, bejeweled, barely-clothed creatures. It isn’t long before their carefree frolicking is irreversibly dis-

rupted by an unprovoked attack on the planet by an unknown army of hostile aliens.

The picture abruptly shifts from this devastating apocalypse to a serene scenario worlds away where we find Valerian and Laureline relaxing on a sandbar and soaking up rays. He awakens from a bad dream, a subtle suggestion that everything that we’ve just witnessed might’ve merely been a figment of his imagination.

It would be criminal for me to spoil your cinematic experience by divulging any further developments. Suffice to say that the protagonists proceed to embark on a breathtaking, intergalactic roller coaster ride worth way more than the price of admission.

Along the way, they cross paths with an array of colorful characters ranging from a space age pimp (Ethan Hawke) to a solicitous stripper with a heart of gold (Rihanna). But people mostly serve as distracting interruptions in this eye-popping, special f/x-driven spectacular to remember.

All I can say after watching it is, “Wow!”

Excellent (4 stars)

Rated PG-13 for action, violence, suggestive material and brief profanity

Running time: 137 minutes
Production Studio: EuropaCorp
Distributor: STX Entertainment

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the mid-south and has a proven record of creating productive, sustainable communities in underserved areas.

Judge Anderson grew up in Jackson during the oppressive segregation of the 1940’ and 1950s, and was motivated in college by a Rev. Martin Luther King speech to be a part of the solution to racial discrimination and injustice and has spent his professional and public life in the service of others.

A 1964 Tougaloo College graduate, he received his Juris Doctor Degree from the University of Mississippi in 1967 as the first African American to receive same.

Upon graduating from law school, he spent two years with the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund in its Mississippi Office. That position evolved into the establishment of the law firm of Anderson, Banks, Nichols and Leventhal.

Eventually his legal and political activities led to 15 years of significant service in the judiciary field, including Municipal Court Judge in Jackson, Hinds County Court Judge, Circuit Court Judge serving Hinds and Yazoo Counties, before being appointed to the Mississippi Supreme Court in 1985.

After leaving the bench 1991, Judge An-

derson joined the prestigious Phelps Dunbar law firm in Jackson where he is now a senior partner and has been since 2008.

He has previously served on the board of directors of The Kroger Company, AT&T and MINACT, Inc; and, he is a former board member of Bell South Corporation, Mississippi Chemical Corporation, Burlington Resources, and Trustmark National Bank.

During his career he lent his talents as a director of Tougaloo College, the JSU Foundation, the Mississippi Department of Archives and History and many other charitable governmental and community improvement endeavors.

Judge Anderson has received numerous honors, which include the Mississippi Medal of Service from Governor Haley Barbour in 2011; honorary Doctor of Humane Letter degree from Millsaps College in 2001; and, he and his wife, Phyllis, were named Humanitarians of the year by the Epilepsy Foundation in 1999.

Mid-South Housing Foundation welcomes Judge Reuben Anderson with his vast experience in the humanitarian and legal fields, and looks forward to the contributions his experience will bring to the board.

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of the board of the NAACP.

“Derrick’s longtime service with the association will allow him to take decisive action to deal with daily challenges. He will also serve as the primary spokesman for the NAACP. I have every confidence in Derrick and will support him in this new endeavor every step of the way.”

In a statement released July 22, Johnson said that it is truly an honor and a privilege to be named the interim president and CEO of an organization that he’s served for decades.

“There’s a lot of work that needs to be done and we won’t waste any time getting to it. We are facing unprecedented threats to our democracy and we will not be sidelined while our rights are being eroded every day,” said Johnson. “We remain steadfast and immovable, and stand ready on the front lines of the fight for justice.”

The NAACP is about to embark on a nationwide listening tour to hear advice on what their focus should be moving forward.

NAACP leadership has acknowledged that younger civil rights organizations are getting more traction and attention in a world of social media and faster communications.

The first stop on the NAACP listening tour is Detroit, August 24. The second stop will be San Antonio, Texas in September. The organization’s leadership will “visit a total of seven major cities across the country over the next few months,” according to a press release about the tour.

Johnson will serve as interim president and CEO until a new president is named. Johnson formerly served as vice chairman of the NAACP National Board of Directors as well as state president for the Mississippi State Conference NAACP.

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An obsessed Donald Trump is dangerous

By Walter Smith
Publisher the Philadelphia Observer

Donald Trump’s obsession with Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton, major Media, his ego and election fraud is interfering with his ability to govern as president of the United States and the leader of the free world. His current passion is repealing Obamacare.

Trump unleashed a blistering critique of the Affordable Care Act at the White House July 24 and ratcheted up the pressure on Senate Republicans to keep their campaign promise to repeal and replace the law. Trump drew on the stories of Americans who were invited to join him at the White House to remind Republicans of their seven-year-old promise to repeal and replace Obamacare.

Trump knows but refuses to admit that “Repeal and Replace, a campaign slogan, referred to “Obamacare” not the Affordable Care Act. Republican candidates latched onto it and won office as a result.

However, there is much pushback to “Repeal and Replace” among beneficiaries of the Affordable Care Act primarily white voters. A report by the Department of Health and Human Services on the effects of the Affordable Care Act shows that the benefits of Obamacare cut across all major demographic groups. More white Americans received coverage since October 2013 when the law’s coverage provisions began to come into effect than black and Latino Americans combined. “Obamacare” was not a “black” thing.

The president took a swipe at Jeff Sessions calling his attorney general “our beleaguered A.G.” and asking why Sessions was not “looking into Crooked Hillary’s crimes and Russia relations?” Trump’s suggestion that his top law enforcement official

investigate a former political rival is astounding, and even his allies have said in the past that such a move would be unheard of in the United States.

Speaking at the 2017 National Scout Jamboree, Trump hit on his favorite theme of “fake news,” complaining that the media would probably downplay the size of the Boy Scouts crowd. The Jamboree attendance was over 40,000. The fake media will say: “President Trump spoke before a small crowd of Boy Scouts today. Fake media. Fake news.”

He also took the opportunity to relive the glory of his election, asking the child audience, “Do you remember that incredible night with the maps and the Republicans are red and the Democrats are blue, and that map was so red, it was unbelievable, and they didn’t know what to say?”

Trump created the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity in May to investigate his allegations, offered without evidence, that millions of people voted illegally in 2016. Although he won the electoral vote on election night, Hillary Clinton won the the popular vote by more than one million votes.

Right now, Donald Trump could start a nuclear war on a whim, and no one could stop him. He has almost gleefully exercised his right to threaten nuclear war. He made boastful remarks about nuclear might throughout his campaign. And just recently, he called for a new push to put America at the “top of the pack” when it comes to nuclear weapons capability. A global nuclear exchange could annihilate hundreds of millions of lives and sour Earth’s atmosphere, water and ground for generations.

This president is dangerous and there is no telling what his ego and many obsessions will drive him to do.

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uel said. “We got to do a lot of hands-on activities. We learned about different plants and how they are used for different purposes, and we learned about different soil types. I would definitely recommend this camp.”

“We even learned how to milk a goat,” Overby said. “I enjoyed the camp.”

“We also learned how to clip a goat’s toenails,” Ezekiel said. “It was really interesting.”

Micah Hill, 12, of Laurel, said she learned a lot in the arts camp.

“It was very educational,” said Micah, the sister of Samuel and Ezekiel. “We each had to write a 10-page play and we auditioned people to be in the play.”

“I liked doing the play because it was very creative and it let us have our own ideas with design and stuff,” said 13-year-old Alexandra Grauel of Palm Springs, Calif. “The entire camp was interesting and fun.”

Several camp participants said they liked the fact that they were exposed to new things and new people.

“I liked the camp because I learned so many new things,” said 15-year-old Chauncey Nettles of Clinton, Miss. “I met a lot of new people, and I learned how to communicate with others. I also learned how to show respect. It’s been a good two weeks.”



Mississippi Department of Wildlife Fisheries and Parks Jr. Conservation Officer Training Academy cadet Krystyan Elly participates in archery training.



Participants in the agriculture/robotics camp study water quality in one of the ponds located on the Piney Woods campus.



Summer camp participants enjoy an afternoon of swimming.



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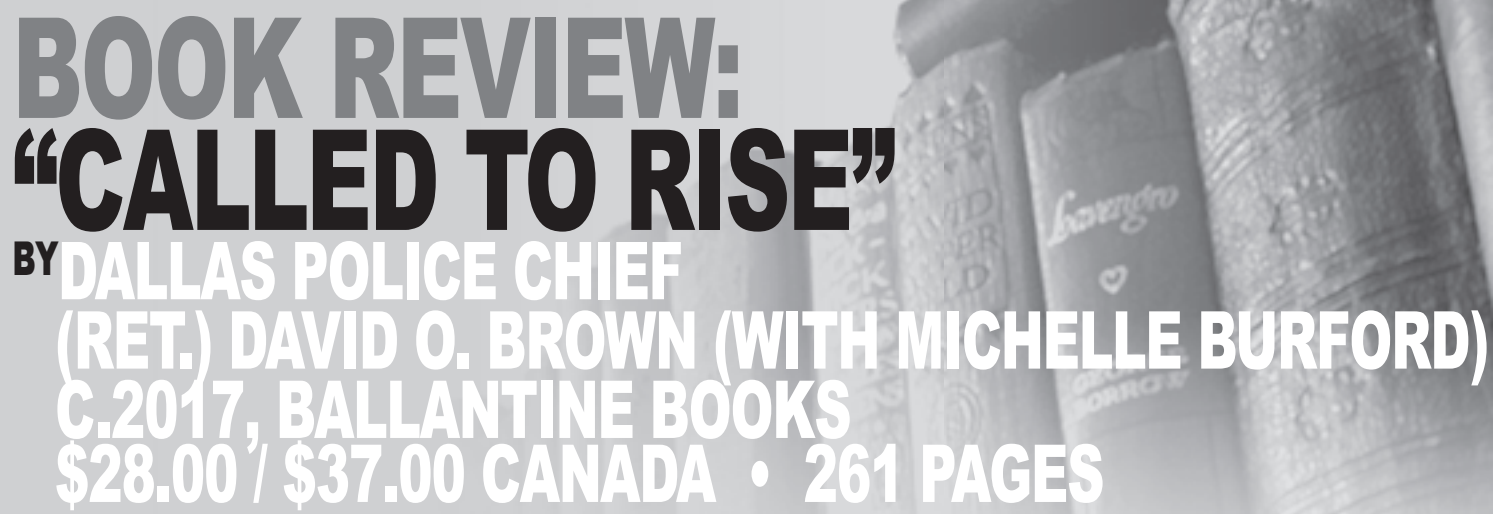
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1:15 PM (20)	My Life in the Blues <i>Entertainer Bobby Rush (Grammy Winner)</i>
1:35 PM	The Blues Connection to Africa/Mississippi/ USA/MS Blues Benevolent Fund <i>Dr. Edgar Smith, Chair</i>
1:55 PM (20)	Oral Presentation of Historical Blues Narratives <i>Angela D. Stewart, Curator Margaret Walker Alexander Center - JSU</i>
2:00 PM (30)	Blues Film: America's Blues Film Vts_01_1
2:35 PM (20)	Blues History <i>Ben Wiley Payton, Blues, Musician/Historian</i>
2:55 PM (30)	Blues Film: America's Blues Film Vts_01_2
3:30 PM (20)	Blues Forms and Presentation <i>Chris Gill, Musician, Singer</i>
4:30 PM (60)	Blues Film: I am the Blues Film
5:30 PM (30)	Musical and Oral Presentations <i>McKinney "Bluesman" Williams Amanda Humphrey</i>
6:00-7:00 PM (60)	Blues Jam Entertainment <i>Blue Monday Band</i>



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Not at first. He really wanted

At the end of his sophomore year, though, that dream changed when crack cocaine came to his hometown of Dallas. He'd never seen such destruction, so he quit college in favor of a different method of putting "villains" away: Brown became a cop.

The job, of course, was another love. Always yearning for more responsibility and better job po-

Aside from the fact that this book is overloaded to distraction

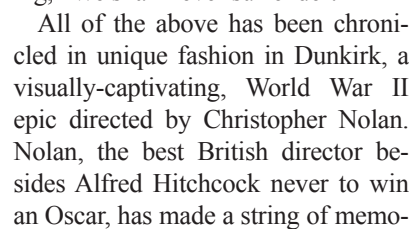
Later, that tone softens when

Overall, "Called to Rise" is mostly good. It has moments of eye-rolling, but it's also quite inspiring and yes, it's worth reading. If you love police/detective memoirs, it's a book to get wrapped up in.

Dunkirk

World War II epic recreates flotilla's heroic rescue of stranded allies

Leave it to Winston Churchill to put a positive spin on such a devas-



Shot in 70mm, Dunkirk is an instant classic worth the extra investment to catch on an IMAX screen. An inspirational tribute to Britain's Greatest Generation that just might be Christopher Nolan's best picture yet.



Hint: Quote by Elon Musk

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Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Eight
5. Ca. University
9. Prod
11. Mr. Donahue
12. Tight at the top, flaring at the bottom (2 wds.)
13. Natural fiber
14. Hallucinogen
15. Canadian prov.
17. Set
18. Microscopic
20. Chocolate candy
22. Dozens
23. Women's magazine
24. Fib
27. Motor vehicle
29. Black
31. Supplication
32. Booby
33. Land worker
34. Extinguished

DOWN

1. Beef
2. Evils
3. Same cite as previous
4. Cation
5. Delivery service
6. ___ con came
7. Spring flower
8. Alcoholic
10. Passed (2 wds.)
16. Flourished
18. Comes before a vowel
19. Manganese (abbr.)
20. Greek government
21. Swimming mammal
22. What dogs sit on
24. Only
25. Ancient Indian
26. Leered
28. Klutz
30. Flower start

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P R E S E R V E D

It's not who you know... but who knows you

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



When I first moved to Dallas Fort Worth over 20 years ago, I did my best to network with other journalists. I went to meetings of the National Association of Black Journalists whenever my schedule allowed with the goal to make those very valuable connections.

Once, however, I was a volunteer mentor with the Dallas Fort Worth Association of Black Journalists' Urban Journalism workshop and heard a profound statement from the workshop director Cheryl Smith.

When the students asked her about the importance of networking, she had one sim-

ple response: It's not what you know or even who you know but who knows you.

Then it hit me that I had been going about networking wrong. What I had previously looked upon as a time to meet the movers and shakers so I could say that I knew "so and so," should have really been spent allowing them to know me. People will recommend you for a job when you have a solid recommendation from someone else who knows you and your work. It's not always because you say you know "so and so."

Smith's advice applied to job searches but I also see how this could apply to our spiritual walk. We sometimes say, "I know God" because we go church. But I think the most important thing we can say is whether God knows us. Galatians 4:9 says in the New

Living translation, "So now that you know God (or should I say, now that God knows you), why do you want to go back again and become slaves once more to the weak and useless spiritual principles of this world?"

Once I heard Elder Eric Copeland of San Antonio encourage those attending a worship service to write down eight things that we needed God to do. He joked that it shouldn't be things that we could do ourselves like lose twenty pounds. He repeated that these things needed to be so big that only God could do them. We then had to believe in faith that God would do them. By writing the list, we were then making ourselves known to God through our faith.

The question remains: If asked to describe you, what

would God say? Would he say, "The name sounds familiar but I can't place the face. The last time I saw them was at their grandmother's funeral in 1991." Or would he say, "I know her well because she lives a life of integrity and love."

Job, though he was tested by Satan, was known by God because of his faith and integrity. We know God through love but he knows us through our faith. Being known by God means that we don't just settle for the commonplace or compromise in our spiritual lives but strive for authentic and purposeful connection.

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Measuring our spiritual development

Part I

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



Men and women have developed many different devices and systems to help measure things. In fact, just about anything one can imagine has some means of measuring it to assure that it is correct. If, for example, someone wanted to know whether a board was large enough to cover a hole, all they would need to do is get a ruler, measure the hole, and compare the size of the board with the same ruler.

On the other hand, if we were in business, we would need a very different kind of system to measure with since we are no longer measuring length, but the efficiency of decisions and actions. Here the need is to learn far in advance whether the business is going to succeed or fail based on its operation. Since no rulers can measure the profit and loss that will occur in the future, people need a system of comparing it with a proven pattern of success.

With all this available to measure earthly things, we might ask, "Is there a way to measure our spirituality?" Or perhaps it would be better to ask the question, "How can we keep ourselves spiritual and know we are on the right track?"

Our eternal destiny is at stake. Ensuring spiritual success is, in many ways, really no different than ensuring success in business. It involves finding and studying those who have been successful before us and following their examples. As Christians, our one and only sure source for this is the Bible itself. God has given us His written Word as a guide to lead us through in this world of many opinions and ideas.

Real Bible salvation and spiritual living cannot and never has resulted from doing some things

and not doing others.

The things we do or do not do as spiritual people must be motivated by a pure and honest heart of love. God wants our service to be from the heart, not just in actions and religious forms. Nevertheless, much of the failure of our young people lies in the fact that they neglect to do spiritual things. They fall prey to the many voices that lure them into spiritual inactivity. First Timothy 4:7 says, "But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness."

Being spiritual takes work and there is no such thing as a lazy Christian. Are we in shape both physically and spiritually? In our society, much emphasis is placed on physical fitness, but spiritual health (godliness) is even more important. Our physical health is susceptible to disease and injury, but faith can sustain us through these tragedies.

To train ourselves to be godly, we must develop our faith by using our God given abilities in the service of the church.

We read in First Timothy 4:14-16 these words, "Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all. Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you."

As a young leader in a Church that had a lot of problems, Timothy may have been intimidated. But the elders and prophets encouraged him and charged him to use his spiritual gift responsibly.

Next week – "Measuring our spiritual development" – Part II

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New Red Cross regional communications manager

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The American Red Cross recently named Tamica Smith Jeuitt the regional director of communications and marketing manager for its Mississippi Region. She was employed with the Red Cross from 2008 through 2012 as a local chapter communications officer. Before her return

to the organization, Jeuitt was the senior communications specialist for the Mississippi Conference of The United Methodist Church. Jeuitt also worked as the weekend news anchor and reporter for WJTV in Jackson. She has 23 years combined work experience in broadcast journalism and public

relations with media groups in Louisiana, Alabama and Indiana. She earned a bachelor's degree in broadcasting from Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Jeuitt lives in Madison County with her husband Rob Jay and daughter, Madison. The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims

of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission.

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We understand that the Public Service Commission will soon begin negotiations on a final settlement on costs associated with the construction of the Kemper County Plant. The PSC finds itself with a task that takes the Wisdom of Solomon weighing the existing policy against the facts while taking into account the needs of the people to devise an action that serves the needs of our community.

The Ministerial Alliance hopes that this issue is settled in a way that allows Mississippi Power to continue to grow and make contributions to the lives of people in our community. We depend on Mississippi Power to keep the lights on and to keep the economy moving for area businesses and industries. We sometimes take it for granted that Mississippi Power is and has been there for us when disasters strike like tornadoes and hurricanes. For almost a century Mississippi Power's trucks have been rolling as needed, restoring service in record time. They've been there for us when we needed them the most.

But our partnership in the Gulf Coast community with Mississippi Power goes far beyond the obvious of keeping the lights on. Mississippi Power has been involved in our community, schools and our lives in ways that go far beyond providing electricity; they're valued in our community as a partner. Additionally, the work on the Kemper plant has provided thousands of jobs and an incredible economic boost to one of the state's poorest areas. The Kemper Plant has been producing electricity for its customers for nearly three years utilizing natural gas as its fuel.

The Ministerial Alliance Partnership urges the PSC and its staff to enter the negotiations on the final settlement regarding Kemper keeping in mind we regard Mississippi Power as a vital partner in our community. We would also ask when making this decision that consideration is given that the parent company may potentially absorb losses as much as \$6.5 billion for construction of the plant and that all of this loss was invested in our state.

Now is the time to look to the future of our state and we again urge that the matter is resolved quickly. We pray that the decision is reached without malice.

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Mississippi's employment situation

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Jobs increased by 4,000 in June. This is the latest information announced by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security.

The number of non-farm jobs rose in Mississippi in June 2017 by 4,000 to 1,148,600. This jobs number is based on a survey of employers and is considered the most reliable indicator of job growth. Over the year since June 2016, the number of non-farm jobs increased by 6,100.

Mississippi's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.0 percent in June, which is the second lowest rate since January 1976 when the current method of calculating state unemployment rates started.

The June 2017 rate is one-tenth of a percentage point higher than a month earlier in May when the rate was 4.9 percent, but is nine-tenths of a percentage point lower than a year ago in June 2016, when the rate was 5.9 percent.

The Labor Force, which is made up of everyone who has a job or is looking for a job, decreased in June by 7,100 to 1,296,100. However, over the year since June 2016, the Labor Force grew by 17,100.

The number of people working in Mississippi decreased in June by 8,200 to 1,230,800. For the year since June 2016 employment in our state posted an increase of 27,400.

The number of unemployed Mississippians increased in June by 1,100 to 65,300. Over the year since June 2016, the number of Mississippians without jobs fell by 10,300.

For details or questions on this information, you may contact Mary Willoughby at (601) 321-6260 or by email mwilloughby@mdes.ms.gov.

Florence's Grim honored for service at Mississippi State Hospital

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State Hospital recently honored employees with July anniversary dates for their years of service. Valeria Grim of Florence was recognized for providing 25 years of service to the hospital.

Grim, a University of Southern Mississippi and Jackson State University graduate, is a Behavioral Health Specialist III.

Service Awards are given to employees in the month of their date of hire, beginning with one year and followed by every fifth anniversary year. Employees receive a Certificate of Appreciation and a Service Award Pin. The program is sponsored by Friends of Mississippi State Hospital Inc.

MSH, a program of the Mississippi Department of Mental Health, was founded in 1855 and helps the individuals it serves achieve mental wellness by encouraging hope, promoting safety, and supporting recovery. The hospital is accredited by the Joint Commission.



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Miss Hospitality contestants bring smiles to Forrest General patients

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HATTIESBURG – A group of 25 young women from across the state who are competing in the 2017 Mississippi Miss Hospitality pageant took time out of their busy pageant week to visit Forrest General July 18.

During their visit, the contestants received a welcome from Tyra Willamor, Forrest General’s Spirit Girl and Sweetea coordinator. The contestants brought joy and smiles to young patients as they toured the hospital’s Pediatrics department.

“I was happy to have the opportunity to speak with the Miss Hospitality contestants during their visit to the hospital,” said Willamor. “The goal of the Spirit Girls and Spirit of Women programs is to encourage young women to make healthy choices early in life. Being health conscious and educated about wellness empowers women to make informed decisions about their health. We wish each of the contestants the best of luck, and hope they enjoy their time in Hattiesburg.”

For more information on Forrest General and its available services, visit forrestgeneral.com.



Pictured are Miss Hospitality contestants after their arrival at Forrest General.



Miss Hospitality contestants visited with patients on the Pediatric floor. Pictured here is Miss Hospitality Mary Elizabeth Stringer of Starkville and a young patient trying on her crown.

Patients can now seamlessly find Merit Health doctors and instantly schedule appointments online

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Merit Health has introduced a new service that helps patients more seamlessly access their physicians via online scheduling. At launch, the service facilitates online appointmentmaking with participating primary care providers.

To use this free service, patients may visit MyMeritDoctor.com.

Patients can then see doctors’ schedules in real time, along with qualifications, verified patient reviews, photos and additional tools for selecting providers who best fit their needs. Patients can then choose an open timeslot and schedule their own appointment with a few clicks. This enhances the patient experience by helping patients book with Merit Health Medical Group doctors 24/7 (even when the office is closed), as well as providing email and text reminders about upcoming appointments.

“Merit Health is proud to unite modern patients and doctors with this cutting-edge technology, and to deliver the great healthcare experience patients expect and deserve,” Merit Health CEO Steve Dobbs said. “We look forward to introducing additional physicians and specialties in the coming months.”

About Merit Health

Merit Health serves the healthcare needs of residents of Mississippi through its 10 affiliated hospitals and more than 100 physician practices. The healthcare system offers a wide array of services including orthopedics, cardiology, women’s health, emergency departments and broad diagnostic medical and surgical services. The network has approximately 2,000 licensed beds, more than 2,500 physicians on the combined active medical staffs, 6,000 employees, more than 45,000 admissions and 280,000 emergency department visits each year.

MBS Donor Coach making stops in Jackson, Byram and Terry

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McCColumn Physical Therapy blood drive

Mississippi Blood Services will be holding a blood drive with McCColumn Physical Therapy Thursday, August 3, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. The MBS donor coach will be at 5225 Highway 18 in Jackson.

Donors will receive a T-shirt and gift card (while supplies last). Donors can now check their overall cholesterol levels on their MBSCoast account.

Donors will be registered for a chance to win \$1,000 cash. All donors are automatically registered for a chance to win a new Ram 1500 Big Horn 4 X 4 truck in the Mississippi Blood Services Road to Life 9 Blood Drive when they donate blood now through August 18.

MBS is joining with Mac Haik Flowood and Mac Haik Madison to give one lucky donor a brand new vehicle to be given away August 25.

Byram community blood drive at Walmart

Mississippi Blood Services will be holding a community blood drive in Byram Friday, August 4, from 10 a.m.12 - 6 p.m. The MBS donor coach will be at Walmart in Byram.

Donors will receive a T-shirt and gift card (while supplies last). Donors can now check their overall cholesterol levels on their MBSCoast account.

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Special blood drive for Derrick James at the Terry Community Center

Mississippi Blood Services will be holding a special blood drive for Derrick James at the Terry Community Center Sunday, August 6, from 12 – 5 p.m. The MBS donor coach will be at the Terry Community Center. Donors will receive a T-shirt (while supplies last).

All donors are automatically registered for a chance to win a new Ram 1500 Big Horn 4 X 4 truck in the Mississippi Blood Services Road to Life 9 Blood Drive when they donate blood now through August 18.

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Donating blood is safe, simple and it saves lives. Donors must be at least 16 years old (16-and 17-year-olds need signed parental consent, visit our Website for a copy of the form), weigh at least 110 pounds and have a valid ID.

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The “For Brown Girls, INC.” story

By Kia Monique Jones
CEO, For Brown Girls, Inc.

Being innovative means doing things differently or doing things that have never been done before.

I envisioned a group of women consuming knowledge and strategically assisting in advocating for those who are disadvantaged in Mississippi and founded For Brown Girls, Inc., November 30, 2015.

For Brown Girls, Inc. is a 501©3 nonprofit organization that represents a group of women from all walks of life.

Our mission is to uplift, motivate and cultivate the minds of women of color in Jackson and surrounding areas by empowering them to fulfill their dreams and promote positive change in their communities by displaying leadership to disadvantaged youth.

We also provide philanthropy and community service efforts in the Jackson Metropolitan Area. “Empowered women, empower communities.” Our main focus is strengthening marginalized communities.

We envision a world in which all girls and young women of color regardless of ethnicity, income level or social status,



are nurtured and empowered to reach their fullest potential.

For Brown Girls, Inc. embraces its responsibility to make the world a better place. While addressing effective ways that foster hopefulness for the future, we want to instill a vision of what can be and draw others forward in a positive way.

We are leaders. We lead with wisdom, knowledge and good judgment. We envision making

a difference in our community while bridging partnerships and creating a legacy. We consider partnership as one of our key organizing principles. We are committed to developing, maintaining and nurturing partnerships, including alliances and linkages with institutions and individuals who identify with our vision and mission.

The specific objectives and purpose of this organization

are:

- to educate and empower women with the skills and confidence necessary to continue their education, secure a job, maintain a healthy lifestyle, and gain a valuable status in the community
- to hold trainings, seminars, conferences and workshops that foster an exchange of information and the promotion and participation in the com-

munity service efforts in Jackson and surrounding areas;

- to provide opportunities for participants to engage in recreational, educational, and inspirational activities that will allow professional networking, gain more understanding in financial literacy, enhance leadership skills and encourage scholastic endeavors

- to sponsor, host and/or participate in events and activities that promote women empowerment or community involvement.

In order to achieve our goals we have developed a set of programs and initiatives. Iyanla Vanzant once stated, “I am not my sister’s keeper. I am my sister.” For Brown Girls, Inc. knows that empowering one, empowers us all.

Our Sister, Sister initiative is to empower each other through tough times. This concept is important because it names and identifies the ways that women of color can make time for themselves, celebrate themselves, and connect to each other.

Are You Making A Difference? “Are you M.A.D.?” is our community service initiative. Many people engage in

community service because they believe that it carries rewards beyond the obvious and tangible.

Project Uplift: Mentoring in New Dimensions is our mentorship program. Mentoring can help youth as they deal with transitioning to adulthood.

We believe that financial literacy gives individuals confidence to build a healthy money philosophy. We will host a series of financial literacy workshops called Jump\$tart Jackson where financial concepts and services will be offered to improve their financial well-being.

The Psychology of Wellness is our initiative dealing with mental and physical health. We know that the mind and body are fundamentally linked. Understanding the connections between mental and physical is the first step in developing strategies for the reduction of mental illnesses and chronic physical conditions.

And lastly, our Strategic Leadership Perspective Program (SLLP) will encourage participants to develop critical thinking skills for strategic planning in order to achieve their long term goals.

Mother Goose Christian School

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Mother Goose Christian School has been named the City of Jackson’s Business Highlight for June 2017. This pioneering educational child care facility, owned and directed by Earnestine Bailey-Mason, opened its doors in 1981 with 16 children, which soon grew to the capacity of 26, at a facility on Green Street in Jackson.

Bailey-Mason, an elementary special education teacher in the Pearl School system, saw the need to improve preparation for pre-school children from the great number of children that were assigned to her class that weren’t deficient learners, but just hadn’t been exposed to a learning environment.

During that era in Mississippi pre-school learning programs were lacking, so a large number of children went from the home directly to elementary school. Noticing the trend, Bailey-Mason home schooled her two daughters and some of the children of neighbors.

Her late husband, Lloyd, also an educator, was very instrumental, along with other relatives and associates, in operating the school at its inception and during the formative years while she finished her teaching career.

The school moved to Mt. Sinai Baptist Church on Bailey Ave where services were expanded to children up to 3rd grade. In 1991



City of Jackson official Vic Sexton (left) presents Earnestine Bailey-Mason certificate of appreciation as Business Highlight for June 2017

they moved to the present facility of 6543 Watkins Drive.

In 1992 Mother Goose became the first certified pre-school child care center in rural Vaiden, Miss.

In 1994, Bailey-Mason opened an elementary school, serving children through the 8th grade on Nakoma Dr. in Jackson. The school, Northside Christian Academy, later moved to Boling Street and became the first accredited minority owned private school

by the Mississippi Association of Private Schools. It was accredited in one year, also a first, because no school had become accredited in such a short period of time.

Bailey-Mason’s desire to provide service where needed also led her to open the first private pre-school in Pearl, Miss. in 2005, which led to many parents clamoring to get a slot for their children. In 2009 Mother Goose opened a facility at 1052 Ridgewood Place,

which is the only other location that is still in service.

Today, employing 23 individuals with 8-35 years tenure, the Watkins Road location serves 202 children from six weeks to seven years of age during the school year with the summer months’ service expanding to children up to 11 years of age.

The Ridgewood Place location, directed by Bailey-Mason’s daughter, Rhonda Mason-Chandler, serves 55 children from one year to four years old during the school year with the service expanding to children as old as six during the summer months.

In addition to the standard teaching, the school offers extracurricular activities of karate, music, soccer, Girl Scouts, dance, and computer literacy.

Bailey-Mason said she meticulously interviews applicants for employment, trying to only hire individuals who care about continuous implementation of the school’s philosophy of encouraging children to learn and grow by providing a foundation of developmentally appropriate experiences where all children can achieve in a safe and nurturing environment. This mode of operation coupled with Bailey-Mason’s goal oriented, hands on, common sense approach to management all focused on preparing children to be prepared to learn when entering school has made

this school one of the most successful programs in Mississippi.

In addition to all the trailblazing accomplishments throughout the years, several other memorable moments highlight the school’s existence, such as Bailey-Mason being designated one of 50 directors by the state of Mississippi to take part in a rigorous pilot program designed for credentialing, of which she was successful.

The school is regularly acknowledged in educational forums by Jackson Public Schools as having done an excellent job in preparing children for the next level. This has led to teachers from local high performing schools often recruiting children from Mother Goose for their school. The 2016 pre-K valedictorian was lauded for comparing favorably with other high performing schools’ top performers.

The school’s 25th and 30th year anniversary celebrations were community celebrations attracting high profile entertainment and leaders.

These feats and others are a part of the long and storied history of accomplishments.

Bailey-Mason believes strongly in community involvement. The school regularly donates personal care items to personal care homes, nursing homes and to Goodwill. Mother Goose’s Sunshine Choir, comprised of children from the school, provide

holiday cheer to residents at local nursing homes each Christmas season by caroling.

Bailey-Mason feels the school has a very bright future. One of the major reasons is that the family lineages keep coming. One of the things Bailey-Mason is most proud of is that students from the 80s and 90s that now have offspring or relatives attending Mother Goose compliment the school’s present performance verbatim from their experiences when they were students. Also the commitment from Mother Goose to continue the quality service will always lend to outside referrals.

Another reason the school will stay viable is the increased involvement from government regulations created by educational advocacy groups now require that only the truly certified/qualified institutions will survive. Quoting the U.S. Department of Labor, Bailey-Mason said child care is one of the fastest growing industries nationwide.

Former Mayor Tony T. Yarber led the city of Jackson contingency in honoring Mother Goose Christian School as June’s Business Highlight.

“The school has exhibited the utmost concern and care for the development of children in our city and for that the city administration says “Job Well Done,” Yarber said.



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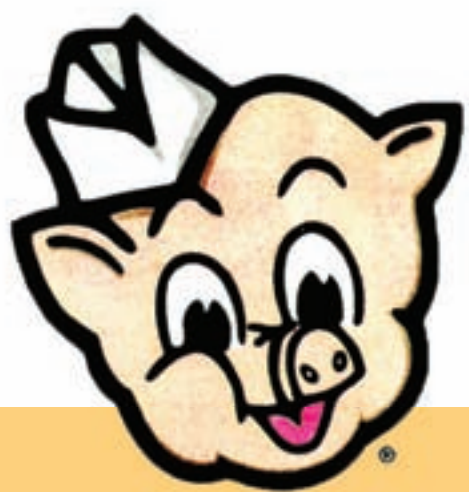
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Revive Us Again: Mt. Helm and the Church of Christ (Holiness) USA

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I first heard about Mt. Helm Baptist Church while sitting in a Black Church History class at Duke Divinity School. The church was mentioned because the professor was discussing the Baptist reformers who were expelled from the church and the state convention because of their insistence on holiness and the Holy Spirit.

I remember listening in awe as William Turner told the story and reminded the class that black Baptists and Pentecostals have more in common than they would like to admit. Admittedly, I was ashamed that this North Carolinian knew more about Mississippi church history than I did.

I grew up in Hazlehurst, forty-five miles south of Jackson, and it hadn't occurred to me until that moment that a Jackson church was so central to the formation of the Church of God in Christ, the Church of Christ (Holiness) USA, and the many other movements they touched.

That moment in class rushed back into memory when in 2009 I received a call from Geraldine Kelly inviting me to preach on a few Sundays in December as Mt. Helm searched for a pastor. Thankful for the opportunity, I agreed to preach a few Sundays, not knowing then that I would be blessed (beyond my intentions) with the opportunity to pastor the historic congregation.



Jones

Soon after being called to the pastorate in 2010, I called Turner to tell him that I was now pastoring Mt. Helm. He was more elated than I was. Turner was so steeped in our history and he was jubilant that Mt. Helm called me. He then shared, "It's amazing that they called a fiery Baptist like you a little more than a hundred years after they called another one in the person of Charles Price Jones." I smiled, not knowing what to make of what I now consider to be prophetic words.

This year marks the 120th year anniversary of the Holiness revival Charles Price Jones launched at our church. When he was called by unanimous

vote to become the fifth pastor, I am not sure the congregation foreknew the revival that would take place under his leadership, nor do I believe Jones knew what was in store for his life and ministry when he came to Jackson.

Jones was an erudite, scholarly Baptist preacher whose preaching gifts were celebrated throughout the mid-South. He was mentored by Elias Camp Morris, the first president of the National Baptist Convention USA, and ordained by Charles Fisher, who preceded Jones as pastor of Mt. Helm. This may be why the members of Mt. Helm requested Jones to pastor the church twice before his agreeing to do so in 1895.

Jones later recounted that his greatest work was done at Mt. Helm. What may have been unbeknownst to Jones and the church was that by the time Jones arrived the Holy Spirit had worked on him in a way that many black Baptists, seeking respectability and survival in Jim Crow Mississippi, had forgotten. Interestingly, Jones' dismissal from the church came not so much from his preaching Holiness, but for his fight to change the name of the church.

Though some deacons and notable members repudiated his emphasis on sanctification, historian Calvin White Jr. notes in *The Rise to Respectability: Race, Religion, and the Church of God in Christ*, that in fact Jones came

to Mt. Helm and found large support for his teaching as many members were already seeking a deeper life in the Spirit.

A majority of the members left with Jones when he was dismissed from the pastorate in 1903. They left with him, I argue, because they knew that their lives had been changed for the better because Jones preached with authority and with signs and wonders following. There are countless testimonies of bodies being healed, marriages being repaired, lives being saved from imminent danger because of the work of the Holy Spirit in the church.

I am intrigued by this story, indeed. David Daniels III, in his dissertation titled "The Cultural Renewal of Slave Religion: Charles Price Jones and the Emergence of the Holiness Movement in Mississippi" shares that Jones thought of himself as nothing less than a Baptist in the truest sense: seeking to be biblical over cultural, faithful to the Word of God in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Jones, as many other Baptist reformers of the generation, was responding to and protesting the moral laxity, spiritual sluggishness, and political apathy of a people sweltering under the heat of oppression. If the church was going to be of service to the uplifting of the race, Jones argued, it had to be holy and healthy. Most Baptist leaders did

not disagree with Jones on that wise. They too believed blacks needed to be morally upstanding. Where they disagreed is over the source of moral power.

Many of Jones' peers believed that getting a good education and learning the rule of etiquette would be enough to civilize and mainstream blacks. Jones, however, contended that liberal education by itself would not make people holy; the Holy Spirit is the only agent that can create an inward transformation. Jones' unique contribution was reminding Baptists of what they once believed but were letting go of to be excepted by dominant society: the Holy Spirit regenerates us and calls us into one Body to do the will of our only Lord, Jesus Christ.

That message is ever relevant today, where so many churches are dying and the lack of spiritual imagination is pronounced. As the Church of Christ (Holiness) USA celebrates their 120th Convention July 26 through August 1, we will remember with them how a Baptist pastor and a Baptist church reminded Baptists and all believers that the Holy Spirit is the only true source for revival and revolution.

As Dr. Jerry Young says, "Baptists must go to Calvary for pardon and to Pentecost for power!" May the Church in this hour of oppression and opportunity say, "Amen!"

Hinds County 4-H'ers win big at contests

Mississippi Link Newswire

Hinds County 4H'ers win big at the Mississippi State University Extension/Alcorn State University Extension Southwest Region 4H contests. Twenty counties of 4H'ers, parents, and volunteers descended on the campus of Hinds Community College in Raymond July 12 to showcase what they have learned over the past year and to compete for plaques, trophies, other awards and bragging rites.

Rocheryl Ware, MSU extension agent in Hinds County explained, "We have trained and worked hard with our kids all year for moments like these, seeing our kids do their absolute best in competition. That's why participation in positive youth development programs like 4H is so important, it helps kids realize their maximum potential, and to finish what they start. We offer activities, workshops, camps, and county contests throughout the year and work with any and all youth ages 5 to 18 throughout the county. But what sets 4H apart is that kids are able to find their own niche and develop skills at their own pace while learning and having fun."

Shirley Middleton, ASU Extension said, "It has been great working with the kids and seeing how far they have come in their project areas, we learn a lot from the kids as well. We are helping to develop great leaders."

Felicia Bell, Hinds County 4H parent and club leader expressed, "It was a lot of fun, and a great experience for our kids to present in a professional manner on a college campus. We had a blast."

Winners were:
Salu Binahtabor

1st place Entomology PowerPoint (Habitats and Relationship and between Bees, Wasps, & Ants)

1st place Insect Identification and Judging contest
Janavia Ellis

1st place Clothing PowerPoint (How to Sew an Apron: fabric selection and preparing the sewing machine, and basic sewing)

1st place Interior Design bedroom board presentation, giving reasons for choice of color scheme and placement



Pictured L to R 1st row: Connor Thompson, Christopher Stephens Jr., Jonathan Kelly, Salu Binahtabor, and Evan Ware

Pictured L to R 2nd row: Janavia Ellis, Aaliyah Thompson, Stella Havard, Makaylah Thompson, and Rosalyn Ware

Pictured L to R 3rd row: Shona Stephens, Sydnee Thompson, Rocheryl Ware, Arianna Stephens, Richeen Neal, Felicia Bell, Shirley Middleton, Dr. Erica Thompson, and Yolanda Ellis

of furniture, plus judging stations related to fabrics and window treatment.

Stella Havard

1st place Photography PowerPoint (Snap of My Life: principles of photography and how to take great pictures)

Jonathan Kelly

1st place Engineering Robotics PowerPoint (robotics design, build and operations, related career and salaries, job sustainability and showcase of Meccano build and testing process)

Richeen Neal

1st place Public Speaking Level I (Distracted Driving: So What's the Big Deal about Texting while Behind the Wheel)

County Modeling Squad participant/Winner

Arianna Stephens

Modeling Squad participant/Winner

Christopher Stephens Jr.

1st place Computer PowerPoint (coding, programming and robotics: using technology for coding and programming, demonstration of Dot and Dash Robots)

Aaliyah Thompson

Blue Ribbon winner in Share-the-Fun (singing "Lost Boy" by Ruth B.)

County Modeling Squad/participant/winner

Connor Thompson

2nd place Public Speaking Level I (Positive Health and Nutritional Benefits of Playing Youth Sports: Baseball)

Emcee for county modeling squad/winner

Sydnee Thompson

1st place Consumer Education PowerPoint (Hotel Management and Ownership: education and ownership requirements, salaries, and work responsibilities)

Evan Ware

Rosette Winner (Lego Engineering & Robotics presentation: design and building, creativity, fun, and future career choices)

Rosalyn Ware

1st place Child Development PowerPoint (Childhood Development: From the Cradle to the Playground) focusing on cognitive, language, physical, social/emotional development, as well as health issues, home safety, and literacy in children from 9 months to 4 years of age)

Blue Ribbon winner in Share-the-Fun (singing "Listen" by Beyonce)

County Awards

Hinds County Modeling Squad

1st place (Theme: Walk into Your Destiny for back-to-school. Stage Music: "Walking" by Mary Mary)

District Spirit Award – for county with the most spirit and enthusiasm

District Attendance Award – for county with most people present (parents, 4H'ers and volunteers)

For more information about 4H in Hinds County contact the MSU Extension Office at 601-857-3242 or email rocheryl.ware@msstate.edu.

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Silence is unacceptable

High-prescription drug prices hurt the black community

By Rep. Elijah E. Cummings (D-Md.)
House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform



Nearly a decade ago, Clinton Crawley, a Baltimore resident and one of my constituents, was diagnosed with diabetes. Clinton has done everything his doctors asked – he eats well, he exercises and he takes his medication. Although Clinton has employer-sponsored health insurance, the cost of his medication – more than \$1,000 each year – places a significant burden on his finances.

Crawley is not alone. Over the past decade, 90 percent of brand name drugs have more than doubled in price. In 2014, U.S. prescription drug prices jumped 13 percent. That year, Americans spent \$1,112 per person on medication while Canadians spent \$772 and Danes spent \$325, and nearly 1 in 5 Americans have reported not being able to afford the medication they were prescribed. Simply put, the pharmaceutical industry’s greed is hurting the American people.

The issue of high prescription drug prices has a severe impact on the African-American community. As the saying goes, “when America catches a cold, black America gets the flu.” African Americans

suffer from chronic diseases at higher rates than other groups. African Americans are 40 percent more likely than Caucasians to have high blood pressure, and the rate of diagnosed diabetes is 77 percent higher in our community.

In 2014, African Americans were nearly three times more likely to die from asthma-related causes than Caucasians. African Americans at every educational level are also paid less than their white counterparts. These factors place African Americans in a double bind – we are more likely to suffer from an expensive chronic disease and we earn less money with which to pay for our health care, including skyrocketing prescription drug prices.

Crawley’s experience, and those of millions of Americans nationwide, is unacceptable at a time when the 10 highest paid pharmaceutical industry CEOs took home \$327 million in a single year. President Trump was right when he said that these companies are “getting away with murder.”

That is why Congressman Peter Welch (D-Vt.) and I put our differences with President Trump aside and met with him to discuss how we can work together to lower prescription drug prices. During that meeting, Welch and I presented President Trump with “The Medi-

care Drug Price Negotiation Act,” a bill that would lower prescription drug prices by allowing Medicare – the largest purchaser of prescription drugs in America – to negotiate for lower prescription drug prices. We asked for the president’s support and feedback on our bill. Four months later, despite the president’s enthusiasm during our meeting, we are still waiting to hear from him.

Instead of working with me and Welch, there are now reports that President Trump is poised to issue an executive order that would grant many wishes directly from the pharmaceutical industry’s wish list. This executive order would be a betrayal of the president’s promise to the American people.

There is something wrong with this picture, and the American people know it. A majority of Democrats, Republicans and independents want Congress and President Trump to make lowering the cost of prescription drugs a “top priority,” and 92 percent of all Americans want Medicare to negotiate for lower drug prices.

While I am disappointed by the president’s silence, I am undeterred. I am still fighting hard in Congress to address this issue. Welch and I recently joined Reps. Jan Schakowsky (D-ILL.) and Rosa DeLauro (D-Conn.) to introduce

the “Improving Access to Affordable Prescription Drugs Act” – a comprehensive approach to lowering prescription drug costs. Our bill would improve transparency in drug pricing and manufacturing; allow Medicare to negotiate for lower prices in Part D and require negotiation for certain high-cost drugs; allow the importation of safe, affordable prescription drugs; help generic drugs reach the market more easily; and cap the out-of-pocket costs for prescription drugs in private insurance plans.

I still hope that we will gain the support of the President and our Republican colleagues on this issue. This is not a Democratic or Republican issue, this is a moral issue.

Are we the type of country that values people over profit, or are we a country that values profit over people? The American people have made it clear where they stand. They want Congress to work together to fix this problem. Continued silence in the face of so much hardship and suffering is simply unacceptable.

Rep. Elijah E. Cummings is a Democratic congressman from Baltimore and the Ranking Member of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Follow him on Twitter at @RepCummings.

Five term Mayor Richard Hatcher to be honored by National Urban League

By Marc H. Morial
President and CEO National Urban League



“To be an African-American mayor leading a city in the 21st century is not about “power” but about “possibilities.” With more than 470 African-American mayors leading cities across the United States, the lens of our leadership is shaped from our own personal experiences. Together, we collectively bring a perspective that allows for a spectrum of possibilities.” – Mayor Sylvester Turner, Houston, TX, “The Role and Obligations of African-American Mayors in the 21st Century,” State of Black America, May 2017

Today, the sight of a black mayor is unlikely to turn any heads or draw any particular attention. But in 1967 – during the continuing turmoil of the civil rights movement and two years after the passage of major civil rights legislation – a first generation of African Americans would be elected to helm major American cities and this first wave would go on to irrevocably reshape our American political landscape.

Carl Stokes was the first black mayor of a major U.S. city. Elected November 7, 1967, Stokes served as a 51st mayor of Cleveland, Ohio from 1967 to 1971. A one-time high school dropout, Stokes would go on to get a degree in law. In a life filled with firsts, Stokes’ political career began in 1962, when he was elected to serve in the Ohio House of Representatives, becoming the first black Democrat elected to the Legislature. He ran for mayor of Cleveland in 1965 and lost. In 1967, he ran again, defeating Seth Taft, the grandson of president William Howard Taft. On the night of his election victory, Stokes, the great-grandson of a slave, shared with his supporters that, “truly never before have I ever known to the extent I know tonight the full meaning of the words, ‘God Bless America.’”

But that historic day in 1967 produced the first two black mayors of cities with populations of over 100,000 people. On the same day, Richard Hatcher was elected the first black mayor of Gary, Indiana. Hatcher turned down an offer from President Jimmy Carter to serve in the White House, instead he chose to stand at the helm of the city he called home. The youngest of 13 children and the son of a Pullman Company and factory worker, Hatcher’s start in politics began with the familiar activism of his time, participating in sit-ins at establishments that would not serve black customers. He became a city council member in 1963 and then became city council president. In 1967, Hatcher unseated the incumbent, winning the general election with 95 percent of the black vote. During his swearing in ceremony, Hatcher promised that, “together, we shall beat a way; together we shall turn darkness into light, despair into hope and promise into progress. For God’s sake, for Gary’s sake, let’s get ourselves together.”

These pioneers, and the many who would follow in their footsteps – including my own father, Ernest N. “Dutch” Morial, who was elected the first black mayor of New Orleans in 1977 – came to power during turbulent times in our country. To be an African-American mayor, especially during the polarizing struggle of black Americans and other marginalized groups to be fully incorporated into American society, was an incredible feat. These early pioneers aspired to political office at a time that was not so far removed from lynchings, segregated schools, and anti-miscegenation laws. Every step, every vote and every position attained was marred and marked by transparently racial barriers, and every victory was made all the more sweet by overcoming them.

Committed to overcoming inequality, the first wave of African-American mayors tackled an array of urban problems from poverty to discrimination and local civil rights issues to high unemployment rates – all while responding to the needs of their wider constituency. Between 1967 and 1995, it is estimated that almost 400 African Americans – including women – have been elected to lead their cities, large or small.

The first generation of African-American mayors were steeped in the concerns and activism of the civil rights movement, garnering much of their support from black voters. Today, according to a 2001 study by the Joint Center for Politics and Economic Studies, over 50 percent of black mayors in big cities were elected in cities without a black majority. As Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner described in his State of Black America essay, leading in this current time requires that black mayors are “nimble and strategic in their approach to leading our cities.”

For his part in shattering that glass ceiling for black politicians and inspiring others to aspire for higher political office, the National Urban League will honor Mayor Richard Hatcher during our annual conference this year, recognizing his historic achievement and lasting legacy.



Stokes



Hatcher

The ‘voter fraud’ commission itself is fraudulent

By Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr.
Founder and President of Rainbow PUSH Coalition



There’s a branch in philosophy called epistemology that deals with the theory of knowledge. How do we know what we know? How do we know what is true? What is believable? And what are the criteria we use to tell whether something is true or not? Considering his constant refrain of “fake news,” maybe President Donald Trump should enroll in such a course.

Why? Because he’s focusing on issues and creating entities that don’t correspond to real problems. Trump is guilty of not knowing the difference between real problems and fake problems.

For example, consumer fraud is real, yet Trump is attempting to gut or eliminate the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. By contrast, voter fraud is virtually nonexistent, according to all credible studies, but he has put together a so-called Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity to find it.

How should we judge whether his voter fraud commission is legitimate or not? Using reason is a good way to start.

First, consider motive. What’s the purpose of establishing the commission?

Trump has argued that our state-based election systems are full of voter fraud. He believes it’s why he lost the popular vote. However, Republican and Democratic secretaries of state, those who oversee the election process, have disputed his claim by affirming their voter registration rolls are sound, elections are fairly run and vote counts are accurate.

As a result of his view, many believe the commission was established to “prove” that Trump is right, that he lost the popular vote to Hillary Clinton by nearly 3 million votes because there were up to 5 million illegal votes cast for Clinton.

Second, look at actions. The commission’s first act was to send a letter to all 50 secretaries of state, plus the District of Columbia, requesting voter data on every American, including such sensitive personal information as home address, party affiliation, age, voting history, military status, criminal record (if any) and partial Social Security numbers. Most states refused to comply, objecting to sending it over nonsecure connections without the ability to protect it. Others had concerns about centralizing such information, and there was no clearly stated purpose of how the information would be used. Some feared the commission would use “crosscheck,” a system with a history of carelessly matching voters’ names between



Kansas Secretary of State, Kris Kobach and Vice President Mike Pence, attend the first meeting of the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building, July 19 in Washington, D.C. PHOTO BY MARK WILSON/GETTY IMAGES

states and deleting one as a duplicate.

The Justice Department also sent a letter demanding to know how states were going to “clean up” their voting lists – code for deleting voters, a practice used in the past in racially discriminatory ways.

Third, look at the commission’s composition, its members’ histories and their orientation with respect to voting rights. Currently there are 10 members, six Republicans and four Democrats. Vice President Mike Pence is the chair and Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach is the co-chair.

The commission’s members make up a rogues gallery and a dream team of voter suppression. Prior to becoming vice president, Pence was governor of Indiana and used “voter fraud” to support a statewide crackdown on registering African Americans. Pence supported the 2005 Supreme Court decision that found an Indiana voter ID law constitutional. He supports Trump’s false claim that millions voted illegally.

Kobach is known as the “King of Voter Suppression,” a reputation he has earned by disenfranchising one in seven Kansans and by spreading his crosscheck system to states nationwide.

Another Republican commission member, Ohio’s former Secretary of State Ken Blackwell, shortchanged African-American voting

sites of an adequate number of voting machines, resulting in long lines. He also tried to disenfranchise voters by insisting that all voter registration forms be rejected if they were submitted on paper thinner than a postcard. He was the subject of 14 lawsuits regarding election irregularities.

Republican commission member Hans von Spakovsky was a Justice Department official in the Civil Rights Division under President George W. Bush and strongly argued against reauthorizing the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

Connie Lawson, Indiana’s secretary of state, is proud of having co-written her state’s voter ID law that spread nationwide, even though the law has since suffered federal judicial defeats in Texas and Wisconsin (2011), and in North Carolina and North Dakota (2013).

Finally, while the commission’s goals have not been clearly stated, it seems obvious the real purpose of the commission is twofold: to validate Trump’s claim he would have won the popular vote in 2016 if not for illegal voters, and to lay the groundwork for nationalizing voter suppression legislation, making it more difficult for people of color, women, workers, young people, seniors and the disabled – traditional Democratic constituencies – to vote.

Conclusion? The fraud commission is fraudulent!

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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.

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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 automati-

cally 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 SUBMISSION 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.

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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

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Hellene Greer
Purchasing Division

Michael Raff
Human & Cultural Services

7/20/2017, 7/27/2017

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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 HISTORIC 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 AMMENDMENT TO HIS ORIGINAL COA 2017-20.

III. ADJOURN

7/20/2017, 7/27/2017

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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.

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Registered to Willie F. McClenden III
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Place of Sale: Archie Towing & Storage & Recovery, 6700 Medgar Evers Blvd., Jackson, MS.

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Pioneering educator Ivory V. Nelson exits retirement to become JSU’s interim provost

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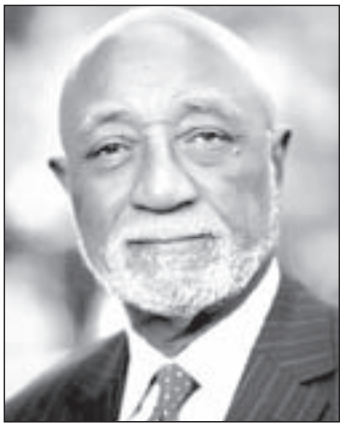
Longtime academician Ivory V. Nelson, a three-time university president and one-time community college chancellor, has assumed the role of interim provost at Jackson State University.

The native of Shreveport, Louisiana, had retired to his Houston home in December 2011. He returned to the college scene at the behest of his protégé, new JSU President William B. Bynum Jr., who took the helm of the HBCU July 1.

“He’s the only one who could get me out of retirement to do this,” said Nelson, speaking admirably of Bynum. “I’m here to help with the current transition and assist in the search for a permanent provost. I will support the president in this academic endeavor wherever I can use my expertise and knowledge.”

In 2000, Nelson, then the 12th president of Lincoln University in Pennsylvania (1999-2011), hired Bynum as his vice president for student affairs and enrollment management. “He worked for me for nine years. We’ve had a great relationship over time,” said Nelson, 83.

He describes JSU as a phenomenal institution in terms of academic programs and prowess. He said he’s had two



Nelson

previous relationships with the nation’s current fourth-largest HBCU. Nelson was part of a review team for JSU’s re-accreditation by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) in the 1970s and was among finalists for the presidency when James Hefner was ultimately selected in 1984.

At Lincoln, he displayed an extraordinary ability to turn the nation’s first degree-granting HBCU into a powerhouse institution after once being on the brink of collapse. During his tenure, he developed a five-year strategic plan for financing and phased construction that resulted in the elimination of operating deficits and repayment of outstanding loans and debts.

Ultimately, Lincoln was removed from financial aid probation, and Nelson secured

\$40.1 million in financing, \$27 million in private financing and \$290 million from the state of Pennsylvania for renovation and new construction.

Capping his career at Lincoln, the Board of Trustees named a \$45 million building in his honor: The Ivory V. Nelson Science Center.

Prior to Lincoln, Nelson would become the first black president of Central Washington University in Ellensburg, Washington, from 1992 to 1999, and later president emeritus. During the early 1980s, he served as acting president of Prairie View A&M University for nine months.

A chemist and pioneering figure, Nelson began working in higher education in 1963. He’s known for other groundbreaking firsts. Among these include:

First male graduate from Grambling State University to receive a Ph.D. (He graduated from Grambling in 1959 and received his doctorate in analytical chemistry from the University of Kansas, where he was the first black graduate from UK to receive such a degree in 1963)

First African American to become chancellor of the Alamo Community College District in San Antonio, Texas (1986)

First black chemistry Ph.D.

graduate to be inducted into Phi Beta Kappa at the University of Kansas (1964)

First African American to become executive assistant to the chancellor of Texas A&M University System (1983)

Aside from being a graduate of an HBCU and working at Prairie View for 14 years, he spent three years at Southern University at Shreveport as chairman of the Division of Natural Sciences.

Also, Nelson is distinguished as a Fulbright scholar, recipient of a Phi Beta Kappa key and has published more than 12 technical articles on chemistry topics. As well, Nelson has been involved in numerous other fraternal organizations, including Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

While his lifelong career has been in academics, the U.S. Air Force veteran is quick to point out that running an educational institution is similar to a business.

“We have to make sure that what we do is efficient, quality, and everybody is on task and on time. We have to understand the importance of the business side. If the business side doesn’t work, then the academic side can’t work. You’ve got to have structure,” Nelson said.

MSU announces new degree program for music educators



Mississippi State will offer a new graduate program in music education beginning in the summer of 2018. The 32-hour curriculum is designed primarily to benefit working music educators. PHOTO BY BETH WYNN

The Mississippi Link Newswire

STARKVILLE, Miss. – Beginning in the summer of 2018, Mississippi State will offer a new master’s degree designed primarily to benefit working music educators.

Addition of the graduate program in music education was announced recently by Barry E. Kopetz, head of the Department of Music in the university’s College of Education.

“The MME is a practitioner’s degree,” Kopetz said. Full-time graduate students should be able to complete the program over three consecutive summers on the MSU campus. Separate concentrations will be available in choral, elementary and instrumental music, he explained.

The 32-hour curriculum includes 14 hours of core courses, eight hours in the chosen con-

centration and 10 hours of electives, Kopetz said.

Accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music, MSU’s Department of Music currently offers two undergraduate degrees. The bachelor of arts is a cooperative program with the College of Arts and Sciences, while the bachelor’s in music education is a longtime tradition in the College of Education.

To obtain additional details about the new graduate program, contact Kopetz directly at 662-325-3070 or bkopetz@colled.msstate.edu.

Complete information on the MSU music department is available at www.music.msstate.edu.

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Alcorn announces fall student housing contingency plan

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Lorman, Miss. – Alcorn State University continues to see a rise in the number of students requesting on-campus housing. Due to this increased demand, all available beds may be filled on the Lorman campus.

The University has devised appropriate alternatives to ensure that all registered students have access to university housing for the fall semester.

If all available housing on the Lorman campus is filled, additional student housing will be made available on Alcorn’s Natchez campus to accommodate all students requesting campus housing. Additionally, the university plans to offer a daily shuttle bus service to

transport students to and from Natchez and each student will be provided a full meal plan to use on the Lorman campus.

President Alfred Rankins Jr. feels confident that the University is working diligently to address the housing situation by being proactive in finding solutions.

“Getting a head start on tackling the housing issue gives us a great chance of serving all students during the upcoming academic year,” said Rankins. “We are confident in our ability to maintain a comfortable environment for all students to live and learn.”

Emanuel Barnes, vice president for Student Affairs, has faith that the University will live up to its high standards of

customer service.

“Providing quality customer service is important here at Alcorn State University, so making sure that our top customers, the students, are as accommodated as possible is our main priority,” said Barnes. “We continue to encourage students to complete registration as early as possible to foster assignment in their priority dormitory selection.”

Current campus police and facility maintenance services for the Natchez campus residence halls will continue.

At the conclusion of the fall semester, the temporary housing solution will be re-evaluated and students will be transitioned to the Lorman campus based on availability.

Central Mississippi Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. Awards \$10,000 in scholarships



First Row – left to right. Tamira Orange, Jillian Washington, Khania Taylor, Aliyah Ayers, Alonipyse Hayes, Zipporah Jones, Teryn Railey, Timilia Williams, and De’Janae Archie. Not pictured: Sylvionnia Horton

Second Row – left to right. Dr. Dolores Wright, Vanessa Edmonds, Sharolyn Smith, Simeca Rockingham, Debra Sturgis Stamps – Scholarship & Awards Chair, Katrina B Myricks - President, Julia Harris Brown – Scholarship & Awards CoChair, Ethel Gibson - Historian, Gaynell Tinsey, Dr. Laverne Gentry, and Dr. Dovie Reed.

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The National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. Central Mississippi Chapter offered female students in the Central Mississippi area the opportunity to apply for a one-time scholarship for the 2017-2018 school year.

Based on their academic performance and completion of a written essay, 10 young ladies from area high schools were

selected to receive \$1,000 each.

Debra Sturgis Stamps, chair of the Scholarships and Awards Committee, stated, “the focus on careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (S.T.E.M.) is continuing to increase, particularly for young women – so we chose to designate two of the scholarships awarded for S.T.E.M.”

Rasheda Crisler McIntyre served as the keynote speaker

and Shirley Hopkins with iDance Academi was the event’s entertainment.

The young ladies represented eight different high schools: Canton, Clinton, Crystal Springs, Forest Hill, Pearl, Raymond, Terry, and Yazoo City. They plan to attend Alcorn State University, Jackson State University, Tougaloo College, or Clark Atlanta University this fall.



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Football legend O.J. Simpson granted parole in Nevada

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Contributor

O.J. Simpson will be a free man October 1.

On Thursday, July 20, a Nevada parole board unanimously voted to grant the fallen gridiron star parole on his 2008 conviction on armed robbery and kidnapping charges.

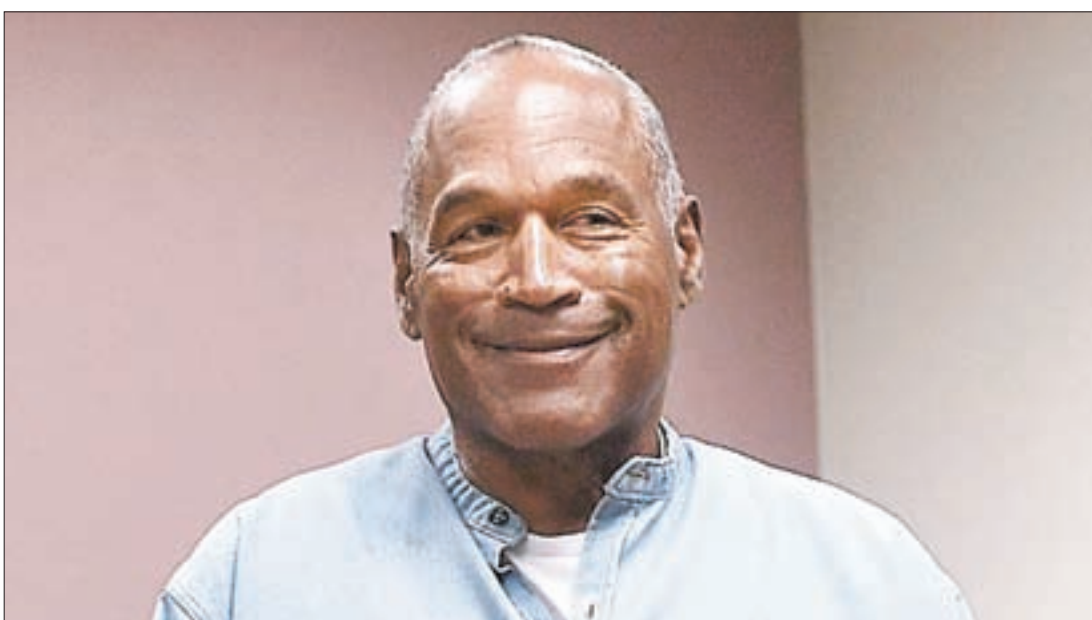
"Thank you," Simpson, 70, said, dropping his head in relief.

Although, many media outlets noted how much slimmer Simpson appeared compared to 2014 when the Daily Mail dubiously reported that he tipped the scales at 300 pounds, prison records indicated that, by 2016, he weighed 235 pounds.

Simpson wore prison issued blue pants and a blue top and told the four-member board that he had missed as many as 36 of his children's birthdays while incarcerated.

He said that he started and led Baptist ceremonies in prison and has "basically spent a conflict-free life."

When the board asked about his participation in the armed robbery that took place in a Las Vegas hotel room, Simpson said he was unaware that any of the men were carrying guns.



Simpson

During the hearing that lasted more than an hour, Commissioner Tony Corda asked Simpson, "What were you thinking?"

Simpson said he was simply trying to retrieve items that belonged to him, including personal photos of his children, ex-wife and mother.

"I've done my time," he said. "I'd just like to get back to my family and friends. I'm sorry it happened. I've said, 'I'm sorry to Nevada.' I thought I was glad to get my stuff back, but it wasn't worth it."

Board members held up thousands of letters they said were both in support and against Simpson's parole. They said they would not consider any letters that asked them to take into account the brutal 1994 slayings of Simpson's ex-wife, Nicole Brown, and her friend, Ronald Goldman.

Simpson was famously acquitted of the murders of Brown and Goldman, but a civil court jury found him responsible for their deaths and ordered the football legend to

pay more than \$33 million to the Brown and Goldman families.

According to an article published in *The New York Times* in February 1997, the criminal court jury and the civil court jury basically heard the same case, with a few key differences.

"The criminal case was tried by a predominantly black jury, and conviction required a finding that Simpson committed the June 12, 1994, slayings beyond any reasonable doubt,"

The New York Times' article said. "The civil case was tried before a predominantly white jury, and a verdict required only 9 of 12 votes, with the basic legal standard being that in all probability Simpson committed the slayings."

MarketWatch.com reported that Simpson collected between \$400,000 and \$600,000 from his National Football League pension while he was incarcerated.

"He made over \$400,000 if he started taking his pension at age 55, and over \$600,000 if he started taking it at 65," the MarketWatch.com article said, which was based on ESPN's analysis.

Simpson isn't required to use his pension funds to pay the Browns or the Goldmans, because NLF pensions are protected by state law, according to MarketWatch.com.

Arnelle Simpson, Simpson's oldest child, was one of two people to testify at the hearing for Simpson. No one spoke in opposition of his parole.

Arnelle Simpson fought back tears, as she described her father as being her rock.

"We just want him to come home, so we can move forward

quietly," she said.

One of Simpson's robbery victims, Bruce Fromong, also spoke, telling the board he felt Simpson's 33-year prison term was too long and the nearly nine years he'd already served exceeded justice for the crime committed.

He said he and Simpson had been friends for more than 20 years and, at one point, turned to Simpson to reiterate his support of the one-time Heisman Trophy winner.

"O.J., if you called to tell me that you were getting out tomorrow, Juice, I'd be here to pick you up," Fromong said. "I mean that, man."

The board took about 30-minutes before rendering its decision that was televised live on several news outlets and on ESPN.

Simpson's attorney said, with the permission of probation, he'll return to Florida and lead a quiet life.

The MarketWatch.com article said that, "If Simpson lives in Florida when he's released — he lived there before his arrest — he also wouldn't be forced to sell his house to pay off the civil suit, because of the state's homestead exemption."

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