

# Nissan Canton Plant will roll out the next-generation Nissan Frontier

By Othor Cain  
Editor

CANTON, Miss. – Last week, Nissan officials announced a renewed commitment to Mississippi and a continuation of manufacturing high-quality vehicles

in Canton. It was revealed that the Nissan Canton Vehicle Assembly Plant will build the next-generation Nissan Frontier.

“Nissan is proud to call Mississippi home, and the Canton plant is a crucial

element in our company’s global production chain,” said José Muñoz, chief performance officer, Nissan Motor Co.,

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# Waters, Morial, Sanders push Black Wealth 2020 as ‘urgent’ movement spreads



New York State Sen. James Sanders (head of table) hosts Black Wealth 2020 founders U. S. Black Chamber President Ron Busby (left) and National Bankers Association President Michael Grant (right) at introductory meeting in New York. Sanders says he has established a Black Wealth 2020 Chapter in Queens.

By Hazel Trice Edney  
TriceEdneyWire.com

Black Wealth 2020, a new movement aiming to change the course of black wealth in America, is gaining swift support from national advocates of economic justice.

“The struggle for black wealth is a legendary struggle. And so whether we’re talking about what we have attempted to do in the past or what we should be doing now, the fact of the matter is that African Americans have not really realized their potential in this country,” says U. S. Rep. Maxine Waters (D-Calif.), ranking member on the House Financial Services Committee in a recent interview about the necessity of Black Wealth 2020.

“If black people are to have a future and to move forward, we’ve got to not only build wealth by home ownership, where we can build up our equity and have money to turn around and invest in business opportunities, but we must also learn more about and be aggressive in going after franchises and getting involved with

investment opportunities – all of that is extremely important. And now is a very crucial time in the history of black people.”

Two years ago, Waters was among the first to interact with the then fledgling group, founded by Michael Grant, president of the National Bankers Association; Jim Winston, president of the National Association of Black-owned Broadcasters (NABOB); and Ron Busby, president/CEO of the U. S. Black Chambers Inc. At that time the groups worked with Waters in an attempt to assure black economic participation in a merger between NBC Universal and Comcast.

They were successful. The merger failed. But, the groups continued to meet and has since grown to about 10 heads of organizations with economic justice as core values. They convene monthly to strategize on ways to significantly strengthen black homeownership, black businesses and black banks by 2020 and beyond. In addition to Waters,

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# Let Jackson Govern Its Public Schools



By Pam Shaw  
#OurJPSCoalition

The recent push by the State Board of Education to justify a state takeover of the Jackson Public School District has caused alarm throughout the city and state, and we are concerned about its implications.

A new law which took effect July 1, provides that a state takeover of a school district will likely last at least eight years. Under such a scheme, an entire generation of students may not fully know the benefits of having their parents and local citizens as the controlling voices of their school culture.

Tragically, these students may arbitrarily be denied the life-enhancing experiences that come with competing in extra-curricular activities; their neighborhood schools may be closed and consolidated into a building across town; they may have to take extra steps just to have their diplomas recognized by in-state colleges and universities – not to mention the difficulties that

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could come with applying to out-of-state institutions.

We believe the children of Jackson deserve better, and we stand with the parents, educators, business leaders, faith leaders and community leaders who have raised their voices collectively as #OurJPS to make their concerns known.

While we recognize that there have been documented problems within JPS over the course of several years, we have been encouraged with the rapid rate at which nearly all deficiencies outlined in a massive Mississippi Department of Education audit have been positively addressed.

We watched as interim JPS Superintendent Fredrick Murray dutifully outlined the strides that have been made to correct those problems in only a few months’ time. We believe that the efforts of the school district should be respectfully acknowledged; however, it appeared that the DOE was already poised to

demand a takeover well before Murray’s report was provided in an open hearing.

While some have scoffed at the idea that a plot to take over the district has been developing for some time, given the quick decisions behind closed doors to recommend the state takeover by the Commission on Accreditation last Wednesday and by the DOE the next day, we suspect that the conspiracy theorists may be right.

Notably, neither panel glanced at the information provided by the district before going into executive sessions and then coming out to announce their verdicts – a state takeover was warranted.

As advocates of open government, we are astounded at the calling and reporting of executive sessions during this process, but that is a subject for another day.

We recognize that problems and issues that took years to develop will take time to correct. We urge the Governor, upon whose desk this monumental school district takeover

now sits, to postpone a decision on the recommendation until such reasonable time that the district needs to at least complete its response to the 700-page audit that is the basis of the takeover threat.

We hope that the District’s successful compliance and positive addressing of its deficiencies will mean that local control of our city’s school district will remain intact.

## Editor’s note:

The potential State takeover of the Jackson Public Schools District continues to be a hot button issue. *The Mississippi Link* is committed to following this story until the end and providing you with the most accurate and up-to-date information. Next week, we will present views from the opposing side and we will share our thoughts. Governor Bryant is scheduled to meet with Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba this week before making a decision.

*Please follow this story here and online at [www.mississippilink.com](http://www.mississippilink.com)*



Hamer

# Fannie Lou Hamer documentary marks civil rights icon’s 100th birthday

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

Fannie Lou Hamer, one of Mississippi’s most iconic civil rights leaders, would have turned 100 years old this year, Oct. 6. To commemorate her legacy and the centennial of her life, an MPB original production titled “Fannie Lou Hamer: Stand Up” will air at 8 p.m. Oct. 5, on MPB Television.

The 30-minute documentary film chronicles Hamer’s life from the time she attempted to register to vote in Indianola, Mississippi in 1962 while working as a sharecropper in Ruleville, Mississippi. The plantation owner forced her to leave his property for trying to register. Then her life propelled into civil rights activism to help all African Americans register to

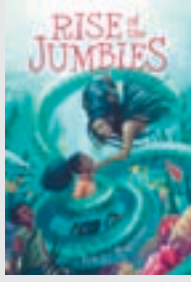
vote.

She worked with the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee and was a co-founder of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party in 1964.

“It’s a story of her life told by people who knew her,” said Taiwo Gaynor, one of two MPB producers of the film. Civil rights activists interviewed for the film include Charles McLaurin, Flonzie Brown Wright, Charles Cobb, the Rev. Edwin King and Leslie McLemore, founding director of The Fannie Lou Hamer Institute at Jackson State University.

McLaurin met Hamer on a bus in 1962 as activists rode to Indianola to register to vote. He recalls the feeling

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# Lynch Lodge No. 2 8th Annual Charity Bowling Tournament

Finishing first place and earning a donation was team S & T Heating & Cooling. Team members are (from left) Larry Clark, Debra McGee, Vincent McGee and Adrian Randall. Their charity of choice was Dress For Success which received a \$800 donation.



Second place winners are from team Solely Greatness. Team members are (from left) Dreshon Sanders, Michelle Walker, Violet Kirk and Donald Parker. Their charity of choice was Community Nursing Home which received a \$700 donation.



Third place winners are from team Sweet Stuff. Team members are (from left) Arthur Davis, Attarius Norwood, Carleton White and Glenn Wilkerson Jr. Their charity of choice was Operation Shoestring which received a \$600 donation.

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## Nissan Frontier

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and chairman, Nissan North America. “Today’s announcement underscores this facility and our local employees are extraordinarily important to Nissan. The Canton workforce’s dedication and commitment to excellence have helped Nissan thrive in the U.S., our most important market.”

Executives with Nissan assembled a who’s who list of industry, government and community people to witness this important announcement that comes on the heels of the infamous union vote. Some of the notables in attendance were: Lt. Governor Tate Reeves, Canton Mayor William Truly, United Way CEO Carol Burger, Mission Mississippi President Neddie Winters and Systems Incorporated CEO Toni Cooley.

The Nissan Canton plant currently produces six models: Frontier, Murano, TITAN, TITAN XD, NV Cargo and NV Passenger. The facility has an annual production capacity of 450,000 vehicles, and Nissan’s Canton workforce has assembled more than three million vehicles since opening in 2003.

“Since 2003, Nissan has made a significant impact on the state by creating jobs, investing in our communities and being a great corporate citizen,” said Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant. “Today’s announcement confirms that Nissan is committed to Mississippi, and because of that our state’s future is bright.”

The Nissan Frontier was named J.D. Power and Associates’ Highest Ranked Midsize Pickup in Initial Quality in 2016 and 2017.

“The Canton team is extremely proud to be the home of Nissan’s trucks. Since moving to Mississippi in 2012, Nissan Frontier has been a leader in its class and received some of the highest honors in the industry for vehicle quality,” said Steve Marsh, vice president, Manufacturing, Nissan Canton Vehicle Assembly Plant. “The dedicated employees here in Canton look forward to building the next generation of one of the best pickup trucks in America.”

The Canton plant employs more than 6,400 workers. According to a 2016 study by Mississippi State University, the facility has generated 25,000 direct and indirect jobs statewide. For every job created at Nissan Canton, an average of 2.9 additional jobs are created at other businesses throughout Mississippi.

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of that ride. “Everybody on there was afraid, even myself,” he said. “White men in trucks were driving by, waving guns and yelling obscenities. These people on the bus were kind of upset and Fannie Lou Hamer started to sing.” A couple of years later, McLaurin became Hamer’s campaign manager when she ran for Congress.

The film recreates poignant moments of Hamer’s life including the time she was arrested and beaten in a Winona, Mississippi jail in 1963. The film also recounts the impact her testimony had on the nation as a MFDP delegate to the Democratic Party National Convention in 1964. During her testimony she gave details of being beaten in jail.

“All of this is on account of we want to register,” Hamer said. “And if the Freedom Democratic Party is not seated now, I question America. Is this America, the land of the free and the home of the brave, where we have to sleep with our telephones off the hooks because our lives be threatened daily because we want to live as decent human beings in America?”

In addition to Gaynor, “Fannie Lou Hamer: Stand Up” producers are John Gibson, MPB Director of Television; and Edie Greene. Actress Aunjanue Ellis, who grew up in Mississippi, narrates the film.

For more information, visit [www.mpbonline.org/fannielou-hamer](http://www.mpbonline.org/fannielou-hamer) and visit [www.mpbonline.org](http://www.mpbonline.org).

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their goals have attracted growing attention – and respect – from other major national leaders.

“What they are talking about is aligned directly with the work that we do on the ground,” says National Urban League President/CEO Marc Morial, who, through the NUL, manages one of the nation’s largest homeowner counseling services – 30-40,000 cases a year in 50 cities nationwide. NUL also has about a dozen small business entrepreneurship centers “where we’re providing coaching and counseling classes to approximately 10-12,000 small businesses.”

Morial said he has discussed the goals of Black Wealth 2020 with the organization’s leaders and they are in sync with the goals of the NUL.

“I’ve met with them and I’m aligned with them,” he said. “We invited Michael to come to our conference. I mean, my philosophy is I believe in being supportive of everyone because we’re all aligned. We’re not competing with each other...What they are doing in their thrust is very welcome because for a long time the Urban League has been sort of holding up the economic empowerment banner in the civil rights community.”

Morial agrees the work of economic justice is crucial, but he also concedes it is daunting.

“It’s a very tall order because we lost so much black wealth in a 10-year-period. In the period since the recession, we’ve lost almost 10 percent of our homeownership and it’s difficult to rebuild it and renew it because black people are also – like many Americans – suffering from income inequality, earnings suppression and wage stagnation,” Morial said.

The success of Black Wealth 2020 is contingent upon it remaining consistent, expanding and strategizing, says New York Sen. James Sanders Jr., who was so impressed by the organization’s goals that he has established what he calls a chapter of Black Wealth 2020 in South East Queens, N.Y.

“We consider ourselves a chapter of this amazing movement which is led by the people in D.C. Now, having said that, we do

hold the right to local creativity. The local group knows its community best and there will be no cookie cutter model that is right at all times for all people. There has to be local initiative, local ingenuity to achieve our purposes,” says Sanders.

“Black Wealth 2020 right now is a movement. It’s an idea whose time has come. And people all over the U. S. are coming to this independently with varying degrees of success of course,” continued Sanders. “With that, we need to institutionalize. We need to figure out what is the best approach and how do we go about this approach.” In New York, Sanders has pulled together a group of local people who meet bi-weekly and envision, discuss and strategize on how they will economically impact the Southeast section of Queens. The meetings are private, he said, mostly so that they will remain focused.

“We have created three or four different committees – housing, banking, business and a marketing committee for the timing and strategy to get our message out,” he describes. “We have not spent much time going before the wider public as we are working out some of the finer points. We’ve been in this situation for 400 years. We can wait just a little longer. “Like the D.C. model, first, they are studying and gathering information, Sanders said. Then they will decide how to go about impacting the economic lives of the people in that area of New York. He says, viewing themselves as a “test case,” realistic change will be the key evidence of success.

“In politics we do well what I call impression sessions where we announce some major victory that really isn’t and, you know, we get the accolades and people believe that something is happening...But this is too serious an issue – the issue of our survival – is far too serious for impression sessions,” Sanders said.

Simultaneously, back in D.C., the shared leadership team of Black Wealth 2020 continues to meet monthly. Attracting others with like minds, the group acts as a catalyst for economic growth.

In addition to Morial and Sanders, among those who have met with the D.C.-based

group are Jim Coleman, president/CEO of Prince George’s County’s Economic Development Corporation; Robert Greene president/CEO of the National Association of Investment Companies, which represents diverse-owned private equity firms and hedge funds; and Andy Ingraham, President/CEO, National Association of Black Hotel Owners, Operators and Developers (NABHOOD).

Ingraham credits Black Wealth 2020 for supporting his efforts to connect with major African-American groups in order to encourage them to hold conferences at black-owned hotels.

“This has been ongoing with a number of African-American and other minority-owned organizations – about creating MOUs (Memorandums of Understanding) and a relationship so that they can use our hotels around the country,” he says. “At least \$90 billion represents the total market value of the multi-cultural minority travel industry. And our goal is to get more of that business – not only in our hotels – but get more cities and more entrepreneurs to focus on gaining a share of that market.”

Among the connections facilitated by Black Wealth 2020 is one between NABHOOD and Paulette Walker, who was then president of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and also chair of the National Pan-Hellenic Council’s Council of Presidents, an umbrella organization for all nine black Greek-lettered fraternities and sororities.

In addition to discussing the use of black-owned hotels, Walker also passed the information to the Greek-letter organizations and has left information on the movement for her successor.

“Having that kind of information was very helpful in terms of how we – when considering hotels, barber shops or whatever it might be – can spread the knowledge and the information base. Because sometimes we have an information void,” Walker said. “The more people are aware of the concept of Black Wealth 2020 and are aware of what can be done, the more widespread the agenda can be.”

## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



EDITOR’S NOTE: Last week we we did not attribute the correct caption to this photo. It is reprinted this week to correctly identify that Bishop Charles Harrison Mason, founder of the COGIC, was incarcerated in 1918 for allegedly obstructing the draft during World War I.

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# Hinds County School District Weekly Update

## Hinds County School District Board Receives Gift!



Hinds County School District Board receives \$450,000 check from BTC, LLC for Byram Town Center Development project.



### Jason Russum Announced as Bus Driver of Bus Route for August 2017

Jason Russum, bus driver for UEMS and Dr. Linda Laws, board president



### Starrye Love Announced as Employee of the Month for August 2017

Starrye Love, teacher assistant and Dr. Linda Laws, board president



### Board recognizes Retired Employee

Sandra Pritchard, retired elementary education teacher – HCSD and Dr. Linda Laws, board president



The JSD Foundation is delighted to announce an  
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### Opening Ceremony

Thursday, November 16, 2017  
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A reception will follow the Opening Ceremony.

\*Funding is provided by a grant from the Mississippi Humanities Council.  
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## Mississippi State hospital honors Wheaton for 25 years of service

Mississippi Link Newswire

Mississippi State Hospital recently honored employees with September anniversary dates for their years of service.

Dianna Wheaton of Florence was recognized for providing 25 years of service to the hospital. Wheaton, a Hinds Community College graduate, is a T.B. technician in the Infection Prevention Department.

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

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



Wheaton

## Congressman Thompson hosts Annual College and Career Fair

Timla G. Washington  
Rep. Thompson's Office

United States Representative Bennie G. Thompson (D-MS) announces his 11th Annual College and Career Fair for the Second Congressional District of Mississippi.

The fair will be October 6, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Washington County Convention Center, 1040 S. Raceway Road, Greenville, MS 38703. The fair is free and open to the public.

The fair will have represen-

tatives from colleges and universities including some from out of state, apprenticeship and trade programs on hand; as well as employers from the government and private sector. I am inviting all businesses with current job openings to participate. I am also inviting all forms of institutions of higher learning to participate. The entire public is invited along with high school students, college students, and parents.

Back by popular demand,

Congressman Thompson has invited a local credit union to showcase a "Reality Fair" to promote the youth financial experience. A "Reality Fair" is an interactive financial literacy tool for high school students.

You may visit Congressman Thompson's webpage at [www.benniethompson.house.gov](http://www.benniethompson.house.gov) to see the list of registered participants.

For any other questions you may have please contact Timla G. Washington at 662-335-9003. See you at the fair!

## Taylor takes helm for 3rd time as leader of JSU band program

Mississippi Link Newswire

William B. Bynum Jr., president of Jackson State University, has named Dowell Taylor as interim director of bands effective Sept. 18.

Taylor has been lauded throughout the U.S. for his musical prowess. As the former leader of bands, he received several media highlights and honors. JSU bands were recognized by Jet Magazine, the Christian Science Monitor and People Magazine as well as serving as the "Special Guest Band of Honor" at the St. Petersburg, Florida, Martin Luther King Battle of Bands; 1991 NBA All-star basketball game in Charlotte, North Carolina; and Motown's 30th Anniversary Celebration in Hollywood, California, 1990, among many other accomplishments.

"We appreciate Dowell's commitment to Jackson State University and the music program," said Bynum. "He has set the bar high throughout his career and during his previous two terms as director of bands."

A native of Jackson and Jackson State alumnus, he received both bachelor's and master's degrees in music education from the university. While pursuing his undergraduate education, he was a member of the Sonic Boom of the South and earned the highest honor bestowed upon a band member – Best All-Around Bandsman. Taylor has completed 90 hours toward a doctorate degree in Wind Conducting at the University of Cincinnati – College Conservatory of Music in Cincinnati, Ohio.

"In 1972, under the leadership of Harold Haughton Sr., I joined the Sonic Boom family as a freshman member of the tuba section," Taylor said. "Since that time my love for the organization has never floundered, as I have always remained loyal and poised to assist in whatever way possible, whenever I could. The 2017 version of the Boom is as strong as ever, replete with a youthful and immensely talented staff. In speaking with President William Bynum at length, the future appears to be bright for JSU and the band program. I am happy to once again play a small role in the success of both."

Taylor began his career as director of bands at Mary Holmes Junior College and then Kentucky State University, where he also served as depart-



Taylor

ment chair.

His previous stints as director of bands were from 1984-1992 and 2012-2016.

**About Jackson State University: Challenging Minds, Changing Lives**

Jackson State University, founded in 1877, is a historically black, high research activity university located in Jackson, the capital city of Mississippi. Jackson State's nurturing academic environment challenges individuals to change lives through teaching, research and service. Officially designated as Mississippi's Urban University, Jackson State continues to enhance the state, nation and world through comprehensive economic development, health-care, technological and educational initiatives. The only public university in the Jackson metropolitan area, Jackson State is located near downtown, with five satellite locations throughout the area.

For more information, visit [www.jsums.edu](http://www.jsums.edu) or call 601-979-2121.

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Chief Executive Officer  
National Community Action Partnership  
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The featured keynote speaker for this year's Gala will be **Denise Harlow, Chief Executive Officer of the National Community Action Partnership** in Washington, DC. Enjoy dinner, live music and dancing, entertainment, and a fabulous silent auction. Cash and credit cards accepted. Tickets are \$75.



The Gala provides an important opportunity to create awareness about our programs and services; to celebrate our clients who have transitioned out of poverty to self-sufficiency; and to honor our volunteers and community partners who work with us throughout the year to help eradicate poverty and provide a better life for more than 65,000 low-income citizens throughout Hinds County.

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# State Board Of Education to pursue next step in JPS takeover

*MDE issued a press release regarding the State Board of Education’s decision to ask the governor to declare a state of emergency for JPS. The information below is from the department’s September 14, 2017 press release.*

Mississippi Department of Education

The Mississippi State Board of Education (SBE) determined September 14 that an extreme emergency situation exists in the Jackson Public School District (JPS). Acting on a recommendation from the Mississippi Commission on School Accreditation, the SBE voted to ask Gov. Phil Bryant to declare a state of emergency for the school district.

The Jackson Public School District has significant issues that jeopardize the safety, security and educational interests of the children enrolled in its schools. The district is in violation of 24 of the 32 accreditation standards that all Mississippi public school districts are required to meet.

The violations are documented in the on-site investigative audit of the Jackson Public School District (JPS),



which the Commission on School Accreditation in August 2016 directed the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) to conduct after a limited district audit of 22 schools cited severe deficiencies related to school safety and instructional practices. The MDE conducted the full investigative audit of all 58 schools in JPS from September 6, 2016 through July 31, 2017.

“The Board was compelled to intervene because board members are extremely concerned about the safety, secu-

rity and educational interests of the students in the Jackson Public School District,” said Rosemary Aultman, the SBE chair. “All students in Jackson, and the state, deserve a quality education that will take them as far as their gifts will let them go. The Board is obligated to act when conditions in a school district jeopardizes students’ education.”

A state of emergency would make JPS a District of Trans-formation, which would result in the following:

- The district’s accreditation

could be withdrawn.

- The SBE would appoint an interim superintendent.
- The local school board would be temporarily disbanded.
- The SBE would become the governing body until the district is returned to local board leadership.
- An interim superintendent would remain in JPS until the district has sustained a grade of C or higher for five years.
- An interim superintendent would work with district staff to correct all accreditation violations, while making raising student achievement the primary focus.

If the governor agrees with the SBE, officials from the MDE will meet with the administration, faculty and staff of JPS after the declaration, followed by evening meetings with parents and community leaders.

# JPS JROTC cadet selected to serve on FEMA Youth Council

Mississippi Link Newswire

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) selected Ruben M. Banks, a junior JROTC cadet at Jim Hill High, as one of the 15 national selectees for the 2017–2019 Youth Preparedness Council (YPC). He joined this cadre at the YPC Summit in Washington, D.C., which was held from July 18-19, 2017. This group met with FEMA leaders and made plans for the year ahead.

According to a news post by the Civil Air Patrol, Banks was selected based on his leadership in the organization. He holds a range of leadership roles with the Civil Air Patrol. As part of the Civil Air Patrol Mississippi Wing, Banks is a member of the Cadet Advisory Council and Wing Honor Society. He has led the charge for the organization to require each member to become emergency-certified or ground team members for the Mississippi Wing.

“Cadet Banks is truly an exceptional young scholar,” said



Banks

JPS JROTC Director Col. Paul Willis. “In 2016, he was selected as the top student at the Military Order of World Wars Youth Leadership Conference in Huntsville, Alabama. The program drew students from across Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas and Tennessee. In the summer of 2017 Banks completed a selective and prestigious engineering program with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Vicksburg, Miss.”

# College Spirit Day

Mississippi Link Newswire

Jackson Public Schools will be celebrating College Spirit Day Friday, September 29.

Schools will host pep rallies, step shows, school spirit contests and other engaging activities designed to cultivate a college-going culture among the district’s scholars from elementary school through high school. Parents and our partner community are invited to join school celebrations.

The community-wide event includes participation from colleges and universities, as well as government, business and civic leaders. For many schools, Friday is the culmination of a week



of fun-filled, informative events centered on the post-secondary experience through activities that encourage students to focus on finishing high school and setting goals to attend college.

College Spirit Day is an ini-

tiative of Parents for Public Schools of Jackson and the Ask for More Collaborative. It began in 2001 in the Lanier Feeder Pattern as part of the collaborative’s school reform work. Since then, it has grown

to involve all of the District’s schools.

For more information, contact Parents for Public Schools of Jackson at (601) 969-6015 or send an email to Gwen Gardner at ggardner@pps.jackson.ms.gov.

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# Junior League of Jackson to award over \$120,000 in grants to Jackson Public Schools

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In partnership with the Community Foundation of Greater Jackson’s Education Foundation Trust Fund, the Junior League of Jackson will award 20 grants totaling \$123,321.93 to 15 Jackson Public Schools.

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Three earn GED at CCC

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CLARKSDALE – While their circumstances were different, Jamerial Allen, Nyiah Menkara and JaNessah Strong all found themselves at CCC’s Workforce Development Center this summer with the same goal – to earn a GED.

“Once I was expelled from school, I saw Coahoma as a good opportunity to continue my education because I have a child to support,” said Allen, a native of Clarksdale.

“It was actually my aunt’s idea,” said Menkara of Marks, Miss. “I wasn’t really doing anything day-to-day, so she recommended that I enroll in the program since I hadn’t graduated high school.”

Preoccupied with working low-wage jobs to support her daughter, Strong said she’d put earning a high school diploma on the back burner.

“To be honest, I really had given up on school when I came to CCC,” she said.

“But the entire process turned out to be much easier than I expected. I thought it was going to be like going back to high school, but it felt more like being home-schooled because you can do everything at your own pace.”

The trio all topped out on their TABE (The Adult Basic Education) diagnostic exams and earned impressive scores on their Career Readiness Certificate (CRC).

After a brief stint in CCC’s free classes, they also aced their GED test on the first attempt.



Pictured, from left, are CCC ABE/GED Director Tamara Washington-Travis, JaNessah Strong of Clarksdale, MS, Nyiah Menkara of Marks, MS, and Jamerial Allen of Clarksdale, MS.

“I was so happy because, honestly, I was expecting to have to take the GED test at least three times,” said Strong, who plans to enroll in CCC’s 10-week nursing assistant program next month and become a full-time student in January.

“It was a really good experience,” said Menkara, who will also enroll in CCC’s short-term nursing assistant program and start school full-time in January.

“Everyone at CCC was really nice and proactive in trying to help me move forward. It feels really good because I didn’t think I was going to be able to do it.”

After earning a 20 on her ACT, Allen is now enrolled at

CCC as a pre-nursing major.

“I knew I was intelligent, but I didn’t know I would meet the requirements to get in school so quickly,” she said.

Allen plans to earn an associate’s degree in nursing and to continue to work her way up to a doctorate degree.

“I’m really excited, and motivated. I hope that people see that if I can do it, they can do it too,” she said.

Strong said she’s grateful for the opportunity to make a better life for herself.

“I’m proud of myself because I have a daughter and I didn’t want to be sitting around not doing anything and setting a bad example for her,” she said. “I’m happy, maybe too happy,

because I just didn’t expect this to happen.”

CCC’s ABE/GED Director Tamara Washington-Travis said she is proud of the young ladies’ success.

“It feels great – this is what we are here for,” Travis said. “To have students who are motivated and who really want to succeed inspires us to do all we can to help them.”

CCC currently offers free Adult Basic Education (ABE/GED) classes in Clarksdale, Tunica, Cleveland, Rosedale and Marks, Miss.

For more information or to sign-up, call (662) 621-4314 or stop by CCC’s Workforce Development Center at 510 Sunbelt Drive in Clarksdale.

New Recreational Vehicle Park at Alcorn to open Saturday

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Lorman, Miss. – The new Recreational Vehicle (RV) Park at Alcorn State University is completed, and will be available for use during Saturday’s home contest against McNeese State.

A list of RV Park rules and regulations are listed on the university website. The rules address several areas including parking guidance, fire lane safety, park upkeep and much more.

President Alfred Rankins Jr. looks forward to better accommodating Braves’ fans who will utilize the RV Park.

“We are excited to announce the completion and opening of the new university RV Park at Alcorn. This is another encouraging step forward in our ongoing efforts to provide a quality campus and game day experience to our RV patrons and all Braves fans,” said Rankins.

Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Derek Horne is confident that the upgrades made to the RV area will impress fans while enhancing their experience.

“With several new amenities to offer, the Park will



greatly enhance the game days for RV users because it will provide them with a more comfortable and convenient location dedicated to their unique experience,” said Horne.

Director of Business Operations and Special Events Shundera Stallings assures prospective park users that game day support staff will be on hand to tend to their needs while on campus.

“Alcorn personnel and police will be on hand to ensure that all RV users are assisted when needed,” said Stallings. “We want to ensure that everyone enjoys their park experience within the guidelines of the university.”

To view the complete list of RV Park rules and regulations, visit RV Rules & Regulations at [http://www.alcorn.edu/data/files/gallery/ContentGallery/RV\\_Rules\\_and\\_Regulations.pdf](http://www.alcorn.edu/data/files/gallery/ContentGallery/RV_Rules_and_Regulations.pdf).

Hinds CC football field named for Gene Murphy

The Mississippi Link Newswire

RAYMOND – Hinds Community College has named the football field at Joe Renfroe Stadium in honor of Gene Murphy, who stepped aside as head football coach in August because of health problems.

Murphy was surprised with the announcement during a halftime ceremony Sept. 14 during the home game against Southwest Mississippi Community College. The naming of the field as Gene Murphy Field was approved by the Hinds Community College Board of Trustees earlier this month.

Surrounded by the coaching staff, football players and his family including wife Dot, the specialists coach who has coached alongside him many years, Murphy was presented with a photograph of the field with the heading “Gene Murphy Field” at the top by Hinds President Clyde Muse, Hinds Athletic Alumni Chapter President Rick Trusty and Jim Southward, director of Athletic Activities for the Mississippi Community College Board.

“I’m really honored. I just don’t know how to express it. It’s hard to describe,” Murphy said through tears. “But I thank so many people who have been supportive. The players, obviously, for many, many years. Dr. Muse and all the administration. My coaching staff – I’ve had a lot of great coaches with me over the years that paved the way.”

Murphy, who remains athletic director, served as head coach twice for a total of 24 years. As of the time he stepped



The Hinds Community College football field was named Gene Murphy Field in honor of the coach who stepped aside as head coach last month. At the Sept. 14 halftime ceremony were, from left, Rick Trusty, president of the Hinds Athletic Alumni Association chapter; Murphy holding the photograph; his wife Dot Murphy; Jim Southward, director of Athletic Activities for the Mississippi Community College Board and Hinds President Dr. Clyde Muse. The announcement was made as Murphy was surrounded by his children and grandchildren, also pictured. APRIL GARON/HINDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

down from active coaching, he was the winningest active football coach in the National Junior College Athletic Association and is also the winningest football coach of all time at Hinds Community College.

Murphy said it has been difficult to watch from the sidelines. “I’ve been trying to make this transition ever since I’ve been feeling better,” said Murphy, who has been battling an inner ear problem. “I’ve just wanted to be around the kids and the coaches. I’m just glad to be a part of this season.”

He has been involved in Hinds football since 1983 when he was assistant football coach

under Bill Buckner. He was head coach from 1987 to 2003 and then again from 2009 to 2017.

Murphy’s teams have gone 172-76-5 in his two tenures as coach, guiding teams to the state playoffs 14 times and eight junior college bowl games. During that stretch, numerous former Eagles have gone on to notable careers at four-year universities and more than 100 have played in the National Football League.

Marks of success both on the football field and off are evident in the 15 times the college has won the David Halbrook Award since 1987. The award

is given to the community or junior college with the highest percentage of graduates or completers in its athletic programs district-wide.

Larry Williams, who is also defensive coordinator, assumed the role of head coach in August.

**The Murphy Years:**  
Assistant coach, 1983-1987  
Head coach, 1987-2003  
Head coach, 2009-August 2017  
Athletic director, 1997-present

State Championships, six  
Regional Championships, six  
National Junior College Athletic Association Bowl Games,

eight

All Americans, 42  
National Junior College Athletic Association National Players of the Year, two

Professional players, more than 100

Region 23 Coach of the Year, six times

Halbrook Award for student-athletic graduation rates, 15 times

Overall record 172-76-5

Hinds Community College is celebrating its 100th year of Community Inspired Service in 2017. Hinds opened in September 1917 first as an agricultural high school and admitted college students for the first time

in 1922, with the first class graduating in 1927.

In 1982 Hinds Junior College and Utica Junior College merged, creating the Hinds Community College District.

Today, as Mississippi’s largest community college, Hinds Community College is a comprehensive institution with six locations. Hinds offers quality, affordable educational opportunities with academic programs of study leading to seamless university transfer and career and technical programs teaching job-ready skills.

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# JSU, Truth Initiative Campaign reveal ugly truth about smoking

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Jaohn Bennett has seen the horrors of cigarette smoking first-hand. In 2008, his father was diagnosed with cancer and doctors had to remove his left lung in order to save his life.

“So, growing up my dad wasn’t able to do a lot of activities with me like running and playing basketball,” said Bennett, a senior at Jackson State University and student representative for the Truth Initiative Campaign.

On Sept. 13, Jackson State’s Metro Jackson Community Prevention Coalition teamed up with the Truth Initiative – one of the largest and most successful youth tobacco prevention campaigns in the nation – to expose the tobacco industry’s exploitation of the African-American community, individuals with mental health issues and members of the military.

On the Gibbs Green Plaza, a DJ worked the turntables while students danced for Truth T-shirts, some smiled and made funny faces in front of a photo booth, while others signed a petition to end the production of menthol tobacco products and made pledges to abstain from smoking.

Bennett explains that the initiative partnered with 23 HBCUs throughout the country to end tobacco usage on campuses and at JSU. He says, “We’re trying to get a select location for students to smoke on campus and make the rest of the campus smoke-free.”

For 25 years, Bennett’s father was a smoker, which is a touchy subject for the business major, but he is adamant about informing people of the short-term and long-term health hazards.

“My dad is now an advocate to end smoking. He’s been through chemo; he’s lost weight and a lung. He’s living with the consequences.” He says, “Most of my peers don’t think about 10 years from now. They only



Denise Smith, left, manager of Truth’s HBCU Initiative and Terry Bennett, prevention specialist for JSU’s Metro Jackson Community Prevention Coalition, help raise awareness about the dangers of smoking. PHOTOS BY CHARLES A. SMITH/JSU

think about the right now.”

According to Truth.org, statistics show the following:

Tobacco is the leading cause of preventable death in the U.S. 1,300 people die every day in the United States from tobacco-related illnesses

In the U.S., nearly nine out of 10 adult smokers start smoking by age 18. Ninety-nine percent of smokers start by age 26

Certain groups smoke menthols at higher rates: young people, women, sexual minorities, those with mental illnesses and racial and ethnic groups, especially African Americans. Nearly nine in 10 African-American smokers use menthol cigarettes.

“We’re here to raise awareness about the impact that menthol has on the African-American community. We know that menthol is a minty flavor that is very easy to smoke, but it’s very hard to quit,” says Denise Smith, manager of Truth’s HBCU initiative.

She defines their college partnership as a way to connect with young adults and raise awareness about the initiative and their means to eliminate the use of tobacco products and promote tobacco free campuses.

“We know that 99 percent of

smokers start before the age of 26, so we feel like colleges are the places to go to ensure that we reach people where they are and make sure they don’t engage in this behavior that’s very difficult to quit. It’s not something that they can simply do socially and drop; it becomes very addictive,” she warns.

Although the organization is anti-smoking, Smith also wants people to understand that they are not anti-smoker. “We want them to know that we have alternatives and suggestions for smoking cessation and various methods that are useful for quitting. We use social media and even have helpful apps if they’re not necessarily comfortable using a quit line or calling someone.”

Not shying away from the ugly truth, Smith admits that tobacco companies are strategic in pushing their menthol goods. “There are actual tobacco industry documents that show the African-American community was deliberately targeted because of this product.”

She attributes part of the targeting to the idea that African Americans are viewed as trendsetters, whom tobacco companies consider a useful vehicle

for pushing their products.

Truth Initiative Marketing Manager Michael Coursey reveals that he grew up in a trailer park in Southern Kentucky and that he paid his way through college by working in tobacco fields. He discloses that his mother’s expensive smoking habit outweighs any potential gratitude he could possibly feel toward the industry that helped him receive an education.

“Big tobacco is going around exploiting the communities. There are 10 times more cigarette ads in black neighborhoods than other neighborhoods, and most of their ads are for menthols. Kools and Newports have a history of using black culture for their gain,” he says.

Coursey believes that learning the facts is a key element for deterring menthol usage. “It’s a lot of miseducation out there. When polled a lot of African-American communities somehow have the misperception that menthol is somehow healthier for you,” he states.

Expressing that the JSU event is a fun way to discuss real issues, Coursey says, “We’re having a good time and showing that we can also talk about serious stuff, save lives and mo-



Jaohn Bennett candidly discusses the direct impact his father’s smoking had on his life.

tivate each other.”

Jazmyne Wilson, a senior at the university, finishes making her pledge to not smoke by signing her name on the Truth mural. She then articulates that her knowledge of the Truth initiative stems from viewing the organization’s television spots speaking out against the dangers of smoking.

“I’m not a smoker because I want to live forever,” she gushes, then says “I feel like it’s horrible that they target the African-American community and that they’re trying to wipe us out.”

Wilson’s friend, Jasmine Robinson, says that she likes to stay involved with the community and came out to support a good cause. “Every business has a target audience and if that’s how they make their money that’s who they’re going to go after. Most African Americans do smoke, but I’m thankful that JSU and Truth are trying to change things,” she says.

Tobacco use disproportionately affects certain communities according to Truth.org:

**Individuals with mental health conditions**

An estimated 33.3 percent of adults with mental health condi-

tions smoke compared to 20.7 percent of those without mental health conditions.

People with serious mental health conditions are more likely to smoke, putting them at risk for smoking-related cancer, lung disease and cardiovascular disease. For this reason, individuals with mental health conditions die about five years earlier than those without.

There is a growing body of evidence that shows people with a substance abuse disorder are more successful at avoiding a relapse if they quit tobacco while seeking treatment for an addiction. Research also shows that people in recovery from depression or mood disorders experience fewer symptoms if they have quit tobacco as part of their treatment.

**Members of the military**

The Marines have the highest rate of smoking among all service members at 30.8 percent, followed by the Army at 26.7 percent, the Navy at 24.4 percent, the Coast Guard at 19.9 percent and the Air Force at 16.7 percent.

Military service members smoke at higher rates than the general population. In 2011, nearly one-quarter (24.0 percent) of active-duty military personnel reported currently smoking, compared to 19 percent of civilians at that time.

The Department of Defense spends more than \$1.6 billion each year on tobacco-related medical care, increased hospitalization and lost days of work. It has been estimated that \$2.7 billion in Veterans Health Administration health-care expenditures are due to the health effects of smoking

To learn more about Jackson State University’s Metro Jackson Community Prevention Coalition, visit [www.jsu.edu/mjpc/](http://www.jsu.edu/mjpc/)

To learn more about the Truth Initiative, visit [truthinitiative.org](http://truthinitiative.org) and [thetruth.com](http://thetruth.com).

## Hinds CC Hi-Steppers plan Oct. 27 gala, Oct. 28 alumni performance for Centennial



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The Hinds Community College Hi-Steppers alumnae will get together Oct. 27 for a gala dinner and program in honor of the Hinds Centennial to celebrate their fame as one of the nation’s oldest college precision dance teams.

The gala will also raise money to pay for a new mural commemorating the history of the Hi-Steppers.

The gala will take place at Bee Hall on the Raymond Campus, named for longtime director Anna Cowden Bee. A reception and silent auction are at 6 p.m. with a dinner and program to begin at 7 p.m.

The next day, Oct. 28, the alumni Hi-Steppers will perform at the game that begins at 2 p.m. “It is my hope to have a record number of ladies returning

to participate in both of these events,” said Carol Warren of Madison, president of the Hi-Steppers alumni chapter.

Originally called the High-Steppers, the Hinds Hi-Steppers got their start in 1950. The first true group of Hi-Steppers as a dance team featured 22 young women. They made their first out-of-state appearance New Year’s Day 1952 at the Oleander Bowl Game between Hinds and San Angelo Junior College in Galveston, Texas.

Then-President George McLendon hired Bee as the director in 1953. She modeled the Hi-Steppers on the Radio City Music Hall Rockettes, who are noted for their high leg kicks and jazz movements in a single-line formation.

The Hi-Steppers have performed nationally and interna-

tionally. Among their many notable performances was in 1954 at the Junior Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif.; the first New Orleans Saints home game in 1967; the Miss America Parade in Atlantic City, N.J. and World’s Fair expositions in New York City, New Orleans and Toronto.

The Hi-Stepper Alumnae Association organized in 1981. Beginning in 1996, the Hi-Steppers hosted an annual gala to raise money for the Anna Cowden Bee Scholarship. Bee served an astonishing 55 years as director until she retired in 2007. She died in 2013. Former hi-stepper Angela Hite of Raymond is the current director.

The Hi-Steppers today perform with the Eagle Marching Band at football games, exhibitions, parades and community and charitable events.

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# Equifax data breach leaves at least 143 million consumers at risk

*CFPB rule allowing consumers to seek class action suits for corporate wrongdoing in jeopardy*

By Charlene Crowell  
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Record-breaking, back-to-back hurricanes in Houston and Florida brought unprecedented winds and rains affecting millions of Americans. Yet another storm just as brutal, but financial in nature, is raging and affects at least 143 million Americans: that’s the Equifax data breach that took place from mid-May to July of this year.

On July 29, Equifax, one of the three major credit reporting corporations, discovered that unauthorized data access had occurred. Yet it was not until September 7 when the multinational data breach was announced publicly. This massive cybersecurity breach includes federal income tax records, as well as employee records for government employees and those of Fortune 500 firms. Even recipients of major government programs like Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security are affected.

For consumers, the personal information exposed to fraud and identity theft could mean a lifetime of closely monitoring and defending personal data to fight theft, fines and more. For businesses, questions will emerge as to whether millions of credit accounts were fraudulently opened and additionally whether they will be held partially responsible for its perpetuation.

In reaction to this cybercrime, a surge of federal class action lawsuits are going after Equifax. As many as 50 have been filed in at least 14 states and the District of Columbia as of September 12. The Federal Bureau of Investigation is reportedly examining what went wrong from a criminal perspective. On the civil side of the law, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) is beginning its own independent investigation.

Now a growing number of bipartisan inquiries from Capitol Hill are demanding to know why these breaches of personally identifiable information (PII) came about, what actions Equifax took, and what the global firm intends to do on behalf of consumers whose names, birth dates, addresses, Social Security numbers and drivers’ licenses are all in jeopardy. Equifax also knew that an estimated 209,000 credit card holders and some 182,000 consumers in the U.S. who have a dispute on file with a creditor also had comprised PII.



The Equifax data breach affected 143 million Americans. WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

“This hack into sensitive information compiled and maintained by Equifax is one of the largest data breaches in our nation’s history and someone has to be held accountable,” said Congresswoman Maxine Waters, the ranking member of the House Financial Services Committee in an article for “Business Insider.”

“Given the important role credit scores play in the lives and financial futures of hardworking Americans, Congress must diligently examine the way our credit reporting agencies are operating and impose additional statutory and regulatory reforms to protect the integrity of the country’s credit reporting system,” Waters continued.

In a September 11 letter to Richard F. Smith, Equifax’s chairman and CEO, Waters went further to pose a series of questions to be answered by September 26. Issues raised in the letter include binding arbitration clauses that deny affected consumers the right of class action lawsuits, the firm’s security systems and controls, how consumers can expect to be officially notified, and what, if any, protections Equifax will offer to affected consumers.

“The scope and scale of this breach appears to make it one of the largest on record, and the sensitivity of the information compromised may make it the most costly to taxpayers and consumers,” wrote Senators Orrin Hatch, senate finance chair and Ron Wyden, the committee’s ranking member.

The following day, September 12, another letter to Equifax included questions on what data changes to Equifax’s security plans and procedures were made as this breach now becomes its third one in only two years; the letter was signed by 24 members of Congress, who serve on the House Energy and Commerce

Committee and represent 15 states. Three are also members of the Congressional Black Caucus: Representatives G.K. Butterfield of North Carolina, Brooklyn’s Yvette Clarke and Bobby L. Rush of Chicago.

“Your company profits from collecting highly sensitive personal information from American consumers – it should take seriously its responsibility to keep data safe and to inform consumers when its protections fail,” wrote the representatives.

“The massive Equifax data breach is one of the largest in our country’s history, affecting half of the United States population and nearly three-quarters of consumers with credit reports,” said Chi Chi Wu of the National Consumer Law Center. “A security freeze is the most effective measure against “new account” identity theft, because it stops thieves from using the consumer’s stolen information.”

To follow Wu’s advice, consumers will need to contact all three of the major credit reporting bureaus and request that no new accounts be opened in their names. Once requested, consumers will not be able to easily apply for new credit accounts or apply for a loan. An additional layer of precaution would be to contact every creditor and request that respective accounts be flagged for unusual or new credit activity. Detailed information on how consumers caught in the Equifax breach can take these and other steps to protect their credit is available on the Federal Trade Commission’s website.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau also has another consumer-friendly rule that Congress is currently fighting: preserving the right for consumers to file lawsuits when financial disputes could not be resolved otherwise. Announced July 10, Richard Cordray, CFPB director, explained why the rule is important.

“Arbitration clauses in contracts for products like bank accounts and credit cards make it nearly impossible for people to take companies to court when things go wrong,” said Cordray. “These clauses allow companies to avoid accountability by blocking group lawsuits and forcing people to go it alone or give up. Our new rule will stop companies from sidestepping the courts and ensure that people who are harmed together can take action together.”

Days later on July 20, Capitol Hill lawmakers turned to a seldom-used option, the Congressional Review Act, to deny the rule from taking effect. Sen. Mike Crapo, chair of the U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee and Rep. Jeb Hensarling, chair of the House Committee on Financial Services announced a coordinated legislative attack to roll back CFPB’s arbitration rule. The law allows Congress to fast track a veto of new federal regulation with limited debate and a simple majority vote in each chamber.

On July 25, the House passed its resolution on a highly-partisan vote of 231-190. To date, the Senate has yet to take a corresponding vote.

“The Equifax data breach is yet another reason to support the CFPB’s arbitration rule that would restore consumers’ day in court,” noted Melissa Stegman, a senior policy counsel with the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL). “When a company has injured consumers, it should not also decide whether those affected have a right to pursue justice. Although Equifax claimed it will not assert arbitration in the aftermath of its data breach, consumers must be able to challenge corporate wrongdoing in the courts and Congress should cease its efforts to quash the rule.”

Waters prefers a legislative approach – one that will ensure this type of financial disaster from happening again.

“I have long advocated for an overhaul of our nation’s credit reporting system,” said Waters, “and I will reintroduce legislation that will enhance consumer protection tools available to minimize harm caused by identity theft.”

Speaking directly to consumers, Senator Elizabeth Warren said, “Equifax proves why we must protect your right to join class actions.”

## COMMENTARY

# The importance of educating all children

*It’s up to All of us to improve academic achievement in the black community*

By Dr. Elizabeth Primas  
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I am a former teacher. I taught for 25 years in the public school system and have held various titles in the field of education throughout my 40-year career. I have always had a passion for education.

My family and I joke that I have been teaching since the first day of kindergarten. My older sister also wanted to be a teacher. So, we would spend our evenings “playing school” with our many siblings and neighbors.

Because of our productive “pretend play” I began school already reading and writing. I remember printing the alphabet with pride. By the time I reached third grade I was reading everything I could get my hands on and helping my classmates read as well. In fact, the only time I was reprimanded was when I tried to help a classmate pronounce names during her social studies report on current events.

I shared that time during my childhood, because it is important for educators to understand that children begin school on various levels. Children develop and retain information differently. Some students begin school ahead of the pack. As educators, it is our responsibility to ensure all children, irrespective of their initial academic level continue to make progress.

Unfortunately, most students are not progressing at an appropriate pace. The reauthorized, national education law, Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), grants states the freedom to develop their own academic standards and measures of accountability so long as those standards prepare students for college and career readiness. State academic standards can include a wide range of subject areas; in contrast to the previous emphasis on reading and mathematics.

To support the academic achievement of students with varied academic ability, background, and socioeconomic status, it is vital that educators refrain from the one-size-fits-all model of instruction promoted during No Child Left Behind (NCLB).

To improve academic achievement, we must reflect on our stated mission: to educate all children. Not every child is going to be a mathematician. Not every child is going to be a scientist or doctor. However, every child is born with specific gifts and talents. It is up to us, as parents and educators, to help each child develop those specific talents.

In a family of six children, each of my siblings had a different area of interest. One became a medical doctor, another a mathematician, still another, an engineer; there are two former teachers, and a law enforcement officer. We were all expected to excel in our respective fields, and we did.

Success comes in many forms. A successful student is allowed to pursue his/her natural talents and encouraged to learn the skills needed to be a productive citizen. Had my siblings and I been limited to reading and mathematics, we probably wouldn’t have been as successful; not in our careers or personal lives.

To improve academic achievement, let’s first equip teachers with the skills to recognize the natural talents that support and encourage academic achievement. School systems must realize that tests only measure a finite set of skills and that skills do exist outside of those measured.

Academic achievement is improved when we recognize the differences in children and embrace them rather than trying to put every child in the same, square box. Academic achievement is improved when parents take the initiative to advocate for their child’s needs from the womb all the way through college graduation and the start of their careers.

Who is responsible for improving academic achievement? All of us. Get engaged, go to the meetings, participate in the professional development, take part in the free webinars, read the articles on education in your local newspapers, and be a voice in your child’s education.

If you are looking for tips on how to get involved, or where to go to attend meetings, visit [www.nnpa.org/essa](http://www.nnpa.org/essa).

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# Danisha Carmala Scott: The life of a top model at New York Fashion Week

By Stacy M. Brown  
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Jamaican model Danisha Carmala Scott, the 2009 Miss Jamaica World Model Fast Track Winner, traveled more than 1,500 miles, all the way to the Big Apple, for New York Fashion Week (NYFW) on a mission to get signed by a top modeling agency.

As NYFW kicked off, Scott made the trek from her home in Jamaica hoping to catch the attention of elite agents and scouts, while they were fixated on the world’s top models on the runways, draped in the latest styles of iconic fashion designers and household brands.

Scott, affectionately known as “Lady Dani” to family and friends, said that she would love to be the face of Maybelline or model for Louis Vuitton.

“I’m a girly girl, I love make up,” Scott said. IMG, New York Model Management, Next and Wilhelmina Models are also on her wish list.

Scott has already achieved global success in her own right. Not only did she win the Miss Jamaica World Model title, her impressive resume also includes modeling for the Saint International Jamaica Limited, Fusion Models Cape Town South Af-



Scott

rica and the Poise Model Agency.

Although, the 5-foot 10-inch Jamaican beauty, whose 32-22-35 measurements are perfectly-sculpted to pursue a modeling career, she has faced and overcome a myriad of challenges off the runway.

One of those challenges has been her life-long battle with dyslexia, a learning disorder that makes it difficult for sufferers to learn to read or interpret words, letters and other symbols.

“I’ve suffered badly from dyslexia and even though I knew, at 14, I could model, my dyslexia held me back and I knew that if you’re going

to be great at something, you have to be able to express yourself, not just through your body, but through your speech,” Scott said. “I had to work on myself, get myself together, where I could communicate, as well.”

Scott attended the Institute of Academic Excellence and the D’Marie School of Makeup Artistry.

Although, she’s passionate about her modeling career, Scott said that she also enjoys cooking and one day hopes to open a pastry shop or restaurant.

Still, modeling remains her dream and, as she hustles during New York

Fashion Week, Scott is confident that she’ll achieve her goal.

“Failure is not an option. I’m a late bloomer and I’m the type of person, who lives by faith and the drive that I have is endless,” she said. “I come from a humble background and when you come from a background where there’s temptation, modeling has been my getaway.”

Scott never stops working.

As “Lady Dani” remains laser-focused on her big break, she said that she can still reflect on all of the good things that have come from her career, so far.

Although confident in her ability and her beauty, Scott conceded that Fashion Week isn’t the ideal time to look for a talent agent.

“Everyone is enjoying the shows and seeing the fresh talent, although you might get lucky and someone will walk up and say how gorgeous you are,” the former Miss Jamaica World Model said, adding that it’s a struggle sometimes to know exactly what industry insiders want.

“You never know, sometimes they say, ‘you don’t fit in our client base,’” said Scott. “But, I guess when it’s my time, it will all come together.”



# Justice Dickinson bids farewell to Supreme Court, ready to lead Child Protection Services

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

Presiding Justice Jess Dickinson on Wednesday reflected on almost 14 years of service on the Mississippi Supreme Court and prepared for the challenge of leading the Department of Child Protection Services.

The agency he will lead, starting Sept. 18, is tasked with investigating 30,000 reports of child abuse and neglect annually. "If that doesn't grab your heart, I don't know what will," Dickinson said, his voice quavering as he explained his decision to accept the job of Commissioner of Child Protection Services rather than retire from the court in December as he had planned.

Looking out over a gathering of colleagues, family, friends and court staff in the En Banc Courtroom at the Supreme Court, he described a faith-based call to service. He cited Jesus' admonition in Mark 9:37: "Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me...."

"And so, as I leave this place that I've loved working for all these years and I leave all of you who I have worked with and who have been such a great contribution to my work on the court, and I take on the responsibility of the care and the protection of these children, I ask you very sincerely to pray for me that I will have wisdom and dis-



Dickinson

cernment and I will know what I am supposed to do. It is a very scary prospect to take on the responsibility for those children."

Dickinson's predecessor, Dr. David Chandler, left the Supreme Court in December 2015 to lead Child Protection Services. Chandler will retire Sept. 15. He was unable to attend Dickinson's ceremony because his own retirement ceremony was the same afternoon. In a letter to Dickinson, he said, "I know of no one who is better suited to handle this job than you are."

Presiding Justice Michael Randolph explained that Dickinson's son, Gulfport attorney Michael Dickinson, helped set in motion a chain of events that prompted Jess Dickinson to leave the court to tackle child abuse and foster care.

Several years ago, Michael Memorial Baptist Church in

Gulfport began Rescue 100, an effort to recruit, train and certify prospective foster parents. Michael Dickinson and his wife were among the couples wanting to be certified to become foster parents. But the process was slow and cumbersome. The Dickinsons, father and son, met with Chandler to discuss the problem. Justice Dawn Beam asked to help, and Chandler asked Beam to take charge of moving the effort forward. Michael Memorial Baptist Church hosted a three-day mass training for foster parent certification in April 2016. It was the first of six Rescue 100 mass training events across the state.

Michael Memorial Baptist Church pastor Rev. Tony Karnes, who started Rescue 100, gave the benediction at the ceremony for Dickinson on Wednesday. "Thank you for being willing to take on this task to protect our children," he said.

Chief Justice Bill Waller Jr. said that Dickinson's goal, when he joined the court, was to improve public trust and confidence in the judiciary, and he has done that. He authored 347 majority opinions. He worked to create plain language court rules. He pushed to increase funding for civil legal services. He founded the Access to Justice Commission, which works to improve civil access to the courts for the poor.

"His greatest legacy, I believe, is Access to Justice," Waller said. "Our system of justice must be accessible to everyone, regardless of their economic status."

Justice Jim Kitchens presented Dickinson with an engraved plaque from the court, in appreciation of his public service. Kitchens said he tried to talk Dickinson out of leaving the court. "Suffice it to say that I've never known anyone who was possessed of higher integrity or grater intellectual honesty than Jess Dickinson," he said.

With Dickinson's departure, Kitchens by seniority will become a presiding justice of the Supreme Court. And he inherited Dickinson's old desk, one that he coveted for years. The antique oak desk is a piece of court history, one of two that may be original furniture purchased for the Supreme Court when the new capitol opened in 1903. It's a two-sided desk designed to be shared.

By court tradition, Dickinson signed his name and service dates inside a desk drawer, alongside names of previous occupants that included, among others, former Chief Justice Virgil Griffith, former Chief Justice Lenore Prather and the late Justice Michael Sullivan.

*The webcast of the ceremony is at [mecourtofms/Dickinson-Retirement/videos/162772264](http://mecourtofms/Dickinson-Retirement/videos/162772264).*

## Congressman Bennie G. Thompson D-MS 2nd District



## Remove Russian software from Mississippi electoral systems

Washington – Representative Thompson sent a letter to Delbert Hosemann, Mississippi Secretary of State, urging him to remove any use of Kaspersky, a Russian cyber-security company, software from Mississippi's electoral systems.

"As voter registration databases house such information, we must be certain the software used does not give Russia or other malicious actors a back door to it," Thompson wrote in the letter. "Therefore, I strongly advise that you take the necessary steps to identify any use or presence of Kaspersky products on Mississippi election systems and remove it."

Thompson, ranking member of the House Homeland Security Committee, also sent a letter to Chairman of the House Committee on Administration, U.S. Representative Gregg Harper (MS-03), suggesting Harper advise the entire U.S. House of Representatives to follow suit by removing any Kaspersky software from its' network.



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Mississippi Urban Forest Council seeks to expand 'regreening' and beautifying of towns, cities and communities

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Jackson, Miss. - The Mississippi Urban Forest Council is seeking to expand its circle of partners in a decades-long mission of beautifying and "regreening" Mississippi's towns and cities.

"The Council is already well known throughout Mississippi's towns and metro areas for helping state and local governments foster sustainable living through green cities," says Donna Yowell, MUFC executive director. "For 30 years, MUFC has provided programs to assist local community leaders in improving their communities, neighborhoods and business districts, many of which were provided free to the communities."

In this time of state budget cuts, however, efforts by local leaders to improve green infrastructure face greater challenges, she said. "We all must think creatively to leverage funds and action to improve our lives, communities and job opportunities," she said.

As a result, MUFC is seeking partners, collaborators, grants and private industry partners to continue to serve the citizens and communities of our state with services not offered by other agencies, including programs, resources and education - which are many and diverse.

Key programs the Council has developed and provided include Scenic Communities of Mississippi, Edible Forests of Mississippi, Mississippi Arboretum Trail, Ribbons of Green Job Training, Bloom Town Mississippi, Community Green Revitalization, Historic Tree Registry, Metro Jackson Green Infrastructure, Tree City USA, storm preparedness and much more.

Furthermore, the Mississippi Urban Forest Council is the only statewide organization or agency offering assistance with green infrastructure, revitalization and sustainability planning. Another factor in the MUFC's continued importance is the fact that MUFC has brought in more than \$4 million in federal grants to the State since 1979 through its work, services and quality programs. The MUFC is an unfunded mandate by the U.S. Farm Bill in order for the State to receive federal funding for community forestry and green infrastructure. Services are provided to community leaders, citizens, homeowners, neighborhoods, community leaders and professionals. MUFC has donated more than \$5 million worth of trees, parks, and green infrastructure in our state and provided education to thousands of citizens. "Improving job opportunities and a healthy economy starts at the local level by improving the community," added Tim Waldrup, MUFC board member and Mayor of Ellisville 15 years.

Since education and community assistance is vitally important, the topics provided include storm water management, solid waste management, zoning issues, green infrastructure, storm mitigation and preparedness, revitalization, improving downtown districts, urban policy, grants, increasing tax revenue, economic development, tourism, agri-tourism, managing natural resources, energy savings and other necessary topics.

"We have worked with neighborhoods, churches and civic organizations on a variety of projects and hope to expand that," said MUFC President Jim Ewing. "Without additional partners, collaborators and grants, many services will not be able to be provided, especially to the most-needed communities."

"The economic effect on our state - and equally important to our local communities - that will be brought on by less funding will hurt not only an important industry in our state and communities, but also the efforts to sustain and improve the quality of life of our citizens," Ewing said.

"We invite local groups, private industry, state agencies and organizations to join with us in sustaining this important mission," Yowell said, by contacting her at: (601) 672-0755 or [www.mississippiforest.org](http://www.mississippiforest.org).

## For Sustainable Communities, Homes and Businesses

30th Urban Forestry and Green Infrastructure Educational Summit  
October 4 & 5, 2017  
Pre-conference "Forest in the City Tree Tour" on October 3, 2017  
MS Agriculture Museum, Jackson, MS



### AGENDA

Pre-conference Activity - Tuesday, October 3, 2017 - 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
Tree Tour by Dr. Stephen Dicke, MS State Extension Service.

MS Agriculture Museum Tree Tour and Tree Dedication - The tree tour will include a walking tour of the museum campus with specialists to identify tree species, native plants, birds, agriculture activities in the city and storm water management. Join us for an educational tour of a "Forest in the City" and experience the benefits of green infrastructure.

### Wednesday, October 4, 2017

9 a.m. Welcome - Jim Ewing, President, MS Urban Forest Council  
9:15 - 9:45 a.m. City of Jackson Sustainable Vision and Plans: Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba  
9:45 - 10:45 a.m. Sustaining Natures Green System (Part One) - Dr. Malcolm Guidry, Urban Forester, City of Mandeville  
10:45 - 11:30 a.m. Arboreta and Urban Forestry Programs: Donna Yowell, MS Urban Forest  
11:30 - 12:30 p.m. Lunch and Learn - (Cook-Out)  
12:30 - 1:15 p.m. Greener Cities - Challenges and Solutions: Mayor Gene McGee, Ridgeland and Chip Johnson, Former Mayor of Hernando  
1:15 - 2:00 p.m. Low Maintenance Plant Material for Your Community and Gardens: Gary Bachman, MS State Extension Service, Author Southern Gardening  
2:00 - 2:45 p.m. Sustaining Natures Green System (Part Two) - Dr. Malcolm Guidry, Urban forester for City of Mandeville  
2:45 - 3:15 p.m. Vegetative Debris Management: Jennifer Milner, MDEQ  
3:45 - 4:30 p.m. Networking Break - Display Introductions  
Urban Prepare for the Next Storm: Charlie Marcus, Legacy Arborist Services of Tallahassee, formerly Forestry Coordinator for Florida Forestry Commission  
4:30 - 5:00 p.m. Correct Planting and Maintenance of Trees: Martha Hill, Hinds CC Landscape

Environmental Justice, Social Equity and Greenspace: Cassandra Johnson, US Forest Service  
Demonstrations of how to make a terrarium by The Fern Man, Bob Stribling

### Celebration of Trees Sustainable Awards Event

October 4, 2017 - 5:30 Dinner Event  
6:30 p.m. until  
Dragos on County Line Road, Jackson  
Green Mayors, Green Cities, Civic Awards,  
Green Developer, and other doing green work in their communities.  
You can submit a nomination today!

### Thursday, October 5, 2017

9:00 - 9:45 a.m. Community and City Green Designs: Robert Poore, Native Habitats  
9:45 - 10:30 a.m. Cut Flowers and Color for Your Community, Home or Business Landscape: Nellie Neal, Garden Mama  
10:30 - 10:45 a.m. Break  
10:45 - 11:30 a.m. Urban Farms and Agri-tourism: Shelly Johnstone, Johnstone and Associates, AICP  
11:30 - 12:15 a.m. Bird-Friendly Spaces and Working with Schools: Ken Hackman, Madison Central High  
12:15 p.m. Lunch and Learn (cook out) - Fruit Orchards for Community, Home or Business: Taylor Yowell, Garden Farmacy and Larry Stephenson, Southern Fruit Fellowship  
1:30 - 2:30 a.m. Smart Landscapes and Water Conservation: Bob Brzuszek, MS State Landscape School  
2:30 - 3:15 p.m. Trees for Bees and Other Pollinators: Ellis Carson, Memphis Botanic Garden  
3:15 - 3:30 p.m. Break  
3:30 - 4:00 p.m. Safety in the Landscape- OSHA, US Department of Labor  
4:00 - 4:30 p.m. Mississippi Forestry Commission: Todd Matthews: MS Forestry Commission  
4:30 - 5:00 p.m. Mississippi's Community Fishing Program: Dennis Riecke: MS Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks

5:00 P.M. Mississippi Urban Forest Council will hold its annual business meeting after the program which is open to the public and guests are welcome. New board members will be selected. Join us to continue to make a 'green difference' in places we live, work and play.

Continuing Education Hours Available: CMO's for elected officials, planners, parks & recreation, engineers, Master Gardeners, landscape architects, planners, city employees, public works, Food Farmers, Urban Forest Masters and others. You must apply for credits through your professional association. 16 hours for ISA and 16 hours for American Foresters.

Host Hotel: Hilton County Line Road, Jackson, MS - \$104 rate if booked by September 19, 2017  
Ask for MS Urban Forest Council room block. Hilton reservations number: 1-800-774-1500

### Reserve Your Seat Today!

Mail this form with a check or email P.O. number to: Mississippi Urban Forest Council, 164 Trace Cove Drive, Madison, Mississippi 39110. You may also request billing, use credit card or pay at the door.  
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You may register for one day or for both days. The Tree Tour is a special fund raiser for Keep Mississippi Beautiful. The 30th Green awards will be held the evening of October 4, 2017 at the Hilton on County Line Road. Nomination for awards are open to anyone wanting to nominate a recipient.

Please check appropriate event option(s):  
Conference registration by each day and/or event:



# Lift up your head and look to God

PART 1

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



Trials, misfortunes, hard places and even the death of a loved one will come to all at one time or another. These things are difficult to endure, and we wonder why they fall on our pathway. When we think of the many that are loaded down with adversity, trials and afflictions of various types, we can understand their feelings of discouragement. Discouragement can come to anyone; however, it is something that each individual must overcome. If not dealt with quickly and properly, discouragement can lead to murmuring, complaining and finally sin and separation from God.

We read in Job 23:3 these words, “Oh that I knew where I might find Him! that I might come even to His seat!” Job is portrayed as a wealthy man of upright character who loves God. Yet God allows Satan to destroy his flocks, his possessions, his children and his health. Job refuses to give up on God, even though he does not understand why this is happening to him. We, too, must trust God when we do not understand the difficulties we face. In our Scripture, we can see that the great Patriarch Job was burdened with deep heartache. He suddenly lost all his cattle and his property and even his children were taken from him through death. Also, he was sorely afflicted in his body. Job was a righteous man in God’s sight.

He walked in a pleasing way before God day after day. In his hour of desperation, his trial became so very heavy and burdensome. From the human standpoint, it looked as though God had forsaken him. As Job was feeling all alone and pressed down, seemingly unable to gain God’s attention, he cried out from the depths of his soul, “Oh that I knew where I might find Him!” Although Job was sorely oppressed and knew not which way to turn at that time, he had faith and knew that God was able to help him and was assured that He would come to his rescue. Job was unable to feel God’s presence, yet he kept his faith and trust fixed in God’s ability to deliver. In addition to losing his family, his possessions and his

health, he also had to contend with some so-called friends who accused him of sinful deeds. It seemed that trouble was coming from every side. The pressure and the burden that had fallen on him seemed to be more than he could bear, yet Job refused to abandon his integrity. Surely, the consistent, Godly life of this faithful patriarch has been a comfort, strength and an encouragement to many of people through the ages; as they, too, faced deep trials. Next week – Part II, “Lift up your head and look to God” Rev. Simeon R. Green III is pastor of Joynes Road Church of God, 31 Joynes Road, Hampton VA 23669. He is a member of the National Association of Evangelism Church of God, Anderson, Ind.

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# It’s my blessing and I want it now!

By Shewanda Riley  
Columnist



“It’s my money...and I want it now.” I know I’m not the only one who has been tortured by those catchy words that stay in my mind hours after I see the JG Wentworth commercials on tv. I’m not sure how Wentworth does it but he helps those who have structured settlements and annuities get access to their money. I never understand completely how you couldn’t get access to your money. My thought was if it’s your money, you should be able to get to it when you want it. A few years ago, something happened that gave me a new appreciation for that commercial. I began working for a business in 1997 and, parts of the benefits were an annuity investment account. Money was automatically deposited into that account for a few years until I quit the job. Once I quit, I was able to withdraw most of the money to pay some bills. I thought that was all of the money in the account, but a few hundred dollars remained. Since no more money was being deposited, I only thought about the account once a year when I received the annual statement with the updated balance. However, a few times, I tried to take out the remaining money but was always told that because I was rehired by the same company, I’d have to wait until I quit again in order to access the money. It was so confusing to me that even though I was no longer depositing money into

that specific account I couldn’t close it either. Fast forward to the summer of 2011 when I learned that I could use that same money to pay for college classes. Interesting, I thought, maybe I’ll use it when I go back to school, whenever that will be. By the end of 2011, I was back in school and needed money to pay for the tuition. And guess what I used to pay for it – that annuity that in the past I couldn’t touch. When I got the check in the mail that covered my tuition expenses, I was glad that I hadn’t been able to use the money a few years earlier. In the early 2000s, I wasn’t planning on returning to school ever but God knew the plan he had for my life. The money that I was able to withdraw was just enough to cover the tuition expenses for that semester. I wanted it in early 2000, but God knew that I would need it in 2011. Isaiah 46: 10 says, “Only I can tell you the future before it even happens. Everything I plan will come to pass, for I do whatever I wish.” Sometimes the things we are asking for God to bless us with are destined to be ours, but only at the right (His appointed) time. We just have to learn to patiently accept his timing and blessings for our lives. 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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# Strengthen government in preparation of future disasters

By Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr.  
Founder and president of  
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We have suffered brutal direct hits. Over half of the state of Florida is without power, in the dark. It is too soon to know what the losses are. Houston, America’s fourth largest city, suffered the most extreme rain event in U.S. history. Casualties are mounting; damages are estimated at a staggering \$125 billion.

Ash from wildfires in the west is blanketing Seattle; every county in Washington is under state of an emergency. The smoke is felt in the air all the way to the East Coast. Last year was the hottest on record, exceeding the record set the year before that exceeded the record set the year before that.

Extreme weather is becoming more frequent and more extreme. For climate scientists, this is predictable and predicted. As the Earth warms, the ice caps melt, the oceans grow warmer; more moisture is absorbed in the clouds, the rains become worse and the severe storms more severe.

The Trump administration denies climate science, even seeks to suppress it. Trump’s political appointees are doing their best to ban the very term “climate change” from government reports. They are dismantling agencies that study and report on the changing climate. Ironically, among their biggest allies were Florida Gov. Rick Scott, who banned the phrase “climate change” from state reports, and the Texas Republican Party devoted to pumping every drop of oil that can be found.

Bad storms, record heat and record wildfires won’t alter their denials. But the catastrophes are real. When they occur, even rock-headed reactionaries turn to government for help. The same Texan legislators who voted against aid to the victims of Hurricane Sandy, which devastated the Mid-Atlantic coast in 2012, lined up to demand aid for their constituents after Harvey. Those who say the government is broke appropriate billions. They look for government to organize the evacuations and warnings, to shelter the vulnerable, to mobilize the cleanup, to invest in the reconstruction.

Whether we agree that humans are a prime cause of climate change or not, surely we can agree to take the actions needed to protect ourselves as much as possible from the coming disasters and to ensure that we are prepared to react to them. We don’t have to agree about the cause of this new extreme weather; we simply have to agree to prepare for it and respond to it.

This isn’t rocket science. We need preventive action to gird against the destructive forces. On our coasts, buildings and infrastructure have to be constructed to be able to withstand extreme storms. In areas that are the most vulnerable and that have suffered repeated calamities, homes and factories should not be rebuilt. We need to strengthen dams and levees, and to protect wetlands that can help diffuse the power of storms. Chemical and nuclear power plants should be built to protect against the risks of natural disasters. The poorest and most vulnerable should not be shunted off to the lowlands most vulnerable to destruction. Response plans at the local, state and national level should be comprehensive and practiced.

Here’s the rub – that can only happen if we empower public officials to take responsible action. It requires good government and adequate resources. The conservative drive to discredit government, to starve it of funds and to dismantle its functions has to make way for a real investment in vital, necessary public action.

This shouldn’t be an afterthought; it should be a priority. Harvey and Irma have demonstrated what the Pentagon already has concluded: Extreme and catastrophic climate events are right now a clear and present danger to our nation’s security. Parts of Florida look like they were carpet-bombed. Surely, we should devote more attention to defending our own shores than we do to policing the world.

Prevention, mitigation, a stronger infrastructure and more sensible zoning are first steps. Eventually – and clearly the time is growing short – we will need a true mobilization on the scale of the effort at the beginning of World War II to accelerate the transition to renewable energy and to stop global warming. Oil company executives warn that this will cripple our economy. In fact, a real green mobilization will, like World War II, create jobs, innovation and new markets. It will revitalize our economy. And if it is done well, it can help rebuild a broad and vibrant middle class.

To get there will take a profound political movement and a sea change in our politics. Yet even as we build for that, surely we can agree to take the steps needed to provide greater protection to our people. That should not be a partisan or an ideological issue. It should be a common cause.

# The White House should postpone its HBCU conference

By Johnny C. Taylor  
President CEO TMCF



Last month after speaking with the White House about a few calls we had received, I was asked to get a sense of where our member-schools stood on the upcoming National HBCU Week Conference. After a call with a number of our 47 member-school presidents and chancellors the overwhelming consensus was to advise that the White House consider postponing the annual National HBCU Week Conference organized by the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

I believed then and I am now affirmed that it is still the best choice when we objectively look at the current national events that could detract from the real needs of the HBCU community. It is no secret that, under my leadership at Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCF), we have taken a position of finding ways to have a positive meaningful, transparent working relationship with the current administration on all issues pertaining to HBCUs.

I have been outspoken in my support of the significant meetings, policy positions and plans that have a direct impact on our member-intuitions. Like most of us, we often have a difference of opinion with even those closest to us, so though the administration may disagree with our call for postponing this event, our commitment to finding common ground to work together on behalf of HBCUs has not and will not change.

This conference is important

to all of our HBCU students, campus leaders and the millions of people who live in the campus communities, all of which are searching for these schools to be equitably funded and supported by public and private partners. It is more than a time for leaders, alumni and other stakeholders to convene and network; when developed to the specific interests of our institutions, the conference is a valuable tool for exposure of HBCU strengths before powerful actors in our nation’s legislative and corporate circles.

Traditionally, the White House Initiative on HBCUs executive director, in consultation with the President’s board of advisors on HBCUs, has planned the event. Regrettably, as of August 2017 neither has been appointed. TMCF was asked to submit names and provide general input on the conference, but my position has always been, there needed to be an executive director in place by July 9. There is no doubt that there are people in the White House that are committed to the advancement and support of HBCUs during the Trump Administration. Two of them are actually HBCU graduates, so I applaud the fact that they are advocating for our community, behind closed doors.

The conference should not be cancelled. We need this annual event to bring all of the stakeholders together around a specific, strategic agenda of substantive action for the entire black college community. September 17-19, 2017 is just not the right time. We asked the Trump Administration to consider postponing the conference, because there is legitimate concern that some may want to use this event

to protest, boycott or much worse, refuse to work with the administration and the Republican-controlled Congress. Let me be very clear, with the fragile condition of some of our HBCUs, now is not the time for us to retreat, now is not the time for us to move off the path of strategic and effective engagement to seek meaningful solutions for HBCUs. Our students and faculty are watching and want us to solidify continued support from the entire Trump Administration for HBCUs. They are seeking more than positive affirmations that many in the political space try to give. We need and deserve policies, which reflect the service our schools provide in spurring industrial diversity, political autonomy and economic progress.

No one wants HBCUs to become a footnote at a national event, which could draw attention from many types of groups seeking opportunities to advance a message totally independent of higher education or HBCU advocacy. Our students and our leaders deserve more than to be a catalyst for liberal or conservative groups to use the conference as an agenda amplifier; especially when HBCUs have hard work ahead in securing partnerships to promote and to bolster institutional strengths in STEM, national defense, public health, secondary education, entrepreneurship and business management.

I was pleased to hear Secretary of State Tillerson talk about the value of HBCU students interning and working at the State Department. TMCF has great partnerships with the United States Department of Agriculture, the Department of Defense, the

Central Intelligence Agency and many others.

I can understand why some White House officials want to continue the conference. I applaud their firm commitment to maintaining a laser focus on the HBCU agenda, even when the prospects for controversy are growing around it. That commitment is a sign of true leadership and advocacy in which we should all be proud, because it is rare. It is the kind of commitment for which TMCF has advocated over the past 30 years, and which we are proud to say has resulted in bipartisan support of our scholarship and talent pipeline programs which have benefited thousands of students from our 47 member-institutions and beyond.

The best course of action is to pause for just a moment, get the executive director and advisory board in place to plan a short term and long term strategy for the Trump Administration and the black college community to be convened for this critically important conference. We all want to be successful, substantive and impactful.

I have no doubt President Trump, his administration and the 47-member schools I represent as the president and CEO of TMCF, have a genuine desire to get this right so that HBCUs can survive and thrive.

*Johnny C. Taylor Jr. is the president and CEO of Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCF), the largest organization exclusively representing the black college community. Prior to joining TMCF, he spent many years as a successful corporate executive and attorney. Follow him on Twitter at @JohnnyCTaylorJr.*

# Reinstate DACA and protect Dreamers

By Marc H. Morial  
President and CEO  
National Urban League



An overwhelming majority of voters – about 85 percent – are opposed to deporting immigrants who are eligible for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. These “Dreamers,” as they are known, were brought into the United States as children, most of them younger than seven. About 90 percent of Dreamers are employed, more than 70 percent have attended college.

Despite widespread support for allowing Dreamers to remain, the Trump Administration has acquiesced to 10 state attorneys general who threatened to

sue if it did not end the program. But even President Trump does not want to deport Dreamers. “Does anybody really want to throw out good, educated and accomplished young people who have jobs, some serving in the military?” he wrote on Twitter. “Really!.....”

Sadly, many of the people who voted for him do, and voted for him because he said he would do it. But even among the most hard-core supporters of the president, those who say they “strongly approve” of his performance, only a third favor deportation of Dreamers.

With this kind of support, it’s hard to understand why 800,000 hard-working, law-abiding contributing members of society are in danger of being wrenched from the only country they’ve

ever known. Many do not even speak the language of the countries of their birth.

In addition to the human catastrophe deportation of Dreamers represents, the U.S. would lose about \$460 billion in GDP over the next 10 years and about 700,000 people could lose their jobs.

Earlier this month, fifteen states and the District of Columbia filed a suit seeking to stop the repeal of DACA. Last week, California filed a separate lawsuit, which was joined by Maine, Minnesota and Maryland. Meanwhile, President Trump has struck a tentative agreement from the House and Senate Minority leaders to support legislation protecting Dreamers in exchange for enhanced border security

While there is a chance that deportations of Dreamers will not occur, it’s shameful that they should be in a position to fear it at all. Dreamers trusted the United States government in enrolling in the program, now that very trust could be used against them. There is no justification for ending the program even as a legislative solution is sought.

Protecting Dreamers is quite simply the right thing to do. It is the moral thing to do. It’s the economically sound thing to do. And even though it shouldn’t matter, it’s the popular thing to do. We urge Congress to immediately pass legislation protecting Dreamers and call upon the Trump administration to reinstate DACA so no Dreamer has to fear deportation from the home they love.





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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING

ZONING CASE NO. 3986

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 133 Millsaps, LLC has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from I-1 (Light) Industrial District to NMU-1 (Neighborhood) Mixed-Use District, Pedestrian Oriented to accommodate the development of residential uses along with compatible low-intensity commercial uses for property located at 133 Millsaps Ave., in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Being a part of Lots 1, 2, 9 10 of Block “W” of Millsaps College Addition, a subdivision, the map or plat of which is recorded in Plat Book “A” at Page 274 of the Chancery Records of the First Judicial District of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit:

Commence at the northeast corner of Lot 1 of the said Block “W” of Millsaps College Addition, said point being the POINT OF BEGINNING for the parcel herein described; thence North 89° 43’ 20” West for a distance of 5.00 feet along the southern right of way line of Millsaps Avenue to a found concrete marker; thence continue North 89° 43’ 20” West for a distance of 75.00 feet along the said southern right of way line of Millsaps Avenue to the northeast corner of the said Lot 2; thence North 89° 43’ 20” West for a distance of 5.00 feet along the said southern right of way line of Millsaps Avenue to a 5/8” iron pin found; thence leave said southern right of way line and run South 00° 09’ 17” West for a distance of 60.00 feet to a 5/8” iron pin found; thence North 89° 43’ 20” West and parallel with the said southern right of way line of Millsaps Avenue for a distance of 27.00 feet to a 5/8” iron pin found; thence South 00° 09’ 17” West and parallel with the western line of the said Lot 1 for a distance of 284.00 feet to a 5/8” iron pin found at the northern right of way line of McTyere Avenue; thence South 89° 43’ 20” East for a distance of 112.00 feet along the southern line of the said Lots 9 and 10 and the said northern right of way line of McTyere Avenue to a “PK” nail found at the southeast corner of the said Lot 10; thence North 00° 09’ 17” East for a distance of 344.00 feet along the right of line of Wilson Street to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 0.8473 acres (36,908 square-feet), more or less.

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, September 27, 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 25th day of August 2017.

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

9/7/2017, 9/21/2017

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

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

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

The said proposed text amendments will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

WITNESS my signature this the 31st day of August, 2017.

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

9/7/2017, 9/21/2017

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT

ZONING CASE NO. 3989

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 Socrates Garrett has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit to operate a Night Club with an event hall within a C80-MU (Mixed-Use) Subdistrict on property located at 3645 Highway 80 W. – Suite 2000, in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Parcel 1:

Start at the Northwest corner of the SW ¼ of SE ¼ of Section 1 Township 5 North, Range 1 West, Hinds County, Mississippi, and run South, 1049.0976 feet; thence East 325.5026 feet to the Point of Beginning.

From the Point of Beginning run South 54 degrees 12 minutes 55 seconds West, 45.000 feet; thence South 35 degrees 47 minutes 05 seconds East, 31.333 feet; thence South 54 degrees 12 minutes 55 seconds West, 116.250 feet; thence South 35 degrees 47 minutes 05 seconds East, 572.241 feet; thence South 88 degrees 31 minutes 16 seconds East, 289.826 feet; thence along a circular curve to the left (R=308.9071feet) a chord bearing North 41 degrees 06 minutes 51 seconds East, 475.791feet; thence North 09 degrees 15 minutes 02 seconds West, 566.554 feet; thence South 54 degrees 12 minutes 55 seconds West, 394.415 feet; thence North 35 degrees 47 minutes 05 seconds West, 164.333 feet; thence South 54 degrees 12 minutes 55 seconds West, 394.415; thence North 35 degrees 47 seconds 05 minutes West, 164.333 feet; thence South 54 degrees 12 minutes 55 seconds West 391.500 feet back to the Point of Beginning, said parcel being situated in the SW ¼ of SE ¼ of Section 1, Township 5 North, Range 1 West and in the NW ¼ of NE ¼ of Section 12, Township 5 North, Range 1 West, Hinds County, Mississippi.

Parcel 2:

Those certain non-exclusive easements in Operating Agreement by and between Jackson Properties, et al. and McRae’s Inc., et al., dated December 17, 1976 and filed February 18, 1977 at 11:15 A.M. in Book 2432, Page 1, being amended by First Amendment to Operating Agreement by and between Jackson Properties, et al. and McRae’s Inc., et al., dated August 25, 1977 and filed September 26, 1977 at 4:50 P.M. in Book 2480, Page 337 and Second Amended recorded in Book 2485, Page 505. Without affecting the special warranty contained herein, this conveyance is subject to the liens and exceptions set forth in Permitted Exceptions attached hereto.

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, September 27, 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 25th day of August 2017.

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

9/7/2017, 9/21/2017

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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION  
BUREAU OF BUILDING, GROUNDS AND  
REAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received at the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, 501 North West Street, Suite 1401 B, Jackson, Mississippi, 39201, until 2:00:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 10/24/2017, for:

RE: GS# 411-119  
Parking Lot Improvements  
East Mississippi State Hospital

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

Professional: Engineering Plus, Inc.  
Address: 1724 B 23rd Avenue  
Meridian, Mississippi 39301  
Phone: 601-693-4234  
Email: engplus2@bellsouth.net

A deposit of \$100.00 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

9/21/2017, 9/28/2017

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A VARIANCE

ZONING CASE NO. 3987

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 College Hill M. B. Church has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting five (5) Variances from the setback and parking requirements to allow for the construction of a new sanctuary, other structural improvements and to address any parking deficiencies of the property in the R-4 (Limited Multi-Family) District, for property located at 1600 Florence Ave. in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, Block H, Jackson College Addition, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof on file and of record in Plat Book 2, at Page 16, and also in Plat Cabinet A, at Slot 194, in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi.

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, September 27, 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 25th day of August 2017.

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

9/7/2017, 9/21/2017

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT

ZONING CASE NO. 3985

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 Solid Rock International Ministries has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit to allow for an after school program as an accessory use for a church within a R-1 (Single-Family) Residential District on property located at 5095 TV Rd., in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

A parcel of land being situated in the SE ¼ of SE ¼ of section 11 and the SW ¼ of SW ¼ of Section 12, T5N, RIW, Hinds County, Mississippi, and being part of lot 4 Saunders Farm, as recorded in Plat Book 2 at Page 107, in the office of the Chancery Clerk and containing 4.57 acres, more or less, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the southwest corner of Lot 4 of Saunders Farm, said point being situated on the northerly right of way of T.V. Road, run thence S 88° 33’ 30”E along T.V. Road 1417.33 feet; thence S 88° 28’ 11”E along T.V. Road 959.38 feet to the point of beginning: run thence N 01° 31’ 49” E 615 feet to an old fence; run thence S 89° 06’ 30” E along said fence 286.80 feet to a point on the westerly right of Robinson Road; run thence S 01° 37’ 32” E along Robinson Road 198.16 feet to the point of curvature of a curve to the left having D = 05° 29’ 55” and R=1042.00 feet; run thence southeasterly along said curve 235.18 feet; run thence S 14° 33’ 27” E along Robinson Road 199.90 feet to the northerly right of way of T.V. Road; run thence N 88 degrees 28’ 11”W along T.V. Road 390.00 feet to POINT OF BEGINNING; all being located in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi.

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, September 27, 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 25th day of August 2017.

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

9/7/2017, 9/21/2017

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Public Notice  
Request for Statement of Qualifications

The City of Jackson, Mississippi, is seeking Statements of Qualifications (SOQ's) Thursday, September 28, 2017 from consulting firms desiring to provide consultant services for the preparation of a Social Marketing Plan for the City's Early Childhood System of Care Expansion Project.

Statements of Qualifications packets may be secured from the Department of Human and Cultural Services, Metrocenter Mall, 1000 Metrocenter Suite 101., Jackson, Mississippi, 39209, between 8:00AM and 5:00PM, Monday – Friday, or call Beverley Durham at (601) 960 -0335.

The City of Jackson is committed to the principal 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, every contractor, bidder or offer shall submit a completed and signed Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Plan Application with the proposal submission; in accordance with the provisions of the City of Jackson's EBO Ordinance. Failure to comply with the City's ordinance shall disqualify a contractor, bidder or offer from being awarded an eligible contract.

For more information on the City of Jackson's EBO Program, please contact the Office of Economic Development at 601 960 1856. Copies of the EBO Ordinance, EBO Plan Application, EBO Program, the MBE/FBE Directory and MBE/FBE Certification Affidavit are available at 200 South President Street, Second Floor, Jackson, Mississippi.

Proposals should be submitted to the City Clerk's office, no later than 3:30PM, local time on Thursday September 28, 2017.

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Jackson, MS 39213

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS

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

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

3/9/2017 thru 12/28/2017

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Public Notice  
Request for Statement of Qualifications

The City of Jackson, Mississippi, is seeking Statements of Qualifications (SOQ's) Thursday, September 28, 2017 from consulting firms desiring to provide consultant services for the preparation of an Evaluation Plan of the City's Early Childhood System of Care Expansion Project.

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Proposals should be submitted to the City Clerk's office, no later than 3:30PM, local time on Thursday September 28, 2017.

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Public Notice  
Request for Statement of Qualifications

The City of Jackson, Mississippi, is seeking Statements of Qualifications (SOQ's) Thursday, September 28, 2017 from an Early Childhood Expert desiring to provide consultant services on funding strategies and infrastructure building for the City's Early Childhood System of Care Expansion Project.

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Proposals should be submitted to the City Clerk's office, no later than 3:30PM, local time on Thursday September 28, 2017.

Adriane Dorsey-Kidd, Director  
Department of Human and Cultural Services  
City of Jackson, MS

9/14/2017, 9/21/2017

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
SIGN VARIANCE FOR FRESHII

THE JACKSON CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SIGN VARIANCE FOR FRESHII TO RECEIVE CITIZEN INPUT HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 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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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT (SEP)  
PRIVATE LATERAL REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT PROGRAM  
PLUMBING CONTRACTOR REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)

The City of Jackson, Mississippi is soliciting qualifications from qualified Plumbing Contractors for the Consent Decree Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) for Repair or Replacement of Defective Residential Private Sewer Laterals in targeted areas in the City of Jackson, Mississippi. Qualifications will be received by the City Council at the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 219 South President Street, Mississippi 39201 until 3:30 P.M. Local Time, October 17, 2017, for supplying all labor and materials (as specified) necessary for work described below. This project is being undertaken in connection with the settlement of an enforcement action, United States et al. v. City of Jackson, taken on behalf of the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality under the Clean Water Act and the Mississippi Air and Water Pollution Control Law.

The scope of services is to repair or replace defective residential private sewer laterals and to remove illicit connections to the sewer system that are located in low- and moderate-income (lowmod) residential communities as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Qualifications shall be submitted using the forms provided, sealed in an envelope and plainly marked on the outside of the envelope: "Qualifications for SEP RESIDENTIAL PRIVATE SEWER LATERAL."

Qualifications shall be submitted in triplicate, stapled individually, sealed and deposited with the City Clerk, City Hall, Jackson, Mississippi prior to the hour and date designated above.

A MANDATORY PreQualifications Submittal Meeting is scheduled for October 2, 2017, 10:00 a.m. local time in the First Floor Conference Room of the City of Jackson Warren Hood Administration Building. Attendance by contractors intending to submit on the project is required and will be recorded. All potential subcontractors and other interested parties are invited to attend.

Qualifications do not require a bond; however, each submitter must agree that, in the event of the award of a contract, applicable insurance will be furnished in the amounts outlined in Request for Qualifications.

The Request for Qualifications may be downloaded from the City of Jackson website: <http://www.jacksonms.gov/bids.aspx>. The Request for Qualifications is on file and open to public inspection in the office of the City Clerk in Jackson, Mississippi.

For additional information and assistance regarding this contracting opportunity, the MS Procurement Technical Assistance Program and local contract procurement center may be found at:

[www.mspsc.com](http://www.mspsc.com)

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 provision 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, 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 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.

The City of Jackson reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any informalities or irregularities therein.

Jerriot Smash  
Interim Director of Public Works

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6	2	4	7	9	1	8	5	3

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
FOR LEASE OF HANGAR SPACE AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES AND/OR HISTORICAL TERMINAL BUILDING  
AT HAWKINS FIELD AIRPORT  
BY THE JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY  
JMAA PROJECT NUMBER 7000-009-17

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority ("JMAA") requests Proposals from qualified respondents ("Respondent") for development and operation of Hangar Space and Associated Facilities and/or Historical Terminal Building at the Hawkins Field Airport ("HKS").

JMAA will receive Proposals to perform the Services at JMAA's administrative offices, 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 November 3, 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. Any Addenda issued clarifying and/or changing instructions in Information for Respondents; and/or answering questions in relation to the Information for Respondents shall become part of the Information for Respondents. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the Information for Respondents from JMAA by contacting Ms. Robin Byrd, JMAA's Manager, Procurement, as follows:

Jackson Municipal Airport Authority  
100 International Drive, Suite 300 (39208)  
Post Office Box 98109  
Jackson, Mississippi 39298-8109  
Attention: Robin Byrd, Manager, Procurement  
Telephone No.: (601) 360-8616  
Facsimile No.: (601) 939-3713  
E-Mail: [rbyrd@jmaa.com](mailto:rbyrd@jmaa.com)

or from JMAA's website at [www.jmaa.com/resources/rfp/rfb-center/](http://www.jmaa.com/resources/rfp/rfb-center/).

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

JMAA reserves the right to: (1) reject any and all Proposals, for any reason, any time before execution of an agreement with Respondents selected by JMAA.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
SIGN VARIANCE FOR WALGREENS

THE JACKSON CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SIGN VARIANCE FOR WALGREENS TO RECEIVE CITIZEN INPUT HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 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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SIGN VARIANCE FOR FINE & DANDY

THE JACKSON CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SIGN VARIANCE FOR FINE AND DANDY TO RECEIVE CITIZEN INPUT HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 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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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE  
JACKSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE JACKSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (JHPC) WILL HOLD ITS MONTHLY MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2017 AT 12:00 P.M. IN THE ANDREW JACKSON CONFERENCE ROOM (RM. 105) OF THE WARREN HOOD BUILDING, 200 SOUTH PRESIDENT STREET, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

I. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

A. OLD BUSINESS  
- NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. CASE NO. 2017-40, REQUEST BY: WILLIAM MCCLAIN, TO DEMOLISH AND REBUILD STRUCTURE BACK TO ITS ORIGINAL STYLE AT 149 E. COHEA ST., LOCATED IN THE FARISH STREET HISTORICAL DISTRICT.

2. CASE NO. 2017-42, REQUEST BY: ANNE W. BOOTH TO INSTALL AN 8FT X 4FT TREATED WOOD FENCE ALONG THE SIDE AND A PORTION OF THE FRONT OF HOME AT 1311 POPLAR BLVD., LOCATED IN THE BELHAVEN HISTORIC DISTRICT.

3. CASE NO. 2017-43, REQUEST BY: ELEANA POPE TO REPLACE WINDOWS THAT ARE ROTTEN AND HAIL DAMAGED AT 1216 QUINN ST., LOCATED IN THE BELHAVEN HISTORIC DISTRICT.

II. OTHER ITEMS

DISCUSSION  
-NONE

III. ADJOURN

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**Job Description:** The Hinds County District Attorney's Office is accepting applications for an Assistant District Attorney (ADA) position in our office. The selected applicant will have responsibility for all phases of criminal prosecution including providing guidance to law enforcement officers, conducting grand jury proceedings, preliminary hearings, and trials.

**Qualifications:** Applicants must possess a J.D. Degree and must currently be an active member of the Mississippi Bar. Two years of qualifying legal experience is required. Qualifying legal experience may include work as an attorney, as a judicial law clerk in either federal or state court and/or litigation experience in either the public or private sector.

**Preferred Qualifications:** Hiring preference will be given to applicants with courtroom experience prosecuting a range of violent crimes, firearms offenses, drug-trafficking offenses; strong academics; outstanding organizational skills; superior legal writing and research ability; and demonstrated commitment to professionalism, ethics, civility, community involvement, and public service. Applicants must demonstrate a quick analytical ability and the facility to accurately articulate the critical issues involved with a case. Applicants must display strong interpersonal skills and good judgment, have excellent oral communication skills, exhibit the ability to work in a supportive and professional manner with other attorneys, support staff and families of crime victims, and must have a demonstrated capacity to function with minimal guidance in a highly demanding environment. Applicants will be expected to do their own legal research and writing and will be substantially self-sufficient in preparing day to day correspondence and pleading. Applicants must also demonstrate excellent computer literacy skills to include experience with automated research on the internet, electronic court filing, email and work processing systems.

**Salary:** State and County positions (depends on experience). Please forward resume, writing sample, and references to: kscampbell@co.hinds.ms.us or mail to ATTN: Kimalon S. Campbell, Hinds County District Attorney's Office, 407 E. Pascagoula St., Jackson, MS 39201

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A VARIANCE

ZONING CASE NO. 3988

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 Michael J. Paduda, III has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a front yard Variance for the construction of patio in the front yard setback of the property in the C-1A Restricted Commercial District, for property located at 3304 North State St. in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Lot 6 and 5 ft off the South side of Lot 5, Block 7, Gordon's Subdivision, 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 1, Page 96, 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, September 27, 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 25th day of August 2017.

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

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# FILM REVIEW: “THE TIGER HUNTER”

## INDIAN IMMIGRANT OPTS FOR LOVE OVER AMERICAN DREAM IN CHARMING ROMANTIC COMEDY

By Kam Williams  
*Columnist*

Sami Malik (Danny Pudi) has had a crush on Ruby Iqbal (Karen David) for as long as he can remember. The life-long friends were raised in the same village where both of their fathers were pillars of the community. His dad (Kay Kay Menon) was a celebrated tiger hunter, while hers (Iqbal Theba) was a highly-decorated general in the army.

Sami, who has recently completed his degree in engineer-

ing, only wants two things out of life: a successful career and to tie the knot with Ruby. She wants to marry him, too, so you’d think that walking down the aisle would be as simple as pie for them. Think again.

Trouble is, we’re talking about India in 1979, a time when most marriages were still arranged. And General Iqbal has made it clear to Sami that he will only surrender his daughter’s hand after the young lad has not only moved to the U.S. but become gainfully em-

ployed there as an engineer, too.

So, with the help of Ruby (who sold her beloved yellow moped) and many of their neighbors, Sami soon raised enough to relocate to Chicago, where he’d been offered a position with an engineering firm. However, only after arriving in the States was he informed by the sassy sister in Human Resources (Patricia Belcher) that he was being hired as a draftsman and at a much lower salary than that of an engineer.

To add insult to injury, he’s mugged on the street right after politely declining the bait-and-switch demotion. Suddenly broke and homeless, Sami thanks his lucky stars to be befriended by Babu (Rizwan Manji), a Pakistani who came to the country a year ago.

Next thing you know, Sami reluctantly moves into the tiny apartment the affable stranger shares with about a dozen, other Southeast Asian immigrants.

And after hearing how they’re all underemployed, he

just as grudgingly accepts a gig that’s way beneath him. That doesn’t bode well for his relationship with Ruby, And the plot thickens when she and her demanding dad arrive in the country expecting to find Sami faring far better.

Thus unfolds The Tiger Hunter, a charming romantic comedy marking the marvelous directorial debut of UCLA Film School Grad Lena Khan who also co-wrote the relentlessly-funny script that keeps you in stitches from beginning to end.

A lighthearted look at the pursuit of the elusive American Dream from the perspective of a lovesick expat from the Subcontinent.

Excellent (4 stars)  
Unrated  
Running time: 94 minutes  
Production Studio: Sneaky Sneaky Films  
Distributor: Shout! Factory Films

To see a trailer for The Tiger Hunter, visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SiUzXKFjkE8>

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BOOK REVIEW:

“RISE OF THE JUMBIES”

BY TRACEY BAPTISTE

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer  
Columnist

What lives beneath the waves?

Fish, of course. Seahorses, clams, lobsters, whales, turtles and mermaids, too. You’d be surprised at what lives under the sea, but in the new book “Rise of the Jumbies” by Tracey Baptiste, there are also things that you don’t want to know about...

It’d been bright and sunny on the day the waves thundered.

Everyone along the beach scurried inland toward the village. Parents snatched their children and ran, but Corrine wasn’t scared. She knew instantly what was happening.

She’d been through something like this before.

As she watched Papa’s boat rock in the waves, Corrine recalled the undersea battle she’d had just months before. Her mother’s sister, Severine, was a jumbie, and she’d threatened the people of Corrine’s Caribbean island home. Corrine fought Severine and won, but it hadn’t been easy. She knew in her heart that Severine could return.

And then the children started to disappear.

At first, her neighbors thought she was to blame; Corrine was half-jumbie, and everyone knew it. She had to make them believe that she wasn’t bad, that

it wasn’t her fault when the sea took children. To do that, to fix everything, the island’s white witch said Corrine had to go beneath the water.

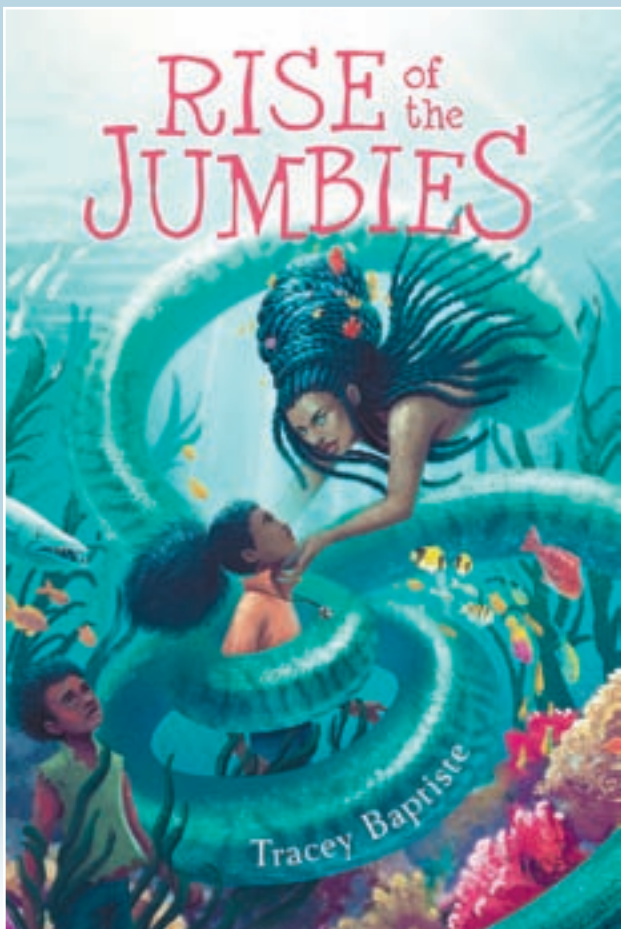
As the villagers presented gifts to the sea, Corrine let the waves take her to Mama D’Leau, the powerful ruler of the jumbies. The white witch said that Mama D’Leau does what she wants. Never ask more than one question, Corrine was told. Don’t try to be clever, and be ready to grant her wishes. Corrine knew that Mama D’Leau could be generous, but not often.

She only wanted the safe return of the island’s children, who’d been snatched by some-

one – or something. She didn’t want to meet with the fearsome Mama D’Leau, but there was no other way. Corrine had to risk her own life and memories, but could she risk her friends’ lives, too?

Put “Rise of the Jumbies” against your ear, and what do you hear? Not the ocean, but you may hear your child ask for this adventure-filled book. Just be aware that you might need to dive in to help with it.

Packed with West African and Caribbean tales, this book takes young readers both underwater with mermaids and to a forest of enchanted beings. Kids who can’t get enough of legends or fantastical stories



will be wide-eyed at both story and action, the latter of which is truly heart-pounding but can also be confusing. There are many fine characters in author Tracey Baptiste’s tale, but when several of them swirl in a single scene, it can be messy and in need of sorting.

Parents may also want to guide youngsters to an under-

standing of subtle slave ship references that constitute a well-done story-within-a-story.

Savvy readers ages 8-12 may be able to jump into “Rise of The Jumbies” feet-first without reading its predecessor, “The Jumbies,” but I’d recommend starting there anyhow. Try that, and your child can wave “hello” to her next favorite series.

## Cryptogram

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

Hint: Quote by George Washington

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## Sudoku

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

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

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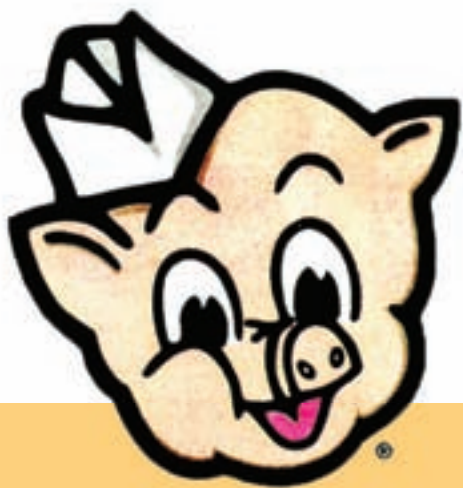
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