



Members of the Mission's Ministry of College Hill Baptist Church stand in front of church on their annual Mission Day with Latasha Street as guest speaker (front row center).

Street speaks at annual mission day

By Jackie Hampton
Pulbisher

College Hill Baptist Church celebrated its' annual Mission Day Sunday at 4 p.m. with Lo Ester Benson presiding and Latasha Street serving as guest speaker. They are members of the mission ministry at College Hill located at 1600 Florence Avenue in Jack-

son. Mission member Geraldine Watts said, in her introduction of Street, "When I first heard Latasha pray at a choir rehearsal I said to myself, this young lady knows who she is praying to and what she is praying about. Every time I hear her pray, I get a warm feeling that she really knows the

Lord." Street, a very active member at College Hill, works at For-man, Watson and Krutz, LLP as a jurisdictional paralegal. She said when asked to speak on Mis-sion Day she thought to herself

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Nissan donates \$1 million to Habitat for Humanity, renews partnership



Nissan team who worked on the Daughtery home in Canton, Miss. PHOTO COURTESY OF NISSAN

The Mississippi Link Newswire

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Nissan North America recently announced the continuation of its long-standing partnership with Habitat for Humanity with a \$1 million donation. Nissan has contributed more than \$15 million to Habitat nationally since the partnership began in 2005, when Nissan donated 50 trucks and mobilized employees to assist in home building following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in the Gulf Coast region.

"Nissan's mission is to enrich people's lives, so we value our partnership with Habitat for Humanity because it helps to build sustainable communities in the areas where our employees live and work," said Rebecca Vest, vice president of Corporate Development and Social Responsibility, Nissan. "Our employees look forward to working alongside future homeowners as they

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The NNPA issues call to support gulf area residents impacted by historic floods



Family of Sonny Messiah-Jiles, publisher of The Houston Defender, is rescued by boat from their home as a result of rising floodwaters in Houston. PHOTO BY CLYDE JILES

NNPA Newswire

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) issued an urgent national call for support for all people, who are being impacted by the devastating flood waters from then Hurricane Harvey, now tropical storm Harvey in Texas, in Houston and Louisiana.

In addition to the many thousands of Texas and other Gulf area residents living in uncertainty and crisis as a result

of the impact of Harvey, NNPA learned that one of its member publishers, Sonny Messiah-Jiles, publisher of the Houston Defender, along with her family, were rescued by boat from their home.

The NNPA has other member publishers in the area and is attempting to get an update on the status of fellow publishers Karen Carter Richards of the Houston Forward Times, and Fran-

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Jackson City Council pays former mayor's legal fees



Yarber



Bracey

By Othor Cain
Editor

After a year of going back and forth in court conversations and the city of Jackson spending more than \$100K in legal fees, it all came to an end Tuesday.

It took just five steps and nearly 15 minutes for the Jackson City Council to agree to settle a year-long sexual harassment lawsuit with former city employee Kimberly Bracey that will cost the city an additional \$10K.

Bracey, who was an executive assistant to former Mayor Tony

Yarber, filed a sexual harassment lawsuit in 2016 against Yarber, but admitted she and Yarber engaged in a consensual sexual affair shortly after he was elected in 2014. Bracey claims when she wanted to end it, she could not for fear of losing her job.

Yarber, who is senior pastor at Relevant Empowerment Church and an educational consultant, vehemently denied all charges and worked aggressively through his legal team to dismiss them. Though unsuccessful with dismissing the charges, Yarber is breathing a sigh

of relief based on the actions of the city council Tuesday.

First, it was listed as item number 39 on the city council meeting agenda, an order authorizing resolution of all claims in the matter styled Kimberly Bracey vs City of Jackson.

Secondly, it was amended to include a fee of \$10K, to be paid by the city to Bracey, clearing the city of any further involvement in this year long saga and detaching the city from further claims therein.

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

MINISTERS MARCH FOR JUSTICE TO SUPPORT RACIAL HEALING IN THE U.S.



(From left-right) Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., president and CEO of the NNPA; Martin Luther King III, 2017 NNPA Lifetime Legacy Award and civil rights leader; and Reverend Al Sharpton, founder of the National Action Network, pose for a photograph near the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial in Washington, D.C. August 28, 2017. Sharpton organized a Ministers March for Justice to support racial healing in the U.S. August 28 was also the 54th anniversary of the historic March on Washington. PHOTO BY TRAVIS RIDDICK/NNPA



“I Am 2018” Campaign to mark 50th anniversary of sanitation strike in Memphis and the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Join together to recognize a turning point in the Civil Rights Movement

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Washington, D.C. — As the shocking events of Charlottesville, bolstered by the incendiary rhetoric of Donald Trump, stir nightmarish visions of the 1960s, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) and the Church of God in Christ (COGIC) are embarking upon a major commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Memphis sanitation workers’ strike and Dr. Martin Luther King’s final “Mountaintop” speech; events that led up to King’s assassination and transformed the civil rights landscape forever.

On June 27, AFSCME and COGIC launched the “I AM 2018” Campaign, designed to connect the legacy of the strikers and King to the current issues facing our nation.

“AFSCME emphatically and unequivocally condemns the Nazi white nationalists who spewed vile bigotry and incited domestic terrorism two weeks ago. Now is a moment for all Americans who believe in freedom and justice, in tolerance and inclusion, to stand up and speak out. In light of this, our union has been on the front lines of the civil and racial justice struggle for decades. In the



AFSCME President Lee Saunders stresses the importance of the “I AM 2018” campaign at AFSCME headquarters in Washington, D.C. as Rep. John Lewis, COGIC Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake Sr. and NFL Players Association Executive Director DeMaurice Smith listen.

coming year, through the “I AM 2018” initiative, we will honor the memory of Dr. King a half-century after he was assassinated during a trip to Memphis to support striking AFSME sanitation workers,” said AFSCME President Lee Saunders.

“The violence, hate and white supremacy on display in Charlottesville, Virginia must be condemned by all people of faith and goodwill. We in the church must provide moral leadership

to show how we vigorously pursue justice,” said COGIC Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake Sr.

Saunders said, “This campaign is not just a look back at our past; it’s a call to action, to inspire and train people to create a better American future; one where we lift up each other; one where we recognize and celebrate our common humanity; one where we respect and embrace our neighbors.”

During the 1960s, one of the most transformative chapters in the civil rights movement was the close collaboration between religious, civil rights and labor organizers — the same spirit I AM 2018 seeks to create.

“By attacking problems, in communities across the nation, from these interrelated perspectives simultaneously we maximize the likelihood of success,” added Bishop Blake.

Leading up to events planned



Representative John Lewis offers his thoughts during the June 27 launch of the “I AM 2018” Campaign in Washington, D.C.

for April 2, 3 and 4, 2018, the campaign will focus on training and mobilizing youth activists and organizers to work in communities nationwide — addressing civil rights, labor rights and economic justice.

There will also be a wide range of other activities taking place between now and April, including town halls and trainings.

About AFSCME

AFSCME’s 1.6 million mem-

bers provide the vital services that make America happen. With members in hundreds of different occupations — from nurses to corrections officers, child care providers to sanitation workers — AFSCME advocates for fairness in the workplace, excellence in public services and prosperity and opportunity for all working families.

For more information on the “I AM 2018” CAMPAIGN, go to <https://www.iam2018.org>.

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build their homes. The work is enriching for those families and for our employees as they make memories that will last a lifetime.”

Included in Nissan’s donation are five new Nissan TITAN pickup trucks and two new Nissan NV high-roof cargo vans for use by Habitat organizations to support construction activities. The TITAN trucks and NV vans are assembled by Nissan’s manufacturing plant in Canton, Miss.

The majority of Nissan’s 2017 donation will go toward the building costs of Habitat homes in locations where Nissan has an operational presence, working with local Habitats, including: Arizona, Habitat for Humanity of Central Arizona in Phoenix; California, Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley in Sunnyvale; Colorado, Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver; Georgia, Northwest Metro Atlanta Habitat for Humanity; Michigan, Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County in Detroit; Mississippi, Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area in Jackson; Tennessee, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Nashville in Nashville, Habitat for Humanity of Williamson-Maury in Franklin, Rutherford County Habitat for Humanity in Murfreesboro, Highland Rim Habitat for Humanity in Tullahoma; Texas, Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity in Dallas; Virginia, Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia in Herndon; Ontario, Canada, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Toronto.

“The generous donation from Nissan and the volun-



Nissan team works to build a new home for the Daughtery family.



Steve Marsh, Mildred Daughtery, homeowner and Rodney Francis
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teers who continue to work alongside those in need of decent housing makes such a difference in the lives of families and communities,” said Colleen Finn Ridenhour, senior vice president of Development, Habitat for Humanity International. “We are extremely grateful to have a partner like Nissan who shares our commitment to build sustainable communities.”

Nissan has continued to support Habitat’s disaster response program through the years by providing more than \$500,000 in funding and seven mobile response units. Nissan has donated an additional 93 trucks and helped to build 85 homes across the U.S. Nissan’s employees have logged more than 97,000 volunteer hours with Habitat for Humanity.

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ceis Page of the Houston Style Magazine and their families. We are also asking that all of our member publishers – and everyone of us as Americans – remember and support those affected by the crisis in Texas in our concerned hearts and fervent prayers.

Direct support and donations can be made through the American Red Cross at 1-800-RED-CROSS or online at <http://www.redcross.org>.

About the national newspaper publishers association

The National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) is a trade group that represents more than 200 black-owned media companies.

The NNPA promotes the profession of journalism and the business of publishing, while celebrating the evolution of the Black Press in America.

Learn more about the NNPA at NNPA.org.

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“They must can’t find anyone else to speak” but by the time she concluded her 15 minute speech, based on the applause, ovation and positive reaction from everyone, there was no doubt that she was the right choice.

Mission President Mildred Kelly said everyone was pleased with the inspiring message she delivered.

Street spoke on the mission day theme “Christian Men and Women on the Move for Christ.” The theme scripture was Matthew 28: 19-20. “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”

Street said, “life for her has been like a race or rather a marathon, and you must be able to keep going no matter what comes your way. As

Christians you must have a personal relationship with Christ before you can tell others about His goodness. You have to be able to share what you have gone through and what He has brought you through.”

Street shared her personal encounter with Christ many years ago when He saved her from what could have been a fatal accident with a miraculous intervention.

Street’s sub topic was ‘Who, What, and Why.’ *Who* meaning those who have had an encounter with Christ; *What* meaning making disciples, baptizing and teaching others; *How* meaning knowing that God will equip you with what you need to carry out His mission.

Pastor Michael T. Williams commended Street on an excellent message and led the members of the mission ministry in a rededication prayer.

Yarber

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Thirdly, the second step passed. Fourthly, it was amended to include the legal fees (amount wasn’t disclosed) of former Mayor Tony Yarber.

Finally, the overall measure that included both amendments passed on a 4-1 vote, officially ending the saga of Bracey vs the City of Jackson. Councilmen Foote, Priester and Stamps along with Councilwoman Lindsay voted for the measure. Councilman Stokes voted against it. Councilman Banks, who once worked for Yarber, recused himself.

Priester and Stokes conversed the most about the agenda item and both took opposite votes of their vocal presentations.

Priester, who represents Ward 2, voted against the amendment to in-

clude Yarber’s legal fees. “I think we are paying for something he [Yarber] didn’t ask for and essentially paying for something he [Yarber] created,” Priester said. “I do think however, that it is time to end this nightmare; we’ve already exhausted enough money.” Priester voted for the final measure.

Stokes, who represents Ward 3, voted for the amendment to include Yarber’s legal fees. “We have in the past paid the legal fees of others, why would we change now,” Stokes asked? “We paid for former Mayor Frank Melton and others...I think we need a fair vote and fair practice, straight across the board.”

Stokes, however, voted against the final measure to a swell of laughter from the audience.



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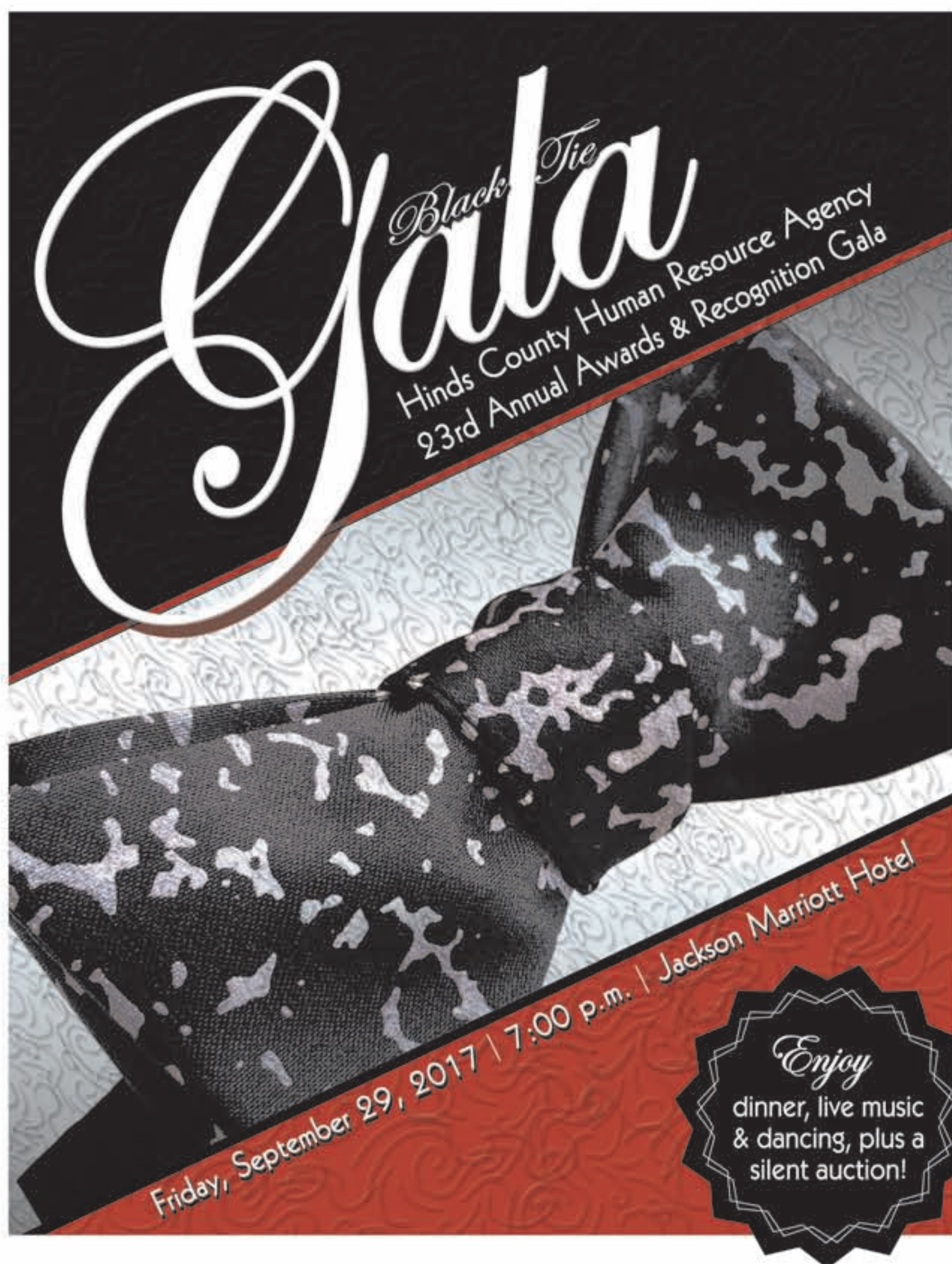
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JPS students make gains on MAAP tests

Mississippi Link Newswire

On August 8, the Mississippi Department of Education released statewide results from the 2016-17 Mississippi Academic Assessment Program (MAAP). The program assesses student performance in English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics in grades 3-8, English II and Algebra.

MAAP is the new name for the Mississippi Assessment Program (MAP), which was first administered in the 2015-16 school year.

Jackson Public Schools students showed steady progress in both ELA and mathematics. Proficiency increases are most dramatic for upper elementary and middle grades. Sixth graders improved 9.13 percent on ELA assessments. Fifth graders across the District showed the most consistent growth, with significant gains of 6.6 percent on Math and 6.37 percent on ELA assessments.

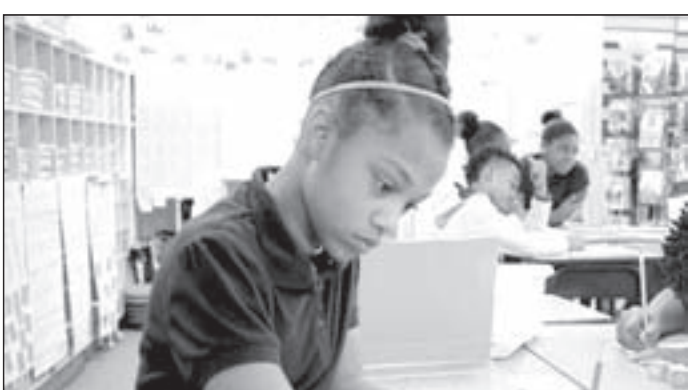
The table below shows grades and subject areas where the District experienced the most growth.

“We are very pleased with the academic gains we have achieved. Our teachers and students deserve all the credit for the hard work they put forth to implement the instructional practices we have administered to help our students achieve,” said Interim Superintendent Freddrick Murray.

“While Jackson Public Schools awaits the release of letter grades in October, we are continuing to carry out corrective actions to improve student



JPS students are making progress.



JPS' top priority is increasing achievement for all JPS students.

achievement. We have made a substantial investment in new buses, drivers, and transportation technology to get students to school on time. We have re-organized administrative positions to focus initiatives on the unique needs of the diverse communities that make up the 27,000-student district. In collaboration with the Council of Great City Schools, we are creating and implementing programs to boost academic performance and narrow achievement gaps; improve

professional development; and strengthen leadership, governance, and management.

“Our commitment is unwavering in providing every student a quality education in partnership with parents and the community. Our students are first, and our goals to increase academic performance and provide safe learning environments are student-driven.

“Some of our schools and programs have sustained high levels of achievement over a period of time, and others have

Grade/Subject	Increase	2015-16 Proficient or Advanced	2016-17 Proficient or Advanced
3rd Grade Math	5.7%	13.7%	19.4%
4th Grade Math	3.2%	13.5%	16.7%
5th Grade Math	6.6%	13.2%	19.8%
7th Grade Math	4.9%	15.6%	20.5%
3rd Grade ELA	1.31%	18.0%	19.31%
5th Grade ELA	6.37%	21.3%	27.67%
6th Grade ELA	9.13%	13.6%	22.73%

School	2014-15 ELA	2014-2015 Math	2015-16 ELA	2015-16 Math	2016-17 ELA	2016-17 Math
Casey Elementary	62.4%	45.1%	54.6%	45.7%	48.0%	57.8%
Davis IB Elementary	75.4%	60.0%	77.2%	68.5%	81.6%	82.8%
Power APAC Elementary	73.2%	45.9%	63.4%	54.2%	64.1%	49.9%
Bailey APAC Middle	66.9%	51.3%	68.7%	53.0%	70.5%	64.3%
Northwest Jackson IB Middle	83.6%	45.3%	53.6%	42.4%	59.3%	49.1%

made strong improvements in recent years. We want to recognize the accomplishments of those schools. However, we will study their success in an effort to ensure growth for all of our students at all of our schools.”

Each year, on the heels of the release of state assessment data, SchoolDigger.com updates its School Rankings. There are still several five-star schools from JPS on the list in the 90th percentile or higher in the state:

Davis IB Elementary (99.5%)
Bailey APAC Middle (97.1%)
Power APAC Elementary (92.1%)
Casey Elementary (91.6%)
Northwest Jackson IB Middle (90.1%)

Students at these schools consistently outperform statewide averages for proficiency

in reading and math.

On the 2016-17 3rd Grade Reading Assessment, 94 percent of 2,327 third graders passed the test after the final administration at the end of July 2017.

In 2017, a total of 1,497 high school seniors graduated from JPS schools, earning more than \$20 million in scholarships combined. The district’s graduation rate increased by 6.1 percent from 64.1 percent in 2011 to 70.2 percent in 2016.

About Jackson Public Schools

Jackson Public Schools is the largest urban school district in Mississippi, serving about 27,000 students, representing more than 80 percent of school-aged children in the state’s capital and only urban municipality.

There are seven high schools, 12 middle schools, 37 elementary schools, and two special schools comprising the district’s 58 school sites. These schools distributed among seven feeder patterns based on the high school receiving the area’s students.

About MAAP

According to MDE, the MAAP assessments measure how students are progressing toward academic goals that give them the skills and knowledge to succeed in careers and higher education. Developed with help from Mississippi teachers, the tests are aligned to the Mississippi College and Career Ready Standards. The tests have five scoring levels: Level 1 – Minimal; Level 2 – Basic; Level 3 – Pass; Level 4 – Proficient; and Level 5 – Advanced.

No appointment necessary for registration

Mississippi Link Newswire

The Office of Enrollment Services is no longer taking appointments to complete registration for the 2017-2018 school year. Any family needing to register using shared residency affidavit, non-parental affidavit, foster care or homeless may report to the Office of Enrollment

Services without an appointment anytime between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

In order to complete registration, the following documents are required for ALL students enrolling in JPS schools for the 2017-2018 school year:

- Certified copy of student’s birth certificate (long form)

- Certificate of Immunization (121 Form) issued by the state of Mississippi

- Two Proofs of Residency documents. These can be found on the Registration Requirements page.

For more information, please call (601) 960-8850 or (601) 960-8701.

Jackson Public Schools announces intent to apply for 21st Century grant

Mississippi Link Newswire

The Jackson Public School District is pleased to formally announce our intent to apply for the Mississippi Department of Education 21st Century Community Learning Center program grant for the upcoming 2017–2018 year.

The 21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC) initiative offers a school-based community education center that keeps children safe during at-risk afterschool hours and in the summer. These centers provide children academic enrichment,

homework tutors, and a wide range of cultural, developmental, and recreational opportunities. Students also receive afternoon snacks and transportation home.

For more information, contact the JPS Office of Federal Programs at (601) 960-8707.

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JSU hosts NASA Road Tour, expects ties and contracts with federal agencies will soar

By L.A. Warren
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A JSU alum's keynote address during a two-day NASA Technology Infusion Road Tour hosted by Jackson State University Tuesday urged visiting HBCUs and Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs) to position themselves to earn federal contracts and a share of untapped millions.

Malcolm Jackson of Washington, D.C., is vice president of Strategic Accounts Phase One Consulting Group, a wholly owned subsidiary of Accenture Federal Services. The firm focuses on building strategic relationships with executives in the federal government. Inside the Mississippi e-Center@JSU, he challenged HBCUs and MSIs to learn how to navigate federal contracts while delivering their best products and services.

Professionally, he guides clients toward a vision that would offer new technology to federal agencies. His expertise became more evident after President Barack Obama appointed him to a major post. Jackson served as assistant administrator for the Office of Environmental Information and chief information officer for the Environmental Protection Agency.

JSU President William B. Bynum Jr. also wants a greater focus on collaboration with the federal government, including NASA.

"Our ability to get additional contracts from NASA would increase student internships, student job opportunities and assist JSU in becoming a great feeder institution. Working with NASA also will allow Jackson State to harness the intellectual capacities in our faculty and staff. So, being able to break into the contracting realm would be a whole different ball game and level of competition. If we're able to do that, our students will benefit," the president said.



JSU alum Malcolm Jackson of Washington, D.C., is vice president of Strategic Accounts Phase One Consulting Group. He was Tuesday's keynote speaker at the NASA Technology Infusion Road Tour and advised participants to learn how to navigate federal contracts while delivering their best products and services. The event was hosted by JSU's College of Business; College of Science, Engineering and Technology (CSET), Information Technology; and Research and Sponsored Programs.



Bynum greets JSU alum and keynote speaker Jackson along with Dr. Richard A. Aló, dean of JSU's College of Science, Engineering and Technology.



Participants surround Bynum as they prepared for workshops that included lessons on consent and compliance when buying for the U.S. government; capability briefs; applying for grants and matchmaking with government agencies. PHOTO BY CHARLES A. SMITH/JSU

Bynum added that there had been past discussions about establishing an HBCU consortium that would develop solutions together. The idea may resurface in the future. If it does, Bynum said JSU could be a major player. "With our capacity, we can be on the leading edge because we've got some heavyweights."

Richard A. Aló, dean of JSU's College of Science, Engineering and Technology (CSET), said NASA's Road Tour is beneficial to everyone. He vowed that JSU will continue positioning itself with the federal government by using faculty research to ensure technological efficiencies.

"JSU will develop key alliances with corporate and external entities, and we will assist the U.S. with cybersecurity and implement Big Data solutions. Expect JSU to become a teaching model for understanding contract procurement," Aló said.

Speaking further to the crowd, Jackson said college towns such as Mississippi's capital city should take advantage of its educational assets because not doing so would be a major loss.

For example, he reflected on the deadly BP Gulf Coast oil spill in April 2010 and its environmental impact on human and marine life. The government

labored long and hard toward resolving the massive cleanup but experienced a "very difficult time trying to find people with the technology and background to come up with solutions."

Jackson said the tragedy created an opportunity for HBCUs and MSIs to engage in solutions, but they were ill-prepared. He said that even if these institutions possessed the technology they likely were not in a position to do business with the federal government. "It's the biggest challenge that we have today."

Jackson wants to change this, making sure HBCUs and MSIs understand the process for con-

ducting business with the federal government. He said NASA's Road Tour teaches participants how to garner contracts and use their expertise.

A number of HBCUs and MSIs attended the two-day event that was hosted by JSU's College of Business; CSET; Information Technology; and Research and Sponsored Programs.

Tour workshops addressed the following: ensuring consent and compliance when buying for the U.S. government; university capability briefs; finding opportunities with NASA Mission Directorates; how to apply for grants; networking with large prime contractors; and matchmaking with government agencies.

Jackson noted that NASA has an annual budget of \$19 billion but encounters difficulty in fulfilling a "collaboration goal" of just 1 percent (\$193 million) with minority institutions.

On average, the federal government spends anywhere from \$85 billion to \$90 billion annually on technology. At 1 percent (\$900 million) that would be significant for HBCUs and MSIs.

With aging technology systems up to 40 years old, the federal government is desperately looking for better solutions to its operations. Jackson said, "Innovative ideas would help save money – especially since nearly 80 percent of the federal government's \$90 billion budget for technology is spent mainly to just 'keep the lights on.'"

Jackson said the Obama Administration recognized there was a problem, so it set aside \$3 billion to begin replacing outdated systems. As a result, colleges and universities are being sought to resolve this dilemma.

As for doing business with the government, Jackson said, "If there's ever a time, this is that time. But the federal govern-

ment only wants to work with the best."

He offered a number of tips for fostering a working relationship with the U.S. government:

- Position yourself for federal collaboration
- Run your organization like a business
- Know your customers
- Set business goals
- Build business plans and set goals
- Align resources with government calendars
- Become federal government procurement experts
- Know your customers
- Target who you want to do business with and understand their mission and priorities
- Know what problems they're trying to solve
- Establish strategic partnerships
- Align with large and small business
- Work with other colleges (consortium)
- Build relationships with government agencies
- Deliver high-quality products or services
- Establish your core capabilities
- Identify your weaknesses and strengths
- Build a quality audit program
- Schools: Prepare your people
- Educational institutions must build allegiance with agencies while students are undergrads
- Align college curricular to the needs of the marketplace
- Lean on alumni in government or industry.

Finally, Jackson said, "Think big; think of things you haven't done before. Put yourself in the eyes of your customer. Think about people who you want to do business with. Know where the federal government or the marketplace is going and position yourself for that."

IN MEMORIAM Former Interim President Norris Allen Edney Sr. passes

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Lorman, Miss.— Alcorn State University is saddened to announce former interim president, Norris Allen Edney Sr., died Saturday at his home in Natchez, Miss.

Edney served as interim president from February 2010 to January 2011 and acting president from December 2013 to March 2014, guiding the university through two presidential transitions. Under Edney's leadership, Alcorn had a familiar and steady hand to steer it through SACS reaffirmation of accreditation in 2010.

President Alfred Rankins Jr. shared the news stating, "We are shocked and saddened to hear the news about one of the most respected and long-serving educators in Alcorn's 146-year history." Rankins continued, "Alcorn has lost a treasured former longtime professor, university leader and dear mentor and friend. We ask the university family to please keep Dr. Edney's wife, Lillian, their children and families in your thoughts and prayers."

Throughout his career, Edney served Alcorn in multiple roles beginning as a biology instructor in 1963. He worked his way up to various leadership positions including chairman of the Department of Biology, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, dean of Graduate Studies, and interim dean of the School of Nursing. He also served as president of the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) from 1979-1984.

"Alcorn has lost one of its long-standing pillars with the passing of Dr. Norris Edney," said Donzell Lee, provost and vice president for academic affairs. "Edney was a mentor and role model to many. His



Edney School Board.

guidance, wisdom and most importantly, his presence and voice had an immeasurable impact on the Alcorn family."

Edney also served his community as president of the Natchez-Adams County School Board.

He earned an associate degree from Natchez Junior College, a bachelor's degree in biology from Tougaloo College, a master's degree in biology from Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Colorado, and a doctorate degree in conservation from Michigan State University.

"Dr. Edney was a remarkable man and a consistent leader who never passed on an opportunity to share his wisdom and experience with those entrusted with the University's future," said Marcus Ward, vice president for institutional Advancement and executive director of the ASU Foundation, Inc. "He was extremely generous in offering sound advice to young leaders. For that, we are extremely thankful and extend our deepest sympathies to Mrs. Lillian and to all of the Edney family and friends."

Vice president for student affairs, Emanuel Barnes, added, "Dr. Edney's heartfelt love for Alcorn was uncompromising. He was a widely admired and effective administrator throughout Mississippi and the higher education community. Our hearts and prayers are with his wife and their family."

Arrangements will be announced when available.

MSU K-12 research center receives \$13.6 million assessment contract

The Mississippi Link Newswire

STARKVILLE, Miss. – The Research and Curriculum Unit at Mississippi State is beginning the next phase of ongoing career and technical education assessments for the state's public schools.

A 10-year, \$13.6 million Mississippi Department of Education contract with the specialized university group went into effect July 1. In addition to continuing many services provided in previous contracts, the new award expands K-12 standard-setting, research and teacher support, among other services.

While the RCU has been developing the scientific evaluations for more than two decades, "this contract aligns CTE assessment more closely to academic testing," said Sean Owen, the project's principal investigator.

With an ultimate goal "to improve teacher quality through assessment," the MSU team has worked continually "to facilitate instructional modification and offer more than an arbitrary score," the associate research professor added.

Formally titled Mississippi Career Planning and Assessment System, Edition Three, the 2017 contract with MDE is designed to advance the work of previous contracts by introducing more proficiency levels and conducting additional analyses to demonstrate the alignment of assessments with curricula.

The agreement also enables the RCU to offer additional practice



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tests in each CTE pathway and increased data access for teachers, so they may strategically employ it in classroom settings.

"Mississippi has one of the best CTE testing systems in the nation," Owen said. "Few states offer multiple-choice tests, national certifications and performance-based testing across all pathways the way the RCU does for Mississippi's CTE programs."

Differing assessments allow public school students to show proficiency levels in standardized, multiple-choice tests or by completing a set of career-related tasks. Many also elect to earn certifications that add to their resumes, Owen said.

Additionally, the new contract calls for the RCU to:

- Provide both the state department and local school districts with detailed demographic statistics. By reporting the subgroup data, districts can identify students in achievement gaps and begin to fo-

cus lesson modifications to close those gaps and improve performance;

- Give special focus on how best to effectively present data to teachers; and
- Identify excelling classroom leaders, so they may train peers during periodic conferences and individual mentorings of new colleagues.

Mike Mulvihill, MDE's director of career and technical education, said his agency appreciates the RCU's continuing production of quality assessments.

"I look forward to working with them to build on the positives from previous work to support students and teachers," Mulvihill said.

MSU is Mississippi's leading university, available online at www.msstate.edu

For more information on the RCU, visit www.rcu.msstate.edu; on its assessment work, www.rcu.msstate.edu/assessment.

JSU will induct 7 former outstanding athletes into its 2017 Sports Hall of Fame



By L.A. Warren
jsumsnews.com

Jackson State University’s Division of Sports will induct seven former outstanding athletes during its 30th Sports Hall of Fame banquet ceremony at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22, in the Student Center Ballroom on the main campus, 1400 John R. Lynch Street.

This year’s banquet ceremony will honor athletes in three sports: baseball, football and track and field.

Those who will be enshrined have made a mark on and off the field and continue to impact their communities with civic duties and various businesses. As well, some played profes-

sional sports or carried their talents to academic institutions.

The 2017 honorees are:
Bennie Crenshaw, football
Schuyler Doakes, football
Johnny Edwards, baseball
Jesse Griffin, football
Victor Hall, football
Edgar “Chico” Jordan, football (posthumous honor)
Jimmy Patterson, track and field

Cost for individual banquet tickets are \$60 if purchased by Sept. 20 and \$75 after Sept. 20. A reserved table for eight is \$600.

Tickets are available at the JSU Ticket Office: 601-979-2420.

JSU announces 2017 football TV schedule



The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Jackson State football program will have three televised games during the 2017 regular season.

The Tigers will open the season on FOX Sports Sept. 2 when JSU takes on the TCU Horned Frogs. The following weekend, JSU faces the Tennessee State Tigers in the Southern Heritage Classic in Memphis. The game will be broadcast on FOX Sports Southeast.

JSU’s last regular season televised game is scheduled for Sept. 16 when the Tigers take on Grambling State in Grambling, Louisiana. The game will be aired on ESPN3 and ESPNU (tape

delayed).

2017 JSU TV schedule
Sept. 2 – JSU at TCU, Ft. Worth, Texas, 7 pm, FOX Sports Network
Sept. 9 – JSU vs. Tennessee State (Southern Heritage Classic), Memphis, Tennessee, 6 pm, FOX Sports Southeast (tape delayed)
Sept. 16 – JSU at Grambling State, Grambling, Louisiana, 6 pm, ESPN3, ESPNU (tape delayed)
Dec. 2 – SWAC Championship Game, Houston, Texas, 3:30 pm, ESPN
Dec. 16 – Celebration Bowl, Atlanta, Georgia, 11 am, ABC

Lady Tigers fall 3-0 to Southern Miss

Mississippi Link Newswire

The Jackson State women’s volleyball team fell 3-0 to Southern Miss in the final match of the Southern Miss Invitational Saturday evening. With this loss JSU falls to a 1-2 overall record.

Camry Dabney led the Lady Tigers offense with six kills, while Sapphire Simpson had 11 assists and Tyler Moorer had seven digs.

Chandler Marshall led USM with 13 kills en route to the win.

Jackson State returns to action Wednesday, Aug. 30, when the Lady Tigers host Jacksonville State at T.B. Ellis Gymnasium for their home opener. Match play is set for 6:30 pm.

Lady Braves begin 2017 campaign at uno invitational

Mississippi Link Newswire

The Alcorn State University volleyball program kicks off its 2017 season Friday and Saturday when it competes in the University of New Orleans Invitational at the Human Performance Center.

The team will square off with the host, Privateers, Friday at 10 a.m. before playing a 3 p.m. match against Southeast Missouri State. The Lady Braves round out their opening weekend in a noon contest Saturday with Fordham.

“I’m excited about putting these girls in a position where I know that they can be successful,” said head coach Chelsey Nicholas. “Going into this weekend, I’m looking for progression. Win or lose, I want us to do it right. When we go into these games, we must take care of all of the details. I want us to progress so that when we get into conference play. We’re ready to go.”

With 19 newcomers, including 16 freshmen, senior Brittney Dumas and sophomore Wanya Morris will be expected to step up offensively. Junior college transfers Alondra Rivera Modesto and Singryd Valadares bring experience to the court, while freshmen Daharri Thompkins and Fipaipai Iosia and sophomore Melinda Perrilloux are also expected to contribute.

“We did watch video and some of our girls knew the other teams’ players, but at the end of the day they haven’t played before and this is the first collegiate game for some of the girls,” added Nicholas. “I think the



whole preparation process has been our mindset. If we play like we’ve prepared, then we’re going to be able to battle.”

UNO | Aug. 25 | 10 a.m.

The Privateers returned nine players from a 2016 squad that posted a 5-25 record and welcomed five newcomers. Fourth-year head coach Millicent Van Norden, who coached Alcorn to back-to-back Division titles in 2001 and 2002 and is Alcorn’s all-time leading blocker, will look to junior Kaitlyn Grice, who led the team in total blocks (81) last year. The middle blocker was tapped as the Privateers captain. UNO was picked to finish 13th in the Southland Conference Preseason Poll.

Southeast Missouri State | Aug. 25 | 3 p.m.

The two programs face off for the first time in program history. The Redhawks went 7-23 in 2016 and are composed mostly of upperclassmen

(five seniors and five juniors). Four of the nine returnees started last season, including seniors Krissa Gearing and Nzingha Clarke, who were both named to the Preseason All-Ohio Valley Conference Team. Picked to finish ninth in the Preseason Poll, the team is led by seventh-year head coach Julie Yankus.

Fordham | Aug. 26 | 12 p.m.

The Rams went 11-18 a year ago and are returning all but one player from their 2016 squad. Junior Breanna Jones and senior Emily Frunk return as captains, while Atlantic 10 and ECAC Rookie of the Year Olivia Fairchild and sophomore Morgan Williams return as the only two players on the squad to have appeared in all 111 sets last season. Fordham was picked to finish eighth in the Atlantic 10 Preseason Poll. Saturday will also be the first meeting between the two teams.

Alcorn fans flood Walmart for inaugural pep rally

Mississippi Link Newswire

VICKSBURG, Miss. - The Alcorn State University fans were in full attendance at the Walmart Vicksburg sponsored Kick-off Pep Rally Saturday.

The Sounds of Dyn-O-Mite and the Golden Girls showcased their world-renowned showmanship by providing entertainment for store patrons as they both marched and performed inside the store. The cheerleaders led the packed store in cheers and chants.

“The Walmart pep rally was a huge stride in strengthening our partnership with Walmart Vicksburg. Our students, alumni and Alcorn community exhibited Braves pride at its finest and we look to continue to build upon this momentum throughout the year,” said assistant vice president for athletic compliance and academic services Jason Cable.

Walmart has worked with the uni-



versity to enlarge its selection of merchandise with a newly expanded apparel section totally dedicated to Alcorn.

“Today we had a great turnout from our fans,” said director of athletics Derek Horne. “We are looking forward to a great partnership with Walmart

Vicksburg and making this an annual event for our fans.”

Alcorn has two more weeks to prepare for its 2017 season opener when it hosts Miles College Saturday, Sept. 2 at 6 p.m. at Jack Spinks-Marino Casem Stadium.

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Volleyball Box Score

2016 Jackson State University Volleyball

Jackson State vs Southern Miss (Aug 26, 2017 at Hattiesburg, Miss.)

#	Jackson State	S	K	E	TA	Pct	Ass	Serve	SA	SE	RE	Dig	BS	B	BE	BH	Pts
3	Sapphire Simpson	3	0	1	1	1.000	11	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	-
6	Marina Brito	3	3	0	10	.300	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	-
7	Laura Funk	3	3	3	11	.000	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	-
10	Kanilea Nomura	3	5	0	6	.833	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	-
18	Camry Dabney	3	6	4	24	.083	0	0	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	-
20	Tielar Richards	3	5	4	16	.062	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
21	Tyler Moorer	3	0	0	0	.000	2	0	0	2	7	0	0	0	0	0	-
11	Markayisha Masani	3	0	1	1	1.000	0	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	-
16	Alexandra Burney	3	3	2	11	.091	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	-
23	Terri Irving	3	0	0	0	.000	9	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	-
Team												1					
Totals		3	25	15	80	.125	22	0	1	9	22	0	2	2	1	1	-

Team Attack By Set

Set	K	E	TA	Pct
1	6	5	24	.042
2	10	7	30	.100
3	9	3	26	.231

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 1.0

SET SCORES		1	2	3	Team Records:
Jackson State (0)		11	14	15	1-2
Southern Miss (3)		25	25	25	3-1

#	Southern Miss	S	K	E	TA	Pct
2	Sarah Bell	3	3	0		
4	Alexis Coombs	3	5	0		
6	Kylie Grandy	3	12	2		
7	Breileigh Favre	3	7	3		
12	Catherine Repsher	2	5	1		
20	Chandler Marshall	3	13	5		
1	Madison Lawler	1	0	0		
5	Natalie Druhan	3	0	0		
10	Dani Ajayi	2	3	1		
11	Ashley Chapman	1	0	0		
14	Melanie Miller	2	0	0		
22	Lainey Aenschbacher	2	0	0		
Totals		3	48	12		

Team Attack By Set

Set	K	E	TA	Pct
1	17	3	27	.519
2	15	4	31	.355
3	16	5	27	.407

Site: _____

Date: _____

Ref: _____

#	Southern Miss	S	K	E	TA	Pct	Ass	Serve	SA	SE	RE	Dig	BS	B	BE	BH	Pts
2	Sarah Bell	3	3	0	5	.600	36	1	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	-
4	Alexis Coombs	3	5	0	10	.500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	-
6	Kylie Grandy	3	12	2	20	.500	3	4	0	0	0	6	0	1	1	0	-
7	Breleigh Favre	3	7	3	14	.286	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	-
12	Catherine Repsher	2	5	1	9	.444	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	-
30	Chandler Marshall	3	13	5	23	.348	1	2	2	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	-
31	Madison Lawler	1	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
8	Natalie Druhan	3	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	-
10	Dani Ajayi	2	3	1	4	.500	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	-
11	Ashley Chapman	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	-
14	Melanie Miller	2	0	0	0	.000	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
22	Lainey Aeschbacher	2	0	0	0	.000	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	-
Totals		3	48	12	85	.424	47	9	3	0	33	1	8	3	0	-	-
Team Attack By Set																	
Set	K	E	TA	Pct													
1	17	3	27	.519													
2	15	4	31	.355													
3	16	5	27	.407													
TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 5.0																	
Site: Hattiesburg, Miss. (Reed Green Coliseum)																	
Date: Aug 26, 2017 Attend: 644 Time: 1:07																	
Referees: Cindy Thompson, John Warlbrough, Kevin Britt																	

Mississippi dove hunting season starts Sept. 2

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Mississippi’s dove hunting season will open September 2 statewide.

For private lands on opening day, legal shooting hours will begin 30 minutes before sunrise. Dove fields on Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks (MDWFP) Wildlife Management areas may have different hunt days and shooting times, depending on the specific area’s regulations. Shooting hours for all migratory game birds end at sunset.

Opening day of dove season is one of the most anticipated hunting days of the year and is a great time for fun and fellowship with friends and family.

Hunters should take serious notice of how a location was prepared before hunting. Hunting migratory birds with

the aid of bait is illegal, and it is the hunter’s responsibility to know if the area is baited or not. A brochure on dove field preparation and hunting regulations can be found online at www.mdwfp.com/dove.

All MDWFP conservation officers will be working with federal officers during the dove seasons to ensure hunters comply with state and federal hunting laws.

Before hunting migratory game birds, hunters should be sure their hunting license is current, complete with Harvest Information Program (HIP) registration, which is required for hunting all migratory game birds in each state hunted.

HIP registration is completed when, upon purchasing a license, hunters are asked questions about their migratory game bird harvest from

the previous year.

The most frequent citation written in Mississippi has been no hunting license. This violation has a direct impact on conservation due to the loss of Federal Aid dollars to the state.

Dove hunters should ensure their shotguns are not capable of holding more than three shells. The total combined bag limit for mourning and white-winged doves is 15 per day, with no more than 45 in possession. On opening day, the possession limit is the same as the daily bag limit.

For more information regarding doves in Mississippi, visit our website at www.mdwfp.com/dove or call us at (601) 432-2199.

Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/mdwfp or on Twitter at www.twitter.com/MDWFPonline.

MDE announces USDA income guidelines for free and reduced price meals

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Mississippi Department of Education announces the United States Department of Agriculture income guidelines for free and reduced price meals served under the school lunch, school breakfast, after school snack program and food distribution programs. Families with children in any of these facilities who are unable to pay the full price of the meals are encouraged to apply for benefits.

Meal applications and instructions for applying for meal benefits are sent home with each student during registration or on the first day of attendance.

To apply for the meal benefits, each household should fill out the application and return it to the school or institution. Additional copies of the application are available at the administrative office of each facility.

For the school/institution officials to determine eligibility, the household must report income information or provide a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) or FDPIR (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations) case number.

If the child receives TANF payments or is a member of a SNAP household, or a member of a FDPIR household, the parent or guardian has to provide only the name of the child, SNAP or TANF or FDPIR case number, and sign the application in order for the child to receive free meals. Homeless, migrant, or runaway youth are categorically eligible for free meals.

Other applicants must report household income identified by source, such as earnings, welfare and alimony received by each household member.

In order for income applicants to be approved, the household must provide the following on the application: the names of all household members, each household member’s monthly income identified by source, the signature of an adult household member certifying that the information provided is correct and the last four digits of the social security number of an adult who signs the application or an



indication that this adult household member does not have a social security number.

The information provided by the household is confidential and will be used only for purposes of determining eligibility and verifying data. The information provided may be verified at any time during the year by the school/institution or program officials.

Households are no longer required to report increases in household income of over \$50 per month or \$600 per year and decreases in household size. However, if a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school/institution. These changes may make the children of the household eligible for free or reduced price meals. Households may apply for benefits at any time during the year as circumstances change.

In certain cases, foster children are also eligible for meal benefits. If a household has foster children living with them and wish to apply for meal benefits for them, the household should contact the school/institution for more information.

Each school/institution has a copy of their approved free and reduced price meal policy. The policy indicates who is responsible for determining eligibility. The determining official is, in most instances, the principal, the food service administrator, or the program director. Each school/school district/institution has an individual named as the hearing official.

Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the determining official may discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal may make a request either orally or in writing to the

hearing official. The school/institution office or the superintendent’s office can provide you with the name, address, and phone number of the hearing official.

“In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.”

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Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at program.intake@usda.gov.

Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339 or (800) 845-6136 (in Spanish).

“USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.”

Children from households whose income is at or below the Income Eligibility Guidelines may be eligible for free or reduced price meals.

MISSISSIPPI BOOK FESTIVAL



Thanks to YOU

OUR 2017 LITERARY LAWN PARTY WAS A SUCCESS!

Dear friends:

You have our warmest thanks for another successful Mississippi Book Festival! Our third turn around the block at the State Capitol was a smooth and spirited showcase for the written word and its place in the hearts and minds of Mississippians.

More than 6,400 people attended indoor panel discussions and interviews, while hundreds more soaked up the festive vibe of the surrounding streets, chatting with authors between sessions, buying books, grooving to live music and hitting up the food trucks for snacks and refreshment. If you did any of that or all of the above, thank you!

- If you braved the August heat, thank you!
- If you relished a panel discussion, thank you!
- If you bought a book (or several), thank you!
- If you got a book signed, thank you!
- If you chatted with a favorite author, thank you!
- If you met a potential new favorite, thank you!
- If you tweeted or posted our hashtags, thank you!
- If you savored local food, thank you!

With everyone’s help this year, we thrived and we’ll strive to continue that growth. Thanks to you!

Check us out on [Facebook](#) for glimpses of the day, take a minute to let us hear from you via the survey below, and visit our 2017 Archive page soon, to see videos and photographs from the events and individual panel discussions.

NOTICE OF A TAX INCREASE AND A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX LEVIES FOR CITY OF JACKSON

The City of Jackson, Mississippi will hold a public hearing on a proposed ad valorem tax revenue increase for fiscal year 2017-2018 and on its proposed budget and proposed tax levies for fiscal year 2017-2018 on Friday, September 1, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers located in City Hall, 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201.

The City of Jackson is now operating with projected total budget revenue of \$ 516,873,153 (13.1 percent) or \$ 67,895,958 of such revenue is obtained through ad valorem taxes. For next fiscal year, the proposed budget has total projected revenue of \$462,366,573 of that amount, (15.5 percent) or \$71,756,359 is proposed to be financed through a total ad valorem tax levy.

For next fiscal year, the City of Jackson plans to increase your ad valorem tax millage rate by 3.00 mills from 61.03 mills to 64.03 mills. This increase means that you will pay more in ad valorem taxes on your home, automobile tag, utilities, business fixtures and equipment and rental real property.

Any citizen of City of Jackson is invited to attend this public hearing on the proposed ad valorem tax increase, and will be allowed to speak for a reasonable amount of time and offer tangible evidence before any vote is taken.”

Man without God is spiritually dead

PART 1

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



We read in John 18:37-38 these words: “Pilate therefore said unto Him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice. Pilate saith unto Him, What is truth?” Romans, Chapter 8, lets us know that sin is of the flesh. Sin is what caused man to stray from God. When men go away from God, they are walking in the flesh. Man without God is like a fish out of water. When a fish is out of the water for very long, it will die. The Bible tells us that the wages of sin is death. Anyone

who is living in sin does not know God. That person is dead spiritually, yet he is alive physically. We will lose the truth if we quit obeying it. There is more to the truth than just hearing it preached; the truth is to be lived. The truth is the Word of God, and the Word and the Spirit work together. There is no power in preaching the truth without the spirit. Some men preach the truth with no power in their message because their lives are not pleasing to God. The power in the message is the Spirit. If we are not obeying God, we do not have any power in our lives. We may say, “we have not committed sin,” however, if we are not obeying God, we are transgressing His law, and we do not have the power of God in our lives. We do not have to go to a club and drink or take drugs to

lose His power in our life. The teaching of God’s Word is to bring us into right relationship with God. We read in Isaiah 53:6, “All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.” Isaiah speaks of Israel straying from God and compares them to wandering sheep. Yet God would send the Messiah to bring them back into the fold. We have the hindsight to see and know the identity of the promise Messiah who has come and died for our sins. But if we can see all that Jesus did and still reject Him, our sin is much greater than that of the Ancient Israelites, who could not see what we have seen. Have we given our lives to Jesus Christ, the “Good Shepherd” (John 10:11-16), or are we still like a wandering sheep? The Roman governor Pon-

tius Pilate asked Jesus, “What is Truth?” This question is being asked throughout the world today. People are asking: “What is Truth? What is Right? Who is Right?” God is Truth, Jesus is Truth and the Word of God is Truth; and these three are one. Truth is not determined by a group of men gathering to decide what should be preached. Truth comes from God, and God’s Word is Truth. We read in John 1:1, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” Next week, 9-8-2017 – Part II “Man without God is spiritually dead.” Rev. Simeon R. Green III is pastor of Joynes Road Church of God, 31 Joynes Road, Hampton VA 23669. He is a member of the National Association of Evangelism Church of God, Anderson, Ind.

PRESERVED Peacemakers not peacetakers

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



One of the hardest things to do is to accept someone else’s apology when you believe they’ve done you wrong. An even harder thing to do is to choose to make peace with someone who has offended you. Why? Sometimes, it’s a lot more comforting to hold onto a grudge than let go of the offense and extend grace instead. I learned this lesson a few years ago during a tense time with a close friend who came to me for moral support during a difficult situation in her marriage. As I listened to my friend talk about her very troubling problems, I had to admit that there was a small part of me that thought about how quickly things had changed from just a few weeks earlier when she’d called me to state very adamantly that out of loyalty to her man she was ending our friendship. How ironic, I thought that now I was the one that she was turning to for help when her ‘man’ was wounding her. But surprisingly, instead of me stating this to her, I found myself just listening to her as she poured out the pain in her heart caused by the person who a few weeks ago I saw as trying to drive a wedge between our friendship. She even made a statement about how she realized that he was trying to drive all of her friends away but that she was not going to let him do so. When I hung up the phone with her nearly two hours later, I then realized that I’d learned

a very important lesson. It went beyond the lesson of humility and the importance of taming my sharp tongue. The situation reminded me of James 3:18: “Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.” It seems as though the important lesson centered around my honestly answering the question: Is it more important to be right or to have a relationship? I mean, is the value of the friendship worth more than the value of being able to say I’m right? Another thing that I have to admit is that because of my pride and arrogance, it used to be not so long ago, that I was more concerned with being right. Foolishly, I was willing to sacrifice relationships with the excuse that if the person couldn’t handle being told they were wrong, then maybe I didn’t need them to be in my circle of friends.

But thank God for growth, change and deliverance. No longer do I think that way and I’ve learned to better treasure friendships. I’ve learned by reassessing myself and my friendships that they are not about what others can add to my life, but for what things of value that I can add to my friends’ lives. I also learned that being “right” may seem to add to my life, but often times it adds nothing to the lives of others. Shewanda Riley is a Dallas, Texas based author of “Love Hangover: Moving From Pain to Purpose After a Relationship Ends” and “Writing to the Beat of God’s Heart: A Book of Prayers for Writers.” Email her at preservedbypurpose@gmail.com or follow her on Twitter @shewanda.

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Racism either drives or draws

By Bobby E. Mills, PhD
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Why does “racism” exist in the most sophisticated and technological enlightened period of the twenty-first century (2017)? Of course, by now you are probably wondering just what will racism drive or draw an individual to? Racism will either drive an individual “insane” or “draw” an individual to evil (the devil). And, both are negative and have negative consequences.

The answer to the “why” question of racism lies in family socialization, pastoral leadership in Christian Right Evangelical churches, and peer group “socialization” influences. “Radical” racial indoctrination occurs because “birds of a feather flock together.”

Most white Americans are not racists. Only about 33-1/3 percent of whites are radical racists, and other whites simply “go along to get along” for social acceptance and fear of being attacked. Forewarned is foretold because silence is consent. For after all, evil is spiritual ignorance of the Creator of all things.

Black Americans are not racially motivated in any way, shape, form or fashion; even though, some blacks respond negatively to racism. In fact, blacks have compassion for, and above all, respect for whites that are culturally inclusive since, on the other hand, they catch hell from racist whites. Hence, blacks are fearful for themselves as well as for their love ones, because they feel that large percentages of whites want them to apologize for what blackness represents; and, therefore, they do not have to ask God for forgiveness for their sinful racism.

God hates racism, and “God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day.” (Psalms 7:11). Words of truth and love can overcome words of lies, hatred and societal discord in the eternal struggle of life and death.

God versus the devil. After all, “For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk

not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.” (Romans 8: 2-4).

In pondering the domestic terrorist actions of James Alex Fields in Charlottesville, Virginia, an individual must conclude that racism leads to unadulterated “demonic-evil” and makes an individual a prime candidate for the devil’s workshop. “For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he:” (Proverbs 23:7).

Only demonic evil can motivate an individual to drive 800 miles to use his motor vehicle as a weapon of domestic terrorism, especially when he should be driving to college to enter his junior year of study.

Reason versus passion. Of course, an individual is what he or she thinks and believes; and, therefore, his/her beliefs and words shape his/her actions (destiny). Moreover, lack of spiritual-moral leadership in family environments, Christian churches and other American cultural institutions, produces societal alienation.

America, know full well, that the truth will either drive you or draw you because: “For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing to dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” (Hebrews 4: 12).

America has a president that has licensed racial and religious hatred, and above all, the destruction of democratic institutions from the beginning. Throughout the primary season and in the general election, Trump embraced the acquired language of racial hatred. Therefore, the spiritual-moral failure of President Trump was manifestly made crystal-clear and complete with his triangulation moral equivalency comments after the Charlottesville terrorist killing.

Confederate symbols are statements of white supremacy and hatred, and a war against the Federal Union, not democratic egalitarian inclusion.

The role of an American president is to calm the nation in difficult times. For certain, being president does not change who you are, it only reveals who you are. For those Americans who did not know, now you know beyond a shadow of a doubt, precisely who President Trump truly is: a racial bigot, a religious bigot, a woman hater

and (undoubtedly) the biggest liar to ever occupy The White House.

Since becoming president historical-media-tracking has identified at least 2,000 public lies utter from the president’s mouth. And, this is why “Jesus said to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed: and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” (John 8: 31-32).

Christian right evangelicals, President Trump has never been a man of God, but a male in the world. The evidence of his lack of God consciousness is his own declaratory statement regarding Two Corinthians. Every Christian has been admonished to, “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.” (2 Timothy 2: 15-16). Two Corinthians is profane and vain babbling.

President Donald J. Trump is the most ungodly, unhinged, despicable, morally-spiritually-challenged-unqualified-president that has ever occupied the White House. This is precisely why he is more comfortable in a campaigning-politicking entertainment mode designed solely to keep his voter base politically solidified. He is not capable of providing presidential moral leadership.

America’s international enemies are laughing; God-fearing Americans are crying and wondering ‘what’s going on’? And, seemingly President Trump has expanded and totally exposed the racist underbelly of the Republican Party, and at the same time, exposed the religious hypocrisy of Christian right evangelicals.

America, let’s clearly understand the consequences of the declining moral authority of America in the world community because President Trump wanted a job that he is intellectually, psychologically, and morally incapable of performing.

Christian Right Evangelicals, you are not fooling God, only yourselves, because you cannot cloak your “racism” in Christianity. God hears all and sees all: . Get right with God! Selah!

President Young’s statement on Charlottesville, Va.

By President Jerry Young
The National Baptist Convention



“For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle.” (1 Cor. 14:8)

The events that occurred recently in Charlottesville, Va. were neither unclear in goal or purpose. The “Unite the Right” rally was a gathering of white Nationalist groups: the KKK, Neo-Nazis and “Alt-Right” groups.

These groups gathered for the express purpose of protesting the removal of an image that epitomizes white supremacy, the statue of Robert E. Lee.

For them, the protest was about much more than preserving something of cultural worth. They marched through the streets proclaiming racist and Anti-Semitic rhetoric. It seemed that they wanted the world to know that their movement was based on white supremacist ideologies. Why else would some of the featured speakers for this event be leaders who champion white nationalist thoughts?

This rally’s goal was to declare to the world that the evil of white supremacy is not dead. It was to demonstrate that white supremacists are willing to do as they have done for centuries – commit acts of violence to spread their beliefs.

Ultimately, a young counter-protester, Heather Heyer, died as a result of this hatred. Her name has been added to the list of those who died at the hands of white supremacists, like Emmett Till, Medgar Evers, Martin Luther King Jr. and many others.

A young African American, DeAndre Harris, was seriously injured; a helicopter crashed resulting in the death of two police officers who were monitoring this event; and nineteen persons were injured by a weaponized vehicle used as a terrorist weapon, all at the hands of white supremacists on one weekend in Charlottesville.

We must not and cannot meet the evil of white supremacy with moral ambivalence. We cannot equivocate when confronted with such a diabolical movement. There are no two sides when it comes to white supremacy. It is a belief system that is anti-Christian at its core and must be repudiated without confusion.

Is this not the colossal failure of our president in dealing with this issue? His first response to the events strangely condemned hate “on many sides.” Monday, President Trump seemed to have understood the weakness of his first statement. He provided a stronger condemnation of the white supremacist groups and

acknowledged Heather Heyer, who had been needlessly killed. But, oddly, Tuesday, he doubled down on his first comments, making the focal point of his discussion the violence that had occurred. Speaking of the groups involved he stated, “You have some very bad people in that group [Antifa and other groups] but you also had people that were very fine people on both sides.”

There is no moral equivalency here. White supremacy fueled the Trans-Atlantic slave trade and led to the Holocaust. It has led to the deaths of many blacks, particularly here in the south, through lynching. It promoted segregation and the codification of racism called Jim Crow in America and Apartheid in South Africa. Its origin is a direct assault on the biblical account of the origin of the human race.

As, I understand it, the other side did not gather because they hated white people; they gathered because they wanted to protest what they perceived as hatred personified. This is not to condone any aggression on their part. But we must acknowledge, first and foremost, in my judgement, that white supremacy is the culprit in this matter. Thus, there could not have been any “fine people” marching alongside Neo-Nazis and the KKK.

The president, by his words and his work, has empowered these groups and has given them a degree of respectability and acceptance. And thus, he has either by intention or inadvertently given indication to these groups that they have a friend in the White House. By focusing only on the violence, it appears that he has tacitly given his support and approval to the racism practiced by these groups.

Now, the president calls the removal of Confederate statues “foolish.” He claims that they are “beautiful.” There appears to be no ambiguity in these comments. He seems to be implying that he supports what these groups supported when they gathered in Charlottesville. Simultaneously, one must conclude that he is not on the side of those counter-protesters who stood against the white supremacist groups. Whatever condemnation that he has spoken about these white nationalist groups has been undermined by his own latest comments.

The National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., as a group standing on the side of Christ the Lord, rejects the views of these white nationalist groups. We stand against the president’s ambivalence on the matter. We make it clear: the evil present in Charlottesville was the result of the divisiveness of white supremacist racism. We condemn this evil in the strongest possible terms. We, also,

call on the president of the United States to change his words, both in tenor and tone, towards groups that support such repugnant ideas. We call upon him to let such groups know that they may have a legal right to exist in this country but they have no moral right to exist. They represent the worst kind of ideology, and therefore, should not feel welcomed in our nation.

We call upon him to stand on the Lord’s side who calls us to remember that of one blood God made all humanity. Therefore, he must not be ambivalent; he must call out this evil in no uncertain terms. In so doing, he will help to create the context that will become advantageous and conducive to bringing unity to this country and thereby undermine the plans of those intent on promoting the heretical and evil agenda of white supremacy.

The law of Christ demands that Christians of every creed, confession, and convention denounce the racist, toxic ideology of the alt-right movement and stand united against its every expression and aspiration for cultural and political correctness. The deadly consequences our nation will reap, should we tolerate the alt-right’s murderous quest for legitimacy, were seen in Charlottesville this past week, and they are frightening.

The failure of President Donald J. Trump to perceive the true nature of this evil, his unwillingness to denounce its exponents in unambiguous terms, seems to speak volumes regarding whether he plans to be the president for ALL of America.

We must all remember that lawlessness cannot be met with indifference. Racism cannot be met with equivocation. Hatred cannot be met with uncertainty. Not only must President Trump, but all our leaders from both the secular and the sacred communities, must speak with one voice to declare that this kind of hatred, bigotry and racism is totally unacceptable.

The alt-right is antithetical to Christian principles. Its leaders are purveyors of racism. And those who would tolerate this growing menace or suggest that the First Amendment affords protections for their inducements to violence are morally bankrupt as is the alt-right movement itself.

I call upon on all people of faith to bear prophetic witness against the alt-right, to expose its teachings and teachers for the evil menace they promote, and to reject any claim that racist nationalists should find acceptance in our country. I call on people of goodwill to continue to pursue racial harmony and unity for the good of our nation.

God bless America!

Recent events in Virginia bring back the sixties

By James B. Ewers Jr.
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I am a product of the 1960’s and grew up in a Southern city.

Segregation, separate but equal, we sat upstairs and they sat downstairs at the movies all happened during my early years. However, it didn’t stop us from believing and achieving.

Men with hoods and white robes, German Shepherd dogs handled by the police all were a part of my young life. I along with my friends didn’t have to watch television because we had an up close and personal view.

I grew up in the East Winston section of Winston-Salem N.C. It was rare that we saw people of

another race on our side of town. Yes, we as black people had a ‘side’ of town.

My elementary school was all black except for the nuns who were our teachers. They were white. In fact, the nuns lived in a convent near the school.

They lived, from my perspective, humble lives. I never heard one report about them being harmed in any way.

Now, many years later my friends and I discuss our elementary school experience. Some suggest that the nuns were not totally for us. I didn’t see it and I didn’t feel it.

Kids, I believe, can see through teachers. They know the good ones from the bad ones. Our teachers wanted us to do our best and to be successful.

My city like all Southern cit-

ies had a deep racial divide. Skin color made all the difference.

If you were black, get back. If you were white, you were alright. Race made a difference in the sixties. Unfortunately, rioting and killings were a part of the Civil Rights Movement.

The Ku Klux Klan was the predecessor of the white supremacy movement and the Aryan Nation. You didn’t hear anything about white nationalists. It was just the Ku Klux Klan.

The Klan served up hate and vitriol against people who looked like me. White people who joined our cause like Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner were killed because they knew segregation and racial hatred were wrong.

We as a country have lived

through some evil and sinister times. Our resolve to be the United States of America has caused us great pain and sacrifice. Blood was shed and lives were lost by both black people and white people.

Now, our determination to be the United States of America is being challenged once again.

On August 12, a group of pro-white protesters descended upon the college town of Charlottesville, Virginia. Their purpose in being there was to protest the removal of the Robert E. Lee statue. Their behavior and antics were crude, rude and violent.

The days of white supremacy groups thinking they can have their way in America are over.

Some would opine that the current sitting President of the United States of America has

been the subtle and sometimes brazen catalyst for this racial and civil unrest. I agree with this opinion.

Three are dead so far including one innocent bystander. James Alex Fields Jr., a 20 year old from Ohio, caused the death of Heather Heyer. He rammed his car into a large group of people. It has since been learned that Fields was supportive of this pro-white protest group.

Felicia Correa, a friend of Heather Heyer, created a Go Fund Me account and raised \$225,000 on behalf of the victim’s mother.

The city of Charlottesville is reeling from this event. It will take time for the city to heal. One city official, Maurice Jones, said there will be a lot of discussion around the dinner table

about what happened Saturday.

The 45th president came out with less than a convincing statement about the tragedy. It was half-hearted, at best. Leaders on both sides of the aisle lashed out at his lukewarm statement.

It was not until August 14 that he made an appropriate statement decrying the events of Saturday.

Many of his constituents in that crowd were malcontents and racial haters. They voted for him. You know it and I know it. And, of course he knows it.

America, we cannot go back to segregated views and thinking. We cannot let one man and a small group of people strip us of our core beliefs about America.

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A pre-proposal conference (the "Pre-Proposal Conference") will be held in the Hawkins Field Terminal Building, 558 West Ramp St., Jackson, MS 39208 at 3:00 p.m. central time on September 28, 2017. Attendance at the Pre-Proposal Conference is Strongly Encouraged for all Respondents. If a Respondent cannot attend, then a representative of Respondent should be in attendance. Respondents are encouraged to submit any questions concerning this RFP, in writing, prior to the Pre-Proposal Conference. JMAA will try to answer all written questions received in advance at the Pre-Proposal Conference. After the meeting, representatives of JMAA will be available to take attendees on a tour of the Hangar and Associated Facilities locations.

Based on the Proposals received, JMAA will initiate negotiations with the Respondent or Respondents with the Highest and Best proposed used for the properties individually or combined

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

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

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

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

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

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

Jerriot Smash, Interim Director
Department of Public Works

Robert Blane, PhD
Chief Administrative Officer

Nakesha Watkins
Legal Counsel

8/24/2017, 8/31/2017

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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.

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The above must comply with the City's specifications. Copies of proposal forms can be obtained from the Purchasing Division, 200 South President Street, Room 604, Hood Building, Jackson, Mississippi 39201. Copies of bid specifications are filed with the City Clerk for public record in accordance with House Bill No 999, 1986 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature.

The City of Jackson is committed to the principle of non-discrimination in Public Purchasing. It is the policy of the City of Jackson to promote full and equal business opportunities for all persons doing business with the City. As a pre-condition to selection, each contractor, bidder or offer shall submit a completed and signed Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Plan Application, with each bid submission, in accordance with the provisions set forth by authority of the City of Jackson's EBO Ordinance. Failure to comply with the City's EBO Ordinance shall disqualify a contractor, bidder or offer, from being awarded an eligible contract. For more information on the City's EBO Program, please contact the Office of Economic Development at (601)960-1638. Copies of the EBO Ordinance, EBO Plan Application and a copy of the EBO Program are available with the Office of Economic Development at 218 South President Street, Second Floor, Jackson, Mississippi.

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

Hellene Greer, CPPB, NPCA; Manager
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Jackson Consistory observes 94th Founders Day

Consistory supports philanthropy, education and leadership

By Jerry Komia Domatob
Contributing Writer

Clad in black suits, white shirts and beaded caps, Jackson Consistory No 117, an affiliate of M.W. Stringer Grand Masonic Lodge, Jackson-Mississippi, celebrated the 94th Founders Day August 20.

Scripture, prayer, welcome, songs, visitors' recognition, appellant bodies and history, marked the solemn occasion. Other activities included offerings, scholarship presentations and appreciations.

A highlight of the event was the rousing, thought provoking and inspiring speech by the Deputy Grand Master, Rev Toney Crisler, who held those present, spell-bound with his presentation.

His central thesis, among other observations, was that blacks are experiencing a downward trend in almost all arenas and sectors of the economy — be it healthcare, education, technology or business. He urged all present to critically examine their situation, assess their roles and devise strategies for solving and alleviating the mounting problems that plague blacks as they geometrically grow by leaps and bounds.

The Jackson Consistory came into being in 1923. Chartered officers included L.M. Thomas, L.H. Brown, Eli Crawford, L. S. Rogers, H.M. Mason, B.V. Dennis, M.L. Roger and E. J. Griffin.

A community/philanthropic organization, "through the years, Jackson Consistory fostered the traditions of freemasons, assisting distressed brothers' families and the community members in need." The Consistory also helps the homeless and the des-



PHOTOS BY JERRY KOMIA DOMATOB



titute during Christmas, Thanksgiving and other holiday seasons with clothing and food. Moreover, they offer scholarships to high school and college students and encourage them to prepare themselves for leadership roles.

Prominent leaders who promoted the fraternity's growth are T.C. Al-

more and Wiley Spence. They served as dedicated and devoted champions in the 1960s and 70s respectively.

The Grand Master/Commander-in-Chief, Peer Willard Spires, thanked everyone and urged them to continue moving the craft forward.

It was a short, sweet and striking ceremony marked by precision and

elevating and motivating tradition.

Peer Tyrone Williams served as the Master of Ceremony. This year's theme was: "Men of Valor Pressing Toward the Mark."

Jerry Komia Domatob is a professor of Mass Communication in Alcorn State University, Lorman Mississippi. A journalist, photographer,

poet and researcher, he is currently working on three projects. He holds two masters degrees in International Affairs and Journalism and a Ph.D. in Mass Communication with a concentration in Political Science. He is the author of five books and co-editor of two. His forthcoming publication is Victory's Vision and Poetic Power.

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100 Black Men of Jackson, Inc. hosts Back to School celebration for their mentees

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The Mississippi Link Newswire

The 100 Black Men of Jackson, Inc. hosted a Back to School celebration for their mentees August 26. The mentees enjoyed playing basketball, playing educational games like scrabble and chess, dancing to the tunes of DJ T Money. The Jackson State University cheerleaders and the Tiger mascot performed cheers and tumbles.

Freshly grilled hamburgers, hotdogs and bar-b-que chicken were served. The event ended with mentees being presented with 100 Black Men of Jackson, Inc. logoed book bags stocked with school supplies. Book bags were also presented to other JPS students in attendance.

This is one of the many activities the 100 Black Men of Jackson, Inc. has sponsored for its mentees. Just this summer, they completed two noteworthy projects:

Sponsored 104 JPS students (including 23 of their mentees) to attend a STEM-based, aviation-inspired learning adventure for six days at the National Flight Academy in Pensacola, Florida; and, provided swimming lessons to 289 area youth (including two JROTC cadets who had to learn to swim as a requirement for their entrance into West Point Military Academy).

Future events will include JSU Football games, a visit to the MS Civil Rights Museum, the Memphis Zoo/Civil Rights Museum, tour of Eaton Corporation, ACT workshop, Dining Etiquette class, 100 Black Men of Jackson, Inc. Annual Scholarship/Mentoring Banquet and a year-end Christmas luncheon.

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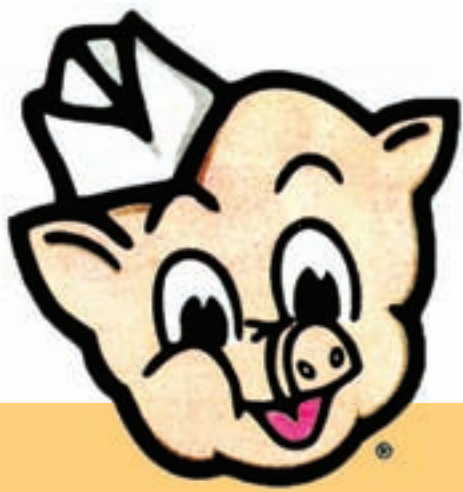
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