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Jackson Police Department honors former Councilman Frank Bluntson

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Nissan

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derstand or from what I was told.”

I tried to make my way to the front of the crowd because after repeatedly talking to non-Nissan employees, I was told most of the workers were in red shirts and were staged near the front.

To no avail, I couldn’t find an employee that would talk to me. After the rally, I decided to take to FaceBook and the conversation soared to new heights.

This trend of social media talk and non-face-to-face talk (barring staged events), continued for months. Mostly one-sided conversations [from both sides].

I researched. I asked questions. I pleaded for information. I challenged information. I’ve been accused of having formed an alliance. I’ve begged for both sides to talk to me. I’ve been called names other than my birth name. I’ve covered both sides of the story in a very balanced kind of way in this publication. I’ve shared some personal thoughts on social media. And now, I’ve concluded that if I were eligible to vote, how I would vote.

I’ve come to understand that voting is very personal and should be driven from a place of understanding and the greater good.

Voting ‘NO’ to a union at Nissan [at this time] in my opinion, is in the best interest of all parties involved.

Voting ‘NO’ gives everyone an opportunity to talk and start over. It gives room for growth.

I’ve concluded that the problem that exists between those wanting union representation and the executives at Nissan saying no to unions is a communications problem. A fixable communications problem.

Lower level shift supervisors and managers are not adequately trained in crisis communications and do not possess the gift of gab thus causing a great divide. It would behoove Nissan to fix this problem immediately.

Hire more professionally trained shift supervisors or implement a strong component of communications training.

Full time technicians wanting union representation are simply crying out and asking to speak with human resources personnel and not be regulated to a 1-800 number. They simply want to voice their concerns. Rightfully so.

I think the wages, benefits and other compensation packages offered by Nissan are better than most companies in Mississippi. Nissan Canton has been and continues to be good community and corporate partners. They deliver.

I think Mississippi has one of the best workforces than any other state. I think Nissan has tapped into that and understands that.

Fixing the communications divide that exists is an easy fix...both sides must be willing to listen.

Pro union supporters should give Nissan executives an opportunity to get it right, to fix it. This should be done without union representation. This will go a long way toward rebuilding trust, gaining mutual respect and crafting a journey towards success.

The daily stories I read about the downfall of UAW across the country, an organization plagued with problems that have resulted in lawsuits, plant closures and layoffs are enough for me to say vote “NO” Aug 3 and 4.

When you vote “NO,” you’re really saying yes to a whole new world of possibilities at Nissan Canton.

Vote NO!

Smith

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instead of opening statements.

Sterling said the end result, based on evidence presented in this case, would prove that Smith was on a quest for justice and it would highlight the corruption in the criminal justice system, that exists in the Attorney Generals Office. “This is nothing more than a struggle for power,” Sterling said. “In the end, based on what’s presented in this court room, you will have no choice but to find my client not guilty on these charges,” he told the jury.

Relying on memory, Sterling shared with the jury, “that Robert was doing what he was elected to do.”

“My client felt that something was wrong with this case and he didn’t want to make a mistake,” Sterling said. “He was simply trying not to convict someone that could possibly be innocent.”

After an exhaustive voir dire – a process where the judge and attorneys from both sides ask potential jurors questions to determine if they are competent and suitable to serve on a case – a jury of 12 and three alternates were seated Monday, July 31. The makeup of the jury include five black females, five black males and two white females. The three alternates include two white females and one black female.

The Mississippi Supreme Court assigned Senior Status Judge Larry Roberts, who retired from the Mississippi Court of Appeals in 2015, to hear this case as most of the judges in Hinds County recused themselves. Roberts, who resides in Meridian, granted the state’s request to sequester the jury. The jury is being provided accommodations at the Eagle Ridge Conference Center in Raymond, Miss.

Smith has maintained his innocence throughout this process and told *The Mississippi Link* that the evidence would speak for itself. “This is a witch hunt and it’s shameful that one elected official would pursue something – as ridiculous as these charges are – against another elected official,” he said. “I am confident that the evidence used in the courtroom will prove my innocence.”

Trump

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calming to foreign leaders, either, who have relied on the U.S. for decades.

The staff shakeups fly in the face of one of President Trump’s biggest claims of his 2016 presidential campaign: That he was an incredibly successful, billionaire real estate mogul driven by “The Art of the Deal.” Trump’s skills as an alleged master of negotiation are yet to be seen during his time in the White House.

Trump’s biggest and most embarrassing legislative failure, to date, occurred July 27 after the Senate failed to vote on a partial repeal of the Affordable Care Act. The vote failed after Senator John McCain (R-Ariz.) walked in through a Senate lobby and at the front of the chamber, as other senators and congressional staffers milled about, lifted his hand and quickly pointed his thumb down. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) looked on in dismay.

Republicans control the U.S. House of Representatives, the U.S. Senate and White House, but with Trump’s combustible managerial style, it feels as if Republicans are in control of nothing.

Now that President Trump has named retired four-star Marine General John Kelly as his new chief of staff, the beleaguered reality TV star will have yet another shot at trying to run the country with some semblance of order.

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Mays-Jackson

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valuable experience in higher and in secondary education, having served most recently as the first woman vice president of Hinds Community College-Utica Campus. There, she supervised operations of the Utica and Vicksburg-Warren campuses and was responsible for administrative services at all six HCC campuses that included EEOC, affirmative action and civil rights.

Her collegiate experience at HCC-Utica after Terry High School was the start of her successful association with that institution, where she earned an associate of arts degree in music education with an emphasis in piano performance. She would return years later at HCC-Utica as one of its top administrators and achieved the following accomplishments:

Increased enrollment at the Utica and Vicksburg campuses, with Utica experiencing a 37 percent hike in 2016-17. It was the highest of all HCC campuses.

At Utica, she re-established the agriculture program, which is the historic foundation of the campus; increased external funding to more than \$8 million, including financial support from the U.S. Department of Education and the National Science Foundation; facilitated revision of and created new student support programs for academic success; facilitated an \$8 million renovation of the student center along with its cosmetology and barbering and campus marquee; established a collaborative relationship with the Utica Campus National Alumni Association and the Utica and Vicksburg communities; gained recognition as a Phi Theta Kappa Distinguished Administrator in 2017; and she established the Vice President’s Scholarship and Hall of Honor gala recognizing Utica Campus alumni and community supporters. It raised more than \$100,000 in scholarship funds in just two years.

At Vicksburg, she was involved in requesting and gaining approval for a new \$10 million multi-purpose complex and established the River City Early College in collaboration and support of the Vicksburg-Warren School District.

As part of her continuing role as an educator, Mays-Jackson also had been an adjunct professor at JSU in the Education Leadership Department.

Looking back over her life, she recalls her academic studies at JSU, where she achieved a bachelor’s of arts degree in music for piano performance; a master’s of arts in music education; and specialist degree in education administration from the urban HBCU. As well, she earned a doctorate from Mississippi State University in education administration and supervision for elementary, middle and secondary schools.

The native of Terry, Miss., explained that her new “multifaceted role” as chief of staff at JSU will include providing direct support to Bynum and his mission. “I am honored that Dr. Bynum saw in me something that could help him realize his vision and his mission for JSU. I am more than willing to serve in any capacity he elects for me to strengthen the capacity of the university.”

Also, she will provide oversight to the Department of Public Safety, Title III, Student Affairs, the Mississippi e-Center@JSU and legislative issues.

Her hope for JSU is for the institution to continue its legacy as a “fixture of excellence. I see us being part of the Ivy Leagues of institutions because in my heart that’s where we are already. We’re leading among HBCUs, which for students the HBCU experience is second to none and essential to the development of who we are as a people.”

Mays-Jackson describes JSU as a nurturing institution. “I knew that when I was a student the people here

really cared that I not only matriculated through the program but that I completed the journey as well. There’s a lot of knowledgeable, experienced, passionate faculty and staff today as it was when I was enrolled in school here. I urge students to listen and expose themselves to all they can because those experiences will take them to their next venture.”

As if life wasn’t busy enough already for her, Mays-Jackson also serves on the Mississippi Department of Education Teacher Licensure Commission.

Her other highlights include:

Phi Theta Kappa National Distinguished College Administrator in 2017

Mississippi Department of Education’s 2012 Administrator of the Year Congressional Finalist

Featured in “Portico Jackson Magazine” in June 2011 as “one of Mississippi’s outstanding administrators”

One Church One School’s 2010 Outstanding Educator of the Year

Mississippi Scholastic Press Association’s 2009 Administrator of the Year

Principal coach for Jackson Public Schools

Despite all that she’s accomplished and continuing to achieve, the former musician is still uncertain as to what will be her final encore performance as a university administrator.

“This role at JSU could be it,” she said. “I don’t know what God has planned for me. I still feel I must be doing something right for children and students because he continues to do for me. I’m just stepping out of his way. Wherever he puts me, I’m just going to work hard at what I’m doing in that place. When he’s ready for me to move on, or if he wants me to remain, that’s where I’ll be. I’ve stopped trying to figure it out.”

Mays-Jackson is married to G. Torrie Jackson Jr., and they are the parents of two sons, Cameron and Kendall.

Highlights of the Aug. 1 City Council Meeting where Dr. Evelyn Leggette (retired educator), Letitia Johnson (new JPS Board member) and actor/activist Danny Glover were recognized

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Red Cross theme Birthday Party for 100 year old Trophine Davis



Left to right: American Red Cross Mississippi Region CEO Ivy Williams, Red Cross Director of Service to Armed Forces, Kris Adams, Trophine Davis, her daughter Linda Lytle and son-in-law Fred Lytle



Trophine Davis dressed in her Red Cross uniform.



Trophine Davis at 100 years old.



Hinds County School District Weekly Update

HCSD holds its annual Administrators Leadership Meeting for the 2017-2018 School Year



On Monday, July 25, Dr. Delesicia Martin, superintendent of the HCSD, expressed to her administrative team that as a school district they must be accountable to our community, but more importantly they must be accountable to providing the best education possible for our students.



Dr. Linda Laws, School Board president, welcomes administrators



Frankie Blackmon, curriculum coordinator; Dr. Deborah Newman, principal/CMS; Arthur Jones, assistant principal/GRI; Ashley Green, principal/GRI; Ashley White, assistant principal/GRI and Charles Willis, assistant principal/CMS

Junior Auxiliary of Byram-Terry sponsors annual Stuff the Bus for Healthy Classrooms

The Junior Auxiliary of Byram-Terry sponsored its annual Stuff the Bus Drive to benefit Byram and Terry schools. Local business that hosted the drive included Kroger and Val's of Byram, Miss. Donors included auxiliary members, students, parents, building principals, local business leaders, faith based leaders and central office administrators.



Central Office administrators and Junior Auxiliary members



GRI principal, students and Junior Auxiliary members



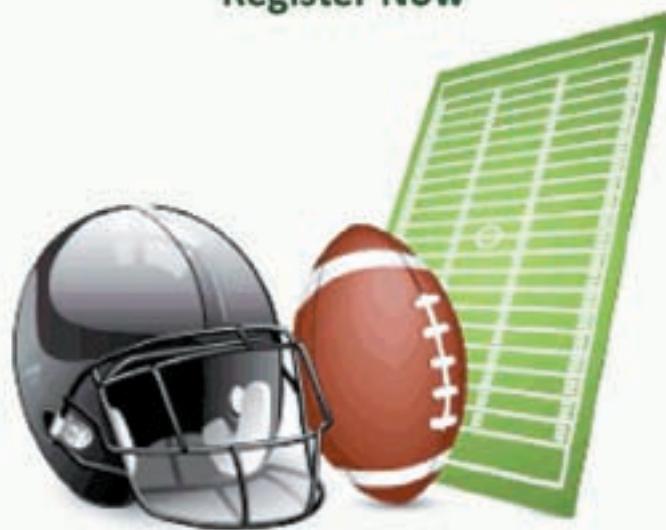
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Nissan Canton construction in 2003
Courtesy of EUTAW Construction

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JPS rolling in the year with more drivers and new vehicles

Mississippi Link Newswire

Over the past several weeks, the JPS Transportation Department has carried out an intense campaign to recruit bus drivers. After three Saturday job fairs, the department has identified 45 qualified applicants and hired 22 bus drivers as it prepares for the new school year.

The Board of Trustees recently approved pay raises and incentives for bus drivers. All full-time school bus drivers will receive an increase in pay of \$14.15 an hour plus benefits.

The district has purchased 44 new school buses. Cameras have been installed to assist with monitoring students and ensuring the safety of drivers and passengers. More than 200 buses will hit the road August 8 to transport scholars to and from school. Many buses in the fleet will use GPS technology to improve efficiency. The devices assist with tracking fuel usage and costs as well as help the department prepare routes and schedules.

The transportation department has about 300 employees who serve as administrators, drivers and mechanics that oversee a fleet of nearly 300 buses. Drivers transport over 18,000 students each school day, logging more than 1.8 million miles each school year.

The department is also implementing



JPS has purchased 44 new school buses and hired new drivers to prepare for the new school year.

changes to its pickup and drop-off procedures. Middle school and high school students in special programs, like APAC and IB, will no longer be picked up or dropped off at home. All previous residential bus stops for secondary students will become corner bus stops. Special pickups and drop-offs will be made to locations that are not on students’ bus schedules. This includes daycare and after school programs for example.

These changes will ensure the timely and safe arrival of our buses and students to their destinations.

For more information, please call the JPS Transportation Department at (601) 960-8919.

JPS students gain tech skills at national flight academy

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The students met challenges in mathematics related to navigation and flight planning. They also applied principles of physics and aeronautics to manage aircraft simulators. The students honed communication, collaboration, problem-solving and critical thinking skills. Their challenge was to carry out complex missions under stressful conditions.

The National Flight Academy (NFA) was created to address the decline in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) skills in our country. Its mission is to inspire students to return to seek out more challenging courses in STEM when they return to their schools. Disciplines include aerodynamics, propulsion, navigation, communications, flight physiology and meteorology. Core values developed include teamwork and leadership skills. The NFA was recognized alongside Harvard, Stanford and Cornell universities in Best College Reviews’ 50 Best Pre-College Summer Technology Programs.

Cadet Shamia Thompson, a senior at Wingfield High School, gave the



A group of 104 JPS students participated in the weeklong STEM enrichment program at the National Flight Academy.

academy high praise.

“The National Fight Academy was by far one of the best learning experiences I’ve had as a JROTC cadet,” said Thompson. “I learned how much STEM was tied with the focus on aviation. I learned how vital communication was, even under a great deal of stress and frustration, while continuing to work as a team. Although the camp was only a week, I attained lifelong skills and developed endless bonds. On another note, the food was second to none.”

Col. (Ret.) Paul Willis, director, JPS JROTC, was very proud of these cadets and their accomplishments.

“This is part of our continuing effort to expose students to experi-

ences which enhance their personal development and academic skills,” said Willis. “We especially appreciated the support provided by The 100 Black Men of Jackson, Inc. and others who made this experience possible for our students. The course costs \$1,250 per student. The 100 Black Men of Jackson obtained a grant from the Hilton Corporation. The grant was enough to cover the vast majority of the students’ expenses. Financial support from the U.S. Army and the Mississippi Department of Education covered their travel expenses. The National Flight Academy also provided funds to ensure the greatest number of students could attend this course.”

BACK-TO-SCHOOL Q & A

Mississippi Link Newswire

What’s new for 2017-2018?

The APAC program returns to Forest Hill High School

Qualifying students will be able to select APAC academic courses at onsite registration. APAC arts courses will not be offered at Forest Hill in the upcoming school year. For more information, contact Advanced Learning Programs and Services at (601) 960-8310.

Assistant superintendents lead feeder pattern schools

Jackson Public Schools has moved from four chief academic officers to four assistant superintendents. These administrators will provide leadership, support and resources to all elementary, middle and high schools in their assigned feeder patterns.

For a complete list of JPS schools with contact information go to the School Directory on our website.

How do I find out what school my child will attend?

To determine your attendance zone school, contact the Office of Enrollment Services at (601) 960-8852.

How do I register my child for school?

Parents/legal guardians must make an initial visit to the school in their attendance zone in order to complete a Snapcode, which must be used to complete online registration. Schools are open for registration from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. weekdays with an hour for lunch from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Hours are extended Thursdays until 6 p.m. For more information, contact the Office of Enrollment Services at (601) 960-8852.

What documentation is required to register my child for school?

The following documentation is required by parents/guardians to complete registration for all students enrolling in JPS schools for the 2017-2018 school year:

Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4
Dr. Otha Belcher	Ms. Laketa Marshall Thomas	Mr. Gary Hannah	Dr. Michelle King
(601) 960-8739	(601) 960-8730	(601) 960-8874	(601) 960-8921
Forest Hill Feeder	Wingfield/Provine Feeders	Lanier/Murray Feeders	Callaway/Jim Hill Feeders

Valid state-issued photo identification
Certified copy of student’s birth certificate (long form).
Certificate of immunization (Mississippi Form 121 or 122 Medical Exemption).
See Mississippi immunization requirements.
Two proofs of residency documents.
Verified proofs of residency accepted by JPS.
For more information, contact the Office of Enrollment Services at (601) 960-8852.

How do I get help on the first day of school?

Call the Superintendent’s Hotline at (601) 960-2781. The Superintendent’s Hotline will be available on the first two days of school, August 8 and 9. Hotline operators will be answering calls from 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Callers can get help with everything from registration to transportation.

How do I get my child to school?

JPS school buses provide transportation for students to their schools and homes. Buses also provide round-trip transportation for students attending special programs, such as the Academic and Performing Arts Complex, the three International Baccalaureate schools, and McWillie Montessori school. The Transportation Department sends bus schedules to parents by mail before the first day of school. Parents who do not receive their student’s bus schedule should contact the appropriate JPS transportation center below.

Transportation Central - (601) 960-8919
Transportation North - (601) 987-3587
Transportation South - (601) 960-5404
For additional information, contact the Transportation Department at (601) 960-8919.

September 4, 2017	Labor Day (Districtwide Closure)
November 20-24, 2017	Thanksgiving Break (Districtwide Closure)
December 22, 2017-January 4, 2018	Winter Break (Districtwide Closure)
January 15, 2018	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Districtwide Closure)

How much do school meals cost?

JPS students receive breakfast and lunch meals at no cost as part of the Community Eligibility Program (CEP). It provides an alternative approach to offering school meals to local educational agencies and schools in low-income areas, instead of collecting individual applications for free and reduced-price meals. The CEP allows schools that predominantly serve low-income children to offer nutritious school meals at no cost to all students through the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs.

How do I find out what schools are serving for breakfast and lunch?

Bookmark the Food Service Lunch Menus page at www.jackson.k12.ms.us/LunchMenus for breakfast and lunch menus by grade level. The menus are updated once a month throughout the school year. For more information, contact the Food Service Department at (601) 960-8911.

What supplies will students need for school?

Elementary school supplies are listed by grade on our website at www.jackson.k12.ms.us/SchoolSupplies. Students will need pencils and paper every day. Students will also need a library card. School supply lists for middle and high school students must be obtained from the school the student will be attending. Visit our School Directory page at www.jackson.k12.ms.us/SchoolDirectory.

Is there a dress code for students?

JPS has a mandatory dress code policy for elementary and middle schools. The recommended dress code guidelines are outlined in the Student Handbook and Code of Conduct. See page 16.

Schools provide assistance to families that have a financial need to comply with uniforms. Parents should contact their child’s principal if they need this assistance.

While the district does not have a mandatory policy for high school students, expectations for high school student attire are covered in the Handbook on page 17.

How can I get involved at my child’s school?

JPS parents can become involved in their child’s school through the PTA (Parent Teacher Association) or PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association). To learn about becoming a member, visit the Jackson Council PTA/PTSA website or inquire at your child’s school. You can also ask about volunteer opportunities such as becoming a Book Buddy or a member of WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students). For contact information for JPS schools, visit the School Directory page at www.jackson.k12.ms.us/SchoolDirectory.

How do I view my child’s grades?

ActiveParent is a web-based application that parents can use to keep track of students’ records. To create an account, go to <https://jps.activeparent.net/> and click Sign Up for an ActiveParent Account.

When is the first day of school for students?

The first day of school for JPS students is August 8, 2017. The District Calendar At-A-Glance includes important dates for 2017-2018. Note March 30, 2018 and April 2, 2018, may be used as inclement weather make-up days if needed.

What days will schools be closed?

Schools will be closed on the holidays listed above in 2017-2018.

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Choctaw Fanfare 2017 attracts Mississippi College supporters

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Enjoy a delicious tailgate meal, see a Mississippi College pre-season football scrimmage and watch a spectacular fireworks show. Those are the key ingredients for MC’s 2017 Choctaw Fanfare.

MC supporters should circle the August 19 date on their calendars. The event on the Clinton campus is perfectly timed to coincide with move-in day for hundreds of freshmen into the university’s residence halls.

Starting at 5 p.m. at the A.E. Wood Coliseum, Choctaw Fanfare festivities should rev up supporters of all things Blue & Gold. What’s on the agenda?

Choctaw Fanfare activities include a meal from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the coliseum. The menu consists of: pulled barbecue chicken sandwiches on buns, baked beans, cole slaw, chips, cookies and canned drinks.

There will be a photo booth, carnival activities, a nice gift for all ticket holders and much more. Introduced to the crowd will be MC coaches and players on football, cross country, soccer and volleyball teams along with Lady Choctaws cheerleaders.

Mississippi College Choctaws sports personality Tom A. Hawk will roam the basketball arena as university family members shoot hundreds of photos at the Golden Dome. MC President Lee Royce and Athletic Director Mike Jones will make the rounds greeting visitors.

The action moves to Robinson-Hale Stadium for an 8 p.m. football scrimmage game followed by the fireworks show at 8:45 p.m. It’s



Mississippi College sports personality Tom. A Hawk and mascots from Chick fil-A in Clinton joined a young MC fan at the 2016 Choctaw Fanfare at the A.E. Wood Coliseum last August.

a good way to see the MC players up close before the 2017 season starts with three consecutive road games. The opening contest will be in the Peach State as the Choctaws face Clark Atlanta August 31.

Other 2017 football season highlights: MC will travel to Southwest Baptist in Missouri in September 9 and make the two-hour trip to Livingston, Ala. to battle West Alabama September 16. The Choctaws return home

September 23 to tackle Gulf South Conference foe Florida Tech and GSC rival Delta State September 30.

Thousands of fans are expected at Robinson-Hale Stadium for the 2017 Homecoming game October 21. The Choctaws will battle West Georgia that Saturday afternoon. Led by coach John Bland, the MC Choctaws went 3-7 in 2016, including their first GSC win since 1995, a 32-0 triumph over Shorter. The final home game is Shorter

November 4.

“This is the toughest Division II conference in the country, year after year,” coach John Bland said.

Each year, the MC Choctaw Fanfare continues to get bigger and better.

Tickets for the event cost \$10 for adults and are \$5 for children between the ages of 5 and 12.

For more ticket information, contact Lori Bobo of the MC Alumni Affairs Office at 601-925-3252 or lbobo@mc.edu

CCC now offering training in drone technology

The Mississippi Link Newswire

In direct response to a drone factory set to open in Clarksdale, Coahoma Community College (CCC) is teaming up with Delta Southern UAS to provide a unique training opportunity.

CCC’s Workforce Development Center is now offering a free, entry-level class in Drones and Drone Technology.

Those completing the training may have the opportunity to advance their careers with Delta Southern UAS, which specializes in drone technology.

The company announced plans to open a drone factory in Clarksdale earlier this year.

“This has been a wonderful opportunity to partner with Delta Southern UAS in the form of providing pre-employment training,” said CCC Workforce Development Center Executive Director Steven Jossell.

“Traditionally, if you will, you would have to travel north to Tunica, Memphis or the other surrounding areas for such jobs. Now, we’ll be able to offer sustainable, premium wages right here in Clarksdale.”

The 45-hour class, which consists of instructional and flight time, will cover an array of topics, including: the history of drones, types of drones, drone usage, drone safety, FAA drone regulations, components and hands on drone flight training.

The training kicked off July 31, at the center, located at 510 Sunbelt Drive in Clarksdale.

Classes will continue to meet from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday for five weeks.

To sign-up, call 888-446-1161 ext. 704, leave your name and number and state that you are interested in the drone training.

For questions, contact CCC’s Workforce Development Center at (662) 627-9139.

For more information about Delta Southern UAS, visit www.deltasoutheruas.com

Virginia College in Jackson to host Back-to-School event

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Virginia College in Jackson will host a back to school event in conjunction with Hinds County Constable Jerry Moore Saturday, Aug. 5 from 10 a.m. to noon at the campus located at 5841 Ridgewood Road. The event is free and open to the public, as the community is invited to kick off the new school year with Virginia College.

The event will feature refreshments, a bounce house, fire truck tours, a mobile gaming theater, music, popcorn, popsicles, campus tours, program demonstrations, information sessions about available programs, face painting, free manicures and haircuts for the first 20 guests and police child ID kits. Attendees will be entered to win prizes such as Amazon gift cards and backpacks filled with school supplies.

The event is part of Virginia College parent company Education Corporation of America’s national Back to School Events being held at 64 other Virginia College, Brightwood College and Brightwood Career Institute locations throughout 17 states.

“As summer comes to a close, we wanted to invite the community to celebrate the new academic year and all the possibilities it holds,” says Campus President Milton Anderson. “We hope that everyone will join us for this event that promises fun for all ages. Our faculty and staff will also be available to discuss Virginia College and the programs our campus offers for those interested in going back to school.”

The event will also allow attendees to explore the programs offered through Virginia College, including: business administration, cosmetology, medical assistant, medical billing and coding, network engineering, network technician, patient care technician, pharmacy technician, HVAC-R technician and surgical technology programs.

About Virginia College and Education Corporation of America

Education Corporation of America (ECA) is a category leader in the post-secondary career school market with 70 locations and a current enrollment of over 30,000 students. ECA holdings include Virginia College, Golf Academy of America, Ecotech Institute, Brightwood Career Institute and Brightwood College. Holdings also include the fully online New England College of Business which is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).

For more information about Virginia College in Jackson, visit <https://vc.edu/jackson/>.

Jackson County resident named 2017 Mississippi Parent of the Year

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Angel Barnes, a mother of four children in the Jackson County School District, was named the 2017 Mississippi Parent of the Year.

Nominated by the school district, Barnes has been actively involved at St. Martin Attendance Center for over 23 years, starting when her oldest daughter entered kindergarten in 1993. While teaching at St. Martin Middle School in 2013, Barnes was recognized and featured on WLOX-TV for her efforts to reach out to students by producing a short play, The Bully Game. The show was performed for students in grades 4th through 8th and helped them to understand

the devastation bullying can cause and to realize that most victims are usually not so different from themselves.

During her children’s elementary and middle school years, she served as room mother, mentor/tutor, guest reader, team mom, Reading Fair judge and Parent-Teacher Organization president. She made herself available in numerous ways from making copies to coordinating successful fundraiser talent shows.

Research has repeatedly shown that parental involvement is a critical factor in determining the academic success of students.

As part of the annual Parent of the Year program, the Mississippi

Department of Education asks each district to select an outstanding parent who has made a significant impact on school improvement efforts in the school district.

The committee reviewed numerous applications submitted by school districts. As a result, the committee selects a Parent of the Year from each of the four congressional districts. From those four district winners, the 2017 State Parent of the Year is determined.

Parent of the Year finalists

The Congressional District 1 finalist is Sharicka Gray, who was nominated by Lowndes County School District for her commitment to supporting public educa-

tion for serving as an example of what parental involvement means. She has one child who attends Lowndes Elementary School.

The Congressional District 2 finalists are Mr. and Mrs. Timmy and Albertstein Pickett, who were nominated by the Madison County School District for having true passion for the community and the well-being of all students, not just their own. They have two children who attend schools in the district.

The Congressional District 3 finalist is Kathy Bourgeois, who was nominated by Pearl Public School District for her unwavering support of school and district functions. She has a son in the 12th grade at Pearl High School.

Students make final presentations in Hacking for Defense class at USM

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Students in the inaugural Hacking for Defense™ (H4D) class at The University of Southern Mississippi made their final team presentations July 26 at Scianna Hall on the Hattiesburg campus.

Hacking for Defense gives students hands-on experience in understanding and working with the Defense (DOD), Homeland Security (DHS), and Intelligence Community (IC) on actual problems they currently confront. Students learn how to innovate at speed and learn how to deploy solutions using Lean Methods solving national security problems.

The class combines that same rapid problem sourcing process developed on the battlefields in Afghanistan with the Lean LaunchPad™ Methodology for rapid customer learning and product development.

To learn more about the unique course, visit: <http://hacking4defense.st.usm.edu/>



Students (center and right) representing the team Drone Busters made final presentations July 26 as part of the inaugural Hacking for Defense class at USM.

Mississippi College leaders dedicate Lassetter Drive sign

The Mississippi Link Newswire

John Lassetter remained passionate about sports, his lifelong career as an educator and his alma mater, Mississippi College.

On July 25, MC leaders recognized his stellar contributions by dedicating Lassetter Drive in his honor on the Clinton campus.

The new street sign guides motorists entering MC's East campus, including the modern University Place residence halls. A Scott County native and 1910 MC graduate, Lassetter served as the able leader of the Clinton public schools from 1923 through 1945.

The Mississippian guided many young people along the right path as principal or superintendent of Clinton High, then part of Hinds County schools.

"Daddy was a firm disciplinarian," recalls his son, Stuart Lassetter of Clinton.

An extraordinary student-athlete who lettered in five sports at MC, Lassetter enjoyed success as a coach. Teaching in the Phillipines early in his career, he also became the tennis champion of Manila. He was always pretty speedy when running half-mile and five-mile races.

The 5'6" tall Lassetter also showed enormous strength as a Mississippi College educator. He taught summer classes to Navy men attending MC to



Members of the Lassetter family attended July 25 ceremonies to dedicate Lassetter Drive at Mississippi College near the University Place residence halls. Pictured (left to right): Mary McLean Beck of Starkville, Gene Everitt of Clinton, Nina Lassetter Compton of Lehigh Acres, Florida, Nancy and her husband, Stuart Lassetter, and John Lassetter Jr., all of Clinton.

step up their training and leadership skills during World War II. He's been nicknamed "Prof" because he taught at MC.

"Dad was a consummate people

person," Stuart Lassetter said at the ceremonies that stayed on track despite the summer rain. "He loved his family and the classroom."

While retired, Lassetter taught in

the Jackson public schools in the 1960s and early 1970s. He worked into his late 80s as a parking lot attendant at the Baptist Bookstore in downtown Jackson.

Lassetter Drive replaces the former Lassetter Street sign that once stood in the Clinton neighborhood through the 1930s. It eventually disappeared from Clinton's city maps.

"This is like a resurrection," Stuart Lassetter said.

The sign is located nearby the "Principal's House," where Lassetter lived for years with his wife and children. The property today houses modern residence halls, art studios for graduate students and the Christian university's band hall.

A nationally recognized sculptor, Sam Gore joined family members attending Tuesday's ceremonies.

Gore, 89, the former MC Art Department chairman, maintains close ties to the Lassetter family. "Dr. Gore was a student here when my father taught school," Stuart Lassetter said. One of Gore's former students, Carrie Reeves, is a Mississippi College art professor and member of the Lassetter family.

MC President Lee Royce said the new Lassetter Drive sign reflects a vibrant Hinds County community with a rich history. The sign dedication comes as Mississippi celebrates its 200th anniversary.

John M. Lassetter has received other notable honors during his lifetime. He's been selected to the Mississippi College Sports Hall of Fame and was named Clinton's Citizen of the Year.

Hinds CC honoring '100 People Passionate about Hinds Community College'

The Mississippi Link Newswire

RAYMOND – It's not every day that a college turns 100 years old, but for Hinds Community College, 2017 is a special year commemorating 100 Years of Community Inspired Service.

Hinds opened in September 1917 as an agricultural high school, becoming a junior college in the 1920s.

Beginning in January 2017, the college has been putting a Centennial spin on annual events, special alumni reunions and numerous other activities to involve the community as well as employees in a year-long celebration.

One of the highlights of the Centennial celebration, which wraps up in November 2017, is the selection of 100 People Passionate about Hinds Community College. The 100 People will be honored at a special program and reception at 6:30 p.m., Aug. 10 at Cain-Cochran Hall on the Raymond Campus. The public is invited.

The project started when the extended college family and alumni were asked to nominate people who are "passionate" about Hinds. Over the course of six months, from July to December 2016, a total of 658 people were nominated, said Jackie Granberry, executive director of the Hinds Community College Foundation.

"There is no doubt that there are hundreds of others who could have just as well been included on this list," Granberry said. "With the rich and distinguished history of the college over the last 100 years, we realize that there are many more

– much more than 100 – who have a passion for Hinds."

From the 658 people nominated, a series of committees finally narrowed the nominations down to the 100 honorees.

"This list was not intended to be a list of notable alumni, major donors, dedicated community leaders or even outstanding employees," Granberry said. "The intent was to recognize people who were passionate about Hinds Community College – individuals who through their actions and words have demonstrated that they felt very strongly about the college and the impact that it had on their life and the lives of others."

Among the 100 are a current and former governor, both of whom attended Hinds.

Many of the 100 People are natives of the college's district of Hinds, Rankin, Warren, Claiborne and Copiah counties, and about half of the 100 still live in the area. About three-fourths of them were Hinds employees at some point in their career, although presidents of the college were not among those considered for the list. Among employees, Lola Allen was in the first graduating class in 1923 and was then employed at Hinds for 43 years until 1966.

In a handful of cases, couples are being honored together.

Family members of those who are deceased are asked to represent their loved one but all will be honored.

The 100 People Passionate about Hinds Community College are as follows:

Jerry Agent

A.A. Alexander
Lola Allen
Bobbie Anderson
Lou Anne Askew
Billie Banes
Sharp Banks
George Barnes
Anna Cowden Bee
Emma and T.T. Beemon
Charles Bell
Walter Bivins
Peggy Brent
Sue and Fred Brooks
Gov. Phillip Bryant
Bill Buckner
Tom Burnham
Robert Cannada
Emma Grace and
W.H. Cochran
Bobby Cooper
Rosia and Johnny Crisler
Lamar Currie
H.H. "Shine" Davis
Katherine and A.L. Denton
Bob Dunaway
David Durham
Beverly and Ben Fatherree
Pat Flaherty
Jane Flowers
D.G. "Sonny" Fountain
Howell Gage
Walter Gibbes
Albert Gore
Durwood Graham
Jackie Mangum Granberry
F.M. Greaves
Anne Hardy
Jim El and Jobie Harris
Colleen Hartfield
Mike Hataway
Linden Haynes
Troy Henderson
Mildred Herrin
Dan Hogan
Warren Hood
Adam Jenkins
Roger Jones
Ted Kendall III
Dean Kirby
Ann and Bob Laster

Earl Leggett
Dean Liles
Bell Lindsey
Joe Loviza
Con Maloney
Ray Marshall
Lee Mayo
W.M. McKenzie
Cleon McKnight
Joe Moss
Bob Mullins
Vashti Muse
Mary Etta Naftel
Clifford Nelson
Carla Nicks
Bill Oakes
Donald Oakes
J.B. Patrick
Nell Ann Pickett
Polly and Mike Rabalais
Geneva and Leslie Reeves
Joe Renfroe
Irl Dean Rhodes
Troy Ricks
Virginia and Marvin Riggs
Henry Riser
Grady Sheffield
Tom Shepherd
O.H. Simmons
Jim Smith
Jimmy C. Smith
Mary Ann Sones
Lurline Stewart
Wayne Stonecypher
Dale Sullivan
Larry Swales
E.E. "Tad" Thrash
Jack Treloar
Michael Vinson
Alice and Charles Walker
Gary Walker
René T. Warren
Walter Washington
Lynn Weathersby
Tom Weathersby
Gov. John Bell Williams
Liles Williams
R.E. "Ed" Woolley
George Wynne
David Yewell

Hinds CC holds summer graduation ceremonies



Sherrie Smith and Natasha Jackson

The Mississippi Link Newswire

PEARL – Returning to school is a time of self-discovery, new careers and making new friends.

All those are now true for Sherrie Smith and Natasha Jackson, classmates this past year in the Health Information Technology program at Hinds Community College. Each graduated from the college Friday, May 28 with Associate of Applied Science degrees in the field.

"It was just the three of us in the class, so we're friends now," said Jackson, 27, of Jackson.

Smith, 49, a mother of two adult children originally from Greenwood, chose Hinds for the convenience of staying in-state and the program's solid reputation.

"It was really the only doable option I had to earn my degree," Smith said. "I had a really good experience here."

The college conferred 532 credentials to 464 students in two ceremonies at the Muse Center on the Rankin Campus. Nursing and allied health graduates received their degrees at 10 a.m. Academic and career-tech graduates received theirs at 2 p.m.

Among them were Charlotte and Charlene Johnson, twin sisters in life and in school. The sisters, of Clinton, graduated from the Practical Nursing program after already having earned degrees at Jackson State University.

"We've done everything together," Charlotte said. "We've always been close."

Both chose healthcare as a career to be able to continue teaching as well as learning.

"We love helping people," Charlene said. "We've coordinated different programs, we both teach dancing. And we loved Hinds. It was challenging, awesome and we had the best teachers ever."

Angela Griffin, retired assistant dean for Career and Technical Education at the college, spoke to graduates at both ceremonies.

Griffin told graduates to discover their passion, then follow it no matter what challenges life presents.

"You can Google for a mate or for a career," Griffin said. "But you can't Google to find what's in your heart, the passion that makes you happy."

"You won't find your passion in money or things. You will find your passion in things that fill you from the inside. It will be grounded in people and in your relationship with people."

Griffin retired from Hinds in 2017 after 34 years, a tenure that began as a business technology instructor at the Jackson Campus-Academic/Technical Center. Griffin went on to chair the business technology department before becoming assistant dean for career-tech.

Happy Birthday Sweetness

By Wesley Peterson
Jackson State Sports

July 25, 2017 marks what would have been the 63rd birthday of Walter Payton, who is one of the greatest football players to ever don a helmet and strap on shoulder pads.

Following an illustrious collegiate career at Jackson State, Payton was drafted by the Chicago Bears (4th pick in the 1975 NFL draft) and would go on to become a Pro Football Hall of Fame member, as well as being inducted into the Jackson State Sports Hall of Fame, the SWAC Hall of Fame, the Black College Football Hall of Fame and the College Football Hall of Fame.

While at Jackson State, Payton established himself as one of the best running backs in the country. He rushed for more than 3,500 yards, averaging 6.1 yards



Payton

per carry, and set the school record for career rushing touchdowns with 65. In 1973, he posted a school record 24 rushing touchdowns and was named the Black College Player of the Year. He won the award for a second time in 1974 and was also selected as an All-American.

In addition to his rushing duties, Payton was also a fierce blocker and he kicked field goals

and extra points for the Tigers.

He started his legendary pro career in 1975 with the Chicago Bears. He recorded 16,726 career rushing yards (4.4 yards per carry), 110 rushing touchdowns, 492 receptions for 4,538 receiving yards and 15 touchdowns.

Walter was born on July 25, 1954 in Columbia, Mississippi. He was one of three children born to Peter and Alyne Payton.

Okoro earns preseason SWAC first-team nods

The Mississippi Link Newswire

After breaking the school's single-season record in goals and points last year, sophomore Rita Okoro from the Alcorn State University soccer program was named to the 2017 SWAC Preseason All-Conference First-Team, the league office announced Monday.

Okoro, from Owerri, Imo State, Nigeria, was honored as the 2016 SWAC Freshman of the Year after scoring eight goals. She broke Ashley Rankin's school-record of points in a single-season with 16 in 2005, and the program's single-season goals record of seven held by Rankin in 2005 and Deborah Quayle in 2012.

"Rita is a very driven and focused individual. She holds nothing back when she's on the field and this is a tremendous preseason honor for her. She's been working relentlessly over the summer and she sets an example for the rest of the team. Rita is one of our leaders," said head coach Junior Noel. "Rita strives for excellence in every-



Okoro

thing she does, both on and off the field."

After just one season, Okoro enters 2017 ranked fourth all-time in goals in Alcorn history. She needs one more to tie Quayle for third, and three more to move into second and tie Ember Wright's 11 goals from 2003-06. Rankin is the all-time leader with 22 from 2005-08.

Okoro heavily aided an Alcorn attack last year that broke the school's single-season record

with 19 goals overall.

The Lady Braves also brings back junior Yaira Guardado and senior Viktoriya Mihaylova who combined for nine goals last year.

In addition to the Preseason All-Conference teams, the SWAC also released its 2017 Preseason Poll and Alcorn was picked 11th. The top-eight teams in the final conference standings will qualify for the 2017 SWAC Championships which is slated for Nov. 2-5 in Prairie View, Texas.

Issaka selected SWAC Pre-Season Co-Offensive Player of the Year

The Mississippi Link Newswire

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. - The Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) announced the 2017 Preseason All-SWAC Soccer teams and individual honors Monday, with Laadi Issaka (Mississippi Valley State), Ariela Lewis (Alabama State), Kendall Hamilton (Howard) and Gabrielle Emilien (Howard) earning individual honors. Howard was predicted to be the regular season champion in the predicted order of finish. Accolades were voted on by the league's coaches and sports information directors.

Issaka and Lewis earned Preseason Co-Offensive Player of the Year honors. Last season, Issaka scored the most goals of any player in the conference. Issaka scored 19 goals in 15 games played and tallied 2.73 points per game for the Devilettes a season ago. Lewis led Alabama State with 17 goals in 20 games played last season, totaling 42 points on the season to lead the Hornets, who led the SWAC in goals per game (2.82) and points



Issaka

per game (7.59) in 2016.

Howard had two players earn preseason individual honors. Kendall Hamilton received the Preseason Defensive Player of the Year honor. Hamilton played 1,870 minutes for the Bison last season, to lead a Bison defense that allowed 1.05 goals per game and had a 1.00 goals against average as a team – both of which led the SWAC.

Gabrielle Emilien earned Preseason Goalkeeper of the Year honors. Emilien notched a .904 save percentage, recorded seven

shutouts and had a 0.47 goals against average for the Bison last season.

Howard was picked to win the regular season title in the predicted order of finish with 217 points, Alabama State (204 points) was projected to finish second, while Texas Southern (163 points) was predicted to finish third, followed by Arkansas Pine Bluff (156 points), Mississippi Valley State (131 points), Prairie View A&M (127 points) and Jackson State (122 points). Southern (83 points), Alabama A&M (71 points), Grambling State (62 points) and Alcorn State (50 points) rounded out the standings.

Howard earned the most All-SWAC selections with seven, Alabama State was second with six players and Arkansas Pine Bluff had the third most with three players selected. Texas Southern had two players selected, while Mississippi Valley State, Prairie View A&M, Southern and Alcorn State each had one player earn preseason recognition.

Keontre Anderson named Preseason All-American

By Wesley Peterson
Jackson State Sports

Jackson State's Keontre Anderson has been named to the STATS FCS All-America team today. The senior defensive end was selected as a third team member. Anderson, who was named the SWAC Preseason Defensive Player of the Year and an All-SWAC first team member earlier this summer, was led the FCS in tackles for loss (25.5) in 2016. The Canton native also had 55 tackles, nine sacks and six quarterback hurries.

The entire 2017 STATS FCS Preseason All-America Team is below:



Anderson

First Team Offense

QB – Jeremiah Briscoe, senior, 6-3, 220, Sam Houston State

RB – Chase Edmonds, senior, 5-9, 210, Fordham

RB – Elijah Ibitokun-Hanks, junior, 5-9, 199, Albany

FB – Joe Protheroe, senior, 6-0, 225, Cal Poly

WR – Justin Watson, senior, 6-3, 210, Penn

WR – Jake Wieneke, senior, 6-4, 215, South Dakota State

TE – Dallas Goedert, senior, 6-5, 250, South Dakota State

OL – Justin Lea, senior, 6-4, 290, Jacksonville State

OL – Jacob Ohnesorge, senior, 6-3, 285, South Dakota State

OL – Brandon Parker, senior, 6-7, 299, North Carolina A&T

OL – Timon Parris, senior, 6-5, 310, Stony Brook

OL – Aaron Stinnie, senior, 6-5, 290, James Madison

Defense

DL – Pat Afriyie, senior, 6-2, 235, Colgate

DL – Anthony Ellis, senior, 6-1, 245, Charleston Southern

DL – P.J. Hall, senior, 6-1, 280, Sam Houston State

DL – Darius Jackson, senior, 6-3, 237, Jacksonville State

LB – Nick DeLuca, senior, 6-3, 248, North Dakota State

LB – Darius Leonard, senior, 6-3, 220, South Carolina State

LB – Christian Rozeboom, sophomore, 6-2, 220, South Dakota State

LB – Brett Taylor, senior, 6-2, 230, Western Illinois

DB – Mike Basile, senior, 6-1, 200, Monmouth

DB – Marlon Bridges, sophomore, 6-1, 210, Jacksonville State

DB – Cole Reyes, senior, 6-2, 215, North Dakota

DB – Rob Rolle, senior, 6-0, 190, Villanova

Special Teams

PK – Lane Clark, senior, 5-11, 170, Tennessee State

P – Ian Berryman, junior, 6-0, 205, Western Carolina

LS – James Fisher, senior, 6-2, 216, North Dakota State

KR – John Santiago, junior, 5-9, 180, North Dakota

PR – Khris Gardin, senior, 5-7, 165, North Carolina A&T

AP – John Lovett, senior, 6-3, 225, Princeton

Second Team Offense

QB – Gage Gubrud, junior, 6-2, 195, Eastern Washington

RB – Corey Avery, senior,

5-10, 190, Sam Houston State

RB – Detrez Newsome, senior, 5-10, 210, Western Carolina

FB – Anthony Manzo-Lewis, senior, 6-2, 245, Albany

WR – Emmanuel Butler, senior, 6-3, 210, Northern Arizona

WR – Kamron Lewis, junior, 6-4, 195, Saint Francis

WR – Troy Pelletier, senior, 6-3, 205, Lehigh

TE – Andrew Vollert, senior, 6-5, 245, Weber State

OL – Daniel Cooney, junior, 6-8, 315, San Diego

OL – Ben Huss, senior, 6-2, 307, Duquesne

OL – Jacob Judd, senior, 6-3, 300, Western Illinois

OL – Stockton Mallet, senior, 6-3, 307, Central Arkansas

OL – Skyler Phillips, senior, 6-2, 322, Idaho State

DEFENSE

DL – Andrew Ankrah, senior, 6-4, 234, James Madison

DL – Miles Brown, junior, 6-1, 310, Wofford

DL – Kurt Holuba, senior, 6-4, 270, Princeton

DL – Greg Menard, senior, 6-2, 239, North Dakota State

DL – Ebenezer Ogundeko, senior, 6-3, 255, Tennessee State

LB – Solomon Brown, junior, 6-1, 220, Charleston Southern

LB – Garrett Dolan, senior, 6-2, 240, Houston Baptist

LB – Jared Farley, senior, 5-11, 221, Northern Iowa

LB – Shaheed Salmon, senior, 6-1, 226, Samford

DB – Tre Dempsey, senior, 5-10, 179, North Dakota State

DB – Kahlid Hagens, senior, 6-3, 200, UT Martin

DB – Davontae Harris, senior, 6-0, 200, Illinois State

DB – Tremon Smith, senior, 6-0, 186, Central Arkansas

DB – Kailik Williams, senior, 5-11, 185, The Citadel

Special Teams

PK – Griffin Trau, junior, 5-8, 180, Richmond

P – Keith Wrzuszczak, senior, 5-11, 202, Eastern Kentucky

LS – Hunter Winstead, senior, 6-0, 240, Liberty

KR – Shane Simpson, sophomore, 5-9, 185, Towson

PR – Londell Lee, senior, 6-2, 210, UT Martin

AP – Harold Cooper, senior, 5-9, 183, Rhode Island

Third Team Offense

QB – Taryn Christion, junior, 6-2, 215, South Dakota

State

QB – Devlin Hodges, junior, 6-1, 213, Samford

RB – Dom Bragalone, junior, 5-11, 215, Lehigh

RB – Anthony Philyaw, senior, 6-1, 205, Howard

RB – Deontez Thompson, sophomore, 6-0, 200, Richmond

FB – Kane Louscher, senior, 6-2, 245, South Dakota State

WR – Yedidiah Louis, senior, 5-8, 187, Sam Houston State

WR – Patrick Smith, senior, 6-0, 190, Tennessee State

TE – Jonathan Kloosterman, senior, 6-3, 245, James Madison

OL – Frank Cirone, senior, 6-3, 280, Charleston Southern

OL – Jamil Demby, senior, 6-5, 310, Maine

OL – Chris Durant, senior, 6-4, 310, William & Mary

OL – Justin Spencer, senior, 6-5, 305, Youngstown State

OL – Tyler Tezeno, senior, 6-4, 317, Sam Houston State

Defense

DL – Abdullah Anderson, senior, 6-4, 295, Bucknell

DL – Keontre Anderson, senior, 6-3, 240, Jackson State

DL – Jonathan Petersen, senior, 6-1, 230, San Diego

DL – Jay-Tee Tiuli, senior, 6-4, 315, Eastern Washington

DL – Juwan Wells, junior, 6-2, 255, Liberty

LB – Mac Bignell, senior, 6-1, 205, Montana State

LB – George Odum, senior, 6-2, 190, Central Arkansas

LB – Chad Meredith, senior, 6-4, 244, Southeast Missouri

LB – Dale Warren, junior, 6-0, 215, Chattanooga

DB – Raven Greene, senior, 6-0, 200, James Madison

DB – Robbie Grimsley, junior, 6-0, 183, North Dakota State

DB – Danny Johnson, senior, 5-10, 195, Southern

DB – Taron Johnson, senior, 6-0, 180, Weber State

DB – Omari Williams, senior, 6-1, 190, Samford

Special Teams

PK – Alex Probert, sophomore, 5-9, 170, Liberty

P – Jacob DeMaio, senior, 6-5, 205, Weber State

LS – Danny Garza, senior, 6-0, 230, Houston Baptist

KR – Deion Holliman, senior, 5-9, 188, Missouri State

PR – Terry Wallen, senior, 5-11, 182, Drake

AP – Justice Shelton-Mosley, junior, 5-10, 195, Harvard

Mississippi Office of the State Auditor issues demand against former Hancock County Justice Court employee

The Mississippi Link Newswire

On Friday, July 28, 2017, Special Agents from the Mississippi Office of the State Auditor (OSA) arrested former Hancock County Justice Court employee, Dana Sue Beaman, on the charges of embezzlement and making false entries in or altering public records. The OSA also issued a demand of \$197,408.94, which accounts for the embezzled amount, interest and recovery costs.

The Hancock County Sheriff's Office referred the case to the OSA Investigative Division after Beaman admitted to embezzling \$4,000 from the Justice

Court. Upon further investigation, the total amount of embezzled money was assessed to be \$110,827.50.

"Our Investigative Division did an excellent job looking further than the initial confession," said State Auditor Stacey Pickering. "I wish to thank the Hancock County Sheriff's Office for working closely with my staff on behalf of the taxpayers of Mississippi."

Beaman was employed by the Hancock County Justice Court from January 2008 until June 2011. The date of her appearance in the Court House of Hancock County is currently pending.



Beaman

Dr. Chad E. Cooley joins Jackson Healthcare For Women

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Jackson Healthcare for Women recently announced Dr. Chad E. Cooley will be joining the practice as an obstetrician/gynecologist.

"Dr. Cooley is a seasoned healthcare provider with great compassion for his patients," said Dr. Emily B. Johnson, chairperson of the board, Jackson Healthcare for Women.

"He makes it his priority to ensure patients have access to the latest procedures and technology, while presenting them with the tools they need to optimize their health and well-being. We are very excited about him joining our team."

Dr. Cooley's career experience as a nurse motivated him to advance his role in patient care and become a physician. He has won numerous awards, including the UMMC Resident Teaching and Obstetrics Awards. He is a member of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the Mississippi State Medical Association, and American Medical Association.



Beaman

He completed his bachelor of science degree in chemistry and biology and graduated cum laude from William Carey University. Cooley completed his Doctor of Medicine and residency at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

He served the Jackson Free Clinic as a student doctor volunteer, the TAR WARS campaign as a student teacher, and the Mississippi State Medical Association as a student representative, among other endeavors.

Cochran, Wicker announce \$5.17 million grant For Jackson-Evers Airport

Funding will support completion of taxiway upgrades, new lighting

The Mississippi Link Newswire

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senators Thad Cochran (R-Miss.) and Roger Wicker (R-Miss.) recently announced a \$5.17 million federal grant for improvements at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport.

The grant will fund the third and final phase of the airport's west taxiway lighting system, which is nearing the end of its usable life-cycle and requires upgrades to ensure safe airfield

operations in low-visibility environments. The Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Airport Improvement Program (AIP) will fund the project.

"This FAA infrastructure grant is an investment in safety and economic competitiveness at the Jackson-Evers Airport. Completing the taxiway rehabilitation will ensure the state's largest airport remains a safe facility for travelers and an economic development asset," Cochran said.

"Federal investments at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport have preserved safe air travel for thousands of Mississippians in the capital region. This grant will fund the final phase of renovations to the airport's primary runway lighting, ensuring that pilots can safely land, even in the worst visibility conditions," said Wicker.

The AIP grant will support the rehabilitation of 5,924 feet of Taxiways A and B, including full lighting system rehabilitation, and pavement mill and overlay.

The Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers Airport grant follows the recent award of a \$727,700 AIP grant to Hawkins Field in Jackson for runway rehabilitation. Hawkins Field supports the Mississippi National Guard's UH-60 Blackhawk operations.

The FAA has awarded nearly \$13 million in AIP grants for Mississippi airports in 2017.

Thompson to offer keynote address during HBCU flood and hurricane meeting

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Congressman Bennie G. Thompson (MS-02) will serve as keynote speaker during the HBCU Flood and Hurricane Meeting sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security's Coastal Resilience Center for Excellence.

The two day meeting is scheduled for August 3-4, 2017.

WHO: Congressman Bennie G. Thompson

WHAT: HBCU Flood and Hurricane Meeting

WHEN: 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Thursday, August 3, 2017



Thompson

WHERE: Tougaloo College, Bennie G. Thompson Building

Reed to receive CERA designation

The Mississippi Link Newswire

James A. Reed, Elections Commissioner, Hinds County, District 1, will be designated as a Certified Elections/Registration Administrator (CERA), the highest professional achievement, in ceremonies conducted by the Election Center at The Hyatt Regency, Orange County, Calif. at 12 p.m., Tuesday, August 22.

CERA designation is achieved only through a multi-year course of study conducted by The Election Center's Professional Education Program and completion of twelve core courses taught by the Master's in Public Administration faculty of Auburn University (Auburn, Alabama) ranging from ethics, to voter registration and elections law, planning, communications, and voter participation, among others.

The intent of the program is to professionalize the management of voter registration and elections administration in promoting and preserving public trust in the democratic process.

"This is the highest designation available to elections and voter registration officials," said Tim Mattice, director of the center. This graduating class of 72 professionals takes us to 1052 election officials and election vendors who have achieved the professional status. This is an outstanding accomplishment."



Reed

and elections officials to promote and improve the democratic process.

Professional Education Program participants receive continuing education credit from Auburn University as well as professional training credits from The Election Center.

Reed, a native of Hattiesburg, has lived in Jackson (Hinds County) for 37 years. He became an elections commissioner in 2012, after working as a locomotive engineer for 45 years with the Canadian National Railroad (formerly the Illinois Central Railroad). He attended Tougaloo College and received his Bachelor of Science Degree in business administration from the University of Southern Mississippi.

"Hinds County is indeed fortunate to have Mr. Reed as one of the top designated professionals in America, and the only one in Mississippi. Obtaining and maintaining CERA status means that he has committed to a career long process of continuing education to improve the electoral process in Mississippi and the nation," he stated.

The Professional Education Program is sponsored by The Election Center, a non-profit association of voter registrars and elections administrators throughout America.

Its membership is comprised of township, city, county and state elections officials and other election related corporations. The center's primary purpose is education for local and state voter registrars

Gov. Phil Bryant sets special election date for Senate District 10

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Gov. Phil Bryant has set Nov. 7 as the date for the special election for Senate District 10. The seat was recently vacated when former Sen. Bill Stone resigned.

The qualifying deadline is Sept 18. If no candidate receives a majority of votes cast on Nov. 7, a runoff will be held on Nov. 28.

District 10 covers parts of Marshall and Tate counties.



Editor's note: The Mississippi Link failed to give by-line credit to Pastor C.J. Rhodes of Mt. Helm Church for an article that appeared in our publication last week. The article Revive Us Again: Mt. Helm and The Church of Christ (Holiness) USA was written by Pastor C.J. Rhodes.

Notification of Funds Available

Mississippi Home Corporation is announcing the availability of funds through Request for Proposal.

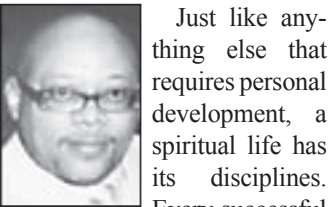
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Measuring our spiritual development

Part II

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



Just like anything else that requires personal development, a spiritual life has its disciplines. Every successful Christian knows that discipline must govern their conduct and habits. In successful Christian discipline, one expects and demands the most of himself in this spiritual living.

What are the disciplines of Christian conduct? Just to name a few that I will share in this article, prayer, Bible study, meditation and church attendance.

We cannot overstate the importance of prayer. The Apostle Paul admonished us in First Thessalonians 5:17-18: “Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” Our text is not suggesting that we should neglect everything in life for endless prayer. The Bible teaches us that we must continually be in an attitude of prayer.

Prayer is the way we communicate to God. To remain in a

prayerful attitude means to keep ourselves prepared to enter our sacred communion with the Lord. Allowing evil thoughts or willingly being in places that displease the Lord will affect our ability to be instantly ready to pray. Just as Adam and Eve tried to hide themselves from the Lord in the Garden of Eden after they had sinned, so do our hearts when we try to pray knowing that God is displeased with our conduct. Only those who have the confidence that they have pleased the Lord can fulfill the Scripture and have spiritual development.

Imagine what it would be like if God had not given us His written Word in the Bible. Where would spiritual understanding come from? Whom could we believe if the Bible were not here to guide our hearts into truth? Can there be any doubt that one of the greatest battles the devil has fought is in trying to keep people away from the Bible? The enemy of souls has tried to burn it, ban it, twist its meanings and discredit its wisdom. Nevertheless, God has forever established His Word, and we can learn from it all we need

to know to make us spiritual.

Paul wrote to young Timothy in Second Timothy 2:15 to exhort him to attend to bible study. He said, “Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth.” Bible study is another integral part of our worship of God, and it cannot be neglected if we desire to be more spiritual. The next time the devil tries to discourage or confuse you, take a few hours and get alone with the Lord in bible study. It is another proven part of spiritual development.

Thoughts are the most private possession anyone can have and for the Christian, they are a vital part of our spiritual make-up. Our success or failure often depends on how well we manage our thoughts. David wrote in Psalm 139:1-2, “O Lord, thou has searched me, and known me. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off.” We can hide nothing from God; He knows our every thought. We read in Matthew 9:4, these words, “And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, wherefore

think ye evil in your hearts?” These men did not realize that Jesus knew their thoughts and that He judged them as evil.

A thought can be good or evil, right or wrong. We cannot always control the thoughts that come into our minds. However, we can, and as Christians we must, control the thoughts that we allow to stay there. Paul admonished the Saints in Philippians 4:8, “Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.” We must give our thoughts over to the Lord, and He will bless us with understanding and joy.

Next week, Part III – “Measuring our spiritual development”

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P R E S E R V E D

Loving the most

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



“The one who loves least controls the relationship.” I can’t remember who said this; I think it was a former pastor. However, this saying has always resonated as one of the most truthful statements I’ve heard about relationship dynamics. It’s a challenging thing to recognize because sometimes we spend so much time trying to convince the other person how much we love them that we don’t realize they stopped loving us a long time ago.

More importantly, we justify doing some inappropriate things because of “love” without realizing that if we really loved that person or thing, we would let them go.

For example, I was talking to a friend about the stress that one family member in particular had put on their siblings regarding the long term terminal illness of their youngest sibling. All of the other siblings were in agreement about what to do concerning the family member who was put on hospice...except this one. She insisted that the sister who was dying remain on life support with the reason that she loved her sister too much to see her die.

Despite the fact that the dying sister’s sons cried every time they had to visit their mother and see her hooked up to machines, this one sibling accused the others of not loving their sister and wanting to kill her. When asked repeatedly by the other siblings why she was acting that way, the sister simply stated, “Because I must love her more than you do.”

It was clear to everyone, including doctors, the “loving” sibling who insisted on keeping the other sister alive had selfish motives that had nothing to do with loving her sister more than the others. In fact, one doctor offered that if she really loved her sister, she would not want her to suffer anymore. It took a lot of persuasion but the “loving” sibling was eventually convinced to relinquish the medical power of attorney so that the wishes of her sister’s adult children would prevail. A few short days later, the woman, who had suffered with brain cancer for five years, was able to peacefully transition.

Watching these events from the outside made me think about how often it is the one who claims boldly, “I love you,” “I love the USA,” “I love my church,” the most is often the one who really loves the least. Often what they really love is being able to cause chaos as well selfishly manipulate and control others.

I Corinthians 13:4-8 speaks about all of the characteristics of love. When you study this amazing scriptural passage, you see how powerful love is not just because of how it transforms the object of love by how it transforms the one who loves. Loving the most means that you love with the love of God seeking to show compassion and grace to all.

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Despite unequal treatment, black women like air will rise

By Julianne Malveaux
NNPA News Wire Columnist



Many women's organizations commemorate Equal Pay Day, which this year was April 5. It meant that women, in general, would have had to work all of 2016, and until April 5, 2017, to earn the same amount of money that a white man earned in 2016.

Few will recognize July 31, 2017, the day that the pay for African-American women catch up to the 2016 earnings of white men – seven extra months. Hispanic women will have to work until October, or nearly 10 extra months, to earn the same money white men earned last year.

I wonder about our “women's coalitions” when majority women's organizations, like the National Organization for Women, are basically silent on Black Women's Equal Pay Day. I wonder how much matter to majority women's organizations. It matters when they want to present a multi-racial, multicultural “united front” at a women's march, but less so at other times.

The lesson, black women, is a lesson some sisters remember from 1991, when Anita Hill testified during the Clarence Thomas confirmation hearings. People had all kind of explanations for Hill's testimony, most of them woefully wrong and viewed through a lens, darkly. Led by feminists Elsa Barkley

Brown, Deborah King and Barbara Ransby, more than 1500 women raised enough money to pay for an ad in *The New York Times* on November 17, 1991. The ad, titled “African-American Women in Defense of Ourselves” (AAWI-DO), reminded black women that no one should speak for us, except us. No one can be relied on to defend us, except us. And no one can be depended on to celebrate us, but us. No one can lead advocacy for our equal pay, but us.

I'm not dismissing our allies – “woke” men of color, especially black men, “woke” white women and other women of color – I'm just saying we can't count on everybody to be “woke.” Evidence: How much noise did majority group's make on Black Women's Equal Pay Day?

And in the Reign of Ignorance, there is likely to be even less noise, as the House Appropriations Committee has actually proposed defunding a program that collects salary data from employers. Without the data, we won't know the extent of pay discrimination. We know plenty now. We know that black women earn 63 cents for every dollar paid to white men; white women earn 80 cents for every dollar white men make. We know that black women in Louisiana earn the least compared to white men, about 48 cents on the dollar. In comparison, black women in Missouri, Tennessee, Maryland and Pennsylvania earn 68 cents for every dollar a white man earns. Whatever

we earn, it ain't equal.

What we don't know is how women fare inside some organizations and you can't dismantle pay discrimination without having the details of it. Under President Barack Obama, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission established requirements to provide pay transparency. Businesses with more than 100 employees were required to start releasing salary data in March 2018. Of course, those who want to sweep pay discrimination under the rug argued that it would cost too much to collect the data. And now, the Republican Congress says that no resources may be used to collect this very necessary data.

It reminds me of the old folks who used to say, “you don't miss what you can't measure.” But we can measure the pay inequity, and we can see it in the quality of women's lives. We might not be able to point a finger at one company or another (Republicans are also likely to make class action lawsuits more challenging), but we have enough aggregate data to know that there is pervasive gender discrimination in the workplace, and that black women shoulder an extra burden, because of the intersection between race and gender.

Not only do African-American women earn less, but we also catch more shade because of our skin color, because of who we are and what we represent. Former First Lady Michelle Obama has spoken out, though very gently, about the

racism she experienced while in office. At a recent gathering in Colorado, she spoke about the many “cuts” she experienced, and told *The Denver Post* that “The shards that cut me the deepest were the ones that intended to cut,” referring to comments about her looks, and especially those that referred to her as “an ape.” She said she was dismayed in “knowing that after eight years of working really hard for this country, there are still people who won't see me for what I am because of my skin color.”

When I read Michelle Obama's comment, I thought about Dr. Maya Angelou and her classic poem, Still I Rise. One stanza reads, “You may shoot me with your words, you may cut me with your eyes, you may kill me with your hatefulness, but still, like air, I'll rise.”

Black women endure unequal pay, disrespectful treatment (consider the treatment of Senator Kamala Harris or Congresswoman Maxine Waters), police brutality, and more. And yet we are still here. And yet, “when they go low, we go high.” And yet, like air, we rise.

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Civil Rights icon Rev. Barber charts new course down beaten paths

By Marc H. Morial
President and CEO
National Urban League



“This is America's opportunity to help bridge the gulf between the haves and the have-nots. The question is whether America will do it.

There is nothing new about poverty. What is new is that we now have the techniques and the resources to get rid of poverty. The real question is whether we have the will.” – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., American Civil Rights Activist, “Remaining Awake Through a Great Revolution.” March 31, 1968

After 12 historic years leading the North Carolina chapter of the NAACP, the Reverend Dr. William Barber is stepping down from his post and stepping up to the challenge posed by the late Martin Luther King Jr. nearly five decades ago to unite the poor and put an end to the social inequities and universal indifference that breeds poverty in our nation – and our world.

Barber's activism – powered by morally induced outrage to unjust policies and the abuse of the most vulnerable – has taken on many forms and roles, moving him from national stages to the streets.

As the chief architect of what would become the ongoing “Moral Mondays” movement, an extension of the NAACP's Forward Together movement, in the spring of 2013, Barber stood and protested with impacted people, civil rights activists and community leaders in front of the North Carolina state legislature to challenge discriminatory voter access laws and other state-sponsored attacks on civil rights. Protesters sang “We Shall Overcome,” held signs, blocked the doors to the Senate chambers and got arrested.

Described in his own words as the “largest state-government-focused civil disobedience campaign in U.S. history,” the first protest would, thankfully, not be the last. Crossing traditional barriers of religion, race, class, political affiliation or sexual orientation, that first Moral Monday has inspired tens of thousands of people to lock arms in solidarity and protest beyond the state of North Carolina, undeterred by the very real threat of arrests, with over 1,000 protestors handcuffed and jailed – including Barber, several times.

Under the umbrella of Repairers of the Breach – a nonprofit founded by Barber that develops church and lay people into leaders who strategize and organize for progressive, moral agendas – Dr. King's Poor People's Campaign will find new life. The new campaign, now the New Poor People's Campaign: National Call for a Moral Revival, will pick up where his assassination left the nascent movement.

A year before his death, Dr. King



Barber

shifted his focus to economic inequality, and as he did with civil and voting rights, he was committed to making poverty and the plight of all our nation's poor a top priority on our federal government's agenda.

Dr. King announced the Poor People's Campaign at a staff retreat for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in 1967. He described the campaign as a “highly significant event,” adding that the campaign was “the beginning of a new cooperation, understanding, and a determination by poor people of all colors and backgrounds to assert their right to a decent life and respect for their culture and dignity.”

He planned on descending on our nation's capital with scores of poor people to demand fair wages, unemployment insurance and quality education. He would not live to join the protestors who would eventually descend on Washington, erect a protest camp and demand economic justice, but the campaign was short lived, and we continue to fight for that same justice Dr. King understood was essential to achieve, if our nation was truly committed to giving everyone, regardless of color, gender or zip code, a fair chance at life.

Today, Dr. King's legacy in the fight for economic justice for all Americans has been passed on to Barber, and I am pleased that he has answered the call to lead this effort in the affirmative.

As a historic civil rights organization dedicated to economic empowerment for the poor and underserved, The National Urban League will honor Barber and his long-time commitment to civil rights and justice during our annual conference this year. We live now in worrisome times where a robust movement is afoot to limit Americans' access to the ballot box, where millions of people worry that they will not have healthcare next year, and where the stock of private prisons continue to soar as the Trump administration finds more people to criminalize and occupy prison beds. So we are fortunate to have men and women on the side of right, like Barber, who contemplate action in the face of abuse and refuse to remain silent in the face of injustice.

Fake feminists give real feminists a bad name

By Raynard Jackson
NNPA News Wire Columnist



Recently, while in Paris, President Trump complimented France's first lady on how beautiful she looked, and feminists around the world lost their damn minds saying Trump was sexist, “humiliating for the American people,” yada, yada, yada.

I immediately had a flashback to a conversation I had a few weeks ago with one of my Grammy Award winning songwriter/producer friends about how women, especially black women, are objectified in the entertainment community.

I am not talking about ratchet women or video vixens that are not talented or someone trying to break into the business; many of these types of women will sell their souls to be famous. I want to focus on the women who have true talent to thrive in the entertainment industry.

The biggest culprit of this self-exploitative, sexist, ratchet behavior is Beyoncé. No one can deny that she is a great entertainer and a helluva performer, but she is a walking book of contradictions.

She claims to be a feminist, but she makes her money by walking around half naked in everything she does; most of her performances are hypersexualized and she has one of the filthiest mouths in entertainment.

If you ever have problems sleeping, simply watch her

video for the song “Yours and Mine” and you will be off to sleep in short order. I guess this was her feeble attempt to inspire women, especially black women, with her perverted view of feminism. Can someone please tell me the value of the scene in this video when she is getting her freak on in the backseat of a Rolls Royce automobile, albeit with her famous husband, rapper Jay-Z?

Isn't this antithetical to what feminism is supposed to represent?

Sevyn Streeter's performances are just more examples of this continued objectification of women. She has one of the most angelic voices in music and is quite attractive. I am totally in love with her current single, “Before I Do.”

Listen to the song without the video first. It is one of the most beautiful love songs I have ever heard; the lyrics are simply enchanting. Sevyn's voice is so seductive and her phrasing is thoroughly erotic, but all PG-rated.

Then I made the tragic mistake of watching the video. What a disaster.

How can you take such a beautiful song and destroy it with such a horrible video? Streeter is damn near masturbating in the video. This video has absolutely nothing whatsoever to do with the lyrics of the song. What a shame.

Where are my black feminist friends who never, ever miss an opportunity to chastise President Trump for his alleged mistreatment of women?

Where is Al Sharpton's girl,

Tamika Mallory, who seems to never miss an opportunity to criticize white folks for every negative pathology, affecting the black community?

Where is my good buddy and ultra-feminist, Avis Jones-DeWeever? When will she criticize from within?

Oh, and then there is Janaye Ingram, another one of Sharpton's girls. She seems to always disappear when blacks do stupid things, but somehow is everywhere when a white Republican does something she views as sexist or racist.

Oh, I forgot, these black feminists only speak out when white folks are sexist, not when it's our own people. When it's our own people, these black feminists all seem to come down with an extreme case of laryngitis.

Now juxtapose the above performances with my good friend and up and coming R&B/Hip Hop artist, BriaMarie (www.briamarie.com).

BriaMarie is a super talented, attractive Temple University graduate with a 3.8 grade point average; she promotes her talents, not her body. Oh, and did I mention, that she is also a Christian, not in the Hollywood sense, but as in “real” Christian. Meaning, she actually believes and lives what she preaches through her songs.

Wow, what a novel concept. Her voice is sultry, sensual and seductive; but not sexual. She doesn't see the need to take her clothes off because she has confidence in her musical abilities.

If she was willing to take

her clothes off, she would be a household name by now. But she, and her producer, Carvin Haggins, have made the decision to promote her career, while staying true to her Christian values.

They actually believe that they can play in the R&B world at the highest levels, retain their moral compass, sell CDs, and make a difference in society all at the same time.

Go to her website and check out her music and then tell me she can't make it in the music business. When you watch her videos, there is absolutely no nudity, no cursing, or any sexual innuendos; simply great videography that compliments the lyrics to the song.

BriaMarie actually believes she can sell CDs, produce contemporary music with no cursing or nudity, yet be successful by all industry standards. She is well on the road to accomplishing this goal.

So, I challenge mainstream artists to check out BriaMarie's approach to entertainment and truly ask themselves if they can be successful without sex, nudity and cursing.



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ZONING CASE NO. 3984

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that S & D Higginbotham Properties, LLC has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Special Exception for a professional insurance office within a R-1A (Single-Family) Residential District on property located at 5016 Old Canton Rd. in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

LOT 1, BRIARWOOD ADDITION, PART 1, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO A MAP OR PLAT THEREOF WHICH IS ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN PLAT BOOK 17 AT PAGE 26, REFERENCE TO WHICH IS HEREBY MADE IN AID OF AND AS A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, August 23, 2017, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

WITNESS my signature this 27th day of July 2017.

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

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR

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BY THE JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

JMAA PROJECT 8300-006-17

AUGUST 2, 2017

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority ("JMAA") requests Proposals ("Proposal") for an Air Service Development Consultant to assist JMAA with air service development for the JacksonMedgar Wiley Evers International Airport ("JAN"), and Hawkins Field ("HKS"), including monitoring of incumbent carrier performance metrics at JAN; continuously reviewing airlines and advocating with them for new air service options at JAN and retaining air service currently serving JAN; and consulting as to the development of new opportunities, businesses and facilities at HKS.

JMAA will receive Proposals to perform the Services at the offices of JMAA, Suite 300, Main Terminal Building, Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39208, until 3:00 p.m. central time on September 6, 2017 (the "Deadline").

JMAA will not consider any Proposals received after the Deadline for any reason whatsoever. Information for Respondents relating to this Request for Proposals ("RFP") is on file and open for public inspection at the offices of JMAA. The Information for Respondents contains a copy of the RFP, General Information for Respondents, Information Required from Respondents and Criteria for Selection. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the Information for Respondents from JMAA by contacting Ms. Karen Hatten, JMAA's Procurement Specialist, as follows:

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E-Mail: khatten@jmaa.com

or from JMAA's website at www.jmaa.com/resources/rfprfb-center/

Based on the Proposals received, JMAA will select a maximum of three (3) Respondents with whom to enter into negotiations to provide the Services. JMAA will initiate negotiations with the Respondent ranked first on the list. If such negotiations fail to produce an agreement in form and content, satisfactory to JMAA, within a reasonable period of time, then JMAA may reject the first-ranked Respondent and follow the same process with the other Respondents, in the order of their ranking, until a Respondent agrees to and enters into an agreement satisfactory to JMAA.

JMAA reserves the right to reject any and all Proposals, for any reason, any time before execution of a contract with a Respondent selected by JMAA to perform the Services.

JMAA has established a DBE participation goal of 20% for the Services solicited by this RFP.

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Sealed, written formal rfp proposals for the above rfp will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time) August 22, 2017, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all rfps, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any rfp if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date rfps are opened. Proposal forms and detailed specifications may be obtained free of charge by emailing pagreen@jackson.k12.ms.us, calling (601) 960-8799, or documents may be picked up at the above address or downloaded from JPS website at www.jackson.k12.ms.us.

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ORDINANCE GRANTING TREY HESTER & BREZ, LLC A REZONING FROM I-1 (LIGHT) INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT TO CMU-1 (COMMUNITY) MIXED-USE DISTRICT, PEDESTRIAN ORIENTED WITH A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL FACILITY TO OPERATE AN ESCAPE ROOM FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 839 S. STATE ST., CASE NO. 3974.

WHEREAS, Trey Hester & Brez, LLC has filed a petition to rezone property located at 839 S. State St., in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, from I-1 (Light) Industrial District to CMU--1 (Community) Mixed-Use District, Pedestrian Oriented with a Use Permit for a Community Recreational Facility to operate an Escape Room; and WHEREAS, the Jackson City Planning Board, after holding the required public hearing, has recommended approval to rezone the property from I-1 (Light) Industrial District to CMU-1 (Community) Mixed-Use District, Pedestrian Oriented with a Use Permit for a Community Recreational Facility to operate an Escape Room; and

WHEREAS, notice was duly and legally given to property owners and interested citizens that a meeting of the Council would be held at the City Hall at 2:30 p.m., Monday, June 19, 2017 to consider said change, based upon the record of the case as developed before the City Planning Board; and WHEREAS, it appeared to the satisfaction of the City Council that notice of said petition had been published in The Mississippi Link on May 4, 2017 and May 18, 2017 that a hearing would be held by the Jackson City Planning Board on May 24, 2017, all as provided for by ordinances of the City of Jackson and the laws of the State of Mississippi, and that the Jackson City Planning Board had recommended approval of the petitioned rezoning of the above described property to CMU-1 (Community) Mixed-Use District; and

WHEREAS, the Council after having considered the matter, is of the opinion that such changes would be in keeping with sound land use practice and to the best interest of the City and that there has been a substantial change in the land use character of the surrounding area that justifies rezoning the property and there is a public need for additional property in that area zoned in accordance with the request in said application since any previous City Council action; and

WHEREAS, the Council, after having considered the matter, is of the opinion that the granting of a Conditional Use Permit for the operation of an community recreational center with an escape room at the above location would be in harmony with the Comprehensive Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI:

Section I. That the property located in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, more particular described as follows:

Beginning at a point that is 365.23 feet south 08 degrees 47 minutes 27 seconds west (south 08 degrees 55 minutes west, according to Deed) of the Northeast Corner of 5 acre Lot 3 South Jackson, according to the Henry C. Daniel official map of the City of Jackson dated 1875, a copy which is filed for record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, at Jackson, Mississippi, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description; said point being the intersection of the south right-of-way line of Beasley Street, a public street dedicated to the City of Jackson in Book 175 at Page 438, and the west right-of-way line of South State Street; run thence south 08 degrees 47 minutes 27 seconds west (south 08 degrees 55 minutes west, according to Deed) and along said west right-of-way line of South State Street for a distance of 60.30 feet to a point; run thence north 81 degrees 08 minutes 59 seconds west within a common wall for a distance of 149.77 feet to the rear of an existing building; run thence north 08 degrees 52 minutes 14 seconds east along the rear of said existing building for a distance of 60.14 feet to the said south right-of-way line of Beasley Street; run thence south 81 degrees 12 minutes 33 seconds east and along said south right-of-way line of Beasley Street for a distance of 149.69 feet (south 81 degrees 5 minutes east, 150 feet, according to Deed) to the point of beginning.

The above described parcel of property is located in the South Half of said 5 acre Lot 3 South Jackson and contains 0.2070 acres, more or less.

is hereby modified so as to approve the rezoning of the property located at 839 S. State St. from I-1 (Light) Industrial District to CM1J-1 (Community) Mixed-Use District, Pedestrian Oriented with a Conditional Use Permit for a Community Recreational Facility to operate an escape room. The conditions of the Use Permit shall be that it is granted on an annual basis; granted to the owner/operator of the escape room; and that subsequent owners or operators of the community recreational center at this location must apply for and receive a new Use Permit. However that before a Use Permit is issued for any structure to be erected or use thereof on the said property, the applicant must meet the requirements established through the Site Plan Review process. The Zoning Administrator is ordered to note such change on the Official Zoning Map to the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

SECTION 2. That the cost of publication of this Ordinance shall be borne by the petitioner.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after its passage and after publication of same by the petitioner.

Council Member Barrett-Simon moved adoption; Council Member Priester seconded.

Yeas- Barrett-Simon, Foote, Hendrix and Priester. Nays- None. Absent- Stamps, Stokes and Tillman.

ATTEST:
Kristi Moore City Clerk

I, Kristi Moore, the duly appointed qualified City Clerk and lawful custodian of records of the Council and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Zoning City Council Meeting on June 19, 2017 and recorded in Minute Book "6L, Pgs. 904-906".

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 27th day of July, 2017.

SEAL Kristi Moore, City Clerk

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The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority ("JMAA") will receive sealed bids at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport ("JAN"), Main Terminal Building, Suite 300, in the City of Jackson, Rankin County, Mississippi, until 2:00 p.m. central time on September 15, 2017 (the "Bid Deadline"), for construction and related Work in connection with the Terminal Upgrades for the East and West Concourses at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport (the "Work").

JMAA will publicly open and read aloud all bids at 2:05 p.m. central time on September 15, 2017 (the "Bid Opening"), in the Staff Conference Room, Third Floor of the Main Terminal Building at JAN.

The outside or exterior of each bid envelope or container of the bid must be marked with the Bidder's company name and Mississippi Certificate of Responsibility Number and with the wording: "Terminal Upgrades for East and West Concourses at JAN, JMAA Project No. 002-17." Bid proposals, amendments to bids, or requests for withdrawal of bids received by JMAA after the Bid Deadline will not be considered for any cause whatsoever. JMAA invites Bidders and their authorized representatives to be present at the Bid Opening.

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

The Information for Bidders, including plans and specifications, is on file and open for public inspection at JAN at the following address:

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Telephone: (601) 360-8661
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Attention: Nicole Owens, Manager of Capital Programming

To receive a digital copy of the Bid Documents (including plans and technical specifications for the Work) at no cost, email amjenkins@ajaservices.com.

To receive a printed copy of the Bid Documents (including plans and specifications for the Work) may be obtained upon payment of a \$100.00 refundable fee per set. Bid documents must be returned to the printer in useable condition for purchase cost to be refunded. The Printer reserves the right to determine quality of plans upon return. Payment for the bid documents is to be in the form of a company or cashier's check made payable to AJA Management & Technical Work, Inc. The check may be presented upon pick-up of the Bid Documents at the following address or may be mailed to the following address:

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Telephone: (601) 352-6800
Facsimile: (601) 352-6807
Email: amjenkins@ajaservices.com

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

JMAA will hold a Pre-Bid Conference at 10:00 a.m. central time on August 17, 2017 in the Community Room, 3rd Floor Mezzanine Level, at the Main Terminal Building at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, MS 39208. Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference is highly encouraged for all those interested in submitting bids as a Prime Contractor for the Work and persons seeking opportunities to provide work as a Sub-Contractor. The benefits of attendance include networking opportunities between Prime Contractors and Sub-Contractors, as well as the opportunity to be on a list of contacts that will be published to interested parties as part of the minutes from the Pre-Bid Conference; review of the plans and specifications; and a site visit of the area covered in the scope of work. No site visits will be scheduled other than the one provided during the Pre-Bid conference.

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

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

JMAA has established a DBE participation goal of 20% for the Work solicited by this RFB.

JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

DATE: August 2, 2017 /s/ Carl D. Newman, A.A. E.
Carl D. Newman, A.A. E., Chief Executive Officer

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(Department of Finance and Administration)

at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Contract documents may be obtained from:

Professional: Allred Architectural Group, PA
Address: 628 Washington Avenue, Suite C
Ocean Springs, Mississippi 39564
Phone: 228-762-1975
Email: contact@allredarchitecturalgroup.com

A deposit of \$50.00 is required. Bid preparation will be in accordance with Instructions to Bidders bound in the project manual. The Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject any or all bids. NOTE: Telephones and desks will not be available for bidders use at the bid site.

Calvin R. Sibley, Bureau Director
Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management

8/3/2017, 8/10/2017

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NOTICE OF APPEAL FOR A REZONING

ZONING CASE NO. 3978

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Heather Brewer/ Timothy Rhone has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from C2 (Limited) Commercial to C3 (General) Commercial with a Use Permit to operate a tattoo & piercing salon in Suite 102 of the property located at 5731 Old Canton Rd. – Suite 102, in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

PARCEL I:

A certain parcel of land being part of Lot 2, Block K, Club Park, Part 2, as recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk at Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi in Plat Book 6, Page 17, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Northeast corner of said Lot 2, run thence Southeasterly along the line between Lots 2 and 3 a distance of 200 feet to the Southeast corner of Lot 2, said point being on the North right of way line of Old Canton Road and on a curve bearing to the right, having a Delta Angle of 15 degrees 25 minutes and a degree of curvature of 1 degree 02.4 minutes, turn thence right, and run Southwesterly along said curve a chord distance of 45 feet turn thence right and run Northwesterly and parallel to the said line between Lots 2 and 3 a distance of 103.2 feet, turn thence left 87 degrees 31 minutes and run Southwesterly 55 feet to a point on the line between Lots 1 and 2, turn thence right 90 degrees and run Northwesterly along said line between Lots 1 and 2 a distance of 95 feet to the Northwest corner of Lot 2, turn thence right 88 degrees 55 minutes and run northeasterly 96.33 feet to the point of beginning.

ALSO:

Part of Lot 1, Block K, Club Park, Part 2, as recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk at Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, in Plat Book 6, Page 17 and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Northeast Corner of said Lot 1 and run thence Southeasterly along the line between Lots 1 and 2 a distance of 95 feet to an iron pin; thence turn right 90 degrees 00 minutes and run Southwesterly a distance of 10 feet to an iron pin; thence turn right and run Northwesterly and parallel to the line between Lots 1 and 2 a distance of 95 feet to an iron pin; thence turn right 88 degrees 55 minutes and run Northeasterly 10 feet to the point of the beginning.

PARCEL II:

An easement for sidewalk purposes as set forth in Book 2312 at Page 638, on, over and across the following described property, to-wit:

Part of Lots 1 and 2, Block K, Club Park, Part 2, as recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk at Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi and in Plat Book 6 at Page 17, and more particularly described as follows to-wit:

Commence at the Northeast corner of said Lot 1 and run thence Southeasterly along the line between lots 1 and 2, a distance of 95 feet to the Point of the Beginning; thence turn right 90 degrees and run Southwesterly a distance of 10 feet; then turn left 90 degrees and run Northeasterly a distance of 65 feet; thence turn left 92 degrees 29 minutes and run Northwesterly 7 feet; thence turn left 87 degrees 31 minutes and run Southwesterly 55 feet to the point of the beginning.

Said application was heard by the City Planning Board on Wednesday, June 28, 2017 with a recommendation to deny. The applicant has filed an Appeal of the recommendation of the Planning Board. The Case will be heard at the City Council's Zoning Meeting in the Council Chambers, First Floor, City Hall, 219 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 2:30 p.m., on Monday, August 21, 2017.

WITNESS my signature this 27th day of July 2017.

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

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NOTICE OF APPEAL FOR A REZONING

ZONING CASE NO. 3977

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Billy McQueen has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from C80-C2 (Limited) Commercial to C80-C3 (General) Commercial to allow for the operation of an automotive service and repair center on property located at 4665 Hwy 80 W., in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

30.8 feet off the east side of Lots 39 and 40 and all of Lots 9 and 10 lying South of U. S. Highway #80, Block 1, Van Winkle Estates, Part 2, less and except the following:

That part conveyed to H.H. Brown described as beginning at the intersection of the south right of way line of U. S. Highway 80, with the south line of Block 10 of Van Winkle Estates Subdivision-Part 2, thence run North 61 degrees and 08 minutes West along the South right of way line of U. S. Highway 80 for 224 feet, thence turn left through an angle of 90 degrees and run for a distance of 132.6 feet to the south line of Block 10, thence North 88 degrees and 15 minutes East for 260.3 feet, more or less, to the Point of Beginning.

It is intended to describe above all of the lands presently owned by grantor herein located in Lots 39 and 40 and Lots 9 and 10, Block 1, Van Winkle Estates, Part 2, as shown by plat of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi.

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WITNESS my signature this 27th day of July 2017.

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

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING

ZONING CASE NO. 3983

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Olivia Jones has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from I-1 (Light) Industrial District & R-4 (Limited Multi-Family) Residential District to C3 (General) Commercial District to operate a commercial child care facility for property located at 2600-02 Medgar Evers Blvd., in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

A certain lot or parcel of land in the W ½ of the SE ¼ of Section 28, Township 6 North, Range 1 East, Hinds County, Mississippi, and more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit:

For the point of beginning, start at the Northwest corner of Lot 5, Block One (1) of J. G. Toole's Second Survey, and run westerly along the south line of Toole Avenue extended for a distance of 425.5 feet; thence southerly at right angles for a distance of 130 feet to a point, which is the point of beginning for the land herein described: thence continue in a southerly direction for a distance of 146.3 feet, more or less to the northwest corner of a tract of land known as the Tannehill Lot; thence continue in a southerly direction and along the western boundary line of the said Tannehill Lot 270.2 feet to the north right-of-way line of U.S. Highway No. 49 which point is 30 feet measured northerly and at right angles from the center line of said Highway; thence northwesterly along and parallel with and 30 feet northerly from, when measured at right angles from, said center line of said highway for a distance of 108 feet; thence turning to the right through and angle of 44 degrees, 50 minutes run northerly along the east right-of-way of a branch (known as Holmes Street) for a distance of 199.2 feet to an iron stake; thence continue in a northerly direction and long the East line of Holmes Street for a distance of 146 feet, more or less, to a point which is 130 feet south of the south line of Toole Avenue extended; thence running in an easterly direction and parallel with the south line of Toole Avenue for a distance of 91.3 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning, LESS AND EXCEPT that property heretofore conveyed by deed recorded in Book 1006 at Page 452 thereof, being the same property conveyed to S. N. Casey and W. T. Casey by R. B. Golden, by deed dated January 2, 1960, Book 516 at Page 380 in the Chancery Clerk of said county.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, August 23, 2017, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

WITNESS my signature this 24th day of July 2017.

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

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WITNESS my signature this 27th day of July 2017.

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

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS

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

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

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

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Ordinance granting Harbor House of Jackson A REZONING FROM R-1A (Single-Family) Residential District to R-4 (Limited Multi-Family) Residential District with a Use Permit to construct two (2) twenty bed facilities in order to provide housing, treatment and care for women suffering from chemical dependency for twenty acres within Parcels 4853-616 & 4851-194 located at Bounds Rd. CASE NO. 3969.

WHEREAS, Harbor House of Jackson has filed a petition to rezone twenty acres within Parcels 4853-616 & 4851-19 located at Bounds Rd. in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, from R-1A (Single-Family) Residential District to R-4 (Limited Multi-Family) Residential District with a Use Permit to construct two (2) twenty bed facilities in order to provide housing, treatment and care for women suffering from chemical dependency; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Planning Board, after holding the required public hearing, has recommended approval to rezone twenty acres within Parcels 4853-616 & 4851-19 located at Bounds Rd. from R-1A (Single-Family) Residential District to R-4 (Limited Multi-Family) Residential District with a Use Permit to construct two (2) twenty bed facilities in order to provide housing, treatment and care for women suffering from chemical dependency; and

WHEREAS, notice was duly and legally given to property owners and interested citizens that a meeting of the Council would be held at the City Hall at 2:30 p.m., Monday, June 19, 2017 to consider said change, based upon the record of the case as developed before the City Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, it appeared to the satisfaction of the City Council that notice of said petition had been published in The Mississippi Link on April 6, 2017 and April 20, 2017 that a hearing would be held by the Jackson City Planning Board on April 26, 2017, and that notice had been given that the said petition would be tabled and heard by the Planning Board on May 24, 2017, all as provided for by ordinances of the City of Jackson and the laws of the State of Mississippi, and that the Jackson City Planning Board had recommended approval of the petitioned rezoning of the above described property to R-4 (Limited Multi-Family) Residential District with a Use Permit; and

WHEREAS, the Council after having considered the matter, is of the opinion that such changes would be in keeping with sound land use practice and to the best interest of the City and that there has been a substantial change in the land use character of the surrounding area that justifies rezoning the property and there is a public need for additional property in that area zoned in accordance with the request in said application since any previous City Council action and the granting of a Use Permit would not be hazardous, detrimental, or disturbing to present surrounding land uses due to noises, glare, smoke, dust, odor, fumes, water pollution, vibration, electrical interference, or other nuisances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION 1. That the property located in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, more particular described as follows:

A certain parcel of land containing 20.00 acres, more or less, located and situated in the West Half (W ½) of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section 7, Township 4 North, Range 1 East, and the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section 12, Township 4 North, Range 1 West, City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, which parcel of land is more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at a found ½ inch rebar marking the northwest corner of Lot 151 of River Bend Place, Part 5, a subdivision according to the map or plat thereof which is on file in Plat Cabinet C, Slot 393, in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, thence run north 04 degrees 12 minutes 40 seconds east for a distance of 56.88 feet to a found ½ inch rebar at the apparent intersection of the west line of Section 7, Township 4 North, Range 1 East, and the north right-of-way line of Bounds Road, a paved public road, as now laid out and in use this date (May 2017) and the POINT OF BEGINNING of the following described property; thence continue along said north right-of-way line south 89 degrees 15 minutes 30 seconds west (south 89 degrees 58 minutes 00 seconds west - Record) for a distance of 104.98 feet to a set ½ inch by 18 inch rebar; thence run north 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds east for a distance of 488.12 feet to a set ½ inch by 18 inch rebar; thence run south 75 degrees 38 minutes 23 seconds east (south 75 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds east - Record) for a distance of 110.30 feet to a found ½ inch rebar; thence run north 00 degrees 01 minutes 29 seconds west (north 00 degrees 35 minutes 00 seconds east - Record) for a distance of 844.99 feet to a set ½ inch by 18 inch rebar; thence run north 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds east for a distance of 629.50 feet to a set ½ inch by 18 inch rebar; thence run south 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds west for a distance of 1,303.70 feet to a set ½ inch by 18 inch rebar on the said north right-of-way line of Bounds Road; thence continue along said north right-of-way line south 89 degrees 56 minutes 13 seconds west (south 89 degrees 51 minutes 00 seconds west - Record) for a distance of 631.02 feet back to the POINT OF BEGINNING of the above-described parcel of land, containing 20.00 acres, more or less.

is hereby modified so as to approve the rezoning of twenty acres within Parcels 4853-616 & 4851-194 located on Bounds Rd. from R-1A (Single-Family) Residential District to R-4 (Limited Multi-Family) Residential District with a Use Permit for two (2) twenty bed facilities, however that before a permit is issued for any structure to be erected or use thereof on the said property, the applicant must meet the requirements established through the Site Plan Review process. The Zoning Administrator is ordered to note such change on the Official Zoning Map to the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

SECTION 2. That the cost of publication of this Ordinance shall be borne by the petitioner.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after its passage and after publication of same by the petitioner.

Council Member Barrett-Simon moved adoption; Council Member Tillman seconded.

Yeas- Barrett-Simon, Foote, Hendrix, Priestester and Tillman.
Nays- None.
Absent- Stamps and Stokes.

ATTEST:

Kristi Moore
City Clerk

I, Kristi Moore, the duly appointed qualified City Clerk and lawful custodian of records of the Council and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Zoning City Council Meeting on June 19, 2017 and recorded in Minute Book "6L, Pgs. 899-901".

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 27th day of July, 2017.

SEAL Kristi Moore, City Clerk

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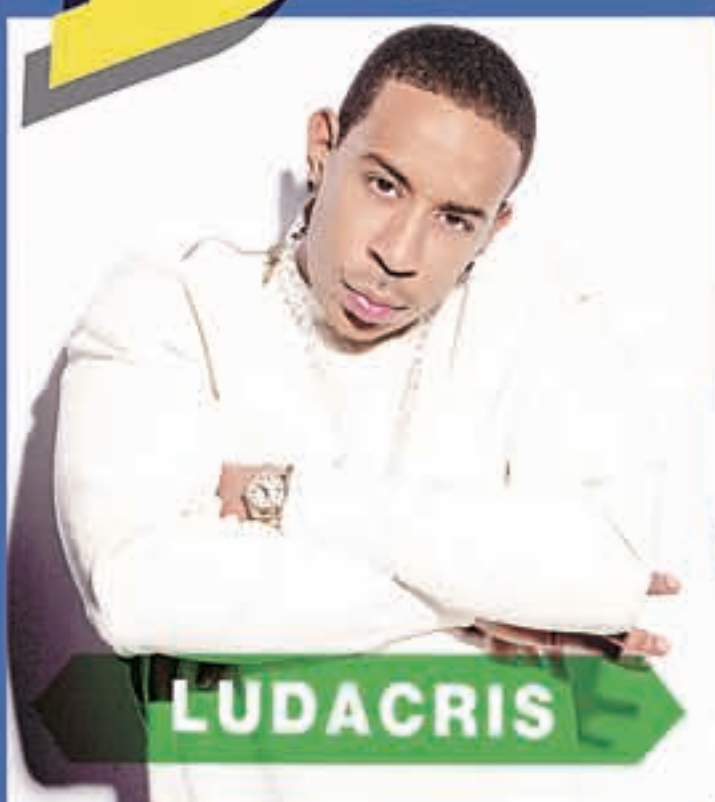
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Portland lawmakers pass racial profiling bill

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Contributor

In an effort to improve the relationship between law enforcement and the black community, state lawmakers in Oregon recently passed a bill to combat racial profiling by police.

The Statesman Journal reported that the “bill requires law enforcement agencies to collect and submit data on the age, race, ethnicity and sex of a person contacted during a traffic or pedestrian stop.”

The journal also reported that the bill, which is known as “House Bill 2355,” is “designed to tackle racial profiling by law enforcement and keep drug addicts out of jail.” House Bill 2355 received bipartisan support; Governor Kate Brown is expected to sign the bill into law.

Civil rights activists say that recent events in Portland warrant increased scrutiny on interactions between blacks and law enforcement officials.

“If you focus only on the outcomes, 42 percent of African Americans are stopped annually by gang enforcement officers, because of the belief that all African Americans have to prove they aren’t involved in gang activity in a city with a six percent African-American population,” said Jo Ann Hardesty, the president of the Portland branch of the NAACP.

Hardesty continued: “How many times are 12 to 24-year-olds stopped, searched and questioned?”

Hardesty also recalled a recent police shooting involving a black man. Har-



Oregon state lawmakers recently passed a bill to combat racial profiling by police. In this photo, SWAT Team members prepare for the exercise. OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION/WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

desty said that Terrell Kyreem Johnson, 24, was running away from police when he was shot in the back and killed by two police officers, who happened to be brothers. A grand jury cleared the officers of wrongdoing.

The *Oregonian* reported that Johnson “died of multiple gunshot wounds, according to Portland police.”

Portland police said that Johnson threatened officers with a utility knife, before he was shot.

Although, Portland police spokes-

man Peter Simpson challenged Hardesty’s assessment of the shooting and the department’s gang enforcement tactics, Simpson didn’t provide any statistics to dispute her claims.

According to *Slate.com*, Portland’s gang-tracking methods produce inaccurate information and often lead to racial profiling, which can result in large-scale civil liberties violations.

“While Portland is considered the whitest big city in America, the gang database doesn’t reflect that reality.

According to Carli Brosseau of the *Oregonian*, only 18 percent of people included on the list are white,” *Slate.com* reported. “While less than 8 percent of the city’s population is black, 64 percent of people in the Portland gang database are black, and 16 percent is made up of other racial and ethnic groups.”

The *Slate.com* article also noted that, “Pre-existing arrests and convictions aren’t prerequisites to be added to the [Portland Police Bureau’s] list. Most people are included because of how

they look, dress, or conduct themselves – a comically low bar that opens the door for rampant harassment.”

In 2015, after a multi-year campaign, Unite Oregon, described as a “unified intercultural movement for justice,” on the group’s website, won passage of “HB 2002,” a landmark bill banning profiling by law enforcement in Oregon.

As a member of the task force and a leader on the issue, Unite Oregon said it was poised to lay the groundwork for organizing around the legislation, particularly with regards to two recommendations deemed pivotal to the success of the profiling ban: (1) robust collection of data on police stops, complaints, and complaint outcomes, and (2) development of an accountability structure that empowers the Civil Rights Division of the Oregon Department of Justice to examine the data for patterns or practices of profiling and push for remediation by local law enforcement bodies.

Hardesty said the real problem remains the narrative that police and the criminal justice system use to criminalize black existence; it’s a problem that plays out daily in how police officers enforce the law and who suffers when they cross the line.

“We are in the process of hiring a new police chief,” Hardesty said. “I have high hopes we will recruit a transformative leader that doesn’t fear black people and is willing to work with all people to build a safe community for us all.”

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BOOK REVIEW: “THIS IS HOW WE DO IT”

BY MATT LAMOTHE
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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

This morning, you woke up to a big day.
Like most days, you’ll eat breakfast and get ready to leave the house. Every hour is then packed with fun and excitement before you go to sleep in a comfortable bed tonight. Do kids like you live like that in other countries? In “This is How We Do It” by Matt Lamothe, you’ll see.
Meet Romeo from Italy.
He’s eight years old and lives with his parents and siblings in a house with a vineyard out back. There, he has rock-throwing contests with his friends after

school. Romeo loves to eat lasagna for dinner, he likes working on model cars with his father, and he goes to bed covered with a warm down blanket.
Meet Daphine, whose nickname is “Abwooli.”
Daphine is seven years old and lives in Uganda “in a house made of wood and mud.” At private school, she wears a red t-shirt and green shorts, just like every other student there. Because her school is very far from home, Daphine lives with her grandmother during the week; even so, she walks a half-hour to get to class.
Meet Ananya, who is called

“Anu.”
Eight years old, Anu lives in India and helps her mother after school by hanging laundry outside on a line to dry. Dinnertime for her family is at nine o’clock; afterward, Anu likes to play with her sister before bedtime; then, the entire family sleeps together in one huge bed.
Meet Kian, who is seven years old.
Living in Iran in an apartment near the Caspian Sea, Kian wears a uniform to his all-boys school, where he studies Farsi and the Quran. One of the things Kian likes to do after school is to go horseback riding, and he

enjoys helping take care of his baby brother. He also loves to watch cartoons on TV before going to sleep beneath his favorite blanket.
Now meet you. What is your life like?
Based on seven real families living in countries around the world, “This is How We Do It” is a nice introduction to other cultures and a “typical day” that the worlds’ children might experience.
“The world is a huge place...” says author Matt Lamothe, and though he indicates that his book doesn’t necessarily represent how each culture is, as a whole,



it’s still a great way to show your child similarities and differences. Simply-hued pictures allow young readers to see where and how other kids live, what their teachers are like, and what can traditionally be found at the table – and though some of those things may be markedly dissimilar to what your child is used to, variations are noted matter-of-

factly. The book ends on a note that ties up its whole meaning nicely.
Great for upper-elementary school kids, this book is also a smart reference and a nice start-off point for a school report. Or, if your child merely wonders how the other half of the world lives, “This is How We Do It” gives them a big story.

Going in Style

Cheated geezers pull bank heist in hilarious crime comedy

By Kam Williams
Columnist

Released in 1979, *Going in Style* revolved around a trio of retirees who break the monotony of their dreary daily lives by robbing a bank. That critically-acclaimed, comic caper co-starred a trio of entertainment icons in George Burns, Art Carney and the legendary Lee Strasberg, the father of method acting.
Ordinarily, one would think twice before mounting a remake of such a beloved classic. Not Zach Braff (Garden State). Despite the daunting challenge, the ambitious actor-turned-director decided to give it a go.
First, he turned to Oscar-nominee Theodore Melfi (for *Hidden Figures*’ screenplay). Melfi came up with a terrific script only loosely based on the original. He retained the main characters’ names and the basic “bank heist” premise while updating the dialogue and overhauling plot to yield a rollicking, laugh-a-minute adventure.

Second, Zach retained the services of Academy Award-Winners Morgan Freeman, Michael Caine and Alan Arkin to play the leads. Although 79, 84 and 83, respectively, these reliable, accomplished thespians generate an endearing camaraderie and deliver every punchline with perfect timing.
At the point of departure, we find Joe (Caine) in the midst of complaining to an unsympathetic loan officer (Josh Pais) about Williamsburg Savings’ impending foreclosure on his home when the place is suddenly held-up by a gang of masked men. Later that day, while commiserating with former co-workers Willie (Freeman) and Al (Arkin), Joe realizes they’ve all fallen prey to the bank’s shady practices which includes completely draining the pension fund they’re all dependent on.
But instead of alerting the authorities, the victims opt to take the law into their own

hands, conspiring to retrieve at gunpoint precisely the same amount “stolen” from them. Of course, the hold up proves easier planned than executed, given that this is each of these geezer’s first felony.
Fortunately, the BFFs are not to be deterred, even after a disastrous dry run shoplifting at a supermarket. What’s bad for them is great for the audience, as the laughs just keep coming clear through the closing credits.
You can’t ask any more of a madcap comedy than this much hilarity.
Excellent (4 stars)
Rated PG-13 for profanity, drug use and suggestive material
Running time: 96 minutes
Distributor: Warner Brothers Home Entertainment Group
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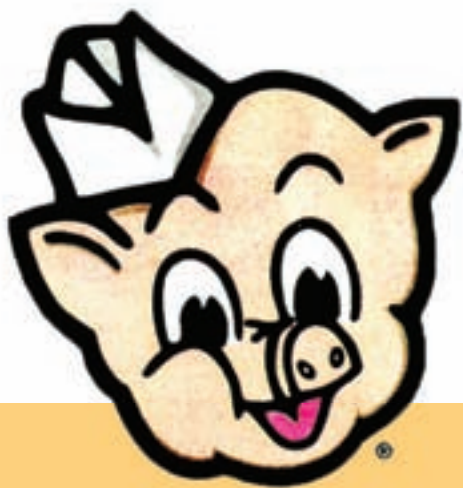
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