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JPS remains hopeful, continues focus on academic achievement

By Dr. Freddrick Murray
Interim Superintendent JPS

A cloud of uncertainty hangs over Jackson Public Schools, the second largest school district in the state of Mississippi with nearly 27,000 students. While the district is hopeful, it is pensive as it awaits a decision from Governor Phil Bryant regarding a state of emergency declaration that would allow a take-over by the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE).

COMMENTARY

During JPS’s meeting with the Accreditation Commission September 13, MDE officials indicated that preliminary 2016-17 results show that JPS will be classified as an “F” district regardless of revised cut scores. JPS was also classified as an “F” district in the 2015-16 school year. According to state law, any public school in a district that is labeled an “F” for two consecutive school years, could become part of the Mississippi Achievement School District.

The State Board of Education is expected to approve final accountability letter grades for schools and districts October 19. The governor has stated that the state’s accountability rating will likely play a role in his decision.

There are many variables that have plagued Jackson Public Schools for many years such as the impacts of poverty, decreases in funding, and a nationwide shortage of certified teachers. Former leadership decisions that led to the elimination of professional development and other instructional supports for teachers over the past several years have taken a tremendous toll on the district’s ability to succeed. However, I am confident the systems, processes and procedures we have put in place will turn our district around.

Despite the impending “F” rating, Jackson Public Schools has many successes. According to data published by MDE from the 2016-17

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Nissan Canton host its 15th annual Family Fun Day



Nissan employees and family arrive for Family Fun Day on the grounds of the plant in Canton, Miss. PHOTOS COURTESY OF NISSAN

By Othor Cain
Editor

For the last 15 years, the first of which happened before the plant even began production (2002), the Nissan plant in Canton has hosted an annual Family Fun Day. The day is filled with food, fun and freebies as a means of celebrating employees and their families.

“I love this event so much, because I know how costly it can be to take your family to the state fair,”

said Parul Bajaj, manager, Corporate Communications Nissan Group of North America. “This event accomplishes the same purpose but for free for all of our employees and their family members.”

Every year in October on the grounds of the plant, which is transformed into a state fair type of event, employees, their families, community partners and surrounding community members gather for this fun filled day that includes amusement

rides for all ages, carnival games, giant inflatable slides, bounce houses, popcorn, cotton candy, ice cream, tons of other food and a 5K run.

This year, the event attracted a record breaking crowd of nearly 8,000 people showing up to partake in the fun. It was also the first year that a dunking booth featuring Steve Marsh, vice president, Manufacturing, Canton Vehicle Assembly Plant, Nissan North America, Inc., and all of his directors.

For every dunk made, Nissan donated \$100 to the Boys and Girls Club of Central Mississippi. A grand total of \$10,000 from this event was awarded to the Boys and Girls Club.

“We’ve partnered with the Boys and Girls Club of Central MS since 2002 (before the plant opened) and were thrilled to make an additional donation to them at this year’s Family Day,” Bajaj said.

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Out of the shadows: Overt racism flourishes in the American south in the Trump era

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Contributor

Race relations in the United States, especially in the South, are plagued by troubling examples of the challenges that face the nation, as Americans work toward achieving the dream that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. spoke of, more than 50 years ago.

Forty-two percent of Americans said that they personally worry a “great deal” about race relations in the United States, up seven percentage points from 2016 and a record high in the Gallup’s 17-year trend, according to Gallup News.

The Gallup poll marked the third straight year that worries about race relations have increased by a significant margin, a surge that experts have said likely stems from the racial tensions and public discourse sparked by high-profile incidents of police shooting unarmed black men.

These high-profile incidents, often sensationalized by mainstream media, overshadow the more pervasive forms of racism that exist in local politics, businesses and schools.

A longtime prominent Florence,

*Racism
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UNITETHERIGHTRALLY Alt-right members preparing to enter Emancipation Park holding Nazi, Confederate and Gadsden “Don’t Tread on Me” flags in Charlottesville, Va. PHOTO BY ANTHONY CRIDER/WIKIMEDIA COMMONS



Myrlie Evers, a civil rights activist and the widow of Medgar Evers, said that she was in a state of despair, hurt and anger following the tragedy in Charlottesville, Va. In this photo Myrlie Evers, speaks during the special tribute to the life and legacy of Dick Gregory in Landover, Md. PHOTO BY FREDDIE ALLEN/AMG/NNPA

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. John David Rigsby

September 11, 1930 - October 10, 2017

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Dr. John David Rigsby entered into eternal rest October 10, 2017. A celebration of the life of Dr. Rigsby was held October 13 at New Hope Baptist Church in Jackson, Miss. The family hour was held October 12 where the Connecting Links of the LeFluer's Bluff Chapter of the Links, Inc. and the Canton-Madison and Jackson Alumni Chapters of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. conducted their memorial ceremonies.

Dr. Rigsby was born September 11, 1930 to John and Minnie Rigsby in Forest, Miss. His parents predeceased him. He was a graduate of Scott County Training School in Forest, Miss.,

where he was class valedictorian and class president. He matriculated at Alcorn State University where he served as class president and president of the Student Government Association. He graduated Magna Cum Laude with a degree in Biology. Dr. Rigsby received his Master of Science Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Indiana University. He earned the Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Educational Administration from the University of Southern Mississippi.

He proudly served in the United States Army and was honorably discharged.

He was a distinguished educator. He served as a science teacher in the

LeFlore County, Rankin County and Jackson Public Schools District. Dr. Rigsby served as an administrator in the Jackson Public Schools as an assistant principal, principal, personnel director, assistant superintendent of Junior High Schools and assistant superintendent of General Services. He also served as an educational consultant to many school districts, and as an adjunct professor at Alcorn State University.

He was a member of New Hope Baptist Church in Jackson where he served as a deacon, chairman of the Trustee Board, church treasurer, church clerk and Sunday School superintendent.

Dr. Rigsby served as president of the Alcorn State University National

Alumni Association. He was a life member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. He was also a life member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., and a member of Phi Delta Kappa Education Fraternity and 100 Black Men of America, Inc. He received many recognitions and honors for his leadership in various organizations. He served as a mentor to numerous students and teachers.

Dr. Rigsby is survived by his wife, the former Esther C. Martin and four sons: Reginald D. Rigsby, M.D., and his wife, Linda Dixon Rigsby, Esq., of Madison, Miss.; Delbert K. Rigsby, Esq., of Mitchellville, Md.; Dr. Mark D. Rigsby and his wife, Virginia Priestley



Rigsby

Rigsby, of Knoxville, Tenn., and Kenneth W. Rigsby of Nashville. His grandchildren are: Erin B. Rigsby, Esq., of New Orleans, La., Morgan D. Rigsby and Markesa B. Rigsby of Nashville and Reginald D. Rigsby, II of Jackson, Miss.

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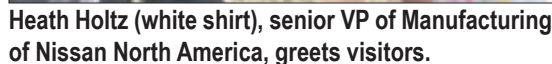
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- Hinds County Chancery Court Special Master (2014)
- Law Clerk to Judge Winston L. Kidd, Hinds County Circuit Court (2005)
- Federal Judicial Clerkship (2006-2008)

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- Member New Hope Baptist Church
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HCSD Celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month with Parents and Students

Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America. The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting September 15 and ending October 15. The Hinds County School District celebrated the month with bulletin board displays and with the district's First Annual EL Parent informational Potluck Meet and Greet.



Monika Lorinczova, project coordinator / Mississippi Migrant Education Service Center



Nancy Tillman, EL coordinator and Delesicia Martin, superintendent, with students



Students and parents from across the district



The JSD Foundation is delighted to announce an
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A Legacy Retrospective of Jay D. Johnson: Rays of Hope in Mississippi is a retrospective exhibit featuring the photographic images of photographer extraordinaire, Mr. Jay D. Johnson. For more than 40 years, he has photographed many people, events, and scenes in and around the state of Mississippi and many of those images are featured in this exhibit.

Opening Ceremony

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Kristine Brown crowned 91st Miss Alcorn

By Dr. Jerry Komia Domatob
Contributing Writer

The 2017/18 Alcorn State University student representative and esteemed leader Kristine Brown was crowned Miss Alcorn 2017-2018. She is the daughter of Roger and Madline Brown of Jackson, Miss.

She is an Alcorn State University senior psychology major. Alcorn's 19th president, Alfred Rankins Jr., crowned the new queen Oct. 10 at the packed 2017 homecoming football bonanza between Alcorn and Prairie View State University.

A community involved personality over the years, Brown was a member of the modeling squad, student ambassadors and gospel choir. She reigned as Miss Sophomore 2015-2016. She plans to earn a higher degree in psychology upon graduation.

Bright, buoyant, cheerful and focused, Brown is the 91st Miss Alcorn. In that capacity, she is the students' treasured spokesperson, ardent advocate and admired leader. Besides her functions as one of the university's public relations gurus, Brown serves as the chief greeter at official functions.

Miss Alcorn is also consulted on sundry issues pertaining to the institution and its policies.

Elected every spring, Miss Alcorn is crowned in the fall.

Other members of the 2017 court are: Shemesha K Martin, Miss Senior; Moriah Babiest, Miss Junior; Damonique Var-



Golden Girls



Young Ms. Alcorns

nando, Miss Sophomore and Chelsey Page, Miss Freshman.

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His latest publications are: Communication, Culture and Human Rights and Positive Vibrations. Contact him at: Jdomatob@yahoo.com.



Kristine Brown, Miss Alcorn 2017-2018



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Hope Credit Union branch opens at Provine High School

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A group of Jackson high school students will get firsthand knowledge of financial management. This is all thanks to a unique partnership.

Hope Credit Union (HOPE) held a grand opening for a new branch at Provine High School October 10. Jackson Public Schools and Alignment Jackson have been close partners on this project with HOPE. The branch will be the first student-run credit union in Jackson, Miss.

JPS Interim Superintendent Freddrick Murray gave remarks during the program. Joining him were Carol Burger, CEO of United Way and HOPE CEO Bill Bynum. Chief Administrator Robert Blaine offered congratulations on behalf of the City of Jackson. Joseph Duren of the Greater Jackson Chamber Partnership led the ribbon cutting. Ribbon cutters included students and teachers of the Business and Finance Academy at Provine.

"We are grateful for this partnership with Hope Credit Union," said Dr. Murray. "This is an excellent opportunity for our high school academy students. The innovation of the student-run bank fits into our goals of producing college-ready, career-prepared graduates."

"The project provides students with hands-on experience in all facets of operating a financial institution," said Bynum. "At the same time, it builds the financial capacity of Provine students, staff and stakeholders."



Nikki McCelleis of the United Way pointed out what this opportunity means for the students.

"Alignment Jackson and United Way of the Capital Area are truly excited about the Hope Credit Union branch being a part of Provine High School," said McCelleis. "The learning opportunities that students will be afforded are limitless."

The Provine branch is open for banking two days a week from 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. The branch also provides financial literacy counseling. School

employees and students 18 and older may open accounts. The branch is also open to the public.

Customers may open accounts with a \$25 minimum deposit. They can also complete loan applications and check their balances.

Business teachers introduced students to the skills required to run a credit union when they were freshmen. The program gives the students a foundation in banking. Their training included field trips to the credit union's branches and corporate office. On these trips, they met

with executives who discussed career opportunities in finance.

Training at the Provine branch began last spring. Participating students received the same training as HOPE employees. They also participated in a weeklong internship at a local branch.

Students who run the branch are member service representatives. They perform the same job duties as tellers at other financial institutions. They educate customers about Hope Credit Union and its products and services.

About the project partner-

ship

In 2014, HOPE began working with JPS and Alignment Jackson to establish a student-run branch. The academy structure was a good fit for this project. The academies were designed to give students real-world work experiences. The students involved were selected from the Business and Finance Academy Program at the school.

Over the past three years, HOPE has touched some 80 students as part of the program. Nearly two dozen students have met with HOPE managers to

learn about careers in finance. Students worked in the branch as part of their career and technical education courses at Provine.

About Academies of Jackson

The Academies of Jackson started with the freshman of 2014-2015. The class will graduate in May of 2018. The program allows educators to teach and students to learn in small, evidence-based learning communities. This setting increases rigor, relevance and relationships that students need to thrive in today's global marketplace.

Jackson police chief to speak to middle school students

Mississippi Link Newswire

As part of Red Ribbon Week, Jackson Police Chief Lee Vance will visit Whitten Middle School Friday, October 27, to speak to students about the importance of living a drug free life. The event will take place at 2 p.m. in the school's auditorium located at 210 Daniel Lake Boulevard.

Red Ribbon Week is an alcohol, tobacco and other drug and violence prevention awareness campaign observed annually in October in the United States. The Red Ribbon serves as a catalyst to mobilize communities to educate youth and encourage participation in drug prevention activities. Since that time, the campaign has reached millions of U.S. children and families.

For more information, please call (601) 371-4309.



Vance

JPS Food Service earns gold award for fifth straight year in 38 schools

Mississippi Link Newswire

The JPS Food Service Department received the Gold Award from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) HealthierUS School Challenge (HUSC) Program. The honor goes to school districts that model excellent USDA programs. All of the district's elementary schools have achieved this title for the last five years.

The JPS Food Service Program has earned national recognition for providing quality meals to students. It has led local efforts to prevent obesity since 2006. That's when the district instituted its first wellness policy. Not long after that, First Lady Michelle Obama visited the district as part of her Let's Move campaign.

The department's initiatives include:

- A wellness walk held annually in Oc-

tober.

- Participation in National School Lunch Week.
- An employee weight loss challenge.
- An ongoing rollout of combi ovens to replace fryers in schools.
- The OrganWise Guys Nutrition Education Program.

The USDA oversees the Food Service Department at the federal level. The Office of Child Nutrition of the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) and the JPS School Board also manage the program.

The HUSC is a voluntary certification program. It recognizes schools that have created healthier school settings by promoting nutrition and exercise. Established in 2004, it has recognized thousands of schools across America.



The district's 38 elementary schools have achieved Gold status for the last five years.

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Book bazaar at Mississippi College offers diverse bargains to shoppers

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Books exploring travel, Christian devotionals, children’s classics and masterpieces of modern poetry are appealing to bargain hunters.

And the convenient place offering a diverse collection of books at rock bottom prices remains the sale at Bookend Alley outside Mississippi College’s Leland Speed Library.

Faculty, staff and students joined Clinton residents searching for their favorites stacked on tables a few feet from College Street.

A 2009 MC graduate Brandy Lauing shopped with three young kids by her side late Thursday morning. “I’m looking for children’s books.”

The Clintonian came to the right place.

Books like “What Makes a Rainbow?” by author Betty Schwartz, William Wegman’s “Mother Goose” and James Gurney’s “Dinotopia” didn’t stay around very long at the Fall Book Bazaar.

Melanie Fortenberry, who writes a food column with her husband, Cliff, in *The Clinton Courier* wasn’t eyeing cookbooks as she shopped. The MC health services administration professor keeps plenty at her home in Clinton.

“I like books that are funny and about middle-aged Southern women,” Melanie Fortenberry said. Books like “Steel Magnolias” are ones she cherishes.



Leland Speed Library staff members Hope Smith, Paula Brown and Latisha Sullender are pictured at the Mississippi College book bazaar October 12. Sullender is the event coordinator.

Book sale coordinator Latisha Sullender was delighted to see a steady stream of customers on a crisp Fall day in the Magnolia State. Book sales at Mississippi College last year generated about \$10,000 to benefit the Leland Speed Library, the MC graduate noted.

This sale at Mississippi College runs through Saturday. The MC library will host another book bazaar as thousands of fans of the Blue & Gold flock to the university’s 2017 Homecoming. The October 21 book sale begins 9 a.m. that Saturday.

Why wait until homecoming? MC psychology major

Hannah Kanengiser on October 12 discovered three interesting literature books she wanted – from poetry to American short story classics.

A 20-year-old MC senior from Pearl, Hannah enjoyed hunting books and visiting with helpful library staffers like Hope Smith. “There were some good bargains and plenty of friendly people.”

MC kinesiology major Mary Madelon, 20, of Olive Branch, counts herself among the satisfied customers. She purchased “Stepping Heavenward” for a mere \$1. That’s a steal of

a deal for the Christian inspirational book written by Elizabeth Prentiss.

Typically as many as 7,000 books and other items are up for grabs at each MC sale.

A social work major, Alissa Wood, 19, of Jacksonville, Florida searched for a book about international travel to European countries like Italy. “I like old classics, too.”

More Mississippi College book bazaars at Bookend Alley are scheduled in early November. Stay tuned for more details at the Leland Speed Library on the Clinton campus.

Tougaloo College National Alumni Association Hall of Fame celebrates 25 years

The Mississippi Link Newswire

October 13 marked the 25th anniversary of the Tougaloo College National Alumni Association’s Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. This event was held at the Jackson Hilton Hotel (1001 East County Line Road).

The Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony seeks to honor fellow alumni who have distinguished themselves through their dedication and commitment to their professions and Tougaloo College. This year’s honorees are:

- Hosea R. James ’00 - Business
- Frank Williams Jr. ’74 - Community Service
- Doris Durr Ross ’75 - Community Service
- Jesolyn Faye Larry Howell, Ph.D. ’71 - Education
- James’ Wesley Harris ’61 - Education
- Edith Smith Rayford, M.D. ’79 - Medicine
- Rev. Reginald Buckley ’94 - Religion

The ceremony was founded by

Jerry Lewis and H.T. Drake in 1992. “The Hall of Fame represents alumni who have been an integral part of the legacy at Tougaloo. It has prompted them to contribute and give back to their alma mater,” said Drake.

Drake, a member of the Hall of Fame himself, is a prime example of alumni who contribute to their alma maters. He set up an endowed scholarship for Tougaloo students in 1976. He said, “It started with \$500, and now it is close to \$46,000. My birthday is November 6, and I’ll be 95 years old. I’ve requested that friends and family give .95 cents or \$95 to the endowed fund. That’s what Tougaloo means to me.”

Those sentiments are also reflected in a statement by James Wesley Harris, one of this year’s honorees. “This is a special recognition and it’s a reward for what I’ve been involved in as it pertains to the field of education and in politics. Tougaloo means a great deal to me. The institution prepared me for a career. I never felt that I had a job. I always felt like I had a career.”

Jamaican students make a mark at Tougaloo College

By Ian Randle
Jamaican Publisher

Jamaicans have always been known to travel far and wide, seeking opportunities for higher education.

Although many students are attracted to the Ivy League universities e.g. (MIT, Princeton, Harvard) some of them go to other colleges and universities across North America.

Among non-Ivy League colleges that have attracted Jamaicans over the years are historically black colleges and universities (HBCU) of which Howard University in Washington, D.C., and Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia, are the most outstanding.

Having said that, one would not have expected to find Jamaican students at Tougaloo College, an HBCU in the deep south in Jackson, Miss.

Tougaloo College is a private, co-educational, historically black liberal arts institution founded in 1869 and located just outside Jackson.

The college is located on an old plantation and has a rich history of civic and social action. In the 1960s, it was at the forefront of the Civil Rights movement, serving as a safe haven for those who fought for freedom, equality, and justice including Medgar Evers and Rev Martin Luther King Jr.

There are currently seven Jamaicans attending Tougaloo College, most of whom are in their freshman year. Among them, André Bennett and Kristen Gordon, from Montego Bay, were recruited on music scholarships. The more recent arrivals, Cherica Scott, Romans Grant, Damion McKenzie, Brittinie-Lee Duffus and Enlyona Weir, are from Portland.

All were recruited through a United States-based non-profit organization, Passport to College (PTC), whose stated mission is to identify students from developing countries that are strong in the STEM subjects but who lack the resources to attend university. All five of the recently enrolled Jamaicans are pursuing majors in one of the sciences and mathematics.

At the invitation of its provost, Asoka Srivanasan recently visited Tougaloo and had the opportunity to meet the Jamaican students.

Not only were they happily settled at Tougaloo, but they all sang the praises of their small college.

“Size is not grandeur,” says Scott, who attended Titchfield High School.

“Because Tougaloo is a relatively small school with an approximate enrolment of 850, it is a close-knit community. everyone is known and is important.

“Leaving home for the first time and coming to a place where there are few, if any Jamaicans, we are grateful for the warmth and the caring and friendliness of the administration and faculty,” said Brown, who is the self-styled ‘mother’ of the group. “As for our fellow students who have heard so much and know so little about Jamaica, to them we are stars.”

Enlyona, a shy 19 year-old who is the ‘baby’ of the group, is especially taken by the small size of all of her classes, which numbers, between 12 and 15, and the consequent attention she gets from her tutors. A freshman major in chemistry with a minor in maths, she says, “I like the idea of being part of a small institution as I see it as an opportunity to shine my bulb and be recognized.”

All the Jamaican students at Tougaloo have ambitions to go on to higher degrees and believe that Tougaloo provides the ideal launching pad. They cite the fact that Tougaloo sends over 60 per cent of its graduates to professional schools at Ivy League universities like Brown in Rhode Island, with which it has a long-standing relationship, as well as to Boston College, NYU, and Tufts Medical and Dental School.

For Tougaloo’s part, the school is so pleased with the impact of its small band of Jamaican students and the interest in the country that their presence has created at the institution that it now wants to recruit more Jamaicans. In addition, Tougaloo believes that its American students can benefit from faculty-led educational visits to the island to learn more about its history and culture and the pivotal role played by Jamaicans in the Civil Rights movement.

At the level of graduate and faculty research, Srivanasan envisages possibilities for joint research projects in areas of common concern, especially in the medical field pertaining to obesity and cardiovascular diseases, where Tougaloo has been involved in nationally-funded ground-breaking research studies. He also sees possibilities for collaboration with Jamaican institutions in studies in modern-day slavery and diaspora studies.

The Second Annual 40 Under 40 showcases Tougaloo’s best and brightest

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Tougaloo College recognized a select group of young alumni for outstanding achievement and leadership at the second Forty Under Forty Awards Luncheon held October 14.

“Tougaloo College produces amazing alumni who are contributing in all phases of society around the world. These forty are being recognized because of their outstanding achievements at such a tender age,” said Forty Under Forty Awards Chair John Rosenthal. “This awards luncheon recognizes these forty for their accomplishments and will inspire students and alumni to strive for greater heights.”

There is a dynamic diversity among Tougaloo’s rising Eagles. Included among Tougaloo’s Forty Under Forty awardees are attorneys, dentists, doctors, educators and entrepreneurs.

A proud Barbadian American, Dr. Paul Clement Alleyne is a caring physician who serves patients at St. Dominic Hospital in Jackson, Miss. and ANWAN Wellness Center in Atlanta, Ga. He also volunteers his service on medical missions in Honduras (annually), Peru, and most recently, Nigeria.

“As his friend, I am most proud to know that Paul’s prayers are for the well-being of his patients. He carries them in his heart. So, when I hear other friends and colleagues who have either been his patient or who have had family members under his care speak highly of his competence and comforting bedside manner, it is confirmation that his dedication is apparent to those whom he serves,” said Sylvia Woodward, a longtime friend and Tougaloo

classmate.

Tougaloo’s emerging leaders are not only doctors in the medical profession but are doctors across all fields and disciplines.

“To be counted among this year’s 40 Under 40 class is an unexpected and extraordinary honor. I am committed to helping students become their best selves inside and outside of the classroom. I am humbled that someone wanted to recognize the work I have done and plan to do,” said Dr. Shahara Tova Dente, assistant professor at Mississippi Valley State University.

Tougaloo created the Forty Under Forty program to identify and honor outstanding young alumni who have distinguished themselves and promote the college by virtue of their accomplishments.

Kerry Thomas, the director of sponsored programs and research at Tougaloo College, was honored this year.

“I am extremely honored and excited to have been selected for the 2017 Tougaloo College 40 Under 40 Award. Tougaloo has and will always hold a special place in my heart. Having completed my undergraduate education here has not only prepared me professionally but the experiences and guidance I received helped an indecisive youth find his way to become a successful and productive man. For this, I am forever grateful.”

Co-hosts for the luncheon were two former honorees, Antwyn Brown and Ranada Robinson. Both were in the first cohort of Forty Under Forty recipients, awarded in 2016.

The 2017 awards luncheon was held October 14 at the Hilton Jackson, 1001

East County Line Road in Jackson.

The 2017 Tougaloo College 40 Under 40 honorees are:

- Monica Davis Allen, Esq.
- Paul Alleyne, MD
- Cassio Batteast
- Stacey Henry Blalock, Ph.D.
- Allison Veasley Brazzel
- Marlow Butler
- Jason Campbell
- Elizabeth Carr, Esq.
- Alvin Carter
- Alfrenette Chambers
- Stanitia Davis, DPM
- Shahara”Tova Dente, Ph.D.
- Lakeysha Hallmon, Ph.D.
- Tia Haslett
- Cedric Haynes, Esq.
- Clifton Jeffery, Esq.
- Ayanny Jenkins-Sutton, MD
- Lars Johnson, Ph.D.
- Charles Lawrence Jr., Esq.
- Cornell Lynch
- Tommie Mabry
- Whitney McDowell Robinson
- Tanecka Moore, Esq.
- Shacora Moore
- Alysia Osborne
- Shanna Pegues
- Takiyah Perkins, Esq.
- Tanjala Purnell, Ph.D., MPH
- Nkenge Ransom-Friday
- Naomi Shelton
- Ashley Simmons
- Shawonda Smith, Ed.D.
- Ahmad Smith, Esq.
- Jason F. Tate, Ph.D.
- Kerry Thomas
- LaTonya Ware, DDS
- Terrance Ware, DDS
- Demetrice Wells, Esq.
- Darryl Wilson, Esq.
- LaFarra Young-Gaylor, MD

Hinds CC names 2017 homecoming queen

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RAYMOND — Kontessa McClendon of Clinton, a graduate of Clinton High School, was crowned queen at Hinds Community College's annual Homecoming celebration Oct. 12.

She is the daughter of Michael and Tammy McClendon. A Raymond Campus sophomore, she is majoring in elementary education. She is a Dean's Scholar, a resident assistant at Marshall Hall, serves as president of I.D.E.A.L. Woman and is a tutor at the Writing Center.

Her escort was DeAunray Smith of Jackson, a Forest Hill High School graduate.

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.

To learn more, visit www.hindscc.edu or call 1.800.HindsCC.



DeAunray Smith of Jackson, a Forest Hill High School graduate, left, and Kontessa McClendon of Clinton, a graduate of Clinton High School, react to her being named the 2017 Homecoming queen at Hinds Community College on Oct. 12.



Hinds President Dr. Clyde Muse crowns Kontessa McClendon of Clinton, a graduate of Clinton High School, as Homecoming queen for 2017 at Hinds Community College. Left is McClendon's escort, DeAunray Smith of Jackson, a Forest Hill High School graduate. The flower girl was Hallie Faye Horne and crown bearer was Jax Mitchell.

MVSU's NAACP chapter is back

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ITTA BENA — Mississippi Valley State University has reinstituted its National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Youth and College Chapter.

The chapter has been away for 10 years in the Valley community, but now it's back with a renewed purpose.

The students will be under the leadership of advisors Yolanda Jones, dean of student development and Shakia Bell, office manager, faculty development.

Jones said helping students understand the importance of working in the community and understanding social issues is what drives her to help with the chapter.

"I believe the importance of civic responsibility is paramount to student success," said Jones. This will help our students become aware of the social issues around them, but more importantly, how to deal with these issues. In order to develop holistic students, it is pivotal to expose them to political, social and economic issues during these years to help them become productive citizens."

The MVSU chapter hosted its first informational and general body meeting Oct. 11 in the Business Administration Building (Cliff E. Williams Auditorium).

The chapter's president, Jaishone Cornelius, a senior criminal justice and pre-law/legal studies major expressed why it was important to revive the NAACP on campus.

"It was of utmost importance for us to reinstate the NAACP Youth & College Division here at Mississippi Valley State Uni-



Pictured, from left, are Yolanda Jones, advisor; Monifa Amadi, 2nd vice president; Jermarius Rushing, 1st vice president; Tanessa House, assistant treasurer; Bria Daniels, 3rd vice president; Talaria Stiffin, assistant secretary; Jordan Anderson, treasurer; Jaishone Cornelius, president; Lasharda Leasy, secretary; and Shakia Bell, advisor.

versity; considering, we were the only HBCU in the state of Mississippi that did not have an active chapter," said Cornelius.

"My goal as president of MVSU's NAACP Chapter is to carry the torch and keep the flames ignited in our combat to invoke change for the voiceless; whether that is educationally, economically or socially," Cornelius added.

The NAACP Youth & College chapter is a division of the association devoted specifically to youth and their activities. The division was established in 1936 under the direction of Juanita Jackson, a youth delegate in the association.

The mission of the NAACP is to ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of rights for all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination. The division gives a political voice to the young and creates a platform for youth leaders to be change agents for the voiceless.

Members of the chapter include: Senior Criminal Justice & Pre-Law/Legal Studies major Jaishone Cornelius, president; senior History major Jermarius Rushing, 1st vice president; senior Criminal Justice & Biology

major Monifa Amadi, 2nd vice president; senior Biology major Bria Daniels, 3rd vice president; junior Speech Communications major Jordan Anderson, treasurer; senior Criminal Justice major Tanessa House, assistant treasurer; senior Government & Politics major LaSharda Leasy, secretary; senior Broadcasting major Talaria Stiffin, assistant secretary; junior Pre-Law/Legal Studies and Government & Politics major Angel Jackson; Criminal Justice graduate student Augustus Johnson; junior Social Work major Shannequia Jones; senior Criminal Justice major Khadijah Kidd; senior Biology & Chemistry major Mardarius Mann; senior Broadcasting major Neena Matthews; junior Pre-Law/Legal Studies & Government and Politics major Kambreca Mitchell; junior Biology and Environmental Health major Maya Murry; senior Social Work major Trainniesha Pates; sophomore Broadcasting and Journalism major Justin Read; HPER graduate student Kateris Scott; senior Criminal Justice major Marissa Ware; and junior HPER major Kierra Waters.

Pelahatchie native recognized by Tougaloo College

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Lieutenant Colonel Jason F. Tate, a native of Pelahatchie, was selected as one of Tougaloo College's 40 Under 40 at its second annual 40 Under 40 Alumni Awards luncheon, October 14.

Tougaloo College recognizes a select group of young alumni for outstanding achievement and honors outstanding young alumni who have distinguished themselves by virtue of their accomplishments.

Tate also recently completed a Doctor of Philosophy in management from Walden University in July 2017. He is currently the product manager for the United States Army's Counterfire Radar Systems at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Md.

Tate and wife Kandie S. Tate, MD, have three sons, Noah, Nathan and Nicholas.



Tate

Tate is the son of Joe and Brenda Tate of Pelahatchie. He is a graduate of Northwest Rankin High School.

Girl Scout Gold Award project at the 2017 Mississippi State Fair



Rebecca Seale displays her Girl Scout Gold Award at Miss. State Fair.

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Rebecca Seale of Terry, Miss., attends Saint Joseph High School in Madison. She displayed her Girl Scout Gold Award project at the 2017 Mississippi State Fair from October 4 through October 15, 2017.

The purpose of this Girl Scout Gold Award project was to educate the community about the assistive devices that are available to help students be independent in school and in life.

These assistive devices are electronic websites and electronic tools which give support to improve reading. The electronic tools will not only help students in high school and college but also provide support in the work force.

The goal is for all students to be independent in their studies and not have to rely on other people for note taking, grammar checking, deciphering of words, or reading material to them.

Eighty percent of students who are placed in special education for a learning disability have dyslexia. One out of 5 students have dyslexia. *Source: Office of Elementary Education and Reading*

Some counties in Mississippi have as high as a 30 percent illiteracy rate. Many of these counties are the most impoverished and rural in the state.

Many students who do not graduate from high school are unprepared for college. *Source(s): 2003 National Assessment of Adult Literacy. In Mississippi, Generation Still Fighting Illiteracy by Jackie Mader, March 11, 2013.*



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Nibbling Away at the Affordable Care Act

By Trudy Lieberman
Rural Health News Service



As annual enrollment for Obamacare insurance approaches November 1, the law itself and the people who have come to depend on it for health coverage are both facing an uncertain future.

President Trump's recent executive actions affect the complicated insurance mechanics of the Affordable Care Act, and they haven't been well explained in the news media. This column will explain how those changes affect you.

Congress has tried but has not been able to "repeal and replace" the law that has brought health insurance to some 10 million Americans who buy insurance on the state shopping exchanges and about 10 million more who gained access through Medicaid expansion.

The failure of Congress to pass the "repeal and replace" legislation did not mean, though, that the law would remain intact.

In mid-October President Trump's executive action hollowed out a big chunk of the ACA, throwing insurance marketplaces into a tizzy and possibly resulting in higher prices and less coverage for many. In the end, the president's actions may succeed in gutting the law that has divided so many Americans.

To understand this, let's take a step back. Legislators who wrote the law knew that a big reason people did not buy health insurance was cost. Most middle class families without employer coverage struggled to pay the premiums in the so-called individual market where they had to shop. Those at the bottom of the income ladder either qualified for Medicaid or did without insurance. About 44 million Americans did not have insurance when the law took effect four years ago.

The ACA tried to make it easier to buy coverage, and Congress did that in two ways. It required insurers to cover all people – sick or well – who applied for coverage in the individual market and offered two kinds of subsidies to help those with lower incomes.

One comes in the form of tax credits the government advances to shoppers who buy Obamacare – compliant policies that meet certain rules and regulations, such as offering 10 essential benefits. Prescription drug coverage is one. Those subsidies are based on a family's income and phase out when a family's income exceeds 400 percent of the federal poverty level or about \$98,000 for a family of four and \$48,000 for a single person.

People with lower incomes receive the largest subsidies. Those tax credit subsidies are not affected by Trump's order.

The other subsidy is called a

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cost-sharing subsidy, sometimes referred to as a CSR and aimed at Americans whose incomes are at or below 250 percent of poverty, about \$62,000 for a family of four and \$30,000 for an individual. They reduce the amount of out-of-pocket spending for people who get them. Those who qualify pay less for the coinsurance, deductibles and co-payments a policy may require.

These are the subsidies on the chopping block. The president said the government will not continue funding them which means the government simply will not pay insurance companies for reducing the out-of-pocket costs to policyholders. Policyholders will still get the subsidies unless Congress changes the law. Insurers will have to swallow the losses, at least for now.

If you get those subsidies, you're not off the hook, though. Insurance companies anticipated that the president would axe the subsidies and they increased their premiums for most or all Obamacare policies, including the silver plans, the ones people must buy to receive the extra help with cost sharing.

The Congressional Budget Office just projected that premiums before the tax credits are applied would increase on average by about 20 percent. In some states average rate increases have been much higher.

So who will be hurt the most by the Trump administration's latest move which some experts argue undermines the stability of the health law?

Insurance companies have already prepared for this and have cushioned the blow to them by charging higher premiums to everyone who buys in the individual market. People with incomes under 400 percent of poverty will still receive their tax credits, which will reduce their higher premiums, and they will continue to get their CSRs.

Those in the individual market who have higher incomes and receive no tax credits to lower their premiums will feel the most pain. The Kaiser Family Foundation reports that 44 percent of buyers in the Obamacare market did not qualify for tax credits. That's almost seven million people.

"Ironically, it is these unsubsidized folks who have complained the loudest about Obamacare's big premiums and deductibles," says Washington D.C. insurance consultant Robert Laszewski. "They will now have even more to complain about."

The administration wants to let them buy cheaper policies that cover far less than Obamacare insurance.

If you buy coverage in the individual market, how will you and your family be affected?

Write to Trudy at trudy.lieberman@gmail.com.

Shape up at the Capitol, celebrating healthy lifestyles

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State employees will donate blood, exercise to raise awareness and promote healthy lifestyles on the southern lawn of the Capitol, Friday, October 20.

"Shape up at the Capitol," begins with agency directors starting the blood donation drive at 10 a.m., in hopes that employees from their divisions will have the highest participation.

At 11 a.m., the festivities will begin with line dancing on the lawn. At noon a Walk Around the Capitol begins.

Flu shots will be offered and

HbA1c – diabetic screening will be performed as well.

Numerous health and exercise related vendors will be present as will food trucks.

"The annual 'Shape up at the Capitol' event is an excellent opportunity for our capitol staff and state agency employees to focus on a more healthy lifestyle of diet and exercise and having a good time doing it," Senate President Pro Tempore Terry C. Burton said. "The need to improve health statistics in Mississippi cannot be overstated and the 'Shape Up' event gives us the opportunity to lead by example."

UMMC earns national Telehealth Center of Excellence designation

The Mississippi Link Newswire

For 14 years, the Center for Telehealth at the University of Mississippi Medical Center has been a national trailblazer in providing high-quality health care, especially for those with little access to both primary and specialty services.

Its leadership, body of work and mastery of telecommunications technology is being recognized by the federal Health Resources and Services Administration. The Medical Center has been designated a Telehealth Center of Excellence, the agency's top award given only to programs at public academic medical centers.

"The University of Mississippi Medical Center's successful program is already a model for national telehealth expansion," said U.S. Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss. "As a Center of Excellence, UMMC will be able to demonstrate how to use telehealth to increase patient access to care and decrease costs."

"Mississippians can be proud that our state's telehealth investments have set a high standard for improving health care everywhere."

The recognition from the Health Resources and Services Administration, an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, was announced during an Oct. 5 news conference in Washington. It includes an initial \$600,000 in funding, with the opportunity for an additional \$2 million over two years.

The designation allows UMMC's Center for Telehealth to serve as a national clearinghouse for telehealth research and resources, including technical assistance to other telehealth providers.

The Center for Telehealth connects patients and caregivers to Medical Center health care providers remotely, in real time, using video calls and interactive tools. More than 500,000 patient visits in 69 of the state's 82 counties have been recorded since the center began with just three sites, expanding to more than 200 sites today, not including the homes of patients.

"UMMC's selection as a national Telehealth Center of Excellence is affirmation of our mission and responsibility to bring high-quality health care to all Mississippians, especially those in rural, underserved areas," said Dr. LouAnn Woodward, UMMC vice chancellor for health affairs and dean of the School of Medicine.

"We look forward to using our experience to help advance best practices for this increasingly vital service. I'm grateful for Senator Cochran's support of our application."

Mississippians will directly benefit from the honor, said Michael Adcock, the Center for Telehealth's executive director who joined the operation in 2015. The designation "sets us apart. We were selected because we have one of the most comprehensive telehealth programs in the country."



Elliott Moore, an e-Intensive Care Unit nurse, adds a second set of eyes to patient care in the Conerly Critical Care Tower. The standard of care and record of leadership at the Center for Telehealth has led to UMMC being named a Telehealth Center of Excellence.



Lea Ann Coxwell, nurse practitioner, cares for a patient via live, interactive video from the Ridgeland offices of UMMC's Center for Telehealth.



Leaders of the UMMC Center for Telehealth include, from left, Tearsanee Davis, clinical director; Michael Adcock, executive director; and Greg Hall, IT director.

Adcock said the designation allows the center to focus on four work areas: assessing the impact of telehealth on health care spending; creating new and/or refining payment methods; improving physician and patient awareness; and expanding its overall research portfolio.

"While our center has been able to show some impressive outcomes, we have not had the staff to focus on researching telehealth delivery models and outcome comparisons," Adcock said.

"That is vital work that needs to be done, and we are well positioned to do it. This funding and designation will allow us to build on our comprehensive program and develop the research to support further changes in models of delivery."

The Telehealth Center of

Excellence honor brings with it the responsibility to create a new knowledge base for telehealth through research, said Dr. Richard Summers, UMMC professor of emergency medicine and associate vice chancellor for research.

The grant funding "will help UMMC to build the infrastructure for research in telehealth and allow us to bring a national leadership to this emerging special area of medical practice," he said.

The Center for Telehealth provides remote, on-site access to caregivers in more than 35 specialties, including urgent care, trauma, mental health, dermatology, cardiology, infectious diseases, and Alzheimer's and dementia care.

Pediatric telehealth specialties include remote concussion evaluation, cardiol-

ogy, neurology, psychiatry, genetics and urology.

Telehealth nurse practitioners are stationed in the emergency departments of 17 rural Mississippi hospitals to treat patients via a multidisciplinary team that includes a certified emergency medicine physician on the UMMC campus.

And, the center recently debuted its "UMMC 2 You" online minor medical care program offered throughout Mississippi to those who are on the state employee insurance plan and their families. It's also offered through select schools and companies.

"Our drive to address health care challenges with innovation is what has allowed us to be recognized as a leader in telehealth, nationally and internationally," Adcock said.

Sixth annual ArtFields® to award \$120,000 in cash prizes

The Mississippi Link Newswire

LAKE CITY, S.C. — All Southeastern artists are invited to submit their work to ArtFields®, which has emerged as the region's largest art competition and exhibition, and is open to artists based in 12 states working in all media.

The annual event turns this small, rural town into what is arguably the highest per-capita concentration of original art in the South; perhaps the nation.

As Art Mag wrote last year: "A transformation is taking place that is capturing the attention of the world across the Southeast, and leading the charge is the town of Lake City, which is quickly becoming a center of art and culture thanks to ArtFields."

ArtFields celebrates the artistic talent of the South by featuring and rewarding a broad mix of media. The submission period closes at 5 p.m., November 9 (all submissions must be submitted online). Full rules are available at artfieldssc.org.

Since its 2013 inception, ArtFields® competitions have awarded more than \$560,000 in cash prizes to artists from the region, rewarding submissions by artists based in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

The art competition (April 20-28, 2018) will award prizes of \$50,000 for the Grand Prize, \$25,000 for Second Place Prize and two \$12,500 People's



Choice (one each for two- and three-dimensional work) in addition to seven category awards of \$1,500 each and ten Merit awards of \$1,000 each.

Every year, ArtFields devotes extensive resources to an assertive, regional outreach program to recruit artists and draw audiences. As a result, a wide range of areas within the participating states are represented by artists,

artwork and visitors. Artwork at ArtFields is exhibited in both professional gallery spaces and private stores, restaurants and other businesses.

Artists aged 18 and over working in any visual medium are encouraged to submit a piece. A jury of visual art professionals will select approximately 400 pieces for the competition and exhibition.

Art electrifies Lake City for nine days every year, more than tripling its population as the historic downtown district transforms into an expansive exhibition spanning 40 venues, including historic buildings, shops, cafés and offices.

ArtFields showcases work in everyday settings, ensuring maximum visibility for each artist's unique work.

National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. - Central Mississippi Chapter celebrates its 25th Founders' Day

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc., Central Mississippi Chapter will celebrate its 25th Founders' Day Celebration Sunday, October 22, from 3 p.m. in the Woodworth Chapel of Tougaloo College.

Committed to the ideals of the national office to serve as an advocacy organization of professional women who promote leadership development and gender equity in the areas of health, education and economic empowerment, the Central Mississippi Chapter was formally organized on October 22, 1992, with the installation of 100 plus African-American women.

Since its installation 25 years ago, the women of this organization have dedicated themselves to community service, leadership development and enhancement of career opportunities through networking, and programming.

The 25th Founders' Day program is a public event which will acknowledge the Central Mississippi Chapter's founders, celebrate the present, and cast the organizational vision of black women and girls living in a world where socio-economic inequity does not exist.

Virginia Harris, NCBW's newly elected national presi-



Harris

dent, will deliver the keynote address. Harris, a dynamic, highly respected, public servant and community leader from the Atlanta area, served the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners for 20 years as the county auditor before retiring.

Katrina B. Myricks, president of the Central Mississippi Chapter said, "Celebrating 25 years of providing advocacy is an enormous milestone for the Central Mississippi Chapter and having our National President Virginia Harris join us as the keynote speaker is very exciting."

Mississippi State Hospital honors Evans for 25 years of service



Evans

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WHITFIELD — Mississippi State Hospital recently honored employees with October anniversary dates for their years of service. Vernice Evans of Jackson was recognized for providing 25 years of service to the hospital.

Evans, a Starkville native, is a dispatcher in the Transportation 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.

Employees honored for service at Mississippi State Hospital



Front Row (left to right): Lashanda Nichole Bingham (Utica), 1 year; Quintina D. Curtis (Florence), 10 year; Andrea Deon Denson Smith (Jackson), 1 year; Glantz Kenneth Wayne Pinter (Pearl), 1 year; second row (l-r): Vernice Evans (Jackson), 25 years; Karen Phillips Johnson (Jackson), 25 years; Shelley Lynn Carr (Vicksburg), 10 years; Jackie Martin Wilson (Jackson), 25 years; Shonnett Jackson Wilson (Terry), 20 years; Andrew Pitts (Clinton), 1 year; Gayle Case (Pearl), 10 years; Terry Joe Busby (Brandon), 5 years; third row (l-r): James Robert Stovall (Brandon), 1 year; Rachel J. Beatty (Brandon), 1 year; Tara Marie Simon (Brandon), 10 years; Marvin Lenn Armstrong (Jackson), 5 years; Dolly Hawkins (Canton), 10 years; Verlene Gillon (Brandon), 25 years; Robert Joe Gillon (Brandon), 15 years; fourth row (l-r): Phillip E. Cothorn (Jackson), 25 years; Thomas B. Steen (Brandon), 1 year; Brandon Byrne (Jackson), 5 years; Preston Ware (Florence), 15 years; James Jerome Byrd (Harrisville), 30 years.

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Be ye separate

PART 2

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



The Apostle Paul urges believers not to form binding relationships with non-believers because this might weaken their Christian commitment, integrity or standards. It would be a mismatch. Paul encourages believers to be active in their witness for Christ to non-believers, but they should not lock themselves into personal or business relationships that could cause them to compromise the faith.

Believers should do everything in their power to avoid situations that could force them to divide their loyalties.

What is fellowship? Fellowship is a mutual sharing with others of common interests. Christian fellowship, first and foremost, is a sharing with God and Christ, and then it is a sharing with others who share

with God and Christ. Common interests and the interest that Christians share with God and one another are primarily spiritual interests. If we are together to have fellowship, we will not be together long until our conversation comes around to the Scriptures.

As Christians, we share a common interest in the salvation of souls, and we share another common interest: the prosperity of the church; we are concerned about how the church is prospering. Without a common interest in spiritual matters among any people, there can be no true Christian fellowship.

Friendship is not fellowship. Let us not confuse the two. By that I mean, we can share a social event or share a meal with almost anyone, but we cannot have fellowship with just anyone. True fellowship leads to the sharing of spiritual concerns.

Concerning Christian fellowship, the Apostle John did

not leave room for speculation, but he made very clear what the basis of our fellowship is: it is a matter of walking in the light. In verses 6-7 of our Scripture text (1 John 1), John said: "If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as He (Christ) is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin."

The Apostle Peter wrote concerning the people of God in 1 Peter 2:9, saying, "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

Turning from darkness to light is turning from the powers of Satan and all the power he had over us when we were in darkness. Thank

God! When the Lord brought us out of sin and turned us away from darkness, the devil had no more dominion over us, no more than he had over Jesus. Turning from darkness to light is turning from blindness to sight; it is a turning from hate to love.

To see light and get understanding, we have to want it. We must be honest enough to say, "Lord, just show us and we will walk in it. We reach our hands in fellowship to every blood washed one." Who are the blood-washed ones? They are those who are walking in the light. The blood will keep us clean as long as we walk in the light. Friends, stay close to God!

Next week – October 20, Part II "Be ye Separate"

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.

Honoring God with our bodies

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



"I think we should continue this for another six months." When I heard my nutritionist say this weeks ago, I burst out laughing and started shaking my head in disagreement. In response, she broke out in nervous laughter. When we both stopped laughing, I told her firmly that it was not realistic for me to continue her specially designed eating plan for that long. In fact, I'd figure I'd be lucky to continue it through the holidays.

To her credit, when I first visited her in July of this year, she was very thorough in her assessment of how to address my concerns about my weight gain and the difficult time I was having losing it. Her plan for me was so hard for me because I love to eat...and not always the healthiest.

Based on what I told her about my energy levels, exercise plan, allergies and body aches, she suggested one of the most restrictive eating plan I've ever been on: no dairy, no eggs, no gluten, limited carbs, no sugar. I could eat all the fruits and vegetables I wanted along with lean protein, almonds, chai seeds and flax seeds.

Once my body got over the shock of the diet change, I noticed within 1 week how well my body responded. In addition, my decades' long struggle with nasal allergies eased so much that I stopped taking my daily dosage of Claritin. My skin glowed and the best part is that in just three months, I'd lost 32 pounds. Even with my excitement about the re-


sults on my health (cholesterol, glucose and blood pressure levels dropped by at least 20 points each), surprisingly, I struggled with the thought of continuing it for much longer. I though my nutritionist would at least free me from my weight loss prison, but she explained that she wanted me to lose more body mass and body fat.

A few people have asked me how and why I've been able to make such a big change. Honestly, the older I get, I'm reminded more about the truth of 1 Corinthians 6:19-20: "Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies."

This passage of scripture reminds us that one way to honor God is to take care of the temple that he gives us. We would not trash the churches that we attend but we often trash our bodies with unhealthy eating and exercise plans.

Often, we think that honoring our bodies is just limited to sexual immorality, smoking and drinking. However, on a much more basic level, it's about also recognizing that eating properly and exercising is another way to honor God with our bodies.

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Randall Woodfin: A son of Birmingham becomes its mayor

By Marc H. Morial
President and CEO
National Urban League



"Local assemblies of citizens constitute the strength of free nations. Town-meetings are to liberty what primary schools are to science; they bring it within the people's reach, they teach men how to use and how to enjoy it. A nation may establish a system of free government, but without the spirit of municipal institutions it cannot have the spirit of liberty." – Alexis de Tocqueville, Author, "Democracy in America," 1835

The first line of Randall Woodfin's official autobiography on his mayoral campaign website is: "I am a proud son of Birmingham."

In our nation's history, Birmingham, Alabama will forever be tied to some of the most troubling and tragic imagery of the civil rights movement – from the bombing of a church that killed four innocent little girls to African Americans braving fire hoses, police batons and attack dogs in their struggle to end racial discrimination and secure basic rights. While we have yet to wipe out discrimination and its attendant consequences, our nation – including Birmingham – has made some progress.

The proud son of a city once tarnished as regressive and hostile to the plight of its African-American residents, will lead its 23 communities and 99 neighborhoods on a progressive platform as its next mayor.

For many, Randall's win was unlikely for obvious and not so obvious reasons.

Randall suffered a family tragedy during his campaign to unseat William Bell, the seven-year, two-term incumbent. He lost his nephew in a shooting death. And sadly, it was not his first brush with the gun violence plaguing Birmingham. Five years earlier he lost an older brother in a shooting death.

Before running for mayor, Randall amassed an impressive resume as a public servant, but his first foray into politics proved unsuccessful, running for a seat on the Birmingham Board of Education in 2009 and losing. As he tells it, in losing, he ended up winning. He won the attention of the community and local stakeholders, and won time to prepare and hone his message for another run in 2013 that would prove successful.

When this former city attorney and board of education president decided to run for mayor, he chose to do so on a progressive platform in a region of our nation not synonymous with progressive politics.

Our Revolution, a progressive political organization that works to organize and elect progressive candidates, backed his run, helping to turn out the vote with volunteers, text messages and calls, including calls recorded by Bernie Sanders endorsing Randall's candidacy.



Woodfin

As a Morehouse College alumnus, Randall relied on his close relationship and extensive ties to the Atlanta HBCU. Morehouse alumni held events and fundraisers on his campaign's behalf and canvassed Birmingham, knocking on doors and getting out Randall's message.

His ground game plan, coupled with a message, vision and platform for Birmingham that resonated with the residents of the city, led Randall to a commanding victory with 58 percent of the vote, making him, at the age of 36 – coincidentally the same age I was when I was elected mayor of New Orleans – the youngest mayor elected in Birmingham since 1893.

Randall has proposed bold, progressive solutions for Birmingham, including debt-free community college for public high school students, boosting the city's minimum wage to \$15 an hour, and running a city hall that is inclusive of all people – and he's not the only one. Randall is part of a growing wave of young leaders in the South, and elsewhere, like Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba Jr. in Jackson, Mississippi, who are determined to turn the tide on national trends and policies that hurt, not help, our communities and cities.

Americans are notorious for not going to the polls to vote when the stakes are less than presidential. But in reality, it is what happens at the local level that has the most everyday impact on your life. The president is not responsible for your local community, you and your locally elected officials are.

If you are frustrated by the rhetoric and policies coming from the executive branch, you must remain engaged in local races. The men and women who campaign to run your city, your school board, and your criminal justice system are your voice and your frontline against policies that hurt your community and communities across our nation.

The resistance to unfair immigration policy, stagnate minimum wages and a myriad other challenges will not trickle down from the top. The seeds of resistance will be planted at the local level and grow into a movement.

The National Urban League congratulates Randall on his recent win, and supports his vision for a Birmingham that is progressive, thriving, inclusive and allows all its residents to reach their highest potential.

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



What obligations do we owe one to another as Americans? What does patriotism and citizenship mean in practice?

Hurricane Maria's devastation of Puerto Rico has posed these questions.

Americans should be dissatisfied with the way our federal government has responded.

The island has been utterly savaged by the worst hurricane in memory. Weeks after the tragedy, parts of Puerto Rico still have no water. The electricity grid is utterly destroyed. Fuel is short. The death toll, currently at 38, is likely to rise. The danger of epidemics sweeping through families weakened by hunger and exposure is stark.

Even before the hurricane hit, Puerto Rico was literally bankrupt. Its efforts to declare bankruptcy and to renegotiate its unpayable debts were fiercely contested. Wall Street bankers were enforcing a harsh austerity on the island. One of the reasons the island was so vulnerable was that it was unable to modernize dated energy and water systems.

Puerto Rico is an American territory; its people are American citizens. Like those living in New Orleans in the wake of Katrina or Houston in

the wake of Harvey, they can abandon their homes, move to another part of the country and start over. In Houston, in Florida and in New Jersey, the federal government moved in to help with emergency assistance and to spur rebuilding of homes and infrastructure. In New Orleans after Katrina, the botched federal response became a national scandal for the Bush administration.

Puerto Rico suffered worse devastation, and it impacted more people. As the hurricane approached, it was impossible to evacuate more than a handful of the 3.4 million people from the island. Getting aid to the Americans there, caring for the wounded, providing food and water, and beginning the process of rebuilding pose far greater challenges than similar responses to other disasters.

The Trump administration's response to this challenge has been, in a word, disgraceful. President Trump himself was absent without leave for a week; he was more focused on tweeting about the NFL from his golf club. He publicly scorned the mayor of San Juan for doing her job: pleading for more assistance for her people in peril. He slurred Puerto Ricans for supposedly wanting "everything to be done for them."

When he finally visited the disaster last week, he seemed intent on ignoring reality while boasting about the federal response. He claimed Puerto Rico hadn't experi-

enced a "real catastrophe" like Hurricane Katrina, and bizarrely praised the official death toll (at the time, 16) as something Puerto Ricans "can be very proud of."

Trump also told disaster survivors that "you don't need" the flashlights he was handing to them, apparently ignorant of the fact that 93 percent of the island remained without power.

Even as he touted a "tax reform" plan that would gift \$5 trillion in tax breaks to the rich and corporations over the next decade, he complained to the American citizens in Puerto Rico that they had "thrown our budget a little bit out of whack."

At the same time, Trump praised his administration's response as "unbelievable" and "incredible." His advisers called it a "good news story."

This isn't a game. The lives of American citizens have and will be lost because of the belated and inadequate response.

How should American citizens be treated in a crisis of this magnitude? Surely, mobilization to provide disaster relief should be immediate and sufficient in scale to deal with the emergency. Then the U.S. should invest in rebuilding the core public infrastructure of Puerto Rico – the electric and water systems, the roads and bridges. This would not only make the island more resilient for the next crisis; it would also pro-

vide immediate jobs and help with the economic recovery.

Puerto Rico bears a staggering and unpayable \$74 billion in debt. During his trip to the island, Trump remarked cryptically that "we're going to have to wipe that out." Wall Street went nuts, and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin quickly denied the president had meant what he said.

Trump, who has bragged that he is the "king of debt," could use his experience with bankruptcy to negotiate wholesale debt relief for Puerto Rico. The Wall Street bankers who made improvident loans should refinance them for pennies on the dollar. That would give the island's residents breathing room to begin to recover. If he chose to lead, Trump could push through a major program of aid – a Trump Plan for Puerto Rico modeled on the Marshall Plan for Europe after World War II – that would rebuild the island and insure jobs and growth for its residents.

The cost would be far less than the hundreds of billions in tax breaks Trump has proposed for U.S. corporations that have booked profits abroad to avoid paying federal taxes. Why not benefit citizens who are victims of disaster through no fault of their own rather than corporate tax evaders?

Puerto Ricans are Americans. We should not fail them in a desperate time of need.

This flag is drenched in blood

By Julianne Malveaux
NNPA News Wire Columnist



I am not sure why the "National Anthem" and the so-called American flag are part of our

nation's sports pageantry.

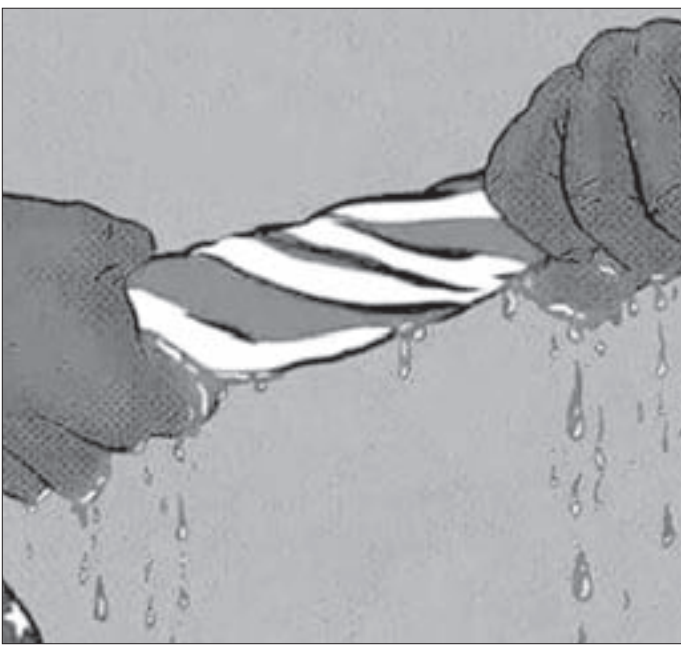
Before 2009, while the National Anthem was played, sports gladiators were not required to suit up, stand up, and put their hands to their hearts and why should they?

The song that is sung is an insult to people of color. When I hear "the land of the free and the home of the brave," I think, "the land of the thief and the home of the slave."

The National Football League, paid by the Department of Defense (seriously?) has paid for a fake cultural hegemony, for the notion that we are all on the same page.

How could we be on the same page? How could the men who have been hauled out of their cars, pushed down to their knees, forced to justify the reasons they are driving high-end cars be on the same page with the men who "own" them, who may or may not support them, may or may not kneel with them, have fealty with their masters?

Colin Kaepernick took to the knee, not because he disparaged the flag, but because he disparaged the many ways



that African-American people were being diminished by police brutality.

Call the names, call the names, the men and the women who have been unjustifiably killed, call the names, and call the names of the many ways Back Lives Must Matter. Call the names, call the names, of the structural racism that cuts like a knife, or kills like a bullet. Call the names.

There are those who have a story to tell about so-called disrespect to the "American flag." But the flag is drenched in blood. Black men went to fight in World War I, and came back to this country and were lynched because they refused to cede the sidewalk to white people. What flag did they serve under, and why should

we celebrate it. And why do disingenuous fools, including Mr. 45, chide NFL owners with strangely coded language, suggesting a lack of loyalty. Where is the loyalty to the black men and women who supported a country that would not support them? The paradox of loyalty is that African-American people love a country that does not love us. We pledge the flag, drenched in blood, because we want something better.

Kaepernick took a stand, and many of his colleagues support him because they cannot embrace a flag that supports the unjustified killing of African-American men. Kaepernick sacrificed his career to make a point, and he has been focused and fierce about his principles. Kaepernick, by

kneeling, encouraged all of us to stand up for our rights. Colin Kaepernick is a hero!

This protest is more, though, than Kaepernick. This protest is about police brutality. This is a protest about the fake-Jake way some would bond us together, linking arms and elbows, trying to make a point. There is no point beyond the fact that young black men who play football, baseball and basketball see their brothers and cousins on their knees, legs and arms splayed, in the face of oppressive police forces. They freely kneel because others knelt when they were required to, because they were not free.

We can fly this flag all we want to, we can sing melodious songs about "the star spangled banner." But the flag we fly in the name of sports is a flag that is drenched in blood. Players weren't required to stand at attention until 2009 because the Department of Defense paid money to make it happen. I'd rather my tax dollar be spent in different ways. I'd rather someone wash the blood out of the flag!

Julianne Malveaux is an author and economist. Her latest book "Are We Better Off? Race, Obama and Public Policy" is available via www.amazon.com for booking, wholesale inquiries or for more info visit www.julianne-malveaux.com

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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 December 18, 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
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Attention: Robin Byrd, Manager, Procurement
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or from JMAA's website at www.jmaa.com/resources/rfprfb-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 November 15, 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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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN RE: RATLIFF

IN RE: ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE
CELESTINE RATLIFF, DECEASED
PRESTON RATLIFF, JR., PETITIONER

CAUSE NO.: P-2017-1807/L

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO: Any Unknown Heirs or
Any Other Respondent

You have been made a respondent in the Petition to Close the Estate of Celestine Ratliff. Administration of the Estate by Administrator, Preston Ratliff, Jr., seeking a Decree to Close the Estate, Disburse Assets, Discharge the Executor and Other Relief.
You are Summoned to appear and defend against said Petition filed herein before the Honorable Judge, Dewayne Thomas, December 4, 2017, at 9:00 a.m., at the Hinds County Chancery Court, Chancery Courthouse, Jackson, Mississippi. And in case of failure to appear and defend, a judgement will be entered for the things requested in the Petition. You are not required to file any answers or pleadings, but you may do so if you desire.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE COURT this 19th day of September.



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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, NOVEMBER 8, 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

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REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS
AND EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
FOR THE MAINTENANCE FACILITY ROOF REPLACEMENT AT THE
JACKSON-MEDGAR WILEY EVERS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
BY THE JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
JMAA PROJECT NUMBER 017-17

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority ("JMAA") requests Statements of Qualifications and Expressions of Interest (each, a "Statement of Qualifications") to provide architectural and related services (the "Services") to JMAA in connection with the Maintenance Facility Roof Replacement Project, JMAA Project No. 017-17, at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport (the "Project").

JMAA will receive Statement of Qualifications 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 2:00 p.m. central time on Tuesday, November 21, 2017 (the "Deadline").

JMAA will not consider any Statement of Qualifications received after the Deadline for any reason whatsoever. Information for Respondents relating to this Request for Statement of Qualifications ("RFQ") is on file and open for public inspection at the offices of JMAA. The Information for Respondents contains a copy of the RFQ, General Information for Respondents, Information Required from Respondents and Criteria for Selection.

Interested persons may obtain a copy of the Information for Respondents from JMAA by contacting Mr. Chad G Parker, JMAA Properties Manager, as follows:

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1. CASE NO. 2017-45, REQUEST BY: WILLIAM MCCLAIN, TO INSTALL A CONCRETE HANDICAPPED RAMP W/ WROUGHT IRON RAIL, RESURFACING OF EXISTING FRONT PARKING AREA, INSTALL A SIDEWALK FROM BUILDING TO STREET AND A YIELD SIGN AT INTERSECTION (ON CITY PROPERTY) AT 526 N. FARISH ST., LOCATED IN THE FARISH STREET HISTORICAL DISTRICT.

II. OTHER ITEMS

DISCUSSION

1. PRESENT UPDATED CITY OF JACKSON'S HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY PACKET.

III. ADJOURN

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

JMAA will hold a Pre-Submission Conference at 10:00 a.m. central time on Wednesday, November 1, 2017, in the Community Room, 3rd Floor Mezzanine Level, at the Main Terminal Building at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, MS 39208. Attendance at the Pre-Submission Conference is highly recommended for all those interested in submitting Statement of Qualifications as a Prime Consultants for the Work and persons seeking opportunities to provide work as a Sub-Consultant. The benefits of attendance include: networking opportunities between Prime Consultants and Sub-Consultants, as well as the opportunity to be included on a list of interested parties that will be published as part of the Minutes of the Pre-Submission Conference; the opportunity to participate in a project review session, pose questions to be addressed in the Minutes of the meeting and participate in a site visit of the area covered in the scope of work. No site visits will be scheduled other than the one provided during the Pre-Submission Conference.

Based on the Statement of Qualifications, JMAA will initiate negotiations with the Respondent ranked first on the list. If such negotiations fail to produce an agreement, in form and content, satisfactory to JMAA, within a reasonable period of time, then JMAA may reject the first-ranked Respondent.

In that event, JMAA will follow the same process with the other Respondents, in the order of their ranking, until a Respondent agrees to and enters into an agreement satisfactory to JMAA.

JMAA reserves the right to: (1) reject any and all Statement of Qualifications, for any reason, any time before execution of a contract with a Respondent selected by JMAA to perform the Services.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING

ZONING CASE NO. 3990

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 KMS Investments, LLC has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from C2 (Limited) Commercial to C3 (General) Commercial to allow for automobile sales of the property located at 5750 I-55 N. Frontage Rd., in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

A PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 0.78 ACRES (33,995.48 SQUARE FEET), MORE OR LESS, BEING SITUATED IN THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 6 NORTH, RANGE 1 E, HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 6 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST, HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; RUN EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 12 FOR A DISTANCE OF 1649.16 FEET; THENCE SOUTH FOR A DISTANCE OF 238.19 FEET; THENCE N81°27'36"W FOR A DISTANCE OF 85.99 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING FOR THE PARCEL HEREIN DESCRIBED; FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUN S00°09'00"E FOR A DISTANCE OF 144.29 FEET; THENCE S89°53'46"W FOR A DISTANCE OF 62.00 FEET; THENCE N80°53'14"W FOR A DISTANCE OF 172.87 FEET TO THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF HIGHWAY I-55; THENCE RUN ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY 150.30 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A 4748.50 FOOT RADIUS CURVE TO THE RIGHT, SAID ARC HAVING A 150.29 FOOT CHORD BEARING N06°47'19"E; THENCE S81°27'36"E FOR A DISTANCE OF 216.95 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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, October 25, 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 28th day of September 2017.

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

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION

ZONING CASE NO. 3992

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 the First Presbyterian Church has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Special Exception to allow for the residential structure to be used as an office within a R-2 (Single-Family & Two-Family) Residential District on property located at 772 Pinehurst Pl. in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

The following described land and property situated in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

Begin at a point on the North line of Pinehurst Street, which point is a distance of 160 feet West along said line from the West line of North Jefferson Street, as said streets are now laid out and improved in said City, and run thence North parallel to said West line of North Jefferson Street a distance of 172 feet; thence West parallel to said North line of Pinehurst Street a distance of 75 2/3 feet; thence South parallel to said West line of North Jefferson Street a distance of 172 feet to the said North line of Pinehurst Street; and thence East along said North line of Pinehurst Street, a distance of 75 2/3 feet to the point of beginning.

The properly hereby conveyed is seventy-five and two-thirds (75 2/3) feet off the East side of that certain parcel of land conveyed to S. P. McRae by Stokes V. Robertson and wife, Sudie B. Robertson, by deed dated June 15, 1934, and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of said County, at Jackson, in Deed Book 268 at Page 593 thereof, to which deed reference is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description.

AND ALSO

Begin at a point on the North line of Pinehurst Street which point is a distance of 235-2/3 feet West along said line from the West line of North Jefferson Street, as said streets are now laid out and improved in said City, run thence North parallel to said West line of North Jefferson Street a distance of 172 feet; thence West parallel to said North line of Pinehurst Street a distance of 21-1/3 feet; thence South parallel to said West line of North Jefferson Street a distance of 172 feet; and thence East along said North line Pinehurst Street 21-1/3 to the point of beginning; said land being a part of that said land as conveyed by S. P. McRae to Richard Duncan McRae, by deed dated October 25, 1940 and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of said County, at Jackson, in Deed Book 342, at Page 427 thereof, to which deed reference is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description.

AND ALSO

Begin at a point on the North line of Pinehurst Street, which point is a distance of 257 feet West along said line from the West line of North Jefferson Street, as said streets are now laid out and improved in said City, run thence North parallel to said West line of North Jefferson Street a distance of 172 feet; thence West parallel to said North line of Pinehurst Street a distance of 13 feet; thence South parallel to said West line of North Jefferson Street a distance of 172 feet; and thence East along said North line of Pinehurst Street a distance of 13 feet to the point of beginning; said land being a part of that said land as conveyed by S. P. McRae to Richard Duncan McRae, by deed dated October 25, 1940 and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of said County, at Jackson, in Deed Book 342 at Page 427 thereof, to which deed reference is hereby made in aid of and as part of this description.

And being the same property described in Instrument recorded in Book 7133 at Page 6799.

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, October 25, 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 28th day of September 2017.

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI
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THE JACKSON CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SIGN VARIANCE FOR CENTER FOR PREGNANCY CHOICES TO RECEIVE CITIZEN INPUT HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, NOV. 7, 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 APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT

ZONING CASE NO. 3991

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 Cobalt Realty, LLC has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit to operate a tattoo parlor and art gallery within a C80-MU (Mixed-Use) Subdistrict on property located at 4700 Robinson Rd. – Suite 750, in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

A parcel of land being situated in the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 12, Township 5 North, Range 1 West, Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at an existing iron pin marking the Northeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 12, Township 5 North, Range 1 West and run thence South 00 degrees 01 minute 53 seconds East along the East line of said Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 12 for a distance of 520.48 feet to a point on the South right of way line of the Illinois Central Railroad; run thence North 61 degrees 09 minutes 11 seconds West along said South right of way line of the Illinois Central Railroad for a distance of 401.79 feet to the Point of Beginning of the parcel of land herein described; from said Point of Beginning, leaving said South right of way line of the Illinois Central Railroad, run thence South 00 degrees 09 minutes 39 seconds West, for a distance of 208.02 feet; run thence North 89 degrees 50 minutes 21 seconds West for a distance of 56.18 feet; run thence South 28 degrees 55 minutes 38 seconds West for a distance of 29.47 feet; run thence South 53 degrees 24 minutes 50 seconds West for a distance of 138.02 feet; run thence North 89 degrees 51 minutes 07 seconds West for a distance of 112.63 feet to the Point of Curvature of a 13.402500 degree curve bearing to the left having a central angle of 19 degrees 07 minutes 08 seconds and a radius of 427.50 feet; run thence along the arc of said 13.402500 degree curve bearing to the left a chord bearing of South 80 degrees 05 minutes 01 seconds West and a chord distance of 141.99 feet to the end of said curve; run thence South 89 degrees 36 minutes 06 seconds West for a distance of 27.20 feet; run thence North 16 degrees 17 minutes 40 seconds East for a distance of 259.39 feet to the Point of Curvature of a 23.873333 degree curve bearing to the left having a central angle of 31 degrees 56 minutes 25 seconds and a radius of 240.00 feet; run thence along the arc of said 23.873333 degree curve bearing to the left a chord bearing of North 00 degrees 19 minutes 28 seconds East and a chord distance of 132.06 feet to the Point of Tangency of said curve; run thence North 15 degrees 38 minutes 45 seconds West for a distance of 76.88 feet; run thence North 18 degrees 18 minutes 42 seconds East for a distance of 69.66 feet to an existing iron pin on the aforesaid South right of way line of the Illinois Central Railroad; run thence South 68 degrees 32 minutes 52 seconds East along said South right of way line of the Illinois Central Railroad for a distance of 98.30 feet; run thence South 66 degrees 17 minutes 52 seconds East along said South right of way line of the Illinois Central Railroad for a distance of 98.20 feet; run thence South 64 degrees 29 minutes 52 seconds East along said South right of way line of the Illinois Central Railroad for a distance of 98.00 feet; run thence South 61 degrees 44 minutes 22 seconds East along said South right of way line of the Illinois Central Railroad for a distance of 98.50 feet; run thence South 61 degrees 09 minutes 11 seconds East along said South right of way line of the Illinois Central Railroad for a distance of 34.54 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 3.625 acres, 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, October 25, 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 28th day of September 2017.

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

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING

ZONING CASE NO. 3993

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 Ivory Maynor has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from SUD Special Use District to C3 (General) Commercial District with a Use Permit to operate an automotive service shop and to sell used cars on the property located at 0 Country Club Dr. – Parcel #805-12, in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

The North Half of the Southeast quarter of the Southeast Quarter (N ½ of SE ¼ of SE ¼), of Section 13, Township 6, Range 1 West, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, containing 20 acres, more or less

AND ALSO:

Lot Forty-Nine (49) Ridgewood Park, Port One(1), and a subdivision according to the map or plot thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plot Book 19 at Page 1 reference to which is hereby made.

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, October 25, 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 28th day of September 2017.

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The City of Jackson is accepting applications for all local non-profit agencies, private organizations including Faith-based organizations, for-profit entities, and Economic Development Entities interested in performing professional services for the Blight Elimination Program, until 5:00 PM, CDT on Monday, October 30, 2017 in the City Clerk's Office, 219 South President Street, Jackson, MS, 39201. Application packets are available in the Office of Housing and Community Development, located at 218 S. President Street, Second Floor, Jackson, MS 39201, and on the City's website at www.jacksonms.gov. The application must be filled out in its entirety and all required documentation must be attached at the time of application submission. The City of Jackson reserves the right in its sole discretion, to amend, suspend, terminate, rescind, or reissue this RFQ for the Blight Elimination Program.

Questions should be directed to: Valerie Tucker, 601-960-4238 or email vtucker@city.jackson.ms.us

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FILM REVIEW: “MARSHALL”

By Dwight Brown
NNPA Newswire Film Critic

Considering all of his major accomplishments, why hasn’t someone made a film about Thurgood Marshall’s life that was comprehensive? He was the lawyer who won the Brown v. Board of Education United States Supreme Court case, the founder of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, a United States Solicitor General and the first African American Supreme Court associate justice.

But that’s not what the father/son writing team of Connecticut lawyers Michael Koskoff and Jacob Koskoff had in mind when they wrote this slice of life script. It’s a tactic that worked for the movie “Selma,” which only fo-

cused on one facet of Martin Luther King Jr.’s life.

In 1940, 32-year-old Thurgood Marshall (Chadwick Boseman) heads to tony Greenwich, Conn., to defend Joseph Spell (Sterling K. Brown, NBC’s “This Is Us”) a black chauffeur who has been accused of raping and trying to murder his rich, white socialite employer (Kate Hudson).

The case is dubbed “The State of Connecticut v. Joseph Spell,” and the presiding Judge Foster (James Cromwell) refuses to let an out-of-state lawyer defend Spell. His reluctance is more out of hostility towards the upstart black lawyer than for procedure’s sake.

Marshall is forced to partner with a young Jewish insurance lawyer, Samuel Friedman (Josh Gad), who has no experience in criminal law. The judge won’t let Marshall speak in court. Friedman is his mouthpiece. The cards are stacked against them.

The good points: Though this is not the bio-film Marshall deserves, this glimpse does offer a view of the ingenuity, perseverance and courage that propelled the Howard University law student into becoming a crusading attorney, who was an integral part of the Civil Rights Movement.

This case is just one of many that he championed and it serves well as a barometer of the times in regard to how African Americans had to deal with blatant discrimination, racism and segregation.

Boseman is making a career out of bio-films (“Get on Up” and

“42”). His interpretation of the civil rights advocate is shrewd and strong. Gad maintains an innocence and naiveté around his character that gives him room to grow. The biggest surprise is Kate Hudson as the duplicitous socialite, whose understated performance may be one of the best of her career. Andra Day plays a chanteuse and the audience gets to hear her Grammy-nominated voice.

The weak points: Every single interior looks like it was shot on a back lot. None of it looks real. The costumes (Ruth E. Carter) represent the times well, but look far too new and not lived in. The direction (Reginald Hudlin, “House Party”) doesn’t take the story to a higher level. Every plot twist comes at the right time, but lacks the embellish-

ments that take good courtroom dramas to another stratosphere. Director Robert Mulligan found that extra gear with “To Kill a Mockingbird”; Rob Reiner did with “A Few Good Men”; Sidney Lumet accomplished that with both “12 Angry Men” and “The Verdict”; and Jonathan Kaplan succeeded with “The Accused.”

What’s on view looks and feels like a made-for-TV movie. That would be a compliment for original programming designed for the smaller screen. Not so much for a theatrically released film that needs a touch more drama, tension and suspense, a higher level of direction and stronger technical elements.

There’s a line in the film that says, “If you want your freedom

you’re going to have to fight for it.” Wish someone had fought long and hard to give one of America’s most historic lawyers, courageous civil rights pioneers and respected Supreme Court justices his due.

Regardless of the trappings, Thurgood Marshall’s spirit prevails and his legacy is being passed on. That makes this film a must-see, even if it doesn’t have the epic grandeur and significance of “Selma.”

Dwight Brown is a film critic and travel writer. As a film critic, he regularly attends international film festivals including Cannes, Sundance, Toronto and the American Black Film Festival. Read more movie reviews by Dwight Brown here and at DwightBrown-Ink.com.

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Representative Mark Baker will speak about Fraud Awareness at noon.

Those who arrive between noon and 12:30 p.m. will be entered into a drawing.

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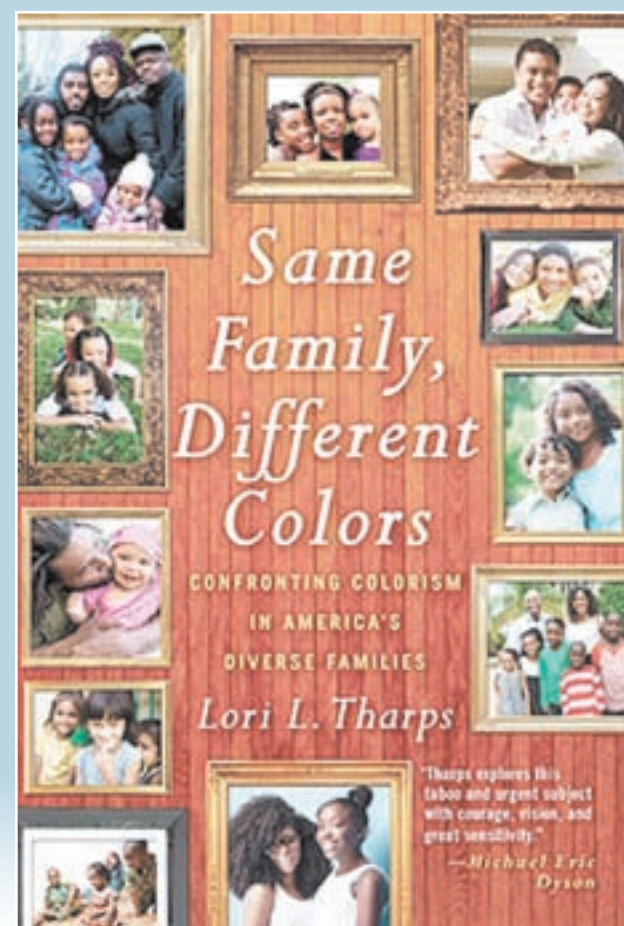
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That fact begins her story because it was recently pointed out by another child in an innocent game – much to that

The outside world seems concerned about things like that, however. Tharps (and other parents whose kids don't "match") are often asked about racial and cultural identities of their children, and that can be tiring. The bottom line is that there are over "one hundred different genes that influence skin pigmentation" and history is rife with tales of mixed-race relationships (coerced and otherwise), all of which explain variations

The good news on the horizon is that “this generation of millennials” doesn’t seem to like “rules” about skin tones. Says Tarps, they enjoy a “level of

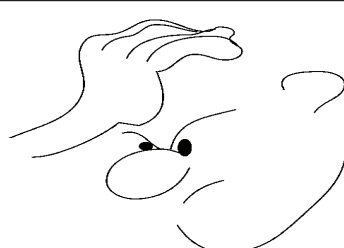
Author Lori L. Tharps does an admirable job dissecting issues of prejudice within Asian, Latino, and black communities, but take this as a warning: there's a lot of throat-clearing here and it takes awhile to get to the meat of this book. Once there, you'll



be rewarded by stories of pain, careful parenting, history and science, and of everyday people who seem determined to change prejudicial perceptions but it may already be common-sense to you, especially if you've lived it. Still, though there's a sunshine-and-flowers ending here, the overall tone of the book offers a good bit of hope.

Readers who sigh over incessant racial questions about themselves or their children may find much food for thought here. Anyone else wanting to know what to do (or not to do) in issues of race, color, and appearance will see that "Same Family, Different Colors," now out in paperback, will check a lot of boxes.

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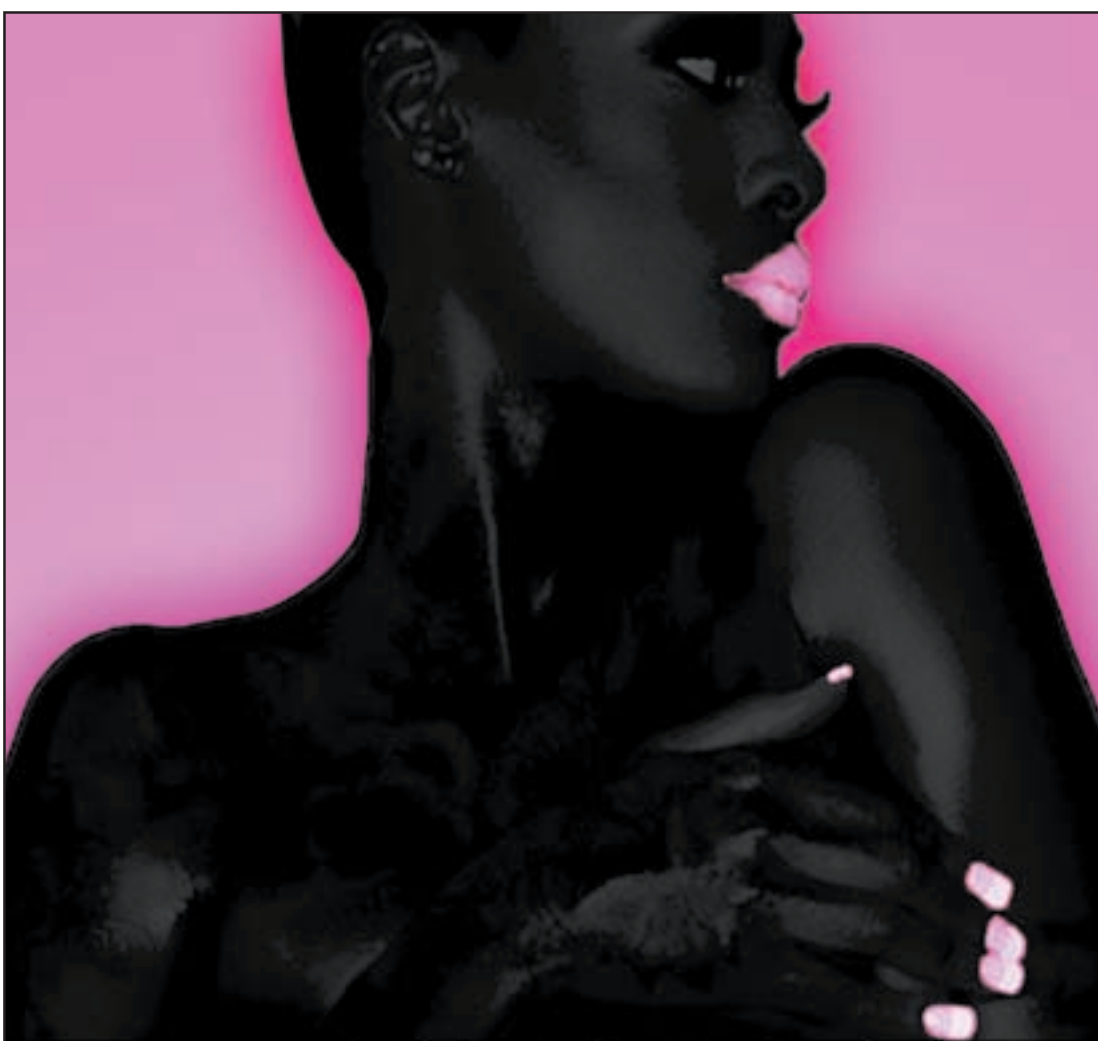


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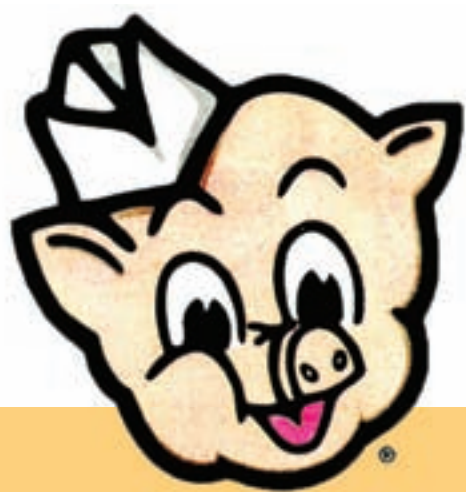
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