

# Historians: Confederate emblem on Mississippi flag ‘symbol of racial terror’

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Historians in Mississippi say the Confederate battle emblem is a “symbol of racial terror” that needs to be stripped from the state flag.

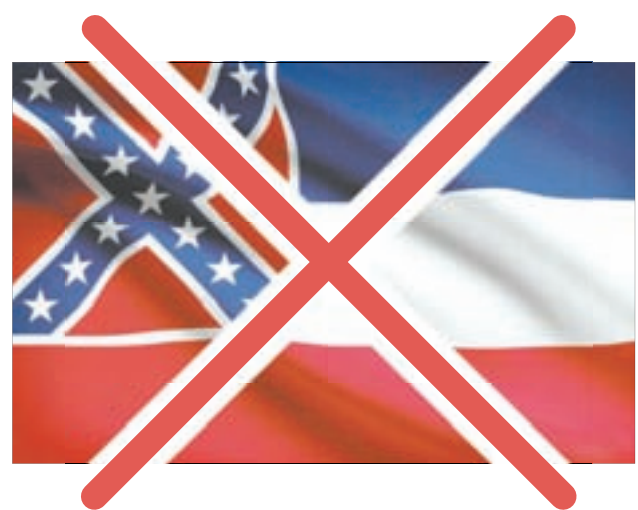
Thirty-four professors released a statement this week saying they expect questions from students about the recent white nationalist march in Charlottesville, Virginia, where some participants carried the rebel flag.

Mississippi has the last state flag with the Confederate symbol, a red field topped by a blue tilted cross dotted by 13 white stars. The professors from public and private universities wrote

that Mississippi legislators adopted the flag in 1894 to assert white supremacy.

“The threat of racist mob violence has been present through-

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# Lumumba: We will be tough... We will be tough... We will be tough on crime



Jackson Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba



Jackson Police Chief Lee Vance

By Othor Cain  
Editor

Wanting to fight the perception that crime is out of control in Mississippi’s capital city, the mayor and police chief appeared at City Hall in Jackson Tuesday, to address the recent onslaught of violent crimes and lay out a narrative that they would be both tough and smart about fighting crime and ensuring that residents are safe.

Though extremely short on specific details, in relation to the five homicides over a ten-day time frame; two that happened Monday morning within an hour of each other, Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba vowed that his administration, along with the Police Department, would be tough on crime. “We will be tough...we will be tough...we will be tough on crime,” he said. “But we’ll also be intelligent and fully committed to eradicating the conditions that lead to

crime.”

Lumumba, who has been on the job as the city’s CEO for nearly two months, also circled back to a campaign promise of dealing with crime from a holistic point of view and reassured citizens that in doing so, tough decisions must be made. “We cannot arrest our way out of these problems but we must be smart enough to understand that there’s a direct correlation between crime and poverty,” Lumumba said. “We are working to eradicate poverty in Jackson, we are securing outside funding to help us with both.”

Lumumba also vowed to give the Jackson Police Department the support it needs to fight crime in Jackson. “Incorporated within our proposed budget is an opportunity to get a recruiting class for officers,” the mayor said. “We are at a critical shortage at this time and we are looking at a number of officers

coming up for retirement.”

Jackson’s Top Cop, Lee Vance, said the city is budgeted for 418 officers, but only 373 are on staff and of those (373), only 210 are patrol officers.

Vance hates the word “perception” but articulates the struggle. “I don’t like the “p” word, but I understand how most people view crime and the reality it brings,” he said. “But in reality, crime is down, this time last year we were at roughly about 42 homicides and today we are at 39...by my calculation, that’s a decrease.”

While the number of violent crimes in Jackson are down, fear and anxiety around crime is on the rise.

Monday, around 1 a.m., Jackson Police responded to a call that a gray Nissan Altima was stalled in traffic with bullet holes in it. Upon arriving at the scene, police found the driver, Malik McIntee, 21, dead

in the driver’s seat. A half hour later, officers responded to a call of a shooting and a stabbing on Branch Street. Police said 21-year-old Reginald Cammon had been shot multiple times and was also found dead at the scene.

Monday’s homicides follow what police are calling at this time a ‘random’ shooting Thursday night. Chelsie Lynn Kirschten, 23 was shot and killed at the intersection of Fortification and State Streets. Police are continuing their investigation in this case. “I can tell you we know more today about all of these cases than we knew when they happened,” Vance said. “It is safe to say at this point, they are still considered random.”

Vance, however, pushed back on ‘random’ violence in Jackson, when he said, “random shootings in the city are basically non-existent.”

City of Jackson  
business highlight  
August 2017

## New South Chemical & Paper Company



Jesse Slater Jr., owner and Felix Slater, operations manager

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New South Chemical & Paper Company, located at 4231 Space Center Drive, is the City of Jackson’s Business Highlight for August 2017.

The distributorship of food service and office supplies and cleaning machines was founded by Jessie Slater Jr. in 1981. The impetus to open the business came from the friendship he had developed with a gentleman who owned a similar business in Atlanta.

Slater was operating a building cleaning service at the time and the invitation to Atlanta exposed him to all facets of the business. Seeing the great profit potential Slater closed the cleaning service business and started New South, named after the Atlanta business with encouragement from the owner.

During the early years Slater said he had to display grit and determination to be successful. His solo operation consisted of him loading his van each Sunday night

with product samples, getting up Monday and traveling Highway 49 south, stopping at all potential customers. He would then spend the night in Gulfport and get up Tuesday morning and travel Highway 49 north and repeat his Highway 49 south effort. If it was still daylight when he got to Highway 59 he would travel that route to Highway 55 and visit Natchez, Hazlehurst, Port Gibson, and Vicksburg.

He would make it back to Jackson Tuesday night and on Wednesday load his van with products that had been delivered by a freight truck to a mini storage he was leasing. He would deliver products to his customers on Thursday and Friday. This grinding routine went on for well over a year.

Another factor that made it difficult was the operation began with very little capital. Slater said his saving grace was the manufacturers grant-

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# Dick Gregory dies at 84

By Stacy M Brown  
NNPA Newswire Contributor

Legendary civil rights activist and comedian Dick Gregory died August 19. He was 84.

Friends, family and celebrities took to social media to honor the icon and innovator of the black community.

"It is with enormous sadness that the Gregory family confirms that their father, comedic legend and civil rights activist Dick Gregory departed this earth tonight in Washington, D.C.," said Christian Gregory, his son, in a statement posted on Facebook. "The family appreciates the outpouring of support and love and respectfully asks for their privacy as they grieve during this very difficult time."

On Facebook, Roland Martin, a journalist and host of NewsOne on TV One said that he had enormous respect for Gregory.

"He was honest, truthful, unflinching, unapologetically black. He challenged America at every turn. RIP," wrote Martin.

"He was one of the sweetest, smartest, most loving people one could ever know," said Steve Jaffe, Gregory's publicist of 50 years, according to *The Hollywood Reporter*. Jaffe added, "I just hope that God is ready for some outrageously funny times."

Singer John Legend tweeted that, "Dick Gregory lived an amazing, revolutionary life. A

groundbreaker in comedy and a voice for justice. RIP."

Filmmaker Ava DuVernay tweeted that Gregory "taught us and loved us."

Quoting legendary entertainer Richard Pryor, sports writer Myron Medcalf tweeted, "Dick Gregory was the greatest, and he was the first. Somebody had to break down that door."

Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., the president and CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association, also paid homage to Gregory.

"We salute and honor the living legacy of freedom fighter Dick Gregory. RIP," Chavis wrote on Twitter.

Gregory had been in a Washington, D.C. area hospital battling an undisclosed illness. However, family members were said to have been upbeat about his recovery and he even had plans to appear at a show Saturday in the nation's capital.

Born Richard Claxton "Dick" Gregory in St. Louis, Missouri Oct. 12, 1932, Gregory became a comedian and civil rights activist whose social satire changed the way whites perceived African-American comedians, according to his biography.

Dick Gregory entered the national comedy scene in 1961 when Chicago's Playboy Club (as a direct request from publisher Hugh Hefner) booked him as a replacement for white comedian "Professor" Irwin Corey. Until then Gregory had



Gregory

worked mostly at small clubs with predominantly black audiences (he met his wife, Lillian Smith, at one such club), according to his biography.

"Such clubs paid comedians an average of five dollars per night; thus Gregory also held a day job as a postal employee. His tenure as a replacement for Corey was so successful – at one performance he won over an audience that included southern white convention goers – that the Playboy Club offered him a contract extension from several weeks to three

years," Gregory's biography said. "By 1962, Gregory had become a nationally known headline performer, selling out nightclubs, making numerous national television appearances and recording popular comedy albums."

Gregory's biography continued: "It's important to note that no biography of Gregory would be complete without mentioning that he and his beloved wife, 'Lil,' had ten children, who have become highly respected members of the national community in a variety

of fields. They are: Michele, Lynne, Pamela, Paula, Stephanie (a.k.a. Xenobia), Gregory, Christian, Miss, Ayanna and Yohance."

While a student at Sumner High School in St. Louis he led a March protesting segregated schools. Later, inspired by the work of leaders such as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and organizations such as the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), Gregory took part in the Civil Rights Movement and used his celebrity status to draw attention to such issues as segregation and disfranchisement, according to his biography.

"When local Mississippi governments stopped distributing Federal food surpluses to poor blacks in areas where SNCC was encouraging voter registration, Gregory chartered a plane to bring in several tons of food," the biography said. "He participated in SNCC's voter registration drives and in sit-ins to protest segregation, most notably at a restaurant franchise in downtown Atlanta. Only later did Gregory disclose that he held stock in the chain."

Gregory's autobiography, "Nigger," was published in 1963 and it became the number one best-selling book in America. Over the decades it has sold in excess of seven million copies. He explained his choice for the title in the foreword of the book, where Dick Gregory

wrote a note to his mother, his biography explained.

"Whenever you hear the word 'Nigger,'" he said, "you know they're advertising my book."

Through the 1960s, Gregory spent more time on social issues and less time on performing, his biography noted. He participated in marches and parades to support a range of causes, including opposition to the Vietnam War, world hunger and drug abuse.

Dorothy Leavell, chairman of the NNPA and publisher of the Crusader Newspaper Group, said that this was a sad moment and a great loss to America, especially black America.

"Dick Gregory was a personal friend, but also a voice for black America which has now been stilled," said Leavell. "Dick was also a close friend to the Black Press and the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA)."

Leavell continued: "While we mourn this loss we are grateful for the many contributions he made that have helped us all."

Chavis agreed.

"Dick Gregory epitomized the rare combination of being an intellectual genius and one of our greatest social visionaries," Chavis said. "The National Newspapers Publishers Association deeply mourns the passing of freedom fighter Dick Gregory."

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Business

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ing credit to him and his ensuing commitment to maintaining a good credit rating with them.

Since those early struggles the business has grown exponentially, but not beyond manageability with the help of four family-member employees. They deliver daily all over the state. Slater’s son and grandson play vital roles in the operation as the stage is being set for Slater to pass the business to his children and grandchildren. He is confident that in his retirement, New South will continue to be a thriving business. He even envisions building a new building on land he already owns in an industrial area.

Slater ties the business’s success to going the extra mile to satisfy customers. His experience in servicing customers tells him that if you show the customer you want to satisfy their every desire and you display courtesy in speech and action, they will maintain you as their distributor.

He said, “The business regularly services customers on weekends and holidays,” times when the competition isn’t available. Slater said the humbleness in his spirit and his servitude nature will not allow him to shun customers in their time of need. These exhibited traits have allowed New South to maintain some customers for over thirty years.

Another reason for his business success is that he has a reputable accounting service. His CPA, licensed in 42 states, is very thorough with all aspects of the business’s financial records and thus has represented the company well in audit situations. Slater feels it is very important for all businesses, large or small, to maintain excellent

financial records.

Throughout the years, New South has been recognized many times for exemplary service and showing a commitment to supporting the community. About 25 years ago, the business received a plaque from Piney Woods School. The school recognized New South as a vital instrument bringing services and funds to the small private institution. New South sponsored the school administrators’ attendance at national business conferences. Piney Woods networked and established relationships with large philanthropy-minded corporations.

The company has also received sales awards from manufacturers and other entities. The business gives to local churches and charitable organizations, such as Catholic Charities and many others. Slater feels businesses should feel good about supporting positive community activity. New South has literally fed the hungry in many instances. Slater said, “As long as I’ve got the means and there are individuals struggling with acquiring the bare necessities, I am willing to help.”

It is indeed a great honor for the City of Jackson to highlight New South Chemical & Paper Company as the Business Highlight for August 2017. The business’s unwavering commitment to providing quality products and service to not only the capital city, but the entire state and for its model business practices displayed on a consistent basis, Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba and the 100 Black Men of Jackson pushes studentscity staff salute New South Chemical & Paper Company.

Flag

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out American history, and, as seen by the flag-wielding neo-Nazis and racist sympathizers in Charlottesville, the use of Confederate emblems echoes the racist reasoning of whites in Mississippi at the end of the 19th Century, who used terror to impose minority rule,” they wrote.

Voters decided to keep the flag in a 2001 referendum. Confederate symbols have come under increasing scrutiny since 2015, when an avowed white supremacist who had posed for photos holding the battle flag killed nine black worshippers at a church in Charleston, South Carolina.

Some Mississippi elected officials, including the Republican speaker of the state House and both of the state’s Republican U.S. senators, have said the state should ditch the current flag and adopt a design that would unify the state, whose population is 38 percent black.

Republican Gov. Phil Bryant has said if the design is reconsidered, it should happen in another statewide election. Supporters of the flag say it represents the state’s history.

The professors wrote: “This flag does not reflect the entirety of the state’s history and people. It ignores the reality of the African-American experience, and it limits the scope of what Mississippi has been, is, and can be.”

About 40 other opponents of the Mississippi flag gathered Tuesday at the state Capitol. Aunjanue Ellis, an actress who grew up in Mississippi, said the Confederate battle emblem on the flag represents “terrorism.”

Ellis has starred in the ABC series “Quantico” and in the 2011 movie “The Help.” She has been advocating a change for the state flag for several years.

“This beautiful state that I live in has a history of domestic terrorism like no other state in the union,” Ellis said. “And our children are going to school every day, walking under a flag that tells them that violence and terrorism against their lives is OK. And that’s unacceptable. ... This country’s ideals of justice and freedom for all will always be hollow and a lie as long as that flag flies.”

# 100 Black Men of Jackson pushes mentees to excel

Eric Stringfellow  
100 Black Men of Jackson

Charles Cole for the first time saw a practical application this summer to what he’s learning in his physics class at Murrah High School.

“It was a really good learning experience,” Cole said of this participation in a week-long program at Naval Air Station Pensacola. “I learned a lot about aviation and the different parts of physics that apply to flight.”

Cole, a 9th-grader and participant in the 100 Black Men of Jackson’s Mentoring Program while attending Rowan Middle School, said his biggest takeaway was teamwork. “Everybody had a co-pilot. We were constantly communicating with people on the radar telling us where to go and exactly what to do.”

Cole was among a group of 23 mentees of 100 Black Men who participated in the National Flight Academy’s AIR Ambition program. About 80 other



Mentees participate in group talk prior to flying.

students from Jackson Public Schools, including JROTC cadets from all seven high schools and junior cadets from Powell Middle School, participated in the program.

The program was created as a response to the declining skills in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)fields. The students studied math applications to navigation and flight planning. They also applied principles of physics and aeronautics in aircraft simulators and polished

communication, collaboration, problem-solving and critical thinking skills. Their assignments included executing challenging mission under less than ideal conditions. Best College Reviews cited the NFA as one of the 50 Best Pre-College Summer Technology Programs.

Harvey Johnson Jr., president of 100 Black Men of Jackson, said the student’s participation was made possible through a partnership with Hilton Foundation. “This created an opportunity for our young men

to have an experience that’s unique and educationally rewarding, introducing them to the practical aspects of STEM education that most students will not have the opportunity to experience. This sets them apart. Our parents and mentees are really excited.”

Heather Cole, Charles’ mother, said the NFA was great for her son.

“It was another great experience,” she said. “He’s had some great opportunities with 100 Black Men, not just Pensacola

but the New Orleans (national convention) trip as well. I was glad to see him meet people from all over the country.

“I was pleased and happy that he got a chance to go to Pensacola. He had a great time. He got to fly everyday. They got to see the Blue Angels practice. It was a great trip,” Cole said.

Leflore Press, a 9th-grader at Lanier High School, said the experience helped recruit him to the Navy.

“I learned so much,” Press said. “Before, I was thinking about joining the U.S. Air Force. This made me decide on the Navy.”

Press explained that he wanted to be a commercial pilot and was excited about being able to learn his craft while serving his country.

Renee Press, Leflore’s mother, said the flight academy made a huge impression on her son.

“This was a life-changing experience,” she said. “When he came home, this was all he talked about, the simulators, the

different teams. He was talking about the Air National Guard. Since the flight academy, all he’s talked about is the Navy.”

William Evans attended the National Flight Academy after completing 9th grade. Demetria Evans, his mother, said his second experience was different.

“This time he’s had a different outlook,” she said. “He’s more mature and working at the airport this summer piqued his interest in aviation. He’s was on the track for engineering. Since he’s gone through the training, he’s considering aviation or perhaps another track.”

William Evans, a junior at Jim Hill High School who plans to study mechanical engineering at Jackson State University, said the Flight Academy also gave him a new outlook on the military.

“It really opened my eyes to the world of aviation. It kind of persuaded me to think about a career in aviation. It was a great experience.”

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# Six Power APAC scholars earn AP studio portfolio recognition

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Power APAC had six Visual Arts students to pass the AP Studio Portfolio in 2017. The participants included five seniors and one sophomore.

The scores for the five seniors are as follows:

- Nytaya Babbitt: 4
- Shuntia Battle: 4
- Kamryn Darby: 4
- Armand Jackson: 4
- Victoria Wright: 4

Sophomore Lucie Cooper completed two portfolios. For her Design Portfolio, she earned a score of 3 and for Drawing a score of 5.

“These are great scores,” said Martha Hamburg, “Visual Arts Chair at Power APAC. “I am so proud of these students. They worked very hard last year. It’s terrific to see them earn such success.”

The portfolios are submitted to AP Central in digital form. Five actual works are sent that represent the quality section. Scores are posted during the first week of July. AP scores are 1 through 5, with 5 being the highest score. A score of 3 is considered “passing” and may earn students college credit.



Babbitt



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# MDE releases statewide assessment results for English Language Arts and Math

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The Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) released recently statewide results from the 2016-17 Mississippi Academic Assessment Program (MAAP), which assesses student performance in English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics in grades 3-8, English II and Algebra. MAAP is the new name for the Mississippi Assessment Program (MAP), which was first administered in the 2015-16 school year.

Overall, students showed gains in both ELA and mathematics. The percentage of students meeting or exceeding grade-level expectations on ELA assessments increased from 32.6 percent in 2015-16 to 34.9 percent in 2016-17, and from 31.1 percent to 36.8 percent on mathematics assessments.

“Student achievement in Mississippi is steadily improving thanks to the hard work and focused efforts of teachers, administrators, parents and students,” said State Superintendent of Education Carey Wright.

“We have raised expectations for what students can accomplish, and our students are



meeting and exceeding these higher expectations.”

The MAAP assessments measure students’ progress toward academic goals that equip them with the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in jobs and college. Mississippi teachers helped develop the tests, which are aligned to the Mississippi College and Career Ready Standards.

MAAP tests have five levels. Students scoring at Levels 4 and 5 are considered proficient or advanced in the subject. Statewide, the percentage of students scoring in Level 1 – the lowest achievement level – dropped in ELA and mathematics, while the students scoring in Level 5 – the advanced level – increased over the previous school year.

The MAAP results showed

the following overall results:

- 22 districts had greater than 45 percent of all students scoring Level 4 or 5 in ELA, compared to 14 districts the previous year

- 32 districts had greater than 45 percent of all students scoring Level 4 or 5 in mathematics, compared to 15 districts the previous year

(See chart above for comparison of grade-level results from 2015-16 to 2016-17.)

Students scoring at Level 4 or 5, the proficient or advanced categories, are meeting or exceeding grade-level expectations. The scores suggest that students have a thorough understanding of grade-level content and are on the right track to being ready for college-level coursework.

Students scoring at Level 3

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS				MATH		
Grade	2015-16 Proficient or Advanced	2016-17 Proficient or Advanced	Change	2015-16 Proficient or Advanced	2016-17 Proficient or Advanced	Change
Grade 3	32.1%	36.0%	+3.9%	32.8%	40.1%	+7.3%
Grade 4	32.6%	31.3%	-1.3%	32.2%	35.8%	+3.6%
Grade 5	34.1%	37.3%	+3.2%	29.9%	33.7%	+3.8%
Grade 6	29.2%	40.0%	+10.8%	32.5%	37.7%	+5.2%
Grade 7	29.1%	30.1%	+1.0%	34.1%	43.8%	+9.7%
Grade 8	33.3%	34.2%	+0.9%	30.9%	36.6%	+5.7%
English II	37.2%	36.0%	-1.2%			
Algebra I				26.1%	31.4%	+5.3%
Overall	32.6%	34.9%	+2.3%	31.1%	36.8%	+5.7%

demonstrate a general mastery of the knowledge and skills required for success in the grade or course, and they are approaching expectations for that grade or course. Students scoring a Level 1 or 2 need more assistance in learning the content and are in need of greater supports.

With the exception of 4th grade ELA and English II, student achievement increased in both ELA and mathematics in all grades. The slight decreases in proficiency in 4th grade ELA (-1.3 percent) and English II (-1.2 percent) are due, in part, to significant increases in the number of students taking each test and the large proportion of students scoring at Level 2.

Also, among the 3,132 additional students who took the English II assessment, 2,236 had taken the test in a previous school year and scored below proficient.

The results of the MAAP assessments are closer to the results on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). MAAP raises the level of expectations for all students and provides parents a better picture of where their children are on their path to college or career.

While no single test can give a complete picture of achievement, annual assessments measure performance of meeting grade-level expectations and can provide important information

about student progress and areas for improvement, especially when combined with student grades and teacher feedback.

“Student achievement is steadily rising across the state, which is the direct result of the great teaching and great learning that is taking place every day in Mississippi classrooms,” Wright said. “I am extremely proud of all of our students, teachers and school leaders for reaching higher levels of achievement.”

For more information about the assessment and the resources that are available to help students succeed, parents can visit <http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/MCCRS>.

## Southern Miss professor named Lightner Witmer Award winner

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Keith Radley, assistant professor in the Department of Psychology at The University of Southern Mississippi, was named the 2017 Lightner Witmer Award winner by the American Psychological Association’s Division of School Psychology.

Each year the Division of School Psychology presents the Lightner Witmer Award to young professionals and academic school psychologists who have demonstrated scholarship that merits special recognition. Continuing scholarship, rather than a thesis or dissertation alone, is the primary consideration in making the award, and a person does not need a doctorate to be eligible.

Radley has published 37 papers during his career. His research focuses on interventions for individuals with autism spectrum disorders (ASD), social skills training, peer-mediated interventions, and class wide interventions for increasing academic engagement.

He is director of the Southern Miss Autism Research and Treatment (SMART) Lab, which provides assessment and intervention services to children with autism spectrum disorders.

“There is not a more deserving faculty member. Dr. Radley is a distinguished colleague who represents the School Psychology Program, the department, the college and the university well,” said Joe Olmi, professor and chair of the USM Department of Psychology.



Radley

“He is an outstanding scholar whose research is significant to the practice of serving families and children with ASD. We are proud to have Dr. Radley as part of our department.”

Radley teaches graduate courses in psychoeducational assessment

and supervises clinic and school-based practicum. He also teaches undergraduate courses in child and developmental psychology.

For information about the Southern Miss Department of Psychology, visit <https://www.usm.edu/psychology>.

## MVSU board search committee announced

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Board Search Committee for the Mississippi Valley State University presidential search was announced at the Mississippi Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning meeting held in Jackson.

Board President C.D. Smith appointed Trustee Shane Hooper of Tupelo as the chair. All Trustees will serve as members of the committee.

“I look forward to leading the search for the next president of Mississippi Valley State University,” said Hooper. “I look forward to hearing from the Valley family about their thoughts on the future of the university.”

Jerryl Briggs will continue serving as acting president of Mississippi Valley State University until a president is named.

The Mississippi Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning governs the public universities in Mississippi, including Alcorn State University; Delta State University; Jackson State University; Mississippi State University including the Mississippi State University Division of Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine; Mississippi University for Women; Mississippi Valley State University; the University of Mississippi including the University of Mississippi Medical Center; and the University of Southern Mississippi.

For updates and additional information, the search can be followed on Twitter @MVSU\_Search and @MS-PublicUniv.

## MSMS accepting applications for Class of 2020

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science (MSMS) came to Hernando to meet with students and families who were curious about the school. A representative from MSMS was at the Hernando Public Library August 22.

Founded in 1987, MSMS is the state of Mississippi’s only public, residential high school specifically designed for the academically gifted and talented. The school is located in Columbus, Miss. on the campus of the Mississippi University for Women.

This year, MSMS is honored to be named NICHE’s 8th best public high school in the nation.

Each year MSMS graduates are offered millions of dollars in scholarships – the Class of 2017 alone was offered more than \$28 million.

“The most remarkable thing about

MSMS, is at the end of the day, it is a public school.” said MSMS Coordinator of Admissions, Spike Harris. “We are home to students from every single background imaginable, who share a passion for learning, and want to be as successful as they possibly can.”

The student body of MSMS is made up of students from all corners of the Magnolia state. MSMS students spend their final two years of high school living, working and playing with other bright and motivated high school students.

Students interested in attending the school must apply during their sophomore year of high school. MSMS is currently accepting applications for the Class of 2020.

For more information about MSMS, please visit [www.themsms.org](http://www.themsms.org), find MSMS on Facebook, or follow the school at @the\_msms.



# The University of Southern Mississippi to implement plan for academic reorganization

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

The Mississippi Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning approved The University of Southern Mississippi (USM)'s Plan for Academic Reorganization: Vision 2020, a plan the University expects will be a catalyst toward realization of its vision to become the model for public higher education across the country.

"Our ability to evolve will determine our level of success in today's competitive landscape of higher education," said University President Rodney D. Bennett. "I am excited about the transformative potential of the Plan for Academic Reorganization, and I appreciate the hard work of all who were involved in developing this strategic path forward for academic affairs at USM."

Implementation of the plan is expected to remove artificial administrative barriers to collaborative and effective academic work, and is expected to facilitate greater student access to resources and assistance from faculty and staff.

"Our faculty are doing extraordinary work in the classroom, in the labs, and in their creative efforts," said Steven R. Moser, USM provost and senior vice president for Academic Affairs. "The question was how do we take our resources and accomplishments and leverage those to move the institution forward."

"This reorganization plan gives us an opportunity to structure academic affairs in a way that positions us for enrollment growth and to expand collaborative teaching and research."

The plan reduces the number of colleges at the university from six to four, while currently maintaining the number



Implementation of the academic reorganization plan at USM is expected to begin this fall and occur over the next two academic years.

of programs offered. It also moves academic affairs from a department-based structure to one rooted in broader schools.

Colleges are the "macro" organizational entities for collections of academic units, and the academic head of a college is generally a dean. Colleges house schools, departments, and programs as well as, potentially, centers and institutes, all designed toward a common academic mission. The plan calls for colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business and Economic Development, Education and Human Sciences, and Nursing and Health Professions.

"We are excited about many aspects

of the reorganization process, starting with our new name: College of Business and Economic Development," said Faye W. Gilbert, dean. "Business faculty are distinctive in their outreach and collaborative work with organizations, and our economic development students and faculty make a difference in this region and beyond."

"The reorganization process emphasized shared governance. Over time, I believe this work will enhance the voice of faculty and identify synergies and new collaborations across disciplines."

The plan is the result of a year's worth of collaborative work by admin-

istrators, faculty, staff and students, beginning with a request for proposals from faculty in Fall 2016.

That request resulted in 44 submissions crafted by more than 100 faculty participants. These proposals were submitted to the provost for consideration and subsequently reviewed and discussed by academic deans and by leadership of faculty governance bodies. Multiple rounds of draft plans were reviewed and revised, incorporating additional feedback with each new draft.

"A great deal of thought, effort and time has been put into the reorganization plan," said Charkarra Anderson-Lewis, associate professor and in-

terim chair of the department of public health. "I know that for many of us, it is difficult to imagine a way of doing things differently from what we are accustomed to, but I am excited about this change and have high hopes that this reorganization of our academic structure will create more academically viable units and a stronger and better University of Southern Mississippi."

The resulting plan supports USM students, but also the state of Mississippi and beyond, as faculty and staff assist graduates in maximizing their potential to the benefit of the state, region and nation.

"The School of Polymer Science and Engineering is pleased to support Provost Moser and university administration in this bold reorganization, which is certain to strengthen the university through attracting and retaining high quality faculty, staff and students," said Jeffrey S. Wiggins, professor and director of the newly renamed school. "I am particularly inspired to help advance engineering programs at Southern Miss in an effort to stimulate economic development in South Mississippi and position highly skilled graduates to meet our state's next-generation workforce requirements."

Implementation of the plan is expected to begin this fall and occur over the next two academic years.

"Our focus is still on the traditional degrees we offer and the high-quality research we conduct from the ocean floor to the International Space Station," Moser said. "But we also have the potential to do more, and this structure will encourage innovation that benefits USM students, the state, the region and the country."

## MSU cybersecurity scholarship program receives \$3.11 million grant, supports EMCC students

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

Mississippi State University and East Mississippi Community College are working together to prepare students for public service careers in cybersecurity.

MSU will receive \$3.11 million through a National Science Foundation grant to continue the university's role in the CyberCorps Scholarship for Service program, which prepares highly-qualified cybersecurity professionals for entry into the government workforce.

As part of the grant, which will support the program for four years, East Mississippi Community College students planning to attend MSU are eligible to receive scholarships and support.

"Cybersecurity is an increasingly important component of our national security. Mississippi State has established itself by preparing students to be well-trained cybersecurity professionals," U.S. Sen. Thad Cochran said in a release announcing the funding. "I am pleased the university has secured funding to continue this program."

Scholars must be U.S. citizens eligible for federal service, and they must serve the government one year for every year of scholarship after graduation. The competitive scholarship pays all tuition and fees, as well as a stipend of \$22,500-\$34,000 for each nine-month academic year.

MSU will award 24 scholarships, four of which will be awarded to students at EMCC. Scholarship recipients at EMCC will receive one year of scholarship support in the program and two years at Mississippi State after they graduate from EMCC.



Mississippi State University will receive \$3.11 million from the National Science Foundation to continue and expand its role in the CyberCorps: Scholarships for Service program, which trains students for public service careers in cybersecurity. As part of the grant, East Mississippi Community College students planning to attend MSU are eligible to receive scholarships and support. PHOTO BY RUSS HOUSTON

"Mississippi State is a national leader in training top cybersecurity professionals, many of whom are on the front lines today fighting wide-ranging cyber threats in the private and public sectors, including very significant challenges to our national security," said MSU President Mark E. Keenum. "This grant will enable MSU, in partnership with EMCC, to further strengthen these important efforts."

"These dollars will open doors for many outstanding students to seek education and employment in the expanding and vitally important field of cybersecurity," EMCC President Thomas M. Huebner said. "We could not be more pleased than to partner with MSU and believe it will pay dividends for our students, the industries we serve, and the state of Mississippi."

MSU produces the third largest number of CyberCorps students nationally. In addition to ensuring the government has a well-trained cybersecurity workforce, the program enhances research and knowledge in the field. More than 70 peer-reviewed publications

have been published by graduate and undergraduate MSU Scholarship for Service students.

In addition to EMCC, MSU has collaborated with several universities, two-year colleges and law enforcement agencies on cybersecurity initiatives. Students in the Scholarship for Service program are selected from several fields of study, including computer science, software engineering, computer engineering, electrical engineering, industrial and systems engineering, as well as management information systems.

Scholarship for Service students in Mississippi help with cybersecurity product evaluation, give internet safety talks with secondary school systems and help with GenCyber summer camps.

Drew Hamilton, director of MSU's Center for Cyber Innovation, is the principal investigator for the CyberCorps grant. He also has been elected as the national principal investigator representative to the Interagency Coordination Council that funds the NSF Scholarship for Service program.

MSU Assistant Clinical Professor of Computer Science and Engineering Sarah Lee is the co-principal investigator.

Brandon Sesser, an EMCC instructor in information systems technology, is senior personnel for the grant.

Program administrators expect to begin awarding scholarships for the new program in the spring of 2018.

For approximately 20 years, MSU has worked to grow its leading cybersecurity research and education programs. The university is certified as a Center of Academic Excellence in both Information Assurance Education and Research, as well as a Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Operations. MSU is the only university in the state with all three designations and is one of 16 schools in the nation with the Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Operations designation.

For more on the CyberCorps Scholarship for Service Program, visit <http://web.cse.msstate.edu/~hamilton/SFS/>.

MSU is Mississippi's leading university, available online at [www.msstate.edu](http://www.msstate.edu).

## USM continues pattern of success with Gilman scholarships

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

The University of Southern Mississippi is far and away the state's leader in the securement of Gilman scholarships with eight more students earning the prestigious award in the past year. This brings the university's total number of Gilman scholars to 16 over the past two years, while Mississippi as a whole has produced 34.

Gilman scholars receive up to \$5,000 to apply toward their study abroad or internship program costs with additional funding available for the study of a critical language overseas.

The Gilman scholarship supports American undergraduate students of limited financial means to study or intern abroad and, since 2001, has enabled more than 24,000 outstanding Americans of diverse backgrounds to engage in a meaningful educational experience abroad.

"The Gilman provides a wonderful opportunity for our students to gain international experience," said Robyn Curtis, director, Nationally Competitive Awards at USM. "Gilman scholars don't have to own 4.0 GPA's, but they do have to be interested in exploring the world and getting answers to big questions. I'm especially excited because a recent rules change means even more of our study abroad programs are eligible this year."

The past year's winners from USM include the following (with classifications, hometowns, majors and current study program):

Janeka Jenkins, senior from Jackson, Miss., nursing major, Spanish in Spain

Kahdijah Ross, senior from

Gulfport, Miss., Child and Family Studies, British Studies

Kapriyah Crosby, a junior from Hattiesburg, Miss., pre-Nursing, Public Health Internship in Uganda

Ariel Elliott, senior from Meridian, Miss., Criminology, British Studies

Hailey Ulrich, senior from Biloxi, Miss., Spanish License, Spanish in Peru

Terrance Horton, senior from Ridgeland, Miss., Business, French in France

Tyrus Hill, senior from Moss Point, Miss., Theater, British Studies

Amanda Yates, junior from Saucier, Miss., Political Science, The Hague exchange program

Curtis works closely with the university's study abroad staff to ensure that students eligible for Pell Grant aid are aware of the opportunities afforded by the Gilman scholarship. This partnership has contributed significantly to USM's success in gaining Gilman awards.

Curtis wants to remind students that deadlines are approaching in October for the spring and summer Gilman award cycles. Students considering a study abroad program should contact Curtis to schedule an appointment.

The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship is named for the late U.S. Congressman who served in the House of Representatives for 30 years and chaired the House Foreign Relations Committee.

For more information about how to apply for the Gilman scholarship and other nationally competitive awards, call 601-266-4533 or visit: <https://www.usm.edu/honors/office-nationally-competitive-award>.



## Complete 2 Compete Initiative launches website

### Governor Phil Bryant voices support for the effort

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The portal to a better future is just a click away for thousands of Mississippians. The Complete 2 Compete website provides information and resources available to help Mississippi adults who have completed some college, but no degree, to return to college and complete the requirements necessary to earn their degrees.

“Complete 2 Compete will grow our skilled, educated workforce, in turn growing economic development across the state,” said Governor Phil Bryant. “This partnership will ensure Mississippi remains attractive to business and industry looking for a favorable tax climate and a workforce ready to excel on day one. I am grateful to everyone involved in making it a reality.”

The website will serve as an important resource for thousands of Mississippians:

More than 2,400 former students age 21 or over have enough credits to earn a bachelor’s degree with no additional coursework.

An additional 28,000 students have enough credits to earn an associates de-



Governor Phil Bryant speaks at the press conference to announce the launch of the Complete 2 Compete website.

gree with no additional coursework.

More than 100,000 former students can earn either an associates or bachelor’s degree with some additional coursework.

“This website provides important information that can have life-changing results for many Mississippians,” said Glenn Boyce, commissioner of Higher Education. “Workforce studies have shown that the vast majority of future jobs will go to those with a postsecondary degree or credential of value beyond high school. I would encourage individuals to access this website as it could be an important first step in helping them achieve a goal that will ultimately lead to a better, higher-paying job and greater job and financial security.”

Mississippi Public Universities, the Mississippi Community College Board and the Mississippi Association of Com-

munity and Junior Colleges are partners in the effort to identify target groups, implement adult learner services and re-engage adult students to help them complete their degrees.

“As a statewide initiative, Complete 2 Compete has the potential to impact hundreds of thousands of Mississippians,” said Andrea Mayfield, executive director, Mississippi Community College Board. “Expanding career and wage opportunities are just two, of many, benefits of Complete 2 Compete. I am excited to see this collaborative effort become a reality. Without the partnership and efforts of many, this initiative would not be possible. I look forward to the positive impact on individuals, employers and Mississippi’s economy.”

The Mississippi Department of Human Services has provided funding through a

grant designed to help low-income Mississippians improve their job skills.

“The Mississippi Department of Human Services (MDHS) proudly supports the Complete 2 Compete Project,” said John Davis, executive director of the Mississippi Department of Human Services. “Our generation plus approach at MDHS begins by addressing poverty as well as associated barriers encountered by Mississippi families. The approach is designed with an intentional focus on working with the family as a whole. Education is one of the key components to create a foundational framework for individuals along their pathway to independence. The project perfectly aligns with our efforts to holistically assist households obtain livable wages.”

The Mississippi Department of Employment Security also provided a grant

for the program.

There is no cost for submitting information through the C2C website and doing so may help an individual determine how close they are to completing degree requirements. Depending on what programs are needed to satisfy an individual’s career and educational interests, the website will match him or her to a list of schools that offer the classes needed to complete a degree.

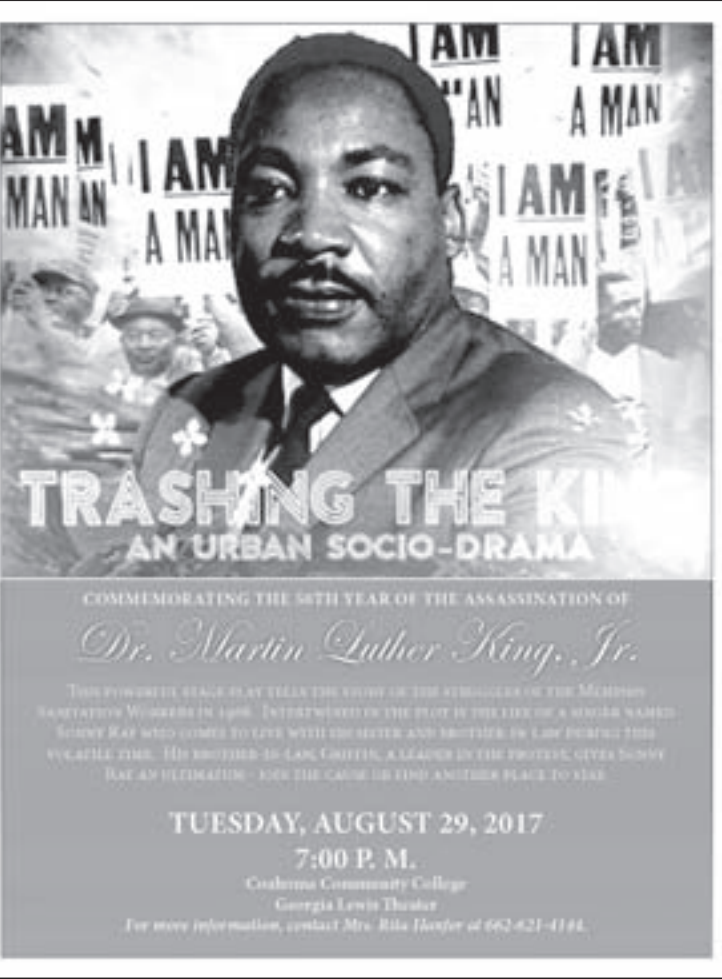
Tuition and fees for enrollment in courses may be assessed according to the established tuition and fee schedule at each institution.

Some incentives, including academic forgiveness, virtual tutoring, adult learner scholarships and tuition assistance, prior learning assessment and repayment plan options may be available at some of the institutions.



Officials, including (l-r) Steve Jaworowski, vice president of Marketing Operations, LK Marketing; John Davis, DHS; Stephanie Bullock, IHL; Governor Phil Bryant; Andrea Mayfield, MCCC; Glenn Boyce, IHL; Casey Turnage, IHL; Audra Kimble, MCCC; gather to announce the launch of the Complete 2 Compete website.

## CCC to host free stage play “Trashing the King” Aug. 29



The Mississippi Link Newswire

CLARKSDALE – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. devoted his life to promoting love, equality and justice for all.

Coahoma Community College Lyceum Committee will kick off its Fall 2017 season with a reminder of King’s legacy during a production of the stage play “Trashing the King” Tuesday, Aug. 29.

The play, produced by Last Psalm Productions, will begin at 7 p.m. in CCC’s Georgia Lewis Theater.

Admission is free for CCC faculty, staff, students and the general public.

In light of current events across the nation, CCC Lyceum President Yvonne Stanford believes the message of “Trashing the King” will resonate with those in attendance.

“With all of the recent racial turmoil and violence occurring today that makes our country seem divided again, this is a good opportunity to reflect on

the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his vision of peace and compassion,” said Stanford.

Described as an “urban socio-drama,” the play explores the plight of the Memphis sanitation workers in 1968.

Intertwined in the plot is the life of a fictional Clarksdale-based singer Sonny Ray who moved to Memphis to live with his sister and brother-in-law during this volatile time.

His brother-in-law, Griffin, a leader in the protest, gives Sonny Ray an ultimatum – join the cause or find another place to stay.

Stanford said the production is one that individuals of all ages will enjoy.

“This is a great opportunity to take a closer look at our history and learn what we can do today to make tomorrow better for future generations,” she said.

For questions or more information, contact Rita Hanfor at (662) 621-4144 or rhanfor@coahomacc.edu

## Classes begin at Hinds CC among heady plans for fresh faces, older students

Mississippi Link Newswire

RAYMOND – A professional life of working in heavy industry ended not long ago for Alonzo Hargrove, thanks to the wear and tear on his body.

Thanks to Hinds Community College, however, he’s drafting a new career.

“I worked in maintenance and did welding for 30 years, so I still enjoying doing things with my hands,” Hargrove said as he began his studies in the Drafting and Design Technology program. “I did the same while I was in the Army.”

The Lena, Miss. native and Jackson resident was among students who on Monday attended the first day of classes for the fall 2017 semester at the college’s six locations. Late registration ends Friday Aug. 18. Registration for online classes ends Sunday Aug. 20.

Maricka Edwards, also of Jackson, plans to continue her family’s tradition of caregiving. In her case, it’ll be in healthcare. “I’ve always loved helping people,” Edwards said. “My family owns a daycare in Jackson, so I’m coming to school to be the first nurse in the family.”

Following in a caregiver’s footsteps is also on Carlos Collins’ mind.

“My mom has worked in nursing for 11 years,” said Collins, of Yazoo City, who is taking core academic courses and prerequisite classes, on his way to a nursing degree. “She works at a nursing home, and I’d help her out after school.”



Carlos Collins, of Yazoo City, shops items in the bookstore at Hinds Community College Raymond Campus Aug. 14. Collins is pursuing a nursing degree. PHOTOS BY HINDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE/TAMMI BOWLES



Alonzo Hargrove, of Jackson, talks with Kathryn Cole, district district of Enrollment Services, during a break between classes Aug. 14 at Hinds Community College Raymond Campus. Hargrove is pursuing a degree in Drafting and Design Technology. Classes for the fall 2017 semester are now in session.



Maricka Edwards, of Jackson, talks with recruiters Reggie Harris, left, and Shane Brown during a break between classes Aug. 14 at Hinds Community College Raymond Campus. Edwards is pursuing a nursing degree.

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# Having a critical spirit

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



We read in Revelation 3:15-16 (KJV) these words: “I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.”

Revelation is a very outstanding book in the Bible. Every part of it plays a very vital role and portrays a picture of the church, her foes and her conquests. The letters give us a picture of the church and the admonition is given by the Spirit of God to the church to overcome in each period of time.

When people become luke-

warm, often they become critical. All they do is sit and criticize, and it makes God sick. Some in congregations sing songs, nod their heads and raise their hands, yet they are critical. Every pastor has to deal with this condition. They criticize the pastor, their brothers and sisters, the song leader, those who sing in the choir and the Sunday school teachers. God is sick of it, and His ministry has had enough of it.

My friends, if we receive any help, it is going to come through God’s ministry. We could be lying on our deathbed and have to call a brother or sister with whom we have a problem to pray for us before God will heal us. Have we ever thought of that?

If we have criticized someone, we need to call him or her and confess it. We must

not wait until we are on our deathbed to make things right. Why, because another power will then work – the power of unbelief.

The longer we keep putting things off, the more we will sear our conscience and harden our heart, and the more difficult it will be to get hold of God.

God uses the foolishness of preaching so that men can be saved and that is a good atmosphere to get saved in. The best time to get saved is when God is dealing with our soul.

The Bible says that God will not always strive with man. If we do not move when God is dealing with our soul, one day we could be all alone somewhere, dying. Then, when we are trying to get hold of God, He will bring the things to our mind that we need to straighten

out, but we may be too weak even to get to the telephone to call anyone. That may happen, my friend!

If we are hanging around someone who has a wrong attitude or is critical, we need to get away from that person and tell him or her that we want no part of it. We will help that individual.

Some people are bitter and jealous. Others have become very independent, just as the people were in our scripture lesson. Their attitude is, “We have need of nothing.” The Bible says we are workers together with Him.

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

P R E S E R V E D

# Blessings and Declarations: Back-to-School

By Shewanda Riley  
Columnist



A few years ago, I shared this declaration of blessing from Pastor David Brown of Ownings Mills, Maryland and since school is back in session for so many of us, I wanted to share them again. My hope is that these words would encourage us whether we are parents, educators, administrators or students.

“Today, I am blessed. Sufficiency are your provisions for me today. I am spirit filled. Sickness and disease are far from me. I walk in divine favor with God and man. There is no slackness in my hand. My home is a place of peace. It functions in divine order. My business operates in excellence. My church flows in divine purpose. Every relationship in my life is assigned to me by God to assist me in the fulfillment of my kingdom assignment. I excel in productivity, have an outstanding attitude and maximize my potential.

Father, I worship, magnify and adore you. I know that with you all things are possible. My body is strong. My mind is fortified and alert. My emotions are sound and stable. From the top of my head, to the souls of my feet, I am healed by the stripes of Jesus.

Solomon’s anointing is on me for wealth and success. Samuel’s anointing is on me for sensitivity to the voice of God. David’s anointing is on me for worship and praise. Daniel’s anointing is on me for excellence and integrity. Deborah’s anointing is on me that I might flow with a balanced life between my family and the kingdom. Issachar’s anointing is on me for the discerning of the times. Jabez’s anointing is on me for borderless living. The anointing of the angels are upon

me to worship God with everything that is within me.

I am anointed with knowledge and with understanding. Thank you Lord for winning ideas, settlements, dividends, profits, money, checks in the mail, wealth transfers, secret riches, hidden treasures, momentum, and strategic positioning.

I have God-given skills to manage my time, my money, any crisis that comes into my life and my family.

I am the head and not the tail. I am above and not beneath. I am strong in the Lord and in the power of his might. I am alive in Christ. I am free from sin and condemnation. I am an heir of God and a joint heir with Jesus Christ. I am fathered from above.

I am blessed with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places by Christ Jesus. I am blessed in the city and in the field. I am blessed in my going out and my coming in. I am blessed socially, financially, relationally, governmentally, behaviorally, bio-electrically, physiologically, emotionally, psychologically, bio-chemically, molecularly, cellularly, hormonally, genetically, anatomically, skeletally and intellectually.

I am anointed and with this anointing every yoke is broken and destroyed. Every burden is lifted in the name of Jesus. I seal this confession by the blood, by the word, by the spirit, by the holy ghost, in the name that is above every name that is Jesus the Christ the son of the living God.”

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## REIGNING ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Providence Baptist Church**, 8108 Highway 28 West, will host its annual summer revival Sunday, August 20 - Wednesday, August 23, 2017. The theme is “Stay Woke” (1 Thessalonians 5:6). Pastor Frank L. Curtis Sr. will deliver the message Sunday, at 11:00 a.m. and Pastor Nathan Stevenson of Jackson, pastor of Mount Calvary M.B. Church in Tchula, will deliver the message Monday – Wednesday. Service will begin each night at 7:15 p.m.



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## Civil rights organizations counter Justice Department's attack on affirmative action

By Charlene Crowell  
NNPA News Wire Columnist



As millions of students return to school, the nation's Justice Department (DOJ) is beginning an investigation that could potentially sue universities over affirmative action admissions policies. As first reported by the *New York Times*, Justice's Civil Rights Division will carry out this effort to determine whether white applicants were discriminated against.

For black people and other ethnic and racial minorities, this investigation seems like window-dressing to deny millions of students a quality education in the name of injustice. Such actions also signal a more subtle message which is to roll back the progress achieved in broadly affording students of all races and ethnicities the benefits that higher education derives. Among education and civil rights advocates a strong belief holds that everyone benefits when obstacles to educational opportunity are overcome.

"The American Dream offers each new generation the opportunity to build on the successes of previous ones," wrote Nikitra Bailey, an executive vice president with the Center for Responsible Lending, in related op-ed. "However, if you are African-American, the nation's history of enslavement and legal bigotry consistently

requires each generation to start anew."

Bailey is correct.

Despite the vigilance of civil rights heroes over multiple generations, the heralded 1954 Supreme Court ruling in *Brown v. Board of Education*, or a series of 1960s laws that were enacted to guarantee full and first-class citizenship to every black American, even more work remains to be done before everyone is afforded the promises of America.

It's been several years since the anti-affirmation action crusade took its venomous campaign to states across the country. Beginning in California in 1996 and continuing through 2010, Ward Connerly, a former University of California Regent, led a series of statewide campaigns to constitutionally ban affirmative action in Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Washington State. Regardless of the state, the goal was always the same: make it illegal for public colleges and universities to include consideration of race or ethnicity in college admissions.

Only in Colorado was the effort turned back by voters. In all of the other locales, the measure passed with broad support, often despite many business and corporate leaders joining with civil rights advocates in opposition.

For example, prior to the November 2006 Proposal 2 ballot vote in Michigan, Paul

Hillemonds, a white Republican and former Speaker of the State House, helped to lead a statewide coalition of more than 200 organizations pledged to defeat the measure.

"If it passes, we are announcing to the world that women and minorities will not be given an equal opportunity to succeed in business in our state," said Hillemonds. "This is the wrong message to send at a time when we are trying to attract new businesses and develop a talented, multicultural workforce ready to meet the demands of the 21st Century economy."

State approved bans on affirmative action in higher education also led to fewer black students in the University of California system as well as at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.

Today the real difference between then and now is that the U.S. Justice Department is resuming a fight for the preservation of white privilege that is armed with resources and personnel that taxpayers of all colors provide.

"President Trump's Justice Department has hardly been worthy of its name," said Sherilyn A. Ifill, president and director-counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund. "It has retreated from meaningful police reform, argued on behalf of state laws that suppress minority voting rights, directed prosecutors to seek harsh sentences for nonviolent drug offenses, and

extended the federal government's power to seize the property of innocent Americans."

"Each of these steps disproportionately and systematically burdens people of color, denying them their constitutional rights and widening the racial divides that this country has struggled for so long to close," continued Ifill.

The United States Supreme Court recently affirmed the use of affirmative action in admissions decisions in *Fisher v. University of Texas*. In that ruling, the importance of diversity as a compelling state interest was affirmed as settled law. The decision was also a victory for equal opportunity and recognized again that it is critical for schools to create diverse and inclusive student bodies.

As the cost of higher education tends to increase every year, students of color are the ones most likely to go into debt in search of a degree that will deliver a middle class standard of living. Even four years after graduation, black college graduates earning a bachelor's degree owe almost double the debt of their white classmates, according to CRL research.

"The U.S. Justice Department must enforce inclusive educational policies as they open the doors of opportunity for all," said Bailey.

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## Sessions wants to undermine college access for blacks and latinos

By Marc H. Morial  
President and CEO  
National Urban League



Then President Lyndon B. Johnson knew the importance of correcting the historical injustices of slavery when he spoke at

Howard University June 4, 1965: "You do not wipe away the scars of centuries by saying: Now you are free to go where you want, and do as you desire, and choose the leaders you please. You do not take a person who, for years, has been hobbled by chains and liberate him, bring him up to the starting line of a race and then say, 'You are free to compete with all the others,' and still justly believe that you have been completely fair. Thus it is not enough just to open the gates of opportunity. All our citizens must have the ability to walk through those gates."

In a perfect America founded and operating on colorblind meritocracy, admission to selective institutions of higher learning, boardrooms of Fortune 500 companies and access to federal contracts would be determined solely by ability, skill and talent, never having to take into consideration race or gender – and certainly never having to take into consideration a moral, national imperative to redress wrongs rooted in a long history of slavery, sexism, structural racism and prejudice.

But as we all know, that is not the America we call home.

We live in an America that has – at some points more fervently than others – perpetually strived for the elusive ideals of freedom, liberty and justice – for all. But as we collectively labor through the mud of inequality and the residue of injustice that disproportionately effects communities of color and women, it is at best cynical and at worst callous that the very federal agency charged with addressing the impact of discrimination on historically disadvantaged groups is now, under the direction of Attorney General Jeff Sessions, preparing to attack those laws, policies and guidelines set in place to end and correct the effects of a discrimination and "improve the employment or educational opportunities of members of minority groups and women."

According to a leaked memo, the Department of Justice is planning to redirect resources from its civil rights division to investigate and sue universities that use "intentional race-based discrimination" in their admissions process because of its purported negative effects on Asian-American applicants. But let's be clear, this is an attack on equality and education for marginalized groups.

This brazen, transparent, counterproductive assault on affirmative action, coupled with other proposed initiatives, would seal the door of opportunity shut for millions of Americans.

The Trump administration has

proposed slashing the Department of Education's funding by over \$9 billion; withholding much needed federal money from high-poverty public schools; and reducing funding for federal work-study and Pell Grants, making it harder for lower income and black and Hispanic students to afford higher education.

In a nation where education is the most effective tool most of us have to climb the American ladder of success, and is practically synonymous with opportunity and achievement, the executive branch of our government appears driven to keep those who can least afford it away from a quality education at all phases of schooling.

There are a lot of myths out there about affirmative action. The most prevalent one – the one that fires up the aggrieved Trump base – is that hordes of black and brown applicants are taking away opportunities rightfully earned by better-qualified white applicants.

The truth is, according to the latest data, the primary beneficiaries of affirmative action have been white women. And though the administration insists it is motivated by a sense of fairness, no attention is being paid to the growing advantage socioeconomic and legacy status play in college admissions.

Like race or gender, many selective universities consider an applicant's legacy status as a factor in the admissions process, which puts students from marginalized, low-income and underrepresented communities at a distinct disadvantage.

A 2011 Chronicle of Higher Education study found that a legacy connection gave an applicant a 23.3 percentage point advantage over a non-legacy applicant. And applicants whose parent attended the school gained an average advantage close to 50 percentage points.

That our universities and workplaces review candidates through a race- and/or gender-conscious lens is an acknowledgement of the outsized role racism and sexism currently plays and has historically played in our nation's history. The Supreme Court has ruled – time and again – that schools, in particular, have the right and "compelling interest" to use race in a limited way to achieve a diverse student body.

The goal is not to disadvantage any group, but to recognize and attempt to remedy centuries of injustice.

The National Urban League unequivocally condemns any effort by the Department of Justice to undermine the still necessary role of affirmative action in college admissions, taking us back to a time when African Americans, women and other marginalized groups did not have equal and fair access to higher education or employment.

I look forward to the day when a man or woman will neither be preferred nor penalized based on gender, color or socioeconomic class.

Perhaps affirmative action, as a lasting solution, is complex and imperfect, but so is the nation we call home.

## Confederate statues fall, but economic racism lingers

By Julianne Malveaux  
NNPA News Wire Columnist



Cheers to New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu, one of the first mayors to take Confederate

statues down and to make the strong point that these statues represent nothing but oppression. You should check out the speech he delivered, in May, at MarketWatch.com.

More cheers to Baltimore Mayor Catherine Pugh who had statues removed in the dead of night to avoid Charlottesville-type confrontations between racist white supremacists (also known as "good people" according to "45") and those who oppose them.

And though he does little that I agree with, in the interest of equal praise, I must lift up Maryland Governor Larry Hogan, who had the statue of Roger Taney removed from the Maryland state house. Taney was an especially vile racist who authored the *Dred Scott* decision in 1857. He wrote that whites were bound to respect, and provided justification for enslavement, even as many in the rest of the nation were clamoring against the unjust institution.

As the statues are falling, economic racism is not fading. African Americans still earn

just 60 percent of what whites earn. We have just seven percent of the wealth that whites have. The unemployment rate for black workers is double the unemployment rate of white workers. Even with equal incomes, blacks find it more challenging to get mortgages or other access to capital and our economic rights are being challenged every day.

It is important to note that these statues were not erected immediately after the Civil War. Of course, Southern Confederates – a bunch of losers – were too broke to build statues. They were still trying to recover from the devastation of the Civil War. How did they plan to recover? They needed a captive labor force to work their fields, just as enslaved people had before the war. So they ensured quasi-captivity through intimidation. That need was partially responsible for the emergence of the KKK. They inspired fear, suppressed resistance, and, through Black Codes and Jim Crow, engineered the near-re-enslavement of black people.

Black people who wanted to leave the South after the end of Reconstruction had to do it in the dead of night. Black people, who had land, were often forced to concede it or be killed. The Emergency Land Fund, a now-defunct organization that documented the black loss of land, indicated that black folks lost as much as 90 percent of their

accumulated land by 1970, at least partially due to trickery and intimidation.

The origins of the wealth gap lie in this loss of land, and in the intimidation that kept African American people in near-slave status in the South. Confederate statues, flags and Klan activity appeared wherever there was resistance – during and after the reconstructions, in the 1920s, after the Red Summer of 1919 and the return of black men from World War I.

Again, we saw the rise of this activity, these statues and these flags, in the 1950s as the Civil Rights Movement pushed hard for equality. When people talk about taking "their" streets back, what they really mean is they want black people (and other people of color) in their place; in their economic place and that place, for them, is subordinate.

So while Confederate statues are falling (not quickly enough – there are more than 700 of these odious symbols still standing), and Confederate flags are waving less frequently, the economic racism the Confederacy established is alive and well. Just ask the young black couple redlined away from a banking opportunity, or the innocent arrested person who can't pay bail. Ask the black student whose loan burden is nearly twice that of her white counterpart, or the black woman who pays more,

and at a higher interest rate, for a car loan.

Sure, we have come a long way since those ugly days of enslavement or stark segregation, but some power comes from the Benjamins. And, according to some estimates, it will take more than 200 years to close the wealth gap. The statues may be falling, but economic racism is alive and well.

While I commend Republicans Lindsey Graham, Tim Scott, John McCain and so many others for condemning their president for his abject and ugly racism, I wonder if any of them would be so forceful in condemning economic racism, or in advocating for reparations. Absent their willingness to do that, they can earn style points for their remarks, but they do not seem prepared to change the harsh realities of black life in our country today.

I challenge those who would tear down the statues and take down the flags to show equal zeal in tearing down the walls of economic racism.

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# Deep South Custom Homes breaks ground at the site of 16th annual Jackson St. Jude Dream Home® Giveaway house

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Deep South Custom Homes broke ground on the 16th annual Jackson St. Jude Dream Home Giveaway house August 17. The house is to be raffled for the benefit of St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital and will be located in the Crossview Plantation development in Brandon, Miss.

Representatives of Deep South Custom Homes, the Brandon Board of Supervisors, Miss 103, WLBT 3, the Flo-wood Chamber of Commerce, Regions Bank, volunteers and our national sponsor Trane as well as several subcontractors and suppliers were all in attendance for the momentous occasion.

This year is the 8th year that Deep



Groundbreaking

South Custom Homes will be the builder of the Jackson St. Jude Dream Home and the 1st year that they were able to

donate the lot at zero cost to St. Jude. Brian Burkley, the builder for Deep South Custom Homes, and his wife

Natalie feel blessed to be a part of the 2018 campaign and are looking forward to a great year.

## About St. Jude

St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital is leading the way the world understands, treats and defeats childhood cancer and other life-threatening diseases. It is the only National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center devoted solely to children. Treatments invented at St. Jude have helped push the overall childhood cancer survival rate from 20 percent to 80 percent since the hospital opened more than 50 years ago. St. Jude is working to drive the overall survival rate for childhood cancer to 90 percent, and we won’t stop

until no child dies from cancer.

St. Jude freely shares the discoveries it makes, and every child saved at St. Jude means doctors and scientists worldwide can use that knowledge to save thousands more children. Families never receive a bill from St. Jude for treatment, travel, housing or food – because all a family should worry about is helping their child live.

Join the St. Jude mission by visiting [stjude.org](http://stjude.org), liking St. Jude on Facebook ([facebook.com/stjude](https://facebook.com/stjude)) and following us on Twitter (@stjude).

To learn more about the St. Jude Dream Home Giveaway in Jackson or to be involved as a sponsor please visit [dreamhome.org](http://dreamhome.org)

## Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks blood drive

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks will be holding a blood drive with Mississippi Blood Services Friday, September 1, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The MBS Donor Coach will be at 1505 Eastover Drive in Jackson. Donors will receive a T-shirt (while supplies last). Donors can now check their overall cholesterol levels on their MBSCoconnect account.

Donating blood is safe, simple and it saves lives. Donors must be at least 16 years old (16-year-olds need signed parental consent, visit our Web site for a copy of the form), weigh at least 110 pounds and have a valid ID. Visit us at [msblood.com](http://msblood.com) or call us at (888) 90-BLOOD (902-5663) for information. You can also visit our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/give2live](https://www.facebook.com/give2live) and follow MSbloodservices on Twitter. Download the free MBS app for your smartphone and/or tablet and keep up with all things MBS! #Give1Save3.

## Percy joins Methodist Pain & Spine

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Raechel Percy, D.O., has joined Methodist Pain & Spine in Flowood as a staff physician.



Percy

She was most recently a resident physician in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington, Ky.

A summa cum laude graduate of Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Mich., Percy earned a doctorate in osteopathic medicine at the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in East Lansing, Mich.

Her professional interests include sports and musculoskeletal medicine, amputee rehabilitation and prosthetic restoration and adaptive sports and recreation activities for individuals with disabilities.

# Mena, panel of experts create first-ever care standard for men who have sex with men

Mississippi Link Newswire

When it comes to the health of gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men, the absence of a national standard of care leaves a critical gap for a population already at risk for sexually transmitted diseases and related health disparities.

A blue-ribbon panel of national public health professionals is changing that scenario. They’ve created a multi-faceted standard of care for men who have sex with men, or MSM, in their quest to advance effective STD prevention programs and services in every community in the country.

The panel’s report released recently, “MSM Sexual Health Standards of Care,” addresses the alarming sexual health crisis in that community.

“This is the first effort that outlines what should be included in the care of men who have sex with men as part of a standard of care,” said Dr. Leandro Mena, University of Mississippi Medical Center professor and chair of the Department of Population Health Science at the John D. Bower School of Population Health and an international expert on sexually transmitted diseases.

Mena, an infectious diseases physician who directs UMMC’s Center for HIV/AIDS Research, Education and Policy, served as co-chair of the 24-member panel. The group includes representatives from entities such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Johns Hopkins School of Medi-



Mena

cine, the California Department of Public Health and the AIDS Research Consortium of Atlanta.

The study was sponsored by the National Coalition of STD Directors, the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors and the National Network of STD Clinical Prevention Training Centers.

The panel’s sexual health standard of care for MSM – what they should receive through clinic visits – includes:

A comprehensive sexual history; mental health assessments and referrals; counseling about condoms, lubrication, enemas and douches; and discussions about sexual satisfaction and pleasure;

A visual exam to check for signs of HPV, syphilis or other STDs;

Urethral swab or urine-based chlamydia and gonorrhea screening; rectal and pharyngeal chlamydia and gonorrheal screening;

Syphilis, HIV and hepatitis C screening every three to six months for sexually active MSM with multiple partners, and at least annually for other MSM;

Vaccines for human papillomavirus, or HPV, and Hepatitis A and B;



McNair

Pre- and post-exposure prophylaxis as indicated; expedited partner therapy for chlamydia or gonorrhea infection.

Standards of care exist for other populations, such as a woman’s annual visit to a gynecologist. “The doctor takes a history, does a breast exam and pap smear, gets blood and urine samples,” Mena said. “They’ll talk about what you should do to make sure you’re healthy. It’s a minimum package of services and counseling that people would receive almost anywhere in the country.”

But, not so with the MSM population, he said. “There’s no consistent way by which they receive care. There’s no consideration to the disparities that they may be at risk for, or their sexual orientation or sexual behavior.”

The continuum of care is especially important in Mississippi. Jackson has the fourth-highest rate of HIV diagnosis per 100,000 population among the nation’s metro areas. In 2014, about 40 percent of MSM in the Jackson metro area were infected with HIV, and in 2013, Jackson had the highest HIV incidence among HIV negative MSM in the country.

Overall, an estimated



Gipson

10,050 Mississippians are living with a diagnosis of HIV. And at the end of 2014, an estimated 1,400 Mississippians were infected with HIV but didn’t know it – underscoring the importance of universal HIV testing.

The panel’s recommendations go beyond federal guidelines and instead incorporate the collective experiences of the panel’s experts in sexual health. Their work took into consideration the social landscape for many MSM that can impact whether or not they walk into a clinic. “There is significant evidence that social factors, such as racism, homophobia, immigration status, unemployment and mass incarceration are associated with poor health outcomes, even when controlling for other factors,” the report says.

Those social determinants collide with gay or bisexual men, “creating barriers to sexual health along the spectrum of health care, including knowledge of the need for access,” the report states.

Although he’s had good access to health care, Ridge-land resident Obie McNair, 27, has come away feeling his sexual health needs haven’t fully been met.

“It was difficult to talk to them about the behavior I was engaging in,” said McNair, who works for a nonprofit and is HIV negative. “Either I wouldn’t talk about it, or my health care provider wouldn’t ask me about it.”

The lack of a standard of care has profound implications, said June Gipson, chief executive officer of the nonprofit My Brother’s Keeper and of Open Arms Healthcare Center, a Jackson community clinic that offers primary and mental health services with an emphasis on the health care needs of the LGBT population.

“They’re dying,” she said of MSM. “They’re becoming infected with HIV. Being gay in Mississippi is not easy. I can’t imagine someone saying that somebody doesn’t deserve to be healthy.”

Open Arms, she said, “has a medical model” for the overall care of MSM. “We created our own standard of care for them, and it’s been amazing. You can see that they’re not afraid of health care anymore. They walk into this clinic, and say, ‘This is for me.’”

While living in another state, McNair said, he needed to get tested for STDs. “Thankfully, I wasn’t in Mississippi. I called my physician the next day,” he said. “Before Open Arms, I probably wouldn’t have been comfortable calling someone here to get tested.”

When social disparities go unaddressed, the report says, rates of syphilis, gonorrhea and HIV in black and Latino MSM will only continue to climb.

Read more online at [www.themississippilink.com](http://www.themississippilink.com)



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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 A SPECIAL MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2017 AT 12:00 P.M. IN THE ANDREW JACKSON CONFERENCE ROOM (RM. 105) OF THE WARREN HOOD BUILDING, 200 SOUTH PRESIDENT STREET, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

- I. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
- A. OLD BUSINESS
- NONE
- B. NEW BUSINESS

1. CASE NO. 2017-24, REQUEST BY: CENTURY CONSTRUCTION/ HELM PLACE III, LLC (APPLICANT: STUART POVALL), TO CONSTRUCT UP TO 70 NEW HOMES FOR PHASE III OF HELM PLACE DEVELOPMENT AT MULTIPLE LOCATIONS, LOCATED IN THE FARISH STREET HISTORICAL DISTRICT.
2. CASE NO. 2017-29, REQUEST BY: BEVERLY AND DAVE FULCHER (APPLICANT: JOHN WEAVER) TO DEMOLISH A NON CONTRIBUTING NEW STORAGE BUILDING, AND ADD A TWO STORY BEDROOM AND PLAYROOM AT 1343 ST. MARY ST., LOCATED IN THE BELHAVEN HISTORIC DISTRICT.
3. CASE NO. 2017-30, REQUEST BY: JENNIFER WELCH TO REMOVE BRITTLE VINYL SIDING AND REPLACE WITH 8.25" HARDIEPLANK AT 1107 BELLEVUE PLACE, LOCATED IN THE BELHAVEN HEIGHTS HISTORIC DISTRICT.

- II. OTHER ITEMS
- DISCUSSION

1. NOTICE OF PROPOSED RAILROAD COMMUNICATION TOWER BY GOLDER ASSOCIATES INC.
2. MR. WILLIAM MCCLAIN WOULD LIKE TO MAKE AN AMMENDMENT TO HIS ORIGINAL COA 2017-20 FOR 149 E COHEA ST.
3. JAYE COLEMAN TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED DEMOLITIONS OF 1609 ST. ANN ST. AND 1925 LAUREL STREET IN THE BELHAVEN HISTORICAL DIST.
4. NEW COA FOR JOEL FYKE AT 1335 LINDEN PLACE TO ADD A DECK, LANSCAPING AND FENCE
5. CBRE REQUIRING INPUT ON ATT&T PROPOSED COLLOCATION OF ATTENNAS AT 6021 RIDGEWOOD ROAD.

III. ADJOURN

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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](mailto:supplierqualification@entergy.com).

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

3/9/2017 thru 12/28/2017

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Notice of Sale is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles that the following vehicle will be sold for repair and storage charges and for costs of this sale.

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Place of Sale: Archie Towing , Storage & Recovery Service, 6700 Medgar Evers Blvd., Jackson, MS

Sellers reserve the right to bid on the above property and to reject any and all bids.

Time: 10:00 A.M.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Jackson, Mississippi will host a public hearing to be held in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room of the Hood Building, 200 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201 at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, September 12, 2017. The City of Jackson has prepared a Facilities Plan for proposed improvements to the Savanna Wastewater Treatment Plant located at 3810 I-55 South, Jackson, MS. The Facilities Plan will be presented at the public hearing to explain the current facilities planning effort, the proposed improvements to be constructed, why the improvements are needed, environmental assessment of the proposed improvements, and the three phases of the proposed project. The first two phases will be constructed in 2018-2019 and are estimated to cost \$30,000,000. The purpose of the public hearing is to present the Facilities Plan, receive further suggestions and comments, and answer questions.

The City of Jackson will begin a public comment period on September 12, 2017. The comment period will allow citizens to review the Savanna Wastewater Treatment Plant Facilities Plan and offer additional comments.

A copy of the Savanna Wastewater Treatment Plant Facilities Plan is available for review at the Eudora Welty Library. Written comments, suggestions, and questions may be submitted to [Clyde.Burnett@cburnett@ajaservices.com](mailto:Clyde.Burnett@cburnett@ajaservices.com) until October 12, 2017.

Jerriot Smash, Interim Director of Public Works

Terry Williamson, Legal Counsel

Dr. Robert Blaine, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

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**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS:**

Sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk of Jackson, Mississippi, at 219 S. President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201 or at Post Office Box 17, Jackson, Mississippi 39205 until 3:30 PM, local time, September 26, 2017, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud for:

Flowers Park Playground Improvement Project

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.

The City of Jackson is committed to the principle of non-discrimination in public contracting. It is the policy of the City of Jackson to promote full and equal business opportunity for all persons doing business with the City. As a pre-condition to selection, each contractor, bidder or offeror shall submit a completed and signed Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Plan, with the bid submission, in accordance with the provisions of the City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Ordinance. Failure to comply with the City's Ordinance shall disqualify a contractor, bidder or offeror from being awarded an eligible contract. For more information on the City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity Program, please contact the Office of Economic Development at 601-960-1055. Copies of the ordinance, EBO Plan Applications and a copy of the program are available at 200 South President Street, Room 223, Hood Building, Jackson, Mississippi.

The City of Jackson hereby notifies all bidders that in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4 that all bidders will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, or disability in consideration for an award.

Contract Documents may be obtained from and/or examined at the offices of the City of Jackson's Public Works Department Engineering Division located at 200 S. President Street, Suite 424, Jackson, Mississippi 39201. Telephone 601.960.1823. Prospective bidders may obtain copies of all materials required for bidding purposes. For General Contractors and sub-contractors, there is a NON-refundable deposit of \$50.00 for hard copies. There is NO charge for electronic or e-mail copies.

Bid preparation will be in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders bound in the project manual. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any and all irregularities in respect to any bid submitted or to accept any proposal which is deemed most favorable to the City of Jackson.

Jerriot Smash, Interim Director  
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SIGN VARIANCE FOR BECKHAM JEWELRY**

THE JACKSON CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SIGN VARIANCE FOR BECKHAM JEWELRY TO RECEIVE CITIZEN INPUT HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2017 AT 10:00 A.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT THE CITY HALL BUILDING, 219 SOUTH PRESIDENT STREET, JACKSON, MS, 39201. INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND. PLEASE CONTACT THE SIGNS & LICENSE DIVISION (601) 960-1154 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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Permitting Branch Chief

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# Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi's Fifth Habitat Home to be Dedicated August 24

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Following its fifth consecutive partnership in three years, Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi and Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area will dedicate a home for a local family as part of a Covenant Build project.

Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi's dedicated employee volunteer program, Team Blue, provided 100 percent of the volunteer labor for the project which began in April and was completed in June. Team Blue volunteers, along with Habitat for Humanity construction volunteers, worked on Saturdays throughout the build process on the home for Erika Brockington and her daughter.

"Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi continues to demonstrate its commitment to supporting home ownership which is key to providing a foundation for our city and its neighborhoods," said Merrill McKewen, executive director of Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area. "We are grateful for the continued support from Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi as we invest together in solutions that contribute to healthier families and vibrant neighborhoods."

The homeowner, volunteer shift leaders from Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi and HFHMCA board members and staff will join together at 12:00 noon, August 24, to dedicate the



home located at 2908 Smith Robinson Street in Jackson.

"There's a saying that it takes hands to build a house, but only hearts can build a home," said Brockington. "I am certainly grateful to Blue Cross & Blue

Shield of Mississippi's Team Blue for working hands and hearts together with me in building my family's new home. This is a dream come true!"

"We partner with organizations who also seek a healthy future for

our state, and Habitat for Humanity supports people in transforming their lives and their neighborhoods in positive ways," said Sheila Grogan, vice president, Community and Public Relations with Blue Cross & Blue Shield of

Mississippi. "Our desire is to see individuals establish and maintain healthy homes and communities for their families."

To learn more about Team Blue and Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi's community in-

volvement, visit [www.bcbms.com](http://www.bcbms.com).

For more information about Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area, please call 601-353-6060 or visit [www.habitat-mca.org](http://www.habitat-mca.org).

# Taste of The Island Caribbean

## Best caribbean home cooking

By Jerry Komia Domatob  
Contributing Writer

There was a time in America and several parts of the globe, when Caribbean and other international "style" food was a rarity. Such meals could only be eaten on special occasions or in the privacy of your homes.

Today, however, Caribbean and other delicacies are available even in supposedly remote areas like Jackson, Miss. Caribbean foods are obtainable almost everywhere in the United States of America, Europe and Africa.

One restaurant where patrons converge to enjoy Caribbean cuisine is Taste of the Island, located at 436 East Capitol Street in Jackson, Miss. It is a simple, attractive, homey and rectangular lounge at a strategic location in downtown Jackson. Comprised of a kitchen, dining tables and chairs, a toilette, and pantry, the restaurant attracts clients from far and near.

This unique eatery is opened Monday through Friday. The main entrees are jerk chicken, jerk meat, oxtails, red snapper, curry chicken & goat and jerk pork. Sides include patties, white rice, rice and beans, fried plantains, steamed cabbage and carrots, bok, choy and callaloo. Beverages abound. Among them are Jamaican D & G. soft drink, irish moss, coconut water, supligen, domestic and imported bottled beers. Soft drinks served include grape, Jamaican pineapple, Kola champaign, Jamaican cream soda and ginger beer. A majority of clients come from Jackson, Hattiesburg, Vicksburg and the Delta. How-



Owner Richard Higgins and manager Clayton Brown



Customers



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Richard and Chandra Higgins, owners of Taste of the Island Caribbean Restaurant.



Regular customers PHOTOS BY JERRY K. DOMATOB

ever people from Louisiana, Tennessee and several other places patronize the restaurant. Assistant manager Clayton says, "Customers love it because it is different. The taste, flavor and authentic nature attracts people from many places." With a homey atmosphere for food, drinks, discussions and occasional meetings, it is quite congenial. Small wonder young, old, stragglers and professionals, flock to the restaurant for meals. Several patrons simply take food out. From door traffic and customer testimony the restaurant is a stupendous success.

The managers assert that when they came to Jackson they realized that there was a market niche for Caribbean food and they happily started the eatery. "When I came to Jackson in 2005 there was no Caribbean restaurant in the city. I wanted people to taste Caribbean food and that is why I started the restaurant. "It is a pleasure cooking and serving people. I am delighted people enjoy it. We have no problems and we intend to operate the business as it is now. The business is functioning well," said owner and founder Richard

Higgins. Owners Richard and Chandra Higgins opened the restaurant in 2009. Richard, who leads the business, grew up in Kingston, Jamaica where he learned to cook from his parents Clinton and Lois Higgins. Richard graduated from Jamaica College, Kingston, where he ran track. "I did not capture international trophies like the legendary Bolton. But I tried." Chandra is the daughter of Connie King Morris of Jackson and Noori Fatemi from Iran. She attended Jim Hill High School and graduated through their In-

ternational Baccalaureate (IB) Program. She continued her studies at Jackson State University and Belhaven University where she earned a business degree. Chandra is the owner of A Plus Tax & Notary Services. She and Richard are both members of Amazing COGIC on Capitol St. in West Jackson. They are the proud parents of four wonderful children: Terry, Charlee, Richard, and Carter. The Higgins are faithfully and devotedly supported by Clayton Brown of Kingston, Jamaica. He collaborates with Richard in all operations of the business. They

are, for all intents and purposes, a winning team. Brown graduated from Dent-hill High School in St. Catherine, Jamaica. A former soccer player, he belongs to the Vision Outreach Ministry on Terry Road in Jackson. He also learned how to cook from his parents and is delighted to serve customers. Higgins says that he loves Jackson. "I enjoy living here in the Capitol City. It is quiet. There is violence; but there is violence everywhere." His advice to those interested in doing business in Jackson is simple. "Go ahead and do what you have to do. You have to be determined and try hard. If you get off to a slow start, don't give up." Jerry Komia Domatob is a professor of mass communication at Alcorn State University, Lorman, Miss. A journalist, photographer, poet and researcher, he is currently working on three projects. He holds master's degrees in international affairs and journalism and a Ph.D. in mass communication with a concentration in political science. He is the author of five books and co-editor of two. His forthcoming publication is Victory's Vision and Poetic Power.



## Lexington mayor inspires CSLC HIPPY scholars; applauds parents

### Program holds 7th graduation ceremony

By Keirstyn Franklin  
Student Writer

LEXINGTON, MS – When most people hear the word hippy, they don't usually imagine the smiling faces of preschoolers who have just completed a program that will forever alter their lives.

The Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters or HIPPY program is geared towards preparing children ages three to five for school readiness along with encouraging them to take positive steps towards their futures.

At the recent graduation August 3, honorable Mayor Robin McCrory gave a moving speech about the importance of family and how the future rests on the shoulders of our children.

"Our children are the future of our community. They hold the key to unlock the door of what our future holds, not just for them but for all of us in our community. They will determine the positive growth and development of our city," said, McCrory.

There were a total of 16 HIPPY graduates this year. They are as listed: Lamarcus Bacon, Hadiya Clark, Javeon Coats, Saleah Coleman, Jayla Day, Ivyona Garland, Hailey Jordan, Caitlyn Landfair, Ze'Coya Kirklin, Gianna Montgomery, Ja-Niya Montgomery, Robert Kyles Smith, Ella Young, Jamarion Wallace, Lianna Williams

Parents and grandparents alike were thrilled to have their children participate.

One happy parent, LaShunkeita Clark said that she really enjoyed the graduation ceremony and that the mayor's speech really encouraged her and other parents to do more reading with

their children.

The mayor highly commended the program for "...equipping the children with reading fundamentals that will allow them to accomplish what lies ahead."

While programs like HIPPY are great for children and beneficial to communities all over America, many of them struggle due to lack of funding. The Holmes County HIPPY coordinator said, "It's a much needed program to empower our parents as their child's first teacher. However because the program is nonprofit, funding is crucial in order to purchase the materials necessary to ensure that HIPPY is available to our youth."

"Based on raw data that we have gathered from parents and teachers, students that take part in the HIPPY program have test results that show that they are performing at the top or near the top of their class. This statistic proves one thing, HIPPY works," said Beulah Greer, CLSC executive director.

Holmes County School Board President Francine Jefferson Green and CSLC HIPPY Advisory Board Member David Simmons also attended the graduation and concur with Greer's assessment: "HIPPY works!"

For more information concerning the HIPPY program, call 662-834-0905.

Keirstyn Franklin is a summer volunteer for the Community Students Learning Center, a 501 C-3 nonprofit in Holmes County. She is currently a junior at Cabrillo High School in Lompoc, California. She plans to major in pre-med at Florida State University. She is the granddaughter of John T. Hart and Prince Ella Hart of Lexington, Mississippi.



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BOOK REVIEW:

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer  
Columnist

Everyone you meet has an effect on your life. Somehow, in some way, others change you: a stranger’s smile lifts your mood. Kindness makes you happy. An injustice spurs you to action, making you someone else’s change. Clearly, as in the new memoir “Truth Doesn’t Have a Side” by Bennet Omalu (with Mark Tabb), a chance meeting could alter your path.

Sometime toward the end of 2002, Omalu met Mike Webster. More specifically, Omalu met Autopsy A02-5214. That was Webster.

It was a meeting that Omalu

later said he wished had never happened...

Omalu was born in the midst of a bombing raid on the small Nigerian town in which his parents had taken refuge. Civil war didn’t last long but it left its mark: Omalu says he was always physically small for his age, due to wartime malnutrition, but it didn’t affect his mental abilities. Omalu’s father, a self-made man with a college degree, insisted that his children become educated; Omalu started school at age three.

He was an introverted child, a dreamer and lazy, but Omalu knew he could get good grades if he wanted them. The problem was, he didn’t want them, until

an older sister enticed him with money. His grades rose and he became a star student who dreamed of becoming a pilot – but Omalu’s father had other ideas. He wanted another doctor in the family.

Unwilling to disappoint his father, Omalu entered medical school at age sixteen, with an eye toward going to America. Med school revealed to him that he was uncomfortable with caring for living patients so, by the time he emigrated, he’d shifted his focus to a career in research. Later, he reached for a fellowship in pathology.

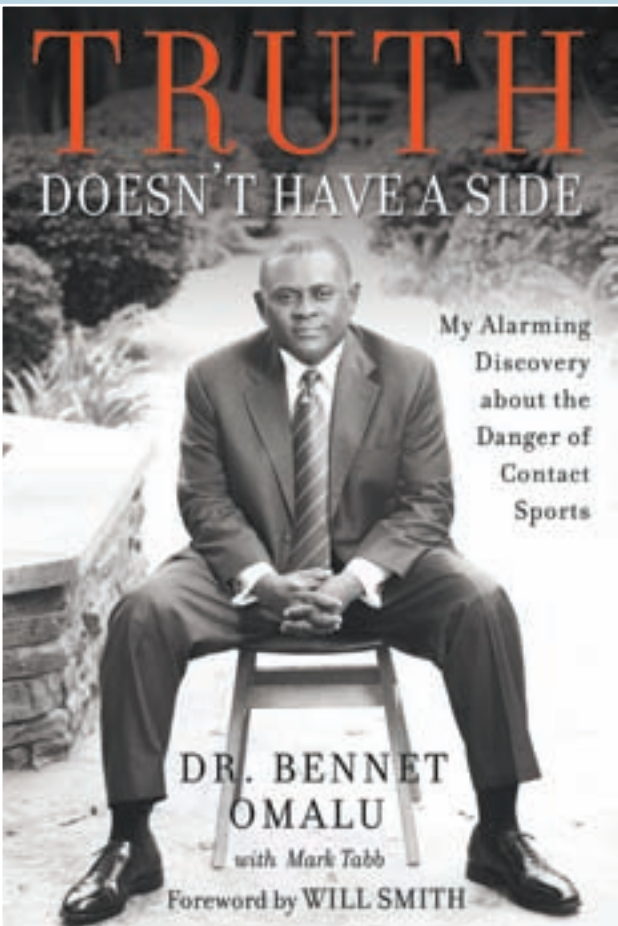
His first autopsy was unsettling, he says, until he recognized the humanity of the re-

mains before him. As he does even today, he asked the deceased to help him understand.

And then he met Mike Webster...

So you’ve seen the movie, Concussion. You may’ve even read the book. So why read this one, written by the guy the other book and film are about?

If you’ve always felt that the book is better than the movie, you know why: in “Truth Doesn’t Have a Side,” author Bennet Omalu (with Mark Tabb) offers his own tale, firsthand, with a different focus. Omalu tells readers more about himself, explaining how faith protects and drives him, and laying his success at God’s feet.



This, along with his detailed story, gives a clearer picture of the man who confronted the NFL.

And that’s where the second half of this book takes you: to Omalu’s discovery, uncover, his opinions and conclusions, and his battle for recognition, both in findings and out. It’s this second half that may dis-

turb football fans. It may shock parents.

It could change your week-ends.

If you can handle that, then grab this elegantly graceful, informative bio-wrapped-in-science and have a seat. “Truth Doesn’t Have a Side” is good, so settle in and meet your next favorite book.

## Cryptogram

A cryptogram is a puzzle where a sentence is encoded by substituting the actual letters of the sentence with different letters. The challenge of the puzzle is to ‘decode’ the sentence to reveal the original English sentence. We have provided a few of the decoded letters to help get you started.

Hint: Quote by Benjamin Franklin

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
				C																O					

T E                    E                    E T                    T E  
O C Z Z    G C    T R A    X    M D L J C O    O C T Y K  
E                    E                    E                    E  
G C    T R A    X    L C G C G S C L    X R V D Z V C  
E                    E  
G C    T R A    X    Z C T L R



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## Sudoku

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

				8		7		
	3		4	7				
		7			8			
	5		1	3				
9	4					6		
	7			5			4	8
			7	4				
4		1		9				
				6		2		

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# Lillian Naomi McKinney Cooley

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## LILLIAN NAOMI MCKINNEY COOLEY

was born in Jackson to Robert Lee and Virginia Christmon McKinney on April 17, 1933. She attended the Daniel Hand Elementary School on the campus of Tougaloo and subsequently Tougaloo High School. She matriculated at Spelman College, graduating with a bachelor's degree in music. During her summer breaks, Lillie, her given name, spent time with her aunt, a college math professor, in North Carolina. Upon one of their visits to Connecticut, she met her future husband, Bill. Upon her graduation from Spelman in '55, she taught music in Savannah, Georgia and Columbia, South Carolina. Marrying that same year, the couple began their 20-year journey in the U.S. Air Force, where Bill retired at the rank of lieutenant colonel. From 1959-60, Lillian attended the University of Illinois, Champagne-Urbana, graduating with a master's in Library Science. Thereafter, she worked in public and private libraries in Massachusetts, North Dakota, and New Jersey. Additionally, she spent a brief stint at Blackburn Middle School in Jackson, while Bill served a term of duty in Vietnam. Upon his retirement, Lillian and her family moved to Jackson, where she continued her work as a librarian at Jackson State University, Millsaps College, Mississippi College School of Law and Tougaloo College. Upon her retirement, she joined the Mississippi Consortium for International Development (MCID), a 1989-established collaboration of four Mississippi HBCUs, which managed and implemented international exchange and development training projects. After leaving MCID, she served as VP of business development for Systems Consultants Associates, the family's vocational training & management consultancy. Here, she worked to improve the lives of underserved and unserved people. Until her death, Lil held ownership in the Systems Group of Companies, which she aided in founding and in their respective growth and success.

Lil was a voracious reader, lover of the performing arts, and a willing giver, having volunteered time and money to support numerous formally organized groups, as well as individuals. She was an ardent supporter of the students who participated in Systems' vocational training programs and who attended the colleges at which she worked. Moreover, she was a barrier breaker, having sought equity for women and people of color in the institutions in which she worked and the communities in which she lived. And, she was a selfless soldier constantly worrying about and working to satisfy the needs of others. But by far, her biggest contribution no doubt, was her positive influence on her family and friends.

Lil, the eldest of four children, was preceded in death by her sister, Melvin McKinney Bowie and Thomas Matthew McKinney. She is survived by her husband, William M. Cooley, her daughter, Toni D. Cooley, her brother, Robert E. McKinney, her sisters in law, Thelma Cooley Robinson, Audrey Smith, and Mary Allen McKinney, her nieces, Allison Bowie Cherry (Gene), Katrina McKinney Harris (Jeff), Stacy McKinney Huddleston (Adolph), and Sheila Robinson Fleshman (Wayne), her nephew, Roscoe Robinson (Bea), and several cousins, and great nieces and nephews.

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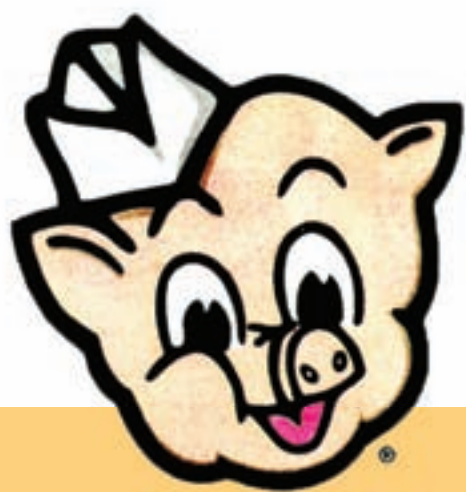
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