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By John K. Williams

President Obama's era drifts into uncharted territory as he prepares to leave the White House. The president's legacy is still being debated, but his impact on the country is undeniable. His administration has seen historic moments, from the repeal of the Affordable Care Act to the Paris Climate Agreement. Obama's era has been a time of both progress and challenge, and his departure marks the end of a significant chapter in American history.

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IN MEMORIAM

Jesse Sutton Jr.

December 26, 1941 - October 16, 2017

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Jesse Sutton Jr. was appointed to Earth December 26, 1941, in Jackson, Miss. (Hinds County). God truly broke the mold when he designed such an awesome man of God. He was the last born son to the late Reverend Jesse Sutton Sr. and Flora Mae Sutton. He was a bright and brilliant young man. He proved to be a fighter early in life. He was almost killed when he was hit by a car and dragged for several feet at the age of 10.

Sutton began his educational journey at Fairfield Church School where there were only two teachers, Mary Jane Pace, principal and Dorothy Sutton, teacher. Although the school educated students to the 8th grade, he complet-

ed his 8th grade and 9th grade years at Westside Jr. High. He transitioned to Sumner Hill High School for 10th through 12th grades. He was a proud member of the graduating class of 1959.

He then furthered his studies at Bishop College, Marshall, Texas; Utica Jr. College in Utica, Miss.; Mississippi Industrial College (B.S.), Holly Springs, Miss.; Jackson State University (M.Ed.), Jackson, Miss. Further studies were done at Alcorn State University, Mississippi State University, Winona State University, Dillard State University, Jackson State University and the Jackson Area COPP Program.

He was an advocate for education. He knew early on that a manual labor job was not for him. He told his best

friend, "I'm too lazy to work, I'm going to school." He worked smart, not hard and was a true champion for education.

Sutton's employment included Florida School for Boys, Oakley Training School, West Side Junior High School, and Blackburn Junior High where he served as assistant principal, teacher, and coach. The amazing thing about Sutton was that he began his career in education as a teenager. He had such a respected, strong and mature presence that he was able to handle and give instruction to his peers.

Sutton was also a political guru. He was very instrumental in helping politicians in all arenas. His house was the hub for both black and white candidates, especially in the Westside com-

munity. If he placed his stamp of approval on you, you were a guaranteed winner.

Sutton accepted his call into the ministry at New Canney Creek Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of his father, the late Reverend Jesse S. Sutton Sr., where he served as pastor. He was a Son of the House at Fairfield Missionary Baptist Church; first under the leadership of Rev. R. L. White. Before his passing, he was one of oldest of the last remaining members.

He was ordained as the pastor of St. Matthews Missionary Baptist Church in May 1987. He became the pastor of New McRaven Hill Missionary Baptist Church April 1, 1988. For several years, he served as pastor for both churches



Sutton

until God led him to initiate full time services at New McRaven Hill.

He pastored New McRaven Hill for twenty-nine years, until the Lord transitioned him home. Before his transition, he led the church to being debt free by paying off a half-million dollar mortgage last October.

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24 Years of Publishing

By Jackie Hampton
Publisher



Prayer, patience and hard work have gotten us through 24 years of publishing *The Mississippi Link* and we are so appreciative of everyone that has contributed to the many successes we have experienced throughout this amazing journey.

I would probably be the first one to say that it has not always been easy, but I am proud to say that we continue to do well because we have a community of loyal subscribers and advertisers that express a love and appreciation for our newspaper and lets us know that our future continues to look bright.

Celebrating 24 years of operation is a great milestone and we are humbled that we share our anniversary month with internationally recognized Breast Cancer Awareness month.

Over the years, we have chosen to dedicate each of our anniversary issues to Breast Cancer Awareness month. and

we have met countless individuals that have shared their courageous stories of how they have battled breast cancer and won; therefore, to those that have won, to the families of those that have succumbed and those that are still battling, we dedicate our 24th year anniversary publication to you.

Personally, I am thankful to our dedicated staff as well as those that have worked with us over the years either as full time or part time staff members, free-lance writers and photographers or as editorial contributors that have shared their thoughts of interests with our readers.

The list is long. Our support comes from all over the nation and includes not only subscribers and advertisers but also organizations of which we are members, such as the National Newspaper Publishers Association and The Mississippi Press Association. The wealth of knowledge that we have gained through these organizations is valued by *The Mississippi Link*.

Also, I would be remiss if I did not express my gratitude to Socrates Garrett, founder and

former owner and publisher of *The Mississippi Link* for having the foresight 24 years ago to establish a publication that would give more African Americans a viable outlet in which they could share their news and information with the public. We are proud that *The Mississippi Link* became another African-American newspaper that could tell positive stories about the achievements of black businesses, churches and the accomplishments of African Americans that had been neglected in mainstream newspapers and we are so proud to have filled that gap then, as we continue to fill that gap now.

The need for a newspaper with your best interest in mind will continue to exist. *The Mississippi Link* will continue to answer that call. We will continue to publish week after week because we enjoy publishing a product that ignites interest throughout our communities and throughout the nation.

As we fast forward into another year, let me say thank you for allowing us to have served you.

24 years of service and still growing

By Othor Cain
Editor



I've sat in the editor's seat at *The Mississippi Link* more times than I can count. How I arrive back each time is also above my math grade. What I know for certain though, is that each time I'm here, I'm engulfed with a sense of service, gratitude and commitment because that is what drives the work we do daily.

For 24 years; 12 months each year; four/five weeks

each month and one day each week, we've shared stories that impact our communities, shape our world and change lives. Stories of triumph and tribulations...praise and pain...highs and lows...happy and sad. Stories that matter most to you.

As editor, I'm blessed to be connected to and serve the community through this medium. We are fortunate to have readers and subscribers that share your amazing stories and call on us for coverage.

I value and embrace the saying that "we should control our own narrative," and that

"no one can tell our story better than "we can." That's why I find joy in telling your story. Thank you for sharing, thank you for calling and thank you for counting on us.

Though we are an extremely small staff, I think our work rivals any major newspaper in the country. For 24 years, rain, sleet or shine, we've been on the front lines of the most compelling stories across this state. We are your connection to information in print, online and through social media. *The Mississippi Link* is here to serve you.

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More than a night of entertainment – HCHRA's 2017 Awards & Recognition Gala



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More than a night of food and dancing. More than a night of speaking and awards. More than a night of black-tie elegance and entertainment. Hinds County Human Resource Agency's 23rd Annual Awards and Recognition Gala held September 29 at the Jackson Marriott Hotel, was much, much, more.

Why? Because it involved the community. 'Helping families, strengthening communities' is the cornerstone of Hinds County Human Resource Agency (HCHRA), and helping Hinds County advance continues to be one of HCHRA's main goals. Caring about the citizens and providing life-changing opportunities through the services HCHRA offers is what made the gala more...much, much, more.

It is HCHRA's annual signature event, which helps to provide critical matching funds for several services such as home-delivered meals, congregate meal sites and Hinds County rural public transportation.

This year's gala was especially significant, as it was also part of the Agency's 40th year anniversary celebrations being held throughout the year.

The keynote address was delivered by Denise Harlow, CEO of the National Community Action Partnership in Washington, D.C. Harlow encouraged the agency to keep its feet to the mission of helping families and strengthening communities, as she continues to champion the work and impact of the nation's Community Action Agencies around the country.

Jessie Primer III, saxophonist, provided superb entertainment that was as excellent as the great food served by the Marriott. Yet, it was even more than that. The gala provided an opportunity to create awareness about its programs and services: to celebrate clients who transitioned out of poverty to self-sufficiency and to honor volunteers and community partners who worked with the agency throughout the year to help eradicate poverty and

provide a better life for more than 65,000 low-income citizens throughout Hinds County.

It was more, because it involved HCHRA sponsors. HCHRA President and CEO Kenn Cockrell said, "If not for the unwavering support of sponsors to help HCHRA empower disadvantaged Hinds County citizens to become self-reliant and realize their full potential, the task would be insurmountable."

The 2017 gala was made possible by BankPlus (platinum sponsor); Mississippi Group Marketing, PA and *The Mississippi Link* (gold sponsors); Kenn Cockrell and Family, along with C Spire (silver sponsors); Entergy, HCHRA Board of Directors, *Jackson Advocate*, Patty Peck Honda, Phelps Dunbar and Watkins, Ward & Stafford, PLLC (bronze sponsors); and valued friends, Atmos Energy, M3A Architecture, PLLC, Vera Butler and Chelsea Luster, Mississippi Development Authority, HCHRA Advisory Committee, Walker & Son, Jackson Memo-

rial Funeral Service, WEM Consulting Group, WWISCAA and David Knight & Natasha Phillips, D.O.

Contributions made this year will go towards expanding programs and services in the upcoming year.

"Having strong corporate and community partners who are committed to the Agency's efforts has made a tremendous difference in the lives of the children and families HCHRA serves. We thank them for believing in the work we do," said Cockrell.

It was more, because it involved HCHRA donors. Donor generosity was undeniably at the top of the charts. From must-haves to essentials, from dining to on-the-go, from dressing up to a night out, as well as remarkable artwork, generous donations in support of the HCHRA Awards & Recognition Gala's silent auction, its first ever, helped to make the evening a grand affair.

Silent auction items included everything from tickets to Walt

Disney World, to gift cards at local restaurants. HCHRA thanks Office Products Plus, Penn's, McAlister's Deli, The Fairview Inn, Almata Roberts, IP Casino Resort & Spa, Caesars Entertainment/Horseshoe Tunica Hotel & Casino, Kats Wine & Spirits, Walmart (Flowood), C Spire, MS Products, Inc., Staffers, TempStaff, M3A Architecture, PLLC, R.J. Young, Elkins Wholesale, Kendra Scott, Andrea Little, Marriott (Jackson), Hilton Garden Inn Jackson/Downtown, Heartwood, Aundrayeah Ramsey, Vera Butler, Jimmy Mumford, Kwame Braxton, Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi, Venture Technologies, Walt Disney World Company, Jessica Davis, and Jackson Data Products for their support.

It was more, because it involved HCHRA staff and volunteers. It is the mission of HCHRA to empower disadvantaged Hinds County citizens to become self-reliant and realize their full potential. HCHRA employs nearly 400 people to

carry out its mission. In addition to the work performed by staff, last year, volunteers donated 678,592 hours to support the work of HCHRA.

"HCHRA has a very talented and dedicated group of staff members and volunteers," said Cockrell. "It is because of their untiring work ethic, commitment and support to advance the community that the Agency has successfully operated for 40 continuous years."

HCHRA's 23rd Annual Awards & Recognition Gala was more than just a night of food and dance, or speaking and awards; it was much, much, more – it was to honor the work HCHRA has done over the past 40 years to make Hinds County a more prosperous community in which we are all afforded access and opportunities to education, employment, health and safety.

To all of our staff, volunteers, friends and supporters who contributed in any way, HCHRA thanks you.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk Saturday at Thalia Mara Hall

Thousands expected to unite to help the American Cancer Society create a world free from the pain and suffering caused by breast cancer



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WHAT: Thousands of local breast cancer survivors, caregivers, volunteers and corporate and community members unite to help create a world free from the pain and suffering caused by breast cancer at the American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5K Walk. This noncompetitive, inspirational event raises awareness and funds to end breast cancer and provides hope to ensure no one faces breast cancer alone.

When: Saturday, October 28
Registration begins at 8 a.m.

Walk starts at 9:00 a.m., rain or shine

Where: Thalia Mara Hall (255 E Pascagoula Street, Jackson)

Interviews: Interviews will be available with breast cancer survivors, caregivers, Making Strides participants, Real Men Wear Pink and sponsor representatives.

Visuals: Chevy Pink Camero, Strides Store, warm up activities, Real Men Wear Pink, Survivor Tent Experience, etc.

Onsite Contact: Wendy Hutchins
601-506-8864 (cell)

Background: Since 1993, more than 12 million Making Strides Against Breast Cancer participants have helped raise more than \$750 million to create a world free from the pain and suffering caused by breast cancer. The noncompetitive three- to five-mile walks are held in nearly 300 communities nationwide.

Dollars raised help the American Cancer Society ensure no one faces breast cancer alone by funding innovative breast cancer research; promoting education and risk reduction; and providing comprehensive patient support to those who need it most.

This year's Making Strides walk in Jackson will be held Saturday, October 28 at Thalia Mara Hall.

For more information about breast cancer or the Making Strides walk in Jackson, visit MakingStridesWalk.org/JacksonMS or call 601-321-5512.



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JPS alum wins Miss Black USA Community Ambassador Award

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Kristy Johnson, Miss Black Mississippi USA, received the national Community Ambassador Award. The award was presented at the national Miss Black USA Pageant held this summer in Washington D.C.

Johnson carried her platform, “Be Empowered,” to engagements across the state. She participated in countless hours of appearances, speaking engagements, and fundraisers. She describes “Be Empowered” as a cure for the negativity in the media and a program that builds effective leaders in communities.

During her reign before nationals, Johnson held a Cupcakes and Conversations Tour as well as Queens Night Out professional women’s empowerment events. She also spoke on the steps of the Mississippi State Capitol during the Women’s March in January 2017. There, she welcomed guests to the Jimmy Travis Civil Rights Legacy Symposium. These are a few of her more renowned opportunities.

She completed her reign with a total of 100 stops. When her reign ended October 21, she crowned the next Miss Black Mississippi USA in Grenada, Miss.

Johnson used her talents, platform and crown as a megaphone to empower women in the state.

At nationals, Johnson was one of 26 other contestants to compete for the opportunity to represent Miss Black USA.



Johnson

“This opportunity meant the world to me,” said Johnson. “I can recall the years of hosting watch parties as other young women represented the state of Mississippi. I hoped that this opportunity would be presented to me one day. When I was given the opportunity, in God’s timing, I took the crown and allowed the vision to proceed.”

Johnson’s tenacious and humble spirit allowed her to not only compete with a group of charismatic and world-changing young women but to bring home the Community Ambassador Award.

Since its inception in 1987, Miss Black Mississippi USA has offered over \$50,000 in scholarships and prizes.

Kristy Johnson is a 2009 graduate of Jim Hill High School and alumna of Jackson State University.

Seven student representatives attend their first JPS board meeting Oct. 3

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The Board of Trustees and Interim Superintendent Fredrick Murray recognized the newly elected student representatives at the regular board meeting October 3.

In May, the JPS School Board adopted a policy that allows students to serve as representatives to the board. Each high school elected a student to represent them on the board. Each board member will serve as a mentor to the student representative in their ward.

The student representatives for the 2017-2018 school year are:

- Dante Moore, Callaway High
- Jonathan Jasper, Forest Hill High
- Jessica Leggett, Jim Hill High
- Blair Lee, Lanier High
- A’Maya Jones, Murrah High



The JPS Board of Trustees and Interim Superintendent Fredrick Murray present the 2017-2018 student representatives with certificates of recognition at the regular board meeting October 3.

- Yasmine McDuffy, Provine High

- Shamia Thompson, Wingfield High

The eligibility requirements for student representatives include the following:

- Each student must be chosen by the student body during student government

elections for a one-year term.

- He or she must be entering their junior or senior year.
- The scholar must exhibit characteristics of good citizenship.

- And the student must maintain a 95 percent attendance rate in school and a

GPA of 2.5.

The student representative from each school will serve as an adviser to the board. They will also provide a communication link with the student body. Through their participation, they will receive practical experience in government operations.

JPS schools receive grant for youth safety campaigns

Mississippi Link Newswire

Three JPS high schools are participating in a program geared toward reducing and eliminating gun violence. Forest Hill, Provine and Wingfield High Schools received \$1,000 each.

Sandy Hook Promise received a \$57,000 grant from The Allstate Foundation. The funds will be used for violence prevention programs in 15 Mississippi high schools.

The Allstate Foundation and Sandy Hook Promise kicked off their partnership with a Know The Signs Workshop. The Jackson workshop was held October 4. Club advisors and student leaders attended a day of training on

the program. They will use what they’ve learned to hold effective violence prevention programs at their schools. Representatives from the Allstate Foundation and Sandy Hook Promise presented at the workshop.

Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) Promise Clubs are led by students for students. Club members lead in planning and executing youth safety campaigns for their peers.

SAVE Promise Clubs in Mississippi engage thousands of students through their activities. They received educational materials, training and other supports through this partnership.

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In celebration of Brown Bottling Group’s 30-year partnership with Walton Elementary, the company donated \$1,000 to the school. The check presentation was made September 20, during a special assembly in the gym. Brown Bottling also gave each first grader a copy of the book, “Pete the Cat.”

Shelly Brown Floyd is the third generation of the Brown family to represent the company. She serves as chief marketing officer and took part in the presentation at Walton.

“My grandfather, Ken Brown, and my father, Bill Brown, have always stressed the importance of giving back to the communities we serve,” said Floyd. “Our adopt-a-school partnerships allow us to positively impact students in Jackson Public Schools. Working with these bright and engaging young



Shelley Brown Floyd and Marilyn Williams of Brown Bottling Group present Principal Mathis Sheriff and students at Walton Elementary with a \$1,000 donation and books to read.

minds is always the highlight of our day.”

Walton Principal Mathis Sheriff accepted the donation on behalf of the school.

“Walton is extremely grateful for our partnership with Mountain Dew/Brown Bottling,” said Sheriff.

“Their staff works closely with our teachers and students in developing meaningful academic activities throughout the school year.”

Headquartered in Ridgeland, Miss., Brown Bottling Group employs more than 400 Mississippians. The

company has a strong commitment to these team members and the communities it serves.

Through adopt-a-school partnerships, it aims to improve the environments of children in its areas of outreach.

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Honors and science classes at Hinds CC Rankin wow high school students

The Mississippi Link Newswire

“It’s really beyond cool!”

About 75 high school juniors and seniors from Rankin County had much the same reaction throughout Honors Day, held Oct. 20 at Hinds Community College Rankin Campus. The event showcased the Honors program and areas of study typically needed to pursue advanced degrees in math and science.

Justice Stewart, of Brandon High School, played a vital role in a demonstration by physics instructor Carl DeWitt. In it, students took turns pumping air into a bazooka made of PVC, then shot a projectile made of gum-balls taped together.

“It’s all really just cool,” Stewart said after her work to pump the device provided the proper air pressure to make it work. “I’m interested in science and animals, possibly zoology,” Stewart said.

DeWitt said the lesson shows work can be measured in terms of energy once certain formulas were applied. “Work equals change in energy,” he said. “We can measure the amount of work you did and put a number to it.”

In another room, prospective students to the Rankin Campus got to hold fire in their hands, literally, with chemistry instructor Amanda Blair as a moderator of sorts. Methane gas was pumped into dish soap, where students then took turns igniting the suds with a match. The bubbles burst into an impressive but manageable fireball in the air.

Jason Lin, of Brandon High School, and Charlie Hillman, of Richland High School, got quite the jolt from Blair’s experiment. “Strike it, light it,” Blair told them. “You can actually hold fire and water in your hands without getting burned.”

Students also toured the Honors Center lounge area in the George Wynne Building, as well as the most important details of the Honors program from coordinator Joy Rhoads.

To qualify for the Honors program, entering freshman must have a high school GPA of 3.5 or a 25 on the ACT college entrance exam – but not both.

Rhoads emphasized the program’s ability to bring learning to life outside the classroom, particularly trips to England and Costa Rica where students earn between three and seven hours of college credit.

“It’s a great opportunity for students to learn outside the classroom,” she said. “Sometimes, you remember more about those activities and lessons where you actually get your hands dirty.”

Many students who qualify for



the Hinds Honors program will also earn the grades to become members of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society for two-year college students. Those students are eligible for high-dollar transfer scholarships to the state’s four-year public and private universities.

Both featured instructors pointed out the Honors program isn’t the only draw to Hinds.

“We have smaller classes and we care about you,” Blair said. “We want you to visit us in our offices and ask questions. It’s a great foundation.”

DeWitt reminded students hands-on physical science is the

best way to get into most science, technology, engineering and math careers.

“Any kind of engineering field you go into, you’ll have to take physics,” DeWitt said.

The same goes for those planning on taking core courses at Hinds on their way to healthcare jobs as well.

“I’ve liked and enjoyed the open house event,” said Kimberly Mills, a senior at Brandon High School. “I plan on going into chemistry, then trying to be a surgeon.”

Hinds Community College, celebrating its 100th year of Community Inspired Service in

2017, is a comprehensive institution with six convenient locations in the central Mississippi area. 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. Today, Hinds stands as the largest community college in Mississippi and offers quality, affordable educational opportunities with academic programs of study leading to seamless university transfer and career and technical programs teaching job-ready skills.

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Tougaloo lecture series to focus on social justice and racial equity

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Tougaloo College will begin celebrating its 150th Anniversary with a two-year long critical examination of social justice and racial equity conversations in the 21st century on Oct. 23.

The inaugural conversation, “Social Justice in the 21st Century, Myth or Reality?,” will be discussed during a Presidential Lecture Thursday, October 26 at 6 p.m. in historic Woodworth Chapel at Tougaloo College. The guest lecturer will be renowned author and Mississippi native, Eddie S. Glaude Jr., who speaks to the black and blue in America.

Glaude is professor of Religion and African American Studies at Princeton University, social advocate, columnist for *Time Magazine* and television commentator for MSNBC news programs, like *Democracy Now*, *Morning Joe* and the *11th Hour*.

“Tougaloo College is sacred towards the ongoing equality challenges African Americans face,” Congressman Bennie G. Thompson said. “There is no better place to have a robust discussion from people with lived experiences of racial discrimination than Tougaloo. The institution remains a pillar at facing adversity, and I look forward to the discussion. I am pleased to know that my alma mater is continuing its work championing for all people.”

Tougaloo College President Beverly Wade Hogan said, “Tougaloo College has made social justice one of its prevailing cornerstones throughout its 148 years. As we move toward our Sesquicentennial Anniversary in 2019, our stance and conversations on social justice and racial equity are still relevant to the realities of the twenty-first century, and will be examined through our Presidential Lecture Series.”

“It is time to deepen the conversations and reset our thinking to focus on creating a more just and inclusive world for all human kind. Our colleges and universities are places that create the future,” continued Hogan.

These discussions will include a series of town halls, seminars, symposiums, lectures, and convocations and will be inclusive, crossing racial/ethnic, social, gender, age, educational, religious, profes-



Glaude

sional and demographic lines. They will be open to the public and lead by foremost scholars on the topics at hand.

“A major aim of these examinations and conversations will be to connect people to issues in ways that will promote greater understanding and acceptance of differences that lead to racial and social transformation. The context of these discussions will be through the lens of the College’s historical and cultural legacy, but will also hold relevance and importance to diverse audiences,” said Delores Bolden Stamps, vice president of Institutional Advancement at Tougaloo College.

This event is free to the public. For more information, call (601) 977-7870.

Glaude is the William S. Tod Professor of Religion and African American Studies at Princeton University and chair of the Department of African American Studies, a program he first became involved with shaping as a doctoral candidate in Religion at Princeton. He holds a master’s degree in African American Studies from Temple University, and a Ph.D. degree in Religion from Princeton University. He began his teaching career at Bowdoin College. He has been a visiting scholar at Amherst College and Harvard.

In 2011, he delivered Harvard’s W. E.B. Du Bois Lectures. In 2015, he was awarded an honorary doctorate from Colgate University.

His most well-known books, *Democracy in Black: How Race Still Enslaves the American Soul*, and *In A Shade of Blue: Pragmatism and the Politics of Black America*, take a wide look at black communities and reveal complexities, vulnerabilities and opportunities for hope.

Glaude is a Moss Point, Miss. native.

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Front Row, from left, Tiara Garcia-Martinez, Deborah Carter, Connor Evans, Chelsea King, McKyntra Thomas and Linda Posey; back row, from left, James Roddy, Monesa Watts, LaToya Gusta, Vanessa Shiers, Geoffrey Horne, Alisa Hughes, James Jones IV, London Duke, Forrest James, Sara Harrison, Angela Griffen, Ayana Lipsey, Beverly Trimble, Carla Causey, and Lauren Powers PHOTO BY HINDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE/APRIL GARON

Briggs named president of Mississippi Valley State University

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The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning named Jerryl Briggs president of Mississippi Valley State University at its meeting held today in Jackson. Briggs has served as acting president of the university since June 15. He previously served as executive vice president and chief operating officer. “Mississippi Valley State University is on an upward trajectory,” said Trustee Shane Hooper, chair of the Mississippi Valley State University Board Search Committee. “Dr. Briggs has played an integral role in creating this momentum on campus and we have full confidence that, under his leadership, this will continue.”

This campus is on a good trajectory. Enrollment is solid. From fall 2013 to fall 2016, MVSU has seen an increase in enrollment each year for a total change of 11.4 percent.

The university is in good financial shape. In the past four years, the university’s cash position has improved by 47 percent. The days of cash on hand have improved by 65 percent, from 63 days of cash on hand to 105 days.

“Throughout the listening sessions held last week, we heard the Valley community say that the university’s next president should be someone with vision who will bring stability to the office and build on the current success,” said Hooper. “Dr. Briggs clearly has a commitment to the history, legacy, culture and mission of the university, as well as a vision for the future.”

As executive vice president and CEO, Briggs served as the ranking vice president with direct oversight for the operational well-being of the university, assessing the university’s needs through formal structures and constant contact and involvement with all constituents of the university.

“It is indeed an honor and blessing to be named the 8th



Briggs

president of Mississippi Valley State University,” said Briggs. “I would like to thank search committee chair, trustee Shane Hooper and the entire IHL Board for having the confidence in me to lead Valley. I would also like to thank our Valley family for their support and encouragement, and we will surely continue to keep ‘Valley In Motion.’”

While at Mississippi Valley, Briggs has helped to reestablish the University College model which led to successfully improving the university’s retention rate by 10 percent for fall 2014 and 12 percent for fall 2015, worked collectively with MVSU staff to increase overall university enrollment that resulted in more than a 200 percent increase in dual enrollment students for fall 2016 and an overall 11.4 percent within the last three years. He also managed a \$17 million capital improvement project for the university’s athletic complex, with additional planning underway for renovations to residence halls and other campus buildings.

“Dr. Briggs has demonstrated

exceptional leadership skills as acting president and executive vice president at Mississippi Valley State University,” said Glenn Boyce, commissioner of Higher Education. “Having honed these skills over many years in higher education, he has developed a student-centered approach that puts a laser focus on enabling student success. His experience and skill set, coupled with an understanding of the university and the Delta gained since coming to the university, make him ideally suited to lead the university into its next chapter.”

Briggs has more than 25 years of professional experience in higher education administration. Before joining Mississippi Valley State University, he served as vice president for student affairs and enrollment management at Central State University in Ohio. Prior to Central State University he has held various positions within higher education administration, including serving for ten years at Lincoln University (PA) as vice president for student affairs and enrollment management, and

dean of students. He has also held positions at Clark Atlanta University, the College of William and Mary, Georgia Institute of Technology, and the University of Illinois-Urbana/Champaign.

“Dr. Briggs has been an important part of the progress made at Mississippi Valley State University in recent years,” said John Johnson, president of the MVSU National Alumni Association. “This announcement comes at a good time with so many alumni on campus as we celebrate the 35th Annual National Alumni Summit. Dr. Briggs is an exceptional leader who will be able to build on the progress made without missing a beat. He understands the campus, the students and the Delta. I look forward to working with him in this new role.”

Briggs earned his Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry education from Xavier University of Louisiana, his Master of Arts degree in human relations and supervision from Louisiana Tech University, and both an Educational Specialist degree in higher education administration and doctorate in educational policy, planning and leadership from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va. He also completed Harvard University’s Institute for educational management program.

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

Northside Elementary sees success with intervention program

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Students in the intervention program at Northside Elementary in Clinton are growing academically and exceeding goals.

“We are currently serving 119 students through interventions,” said Northside Principal Mandy Ambrose. “More than 85 percent of students being served in intervention scored at or above a level 3 on the third grade MAAP (state) test.”

The intervention program is designed to help struggling students by providing more intense instruction and one-on-one help.

Ambrose said that school-wide, the average growth for intervention students on the STAR reading test for just the first nine weeks equates to nine months of growth. Last year, Northside served 175 students in the intervention program – 98 in second grade and 77 in third grade. Of those, 78 percent needed intervention in reading, 9 percent needed intervention in math, and 13 percent needed intervention in both reading and math.

“My first step in helping my intervention students is to identify their areas of weakness,” said Northside intervention teacher Rebecca Sullivan. “The majority of my students need help with basic foundational skills so I teach phonics every day.”

This covers basic word decoding skills such as short vowels, blends, digraphs and vowel teams. Sullivan said one of her third-graders has already shown tremendous growth this year, starting out at reading 64 words per minute and within five weeks of intervention, reading 98 words per minute.

“The fall semester reading goal for a third grader is 110 words per minute,” Sullivan said.

The same student has also grown in her reading level, from 1.9 at the start of the year to 3.0 within five weeks.

“This particular third-grader is a very hard worker,” Sullivan said. “She stays positive and keeps a smile on her face. She has developed a love for reading and truly wants to succeed.”

Sullivan said her overall goal is to close the achievement gap at Northside, and to see her intervention students perform well enough to return to their regular classroom setting.

“As a third-grade Language Arts teacher, I have witnessed firsthand how intervention has been an integral part of our students’ success on the MAP test,” said Heather Boelke. “Intervention equips students with tools to be successful in the classroom, which results in an increase in their confidence.”

Boelke said one success story is a student who entered third grade reading below grade level. The student had not mastered skills from previous years.

“Through work with an interventionist in the early weeks of the school year, this student was able to close some of those gaps,” she said. “I began to notice an increase in the student’s confidence, which made a huge impact on test performance. I am incredibly grateful for the intervention team and their support.”

Hinds CC Utica student named to 2017 HBCU All-Stars for second year

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UTICA – Hinds Community College Utica Campus sophomore Jeffery Fairley of Jackson knows firsthand that hard work and determination truly pay off on the highest level. Fairley was selected one of 50 students nationwide to receive All-Star status and served as an ambassador for the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU).

The Annual White House Summit was held Sept. 17-19 at the White House. The goal of the event was to give HBCU presidents and senior administrators the opportunity to engage with federal officials and representatives in order to meet challenges in higher education.

The summit served as an opportunity for HBCU staff and students as well as government officials to create a forum to discuss the priorities laid out in the Executive Order to Promote Excellence and Innovation at HBCUs, to discuss the most pressing policy and educational issues and to dialogue about the future of HBCUs.

The event also served as an opportunity to acknowledge the 2017 HBCU All-Stars, a group of distinguished undergraduate and graduate students who achieve great accomplishments in scholarship, leadership and civil engagement.

“I like that this program highlights the positive side of HBCUs,” Fairly said. “I want to do



Jeffery Fairley was one of 50 students nationwide selected to be a 2017 HBCU All-Star and will serve as a one year term as ambassador for the White House Initiative on Historically Black College and Universities. Fairley is a biology pre-med major at Hinds Community College’s Utica Campus.

my part in boosting enrollment, and possibly funding, for the college. This program is a great start to achieve that goal.”

The program provides an opportunity to participate in regional and national events, along with web chats with initiative staff and other professionals from a wide range of disciplines that support a spirit of engagement and personal and professional development.

Fairley’s appointment will last one year and his primary role will be to provide outreach opportuni-

ties and communications to fellow students about the value of education and the initiative as a networking resource through social media, personal and professional relationships with community-based organizations.

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.

USM partners with universities on Advanced Economic Development Program

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The University of Southern Mississippi is partnering with three other major universities on a unique initiative designed to benefit mid-level to senior level economic development practitioners.

USM has joined forces with The University of Alabama, Clemson University and Texas Christian University (TCU) to provide the Advanced Economic Development Leadership Program. Developed as an advanced training course, the program is the first of its kind to be offered in this industry.

“Southern Miss has an impressive legacy in creating initiatives and academic programs for economic development,” said Faye Gilbert, dean of the USM College of Business. “Over time, the faculty here have also infused the Master’s program with projects, relevant technology, and close connections with professionals in the field. I am excited that we are part of this partnership.”

For Southern Miss, Bill Smith, emeritus faculty member, has been the chief liaison with the other universities to create this partnership and opportunity for the professionals in this field.

The curriculum is designed, collaboratively, by all four universities. Key subjects of personal/professional leadership innovation, organizational skills, project/RFP management, business development, global challenges, technology/data, talent, workforce pipeline and community enhancement strategies will focus on contemporary applied learning. The key subjects are important for working professionals in economic development.

The first session will be held on the campus of TCU, February 5-9, 2018. The second session will be held at Big Cedar Lodge in Missouri, August 13-17, 2018. Although just launched, the program is already half-full of participants.

Designed for 40 participants, the pedagogy emphasizes projects, exercises and facilitated electronic interactions. The program’s faculty will include seasoned economic developers, veteran site consultants, subject experts and university faculty.

For more information about the program, visit: <https://advancedeconomicdevelopmentleadership.com/>

Mississippi State Hospital

October honorees:

Wilson

25 years of service



Wilson

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Mississippi State Hospital recently honored employees with October anniversary dates for their years of service. Jackie Martin Wilson of Jackson was recognized for providing 25 years of service to the hospital.

Wilson, a Carrollton native, is a recreation specialist in Continued Treatment Services.

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.

Hawkins

20 years of service



Hawkins

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Mississippi State Hospital recently honored employees with October anniversary dates for their years of service. Dolly Hawkins of Canton was recognized for providing 20 years of service to the hospital.

Hawkins is a vocational training instructor in the Human Resources 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.

13 Halloween safety tips from AMR medics

American Medical Response

The smartest Halloween goblins go trick-or-treating with safety foremost in mind. Research has found a child is more likely to be hit by a car on Halloween than on any other day of the year. Injuries from falls are also common.

Paramedics at AMR give these 13 Halloween safety tips to make sure this year's trick-or-treating is scary and fun, not scary and dangerous.

Be sure an adult stays with the children at all times. Do not let the group split up.

Decide on a definite route and timetable before leaving your house. Finish your trip before dark.

Costumes should be brightly-colored and reflect light. Stripe reflective tape across the front and back and on the

shoes.

Be certain the children can see where they're going. Use make-up on the kids' faces, not masks. Masks are hard to see and breathe through. Avoid hats, helmets, wigs and beards.

Costumes should fit well; not so loose as to trip over or snag on things. Wear flat shoes with closed toes that are the right size for the child. Avoid over-sized shoes such as a clown would wear.

Costumes must be flame-retardant all over, including capes.

Carry flashlights, never candles or torches. Trick-or-treat only in well-lighted areas.

Keep at least one of each child's hands free. Instead of letting a child carry a candy bag by hand, add a strap to

the bag and drape the bag over the child's shoulder. Be sure the bag doesn't drag on the ground. Do not wear monster gloves.

Approach only those houses with outside lights on.

Stay on sidewalks, walk facing traffic, cross streets only at intersections, don't run across lawns and don't jump ditches.

Do not eat any treats until the group returns home and an adult examines each bag. Eat nothing that is even slightly suspicious.

Look for items that appear to have been unwrapped and then re-wrapped.

Dress warmly, stay alert and keep handy a small first aid kit for scraped knees and other little injuries. If a serious injury happens, dial 911 immediately.

Consider a Halloween party at home or attend a local well-planned haunted house, instead of taking risks with door-to-door trick-or-treating.

AMR says, "Boo!" to you, too! Serving 18 Mississippi counties, the AMR family of companies is the state's busiest ambulance service.

About American Medical Response

American Medical Response, Inc. (www.amr.net), America's leading provider of medical transportation, provides services in 36 states and the District of Columbia. More than 20,000 AMR paramedics, EMTs, RNs and other professionals work together to transport more than three million patients nationwide each year in critical, emergency and non-emergency situations.

Stay safe this Halloween with NFPA's fire safety tips

National Fire Protection Association

Halloween is creeping up on us. The rush is on to find the perfect pumpkin, the spookiest costume and the best candy for trick-or-treaters. However, along with all this excitement comes potential fire hazards related to seasonal decor and costumes.

Fortunately, fire risks can be avoided by following the National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) Halloween safety precautions.

"Halloween brings out creativity in people of all ages. Children enjoy dressing up and going door-to-door collecting candy, and adults go all out decorating their homes with spooky accents," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. "The festivities, however, can be dampened if the proper safety measures are not put in place ahead of time and while out canvassing the neighborhood for treats."

From 2011-2015, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated average of 840 home structure fires per year that began with decorations. These fires caused an average of two civilian deaths, 36 civilian injuries, and \$11.4 mil-



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lion in direct property damage, per year. Fire can start when candles are too close to decorations or when long, trailing costumes come into contact with candles.

To safely enjoy the Halloween holiday, NFPA has created a Halloween safety video that emphasizes preparedness and the importance of flame-resistant costumes and decorations.

NFPA also offers parents and teachers tip sheets, kids' activities, a pumpkin-carving template and more at the Sparky the Fire Dog® website. NFPA's simple Halloween fire safety tip graphic is also great for sharing on social media so that people can enjoy a spooky and safe Halloween.

To ensure that your loved ones and home are free of fire this Halloween season, follow these safety guidelines:

Candles

Refrain from having an open flame.

Use battery-operated candles or glow-sticks in your jack-o-lanterns.

Costumes

Choose the right costume. Try to stay away from long or flowing fabric, and remain vigilant of extraneous costume pieces.

Decorations

Avoid flammable decorations including dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper that are highly flammable.

Keep decorations away from open flames and other heat sources, including light bulbs and heaters.

Exits

Remember to keep all decorations away from doors so that they are not blocking any exits or escape routes.

Smoke Alarms

Make sure all of your smoke alarms are working and up to date.

Visibility

Provide flashlights to children or have children carry

glow sticks as part of their costumes.

Make sure if a child is wearing a mask that the eye holes are large enough so he or she can see out of them.

About the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

Founded in 1896, NFPA is a global, nonprofit organization devoted to eliminating death, injury, property and economic loss due to fire, electrical and related hazards. The association delivers information and knowledge through more than 300 consensus codes and standards, research, training, education, outreach and advocacy; and by partnering with others who share an interest in furthering the NFPA mission.

For more information, visit www.nfpa.org. All NFPA codes and standards can be viewed online for free at www.nfpa.org/freeaccess.

Mississippi's employment situation

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Number of jobs increases and unemployment rate fell. This is the latest information announced recently by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security.

The number of non-farm jobs in Mississippi increased by 1,400 in September to 1,153,500. The job numbers in July and September 2017 were the highest since May 2008.

Over the year since September 2016, the number of jobs in

our state increased by 6,500.

These numbers are based on a survey of employers. That employer survey is recognized as the most reliable indicator of job growth.

At the same time, Mississippi's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 5.2 percent in September, which is one-tenth of a percentage point lower than a month earlier in August and half of a percentage

point lower than a year ago in September 2016, when the rate was 5.7 percent.

The Labor Force, which is made up of everyone who has a job or is looking for a job, decreased in September by 4,800 to 1,278,200. Over the year since September 2016, the Labor Force fell by 3,600.

The number of people working in Mississippi decreased in September by 2,500 to 1,212,200. However, for the

year since September 2016, employment in our state increased by 3,900.

The number of unemployed Mississippians fell by 2,300 in September to 66,000. Over the year since September 2016, the number of Mississippians without jobs decreased by 7,500.

For details or questions on this information, please contact Mary Willoughby at (601) 321-6260 or by email at: mwilloughby@mdes.ms.gov.

CALLING ALL STAKEHOLDERS AND CHANGE AGENTS!!

BILOXI NAACP ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE SUMMIT

"Taking OUR Seat Into the Future"

October 28, 2017
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
MLK Jr. Municipal Building
676 MLK Blvd Biloxi, MS

PURPOSE: To Field Community and Organizational Stakeholders and Change Agents

GOAL: To Establish an ECO-DISTRICT in the Heart of East Biloxi

The Summit will review and explore potential environmental projects and programs that will foster and shape a **GREENER and CLEANER BILOXI**

Hosted by Biloxi NAACP and the National NAACP Environmental and Climate Justice Committee
Co-Sponsored by Gulf Coast Recovery Coalition (GCRC)

Funding for this event provided by the TIDES Foundation

The event is free to the public. Lunch will be served.

Contact: Gordon Jackson, Chair, Environmental and Climate Justice Committee, Biloxi NAACP, 469-867-6009 Ya-Sin Shabazz, GCRC, www.blxnaacp.net

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The whole duty of man

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



One of the greatest mistakes we can make in this life is that of seeking only earthly treasures and failing to recognize our obligations toward God.

Dear friends, salvation is not an option or a matter of choice, but it is an obligation. The wise man said in his deliberation in Ecclesiastes 12:13, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."

This was not meant to be restricted in its interpretation to the people of yesteryears, but it was meant to be understood as God's plan for everyone. Fearing God and keeping His commandments is our duty in this life.

Jesus went on to illustrate the dangers of one devoting his efforts in this life merely to amass earthly riches or to

be successful in terms of material things. He said in Luke 12:16-19, "The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: And he thought within himself, saying, what shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, this will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, soul, thou has much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry."

A certain man planted a great crop, and he had such a tremendous harvest that he ran out of room to store his goods. Notice that this man began to think only in terms of this physical life. In essence, he queried within himself, "What am I going to do? I have all these goods and no place to bestow them." He planned to tear down his barns and build greater ones. In so many words, he went on to say, "When I have finally

achieved this end, I will say to my soul, 'soul, you have much goods laid up for many years; take your ease, enjoy life, eat, drink, and be merry.'" He was planning to enjoy the labors of his hands, and at that very moment, God came on the scene. "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be?"

This is a good question for us to ask ourselves. All the things that we are sacrificing our lives for and all the things that are causing us to run the risk of losing our soul, whose shall they be? We each are faced with the possibility of life being suddenly cut off without a moment's warning. We could be ushered to the shore of a long eternity, unprepared to meet God.

Despite all the knowledge that we have achieved along many lines, it would appear that few of us have actually discovered that true prosperity lies in serving God. There is no disappointment in Jesus. There is no disappointment in

the outcome of a life lived to the Glory of God.

Let's recall the story that Jesus told of Lazarus and the rich man? They both died, but they were not annihilated. Luke 16:23 tells us, "And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom." They lived beyond the grave. One day, we will do the same, and that should be the striving point for our future.

We are not merely creatures of this earth, but we are creatures of two worlds: the one that now is and the one that is to come. Only God knows what our future will be; however, the one thing I want to assure us of is that we will have a future beyond this present life that we are now living and enjoying.

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P R E S E R V E D

Following in faith

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



As part of my vacation in California a few years ago, one of my cousins who lived about two hours away from California agreed to take me and my sister shopping in Los Angeles. Having lived in southern California for a few years but still not used to the traffic, my sister was hoping that we could all ride in my cousin's car. However, there was no room in her car. Thinking it might be fun, I volunteered to drive. I'd never driven in Los Angeles traffic but figured it couldn't be any worse than Dallas Fort Worth area traffic.

For a variety of reasons, driving in Los Angeles was one of the least favorite parts of my otherwise fantastic 2011 Christmas vacation. I saw "Immortal," the acclaimed Michael Jackson Cirque Du Soleil tribute show and even drove 22 hours from Los Angeles to San Antonio, Texas with my sister and her children. Ironically, the most challenging part of my vacation was driving in Los Angeles rush hour traffic.

Before we began our trip into Los Angeles, I'd tried to get my cousin to tell us what freeways we'd be driving on but she quickly dismissed my request saying that it would be easy for us to follow her. The part of me that likes to have a plan for everything honestly had a hard time following her. Not knowing exactly where we were headed, I had to trust in my cousin and hope that she wouldn't mislead us.


My cousin did her best to

drive the speed limit but as we got closer to the city limits, she drove faster. Meanwhile, my sister was so nervous as I did my best weaving in and out of traffic keeping pace with my cousin. I told her that since we didn't have the address for where we were headed, I needed to make sure that I didn't lose sight of our cousin's car. However, at a certain point, I finally relaxed and just enjoyed not having to focus on anything but following. We finally made it safely to our destination. And I had to admit to my cousin that she was right.

From this experience, I learned that we still have to trust God especially when we may not know all of God's plan or even be able to see what's ahead. Joshua 6 describes how this happened with Joshua and the destruction of Jericho. Joshua first got the word from God in verses 2-3 what needed to happen. He then told the people of the Lord's command in verses 6-7 to silently walk around the walls of the city of Jericho for six days. Hebrews 11: 30 says that it was faith that ultimately made the walls come down.

Similarly, we have to learn to faithfully follow God and his plan for our lives. Even when we can't see the plan, we have to trust God's heart. More importantly, we have to recognize those he puts in our lives to provide Godly guidance.

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Trump, Congresswoman Wilson, Kelly, lies and video tapes

By Walter Smith
Publisher Philadelphia Observer



White House Chief of Staff John Kelly appeared before a group of reporters to defend Trump's insensitive statement to the widow of fallen soldier La Davis Johnson.

Myeshia Johnson accompanied by members of her family and Congresswoman Frederica Wilson were waiting to receive the body of her husband who had been killed in the line of duty in Niger Africa when she received a call from President Donald Trump.

In the course of the president's condolences he allegedly said, "He knew what he signed up for ... but when it happens, it hurts anyway."

This remark apparently upset Johnson and she began to weep.

The phone's speaker was on and the remarks were heard by everyone in the vehicle.

Wilson brought the matter to the attention of the press.

The question is, did the president call the grieving widow to console her or to antagonize her? I'll be the first to say the president had good intentions.

However, Trump has verbalized and demonstrated that he is extremely insensitive to people of color. He has demonized Black Lives Matter and advocates them being categorized as a terrorist organization. He has referred to a young football player as a son-of-a-bitch. He has encouraged violence against people of color at his political rallies. He has categorized black communities as extremely dangerous places to live. Wilson had good reason to become concerned.

Additionally, Trump habitually never admits to being wrong and refuses to apologize for his transgressions. He has doubled down on his denial and has called Wilson an outright liar. Trump tweeted: "Democrat Congresswoman totally fabricated what I said to the wife of a soldier who died in action (and I have proof)," "Sad!" "I didn't say what that congresswoman said. Didn't say it at all," Trump told reporters during a meeting on tax reform in the Cabinet Room. "She knows it. And she now is not saying it. I did not say what she said."

Asked if there was a recording of the call, Press Secretary Sanders said: "No." As usual Trump is lying and bluffing about proof. Note: Wilson is not backing down on what she heard the president say.

White House Chief of Staff John Kelly says that he coached Trump on what to say to the widow and told him to express to her that her husband had acted honorably in making the decision to accept a dangerous position as a soldier. Kelly clarified the context of that statement as well. He continued, "He was doing exactly what he wanted to do when he was killed. He knew what he was getting into by joining that one percent. He knew what the possibilities were because we were at war and when he died he was surrounded by the best men on this Earth, his friends." Kelly said this is what he advised the president to say.

Mistake! Trump's mouth goes astray when he is not reading

a prepared speech from a teleprompter.

The single phrase "He knew what he was getting into" was just the tip of the iceberg. The president could have at least called the name of Sgt. Johnson; he never called the widow's name nor that of Sgt. La David Johnson. His reference was "your guy."

Given Trump's stated and implied attitude towards people of color, Wilson's actions were justified in calling attention to the insensitive statement and Kelly didn't think her reasoning through before becoming "appalled" at her actions.

While I recognize the unintended error of the president, I do not ignore the added comments by Kelly. He went well out of his way to demonize Wilson. Surely his comments were motivated by the president who didn't have the decency to recognize his error and apologize to the distraught widow. Kelly's words were meant to demean, deflect blame and refocus this horrible insult. What should appall Kelly is his own weakness that allowed him to unfairly attack Wilson in an effort to defend the indefensible.

Referencing the dedication of the FBI building in Miramar, Florida in 1952 Kelly said, "A congresswoman stood up, and in a long tradition of empty barrels making the most noise, stood up there in all of that and talked about how she was instrumental in getting the funding for that building and how she took care of her constituents because she got the money, and she just called up President Obama, and on that phone call, he gave the money," the \$20 million to build the building, and she sat down, and we were stunned," Kelly said during his press conference, stunned! "None of us went to the press and criticized, none of us stood up appalled, we just said okay fine."

That, coming from a four-Star Marine General was a deliberate, bold faced lie."

The most egregious part of Kelly's diatribe was his reference to Wilson as an "empty barrel."

Little does he know, Wilson is one of the most dynamic, dedicated, committed and productive women in all of Florida. She rose from school teacher, to principal, to member of the Florida Legislature, to U. S. congresswoman with a long list of accomplishments behind her. Most notable is her 5000 Role Models of Excellence program. "Empty wagon," I don't think so.

While Kelly was developing the false narrative on her bragging about securing \$20 million for construction of the FBI building, why didn't the narrative include her many accomplishments? He didn't do any research, he and Trump cooked up that demeaning lie to besmirch the congresswoman, knowing his audience would believe it.

"I was not in Congress in 2009 when the money for the building was secured, Wilson said. "So that's a lie." How dare he? However, I named the building at the behest of (then-FBI Director James Comey) with the help of (then-House Speaker John Boehner), working across party lines. So he didn't tell the truth."

Every word, every inference of that statement by Kelly was

a lie.

Apparently Kelly prepared the condolence statement for Trump and Trump prepared the "empty barrel" statement for Kelly.

This entire incident should give every American pause. This is what has happened to America under Trump.

This is the type of propaganda used by foreign agents to discredit Hillary Clinton during the 2016 presidential elections.

This narrative generated to discredit Wilson was not done by someone who attended the dedication ceremony.

Kelly said he attended the ceremony in Miami. The ceremony was held in Mirama, 25 miles northwest of Miami.

If this narrative is Kelly's doing, which I doubt it is, he should be stripped of his military rank and severely disciplined.

Lies, lies, lies from every aspect of Trump's cabinet. Lies to discredit Barack Obama. Lies to silence opposition to Trump and his disastrous policies.

Is there no length the Trump administration will not go to defend this vulgar, immoral, lying, racist, admitted sexual predator?

Shame on Donald J. Trump and shame on General John Kelly.

Kelly can redeem himself by issuing an apology to Wilson. He claims to have been present during the building dedication and knows full well he or a surrogate lied on the congresswoman to placate Trump.

In December of 2016, three leading professors of psychiatry wrote to Obama expressing their grave concerns over Trump's mental stability:

"His widely reported symptoms of mental instability – including grandiosity, impulsivity, hypersensitivity to slights or criticism, and an apparent inability to distinguish between fantasy and reality – lead us to question his fitness for the immense responsibilities of the office," the professors from Harvard Medical School and the University of California wrote to the then president, urging him to order a "full medical and neuropsychiatric evaluation" of the then president-elect.

This infectious disease has found its way throughout the Trump administration. Some through his personal selection and others just fell in line out of fear.

This is not the America our founding fathers designed and it certainly is not the America as represented by the Statue of Liberty standing in the New York harbor.

Wouldn't it be refreshing to see several congressmen and senators get together the next time a similar incident arises and declare, Get that "son-of-a-bitch" out of the White House. Get him out now! He's fired!

The *Sun Sentinel* recorded the dedication ceremony of the FBI building in 2015 and the recording bears no resemblance to Kelly's description of the event.

Please take the time to view this recording by following the link <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/local/broward/fl-reg-wilson-kelly-tape-of-speech-20171020-story.html>

After viewing the *Sun Sentinel* video, please view the video of John Kelly by following the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ps5tDzWBaY>

Sen. McCain is a patriot and a man of honor

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



Sen. John McCain is a patriot. Now, as he battles a brutal affliction, he has earned recognition as a man of honor. He has served his country, often at great sacrifice. And even now, he is using his stature to warn this country of a wayward course.

Contrary to Donald Trump, McCain is a true American hero. Shot down over North Vietnam in 1967, he was seriously injured and captured by the North Vietnamese. He was tortured after he refused an offer to be repatriated ahead of other captives who had been held longer. Instead, he stayed with his fellow prisoners for five long, painful years. After he retired from the Navy, McCain was elected first to the U.S. House of Representatives and then to the Senate in 1987.

As a senator, he was a conservative who sought to get things done. He joined Democratic Sen. Russ Feingold of Wisconsin to sponsor campaign finance reform. He pushed for reopening diplomatic relations with Vietnam. He worked with Sen. Ted Kennedy, another Democrat, on comprehensive immigration reform. He gained a reputation as a maverick.

When he won the Republican nomination for president in 2008, he ran a brass-knuckled campaign, even naming Sarah Palin as his running mate. Yet he refused to traffic in hate and lies. He famously defended Barack Obama at one of his rallies when a supporter said, "I can't trust Obama. I have read about him and he's not, he's not ... he's an Arab."

"No ma'am, McCain said, "He's a decent family man, a citizen that I just have dis-

agreements with on fundamental issues." Later, after supporters voiced their surprise, he would not pander, saying: "He is a decent person and a person you do not have to be scared (of) as president. I want everyone to be respectful and let's make sure we are because that's the way politics should be conducted in America."

In recent years, McCain has grown more conservative as the Republican Party has lurched to the right. Yet he has continued to show his independence.

When Trump scorned McCain during the presidential primaries as not being a hero because he had been shot down, McCain did not take the bait. But he also did not sign up for the choir. When Trump's "Access Hollywood" tape came out, McCain withdrew his endorsement, even though he was in the midst of a tough race for re-election.

He stated the simple truth that Trump's "demeaning comments about women and his boasts about sexual assaults" rendered it "impossible to offer even conditional support," and vowed to write in a "good conservative Republican" when he voted.

McCain was recently diagnosed with brain cancer. Since then, he has repeatedly raised his voice to warn Americans against extremism. He voted against the Republican bill to repeal health care reform. As a man of the Senate, he was particularly agitated at the irregular procedures used to try to rush through what would have been a massive change impacting millions. He called for the Senate to return to "regular order."

He voted against the attempt to transform health care with only Republican votes for a bill that most senators had no time to read, with no hearings and no time for a full Congressional Budget Office estimate.

Accepting the 2017 Liberty Medal this month, McCain called for Americans to stay true to the "ideals we have advanced around the globe," and denounced unpatriotic "half-baked, spurious nationalism cooked up by people who would rather find scapegoats than solve problems." He did not name Trump and his political assassin Steve Bannon, but he did not need to.

McCain is not a saint. He knows how to throw a punch. This week, commenting on the Vietnam War, he made a fundamental point while putting the shiv in Trump. "One aspect of the conflict is that I will never, ever countenance is that we drafted the lowest income level of America and the highest income level found a doctor that would say that they had a bone spur," he said. Trump, of course, took five deferments to avoid service in the war, the last of which was for a bone spur.

A staunch conservative, McCain stands against much that I believe is vital to this country. He opposed health care reform and joined in the Senate obstruction of all things Obama. He supports the endless wars without victory in the Middle East, and voted for the invasion of Iraq, surely the worst debacle since Vietnam. He supports tax cuts for the rich and cutting services for the vulnerable. He opposes Medicare for all, tuition-free college, expanding Social Security, lifting the minimum wage and more.

He is a patriot, not a progressive. His stance, however wrong-headed, is held without venom. We can agree to disagree. These disagreements on policy and on principle, however, do not erase the reality that McCain is a man of the Republic, serving it with honor in the winter of his years. He deserves our gratitude and our respect.

NFL must "provide a better platform" on racism and criminal justice reform

By Marc H. Morial
President and CEO National Urban League



"We want to make sure we are understanding what the players are talking about, and that is complex." – National Football League Commissioner Roger Goodell

When San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick last year began kneeling during the National Anthem at the start of games, he explained: "I am not going to stand up to show pride in a flag for a country that oppresses black people and people of color. To me, this is bigger than football and it would be selfish on my part to look the other way. There are bodies in the street and people getting paid leave and getting away with murder."

Only a handful of players had joined his protest by the start of the current season, until President Trump urged the team owners to fire the protesters. At the next game more than 200 players sat, knelt or raised their fists in protest. Owners, coaches and staff joined the players in a demonstration of

solidarity.

As a lifelong football fan and mayor of a city that hosted two Super Bowls during my term, I worked closely with the NFL over the years and I am keenly aware of the untapped capacity of the league to address the systemic racism at the root of this current protest. More than 70 percent of NFL players are black, yet the League has made no comprehensive effort to address the reality of the communities where many of their prime performers are raised and educated. There's precious little examination of the process by which many of these players are forced to overcome the racial and social challenges barriers that stood – and continue to stand – in their way.

The National Urban League has long urged the NFL and the team owners to make a serious effort to address the concerns of men and boys of color.

Following a meeting of NFL owners and players this week, Commissioner Roger Goodell said, "We're not afraid of the tough conversations. That is what we are having with our players. Out of those discussions, they understand that the owners and the NFL really do care about their issues and

what we can do to make their communities better."

San Francisco 49ers safety Eric Reid called the discussion a great starting point, but he would continue to protest "until we get more concrete plans and to where I feel like I don't need to protest anymore because the NFL is providing a better platform."

Many of the players, for their part, are putting their commitment to social justice into action. Kaepernick has fulfilled almost all of a pledge to donate \$1 million from jersey sales to organizations working in oppressed communities. Anquan Boldin, whose own cousin was shot and killed by police, and Malcom Jenkins, whose brother struggled to rebound from a juvenile marijuana conviction, have created a players' coalition of about 40 players who work on criminal justice reform issues.

The League needs to support and encourage this work and expand its scope so that it can, as Reid said, "provide a better platform." The work of individual players – and coalitions of players – is exemplary, but we need a concerted league-wide effort to address issues of racial justice.



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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT

ZONING CASE NO. 3998

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 Curtis Williams has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting an Use Permit to operate a rooming house within a R-4 (Limited Multi-Family) Residential District on property located at 210-12 W. Ash St. in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Lots 15 and 16 Ideal Horne Plot, a subdivision (according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat. Book 3 at Page 30, reference to which to which map or plat is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, November 15, 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 19th day of October 2017.

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

10/26/2017, 11/9/2017

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION

ZONING CASE NO. 3997

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 Kimberly Course has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Special Exception for a residential daycare center within a R-1A (Single-Family) Residential District on property located at 451 McDowell Park Cir. in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

LOT 34, MCDOWELL PARK SUBDIVISION, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 17 at Page 24, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, November 15, 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.

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Zoning Administrator
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING

ZONING CASE NO. 3995

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 Eugene Williams has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from R-1 (Single-Family) Residential to C2 (Limited) Commercial to operate a commercial child care center on the property located at 4630 Terry Rd. in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

The South 120 feet of the West 240 feet of Lot 4 Marshall Subdivision, according to a map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi in Plat Book 4 at page 114.

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, November 15, 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.

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

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR AN
ENTERPRISE RESOURCE PLANNING SOLUTION
BY THE JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
PROJECT 002-18
OCTOBER 25, 2017

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority ("JMAA") requests Proposals ("Proposal") for aN Enterprise Resource Planning Solution ("ERP") to collectively manage Human Capital, Financials, and Enterprise/Capital Assets.

JMAA will receive Proposals at the offices of JMAA, Suite 300, Main Terminal Building, Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39208, until 3:00 p.m. Central Standard Time on November 30, 2017 (the "Deadline").

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

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR
COMMON/SHARED USE PASSENGER PROCESSING SYSTEM
BY THE JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
PROJECT 001-18
October 25,2017

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority ("JMAA") requests Proposals ("Proposal.") from a contractor ("Consultant") to provide equipment, software, technical support, installation, and training services in support of a Common/Shared Use Passenger Processing System ("C/SUPPS") for the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (JMAA).

JMAA will receive Proposals to perform the Services at the offices of JMAA, Suite 300, Main Terminal Building, Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39208, until 3:00 p.m. Central Standard Time on November 28, 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 ("REP") is on file and open for public inspection at the offices of JMAA. The Information for Respondents contains a copy of the RFP, General Information for Respondents, Information Required from Respondents and Criteria for Selection. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the Information for Respondents from JMAA by contacting Mr. Deuntagus Herndon, JMAA's Procurement Specialist, as follows:

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

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

JMAA will hold a Pre-Submission Conference at 10:00 a.m. Central Standard Time on November 6, 2017, in the Community Room, 3rd Floor Me-manine Level, at the Main Terminal Building at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, MS 39208. Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference is highly encouraged for all those interested in submitting Proposals as a Prime Consultant for the Services and persons seeking opportunities to provide work as a Sub-Consultant. The benefits of attendance include networking opportunities between Prime Consultant and Sub-Consultants as well as the opponunity to be on a list of contacts that will be published to interested parties as part of the minutes from the Pre-Submission Conference, and a detailed review of the scope of work. No additional conferences or meetings will be scheduled.

JMAA reserves the right to: reject any and all Proposals, for any reason, any time before execution of a contract with a Respondent selected by JMAA to perform the Services. JMAA has established a DBE participation goal of 25% for the Services solicited by this RFP.

JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION

ZONING CASE NO. 3994

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 Gerald Trudeau has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Special Exception for a private kennel within a R-1A (Single-Family) Residential District on property located at 2943 Barwood Dr. in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Lot 13, Block D, Woodbine Subdivision, a subdivision, lying in and being situated in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, according to the map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, Mississippi, at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 9 at Page 37, reference to which map or plat is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, November 15, 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.

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

10/26/2017, 11/9/2017

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NOTICE TO PETITIONERS AND/OR APPELLANTS REGARDING
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Please look at this Notice or Ordinance and check carefully to see if all of the facts and descriptions are correct. We have prepared this Notice or Ordinance from the information and legal description that was given to us, but it is your responsibility to see that the information given is correct. If a new publication of the Notice or Ordinances has to be made because of an error made in pertinent information, the cost of publication will also be paid by the Petitioner, Appellant, and not by the City. State Statue provides a ten (10) day Appeal Period for Bill of Exceptions or otherwise. The Ordinance does not become final until 30 days passage and after the Petitioner has published same.

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Kristi Moore
CITY CLERK
CITY OF JACKSON, MS

Case No. 3983

Ordinance Granting Olivia Jones a Rezoning from II (Light) Industrial District & R4 (Limited Multi-Family) Residential District to C3 (General) Commercial District to operate a commercial child care facility for property located at 2600-02 Medgar Evers Blvd., Case No. 3983.

Hearing Date: August 23, 2017

10/26/2017

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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
Jackson, Mississippi 39298-8109
Attention: Robin Byrd, Manager, Procurement
Telephone No.: (601) 360-8616
Facsimile No.: (601) 939-3713
E-Mail: rbyrd@jmaa.com

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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Notice of Sale
Abandoned Vehicles

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

2010 PTRB 386 – 1XPHD49XXAD104180
Registered to White’s Trucking LLC
VFS US LLC - Lien Holder

Date of Sale: November 3, 2017

Place of Sale: Archie Towing & Storage & Recovery, 6700 Medgar Evers Blvd., Jackson, MS
Sellers reserve the right to bid on the above property and to reject any and all bids.

Time: 10:00 AM

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VFS US LLC - Lien Holder

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Time: 10:00 AM

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
City of Jackson
Jackson, Mississippi

Sealed, signed bids are invited and will be received by the City of Jackson, Mississippi, until 3:30 P.M. in the City Clerk’s Office of Jackson, the bid must be stamped in by 3:30 P.M. Tuesday, November 21, 2017, at which time said bids will be publicly opened at the City Hall located at 219 South President Street (City Council Chambers) in City Hall for the following:

5021-112117 – Twenty-Four Month Supply of Portland Cement

BIDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT WWW.JACKSONMS.GOV

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

The City of Jackson is committed to the principle of non-discrimination in Public Purchasing. It is the policy of the City of Jackson to promote full and equal business opportunities for all persons doing business with the City. As a pre-condition to selection, each contractor, bidder or offer shall

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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:

Jackson Municipal Airport Authority
100 International Drive, Suite 300 (39208)
Post Office Box 98109
Jackson, Mississippi 39298-8109

Attention: Chad G Parker, Properties Manager
Telephone No.: (601) 939-5631, ext. 516
Facsimile No.: (601) 939-3713
E-Mail: cparker@jmaa.com

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.

JMAA has established a DBE participation goal of 30% for the Services solicited by this RFQ

JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

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Bid 3062 - Food Service Warehouse Food Products
Bids 3063 - Food Service Warehouse Paper & Stock Supplies

Sealed, written formal bid proposals for the above bid will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time) November 14, 2017, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date bids are opened. Proposal forms and detailed specifications may be obtained free of charge by emailing pagreen@jackson.k12.ms.us, calling (601) 960-8799, or documents may be picked up at the above address or downloaded from JPS website at www.jackson.k12.ms.us.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING
ZONING CASE NO. 3996

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 Brookwood Properties, 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 develop upscale storage facility on the property located at Parcels 511-630. 511-630-1 & 511-630-2 on corner of I-55 Frontage Rd. & Chastain Dr., in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Parcel #511-630

Commence at the Southeast corner of the intersection of Edgewood Terrace Drive and East McWillie Circle and run thence South 00°16’00” East for a distance of 939.84 feet along the Eastern line of East McWillie Circle to the Northeast corner of the Intersection of the North line of the dedicated road or street known as Chastain Drive along the South side of that certain property conveyed by W.P. Bridges to the Trustees of Jackson Municipal Separate School District, with the East line of the dedicated road or street known as East McWillie Circle along the East side of said school property, said property having been conveyed by W.P. Bridges to the Trustees of the Jackson Municipal Separate School District by Deed dated December 9, 1953 and recorded in Book 818 at Page 562 thereof, in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, at Jackson, Mississippi, reference to which is hereby made in aid of this description, and said roads having been dedicated by W.P. Bridges by Deed to Hinds County, Mississippi, dated December 9, 1953 and recorded in Book 818 at Page 564 thereof in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, at Jackson, Mississippi, reference to which is hereby made in the aid to this description, and from said intersection, run North 89°42’00” East along the North line of said road or street for a distance of 150 feet to an “X” mark in concrete which marks the POINT OF BEGINNING of the land herein described; thence continue North 89°42’00” East for a distance of 252.96 feet along the Northern line of Chastain Drive to a ferrous metal rod which marks the Western line of Interstate Highway No. 55; thence North 34°51’00” East for a distance of 28.80 feet along the Western line of Interstate Highway No. 55 as described in Deed Book 3180 at Page 607 of the said Chancery Records of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, to a concrete right of way marker; thence North 09°15’00” East for a distance of 180.0 feet along the said Western line of Interstate Highway No. 55 to a concrete right of way marker; thence North 01°50’00” East for a distance of 94.91 feet along said Western line of Interstate Highway No. 55 to a ferrous metal rod; thence leave said Western line and run South 89°42’00” West for a distance of 302.77 feet to an “X” mark in concrete; thence South 00°16’00” East for a distance of 295.90 feet along a line which is parallel to the said East line of East McWillie Circle to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 1.9556 acres, more or less.

Parcel #511-630-1

Commence at the Southeast corner of the intersection of Edgewood Terrace Drive and East McWillie Circle and run thence South 00°16’00” East for a distance of 939.84 feet along the Eastern line of East McWillie Circle to the Northeast corner of the intersection of the North line of the dedicated road or street known as Chastain Drive along the South side of that certain property conveyed by W.P. Bridges to the Trustees of Jackson Municipal Separate School District, with the East line of the dedicated road or street known as East McWillie Circle along the East side of said school property, said property having been conveyed by W.P. Bridges to the Trustees of the Jackson Municipal Separate School District by Deed dated December 9, 1953 and recorded in Book 818 at page 562 thereof, in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, at Jackson, Mississippi, reference to which is hereby made in aid of this description, and said roads having been dedicated by W.P. Bridges by Deed to Hinds County, Mississippi, dated December 9, 1953 and recorded in Book 818 at Page 564 thereof in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, at Jackson, Mississippi, reference to which is hereby made in aid to this description, and from said intersection, run North 89°42’00” East along the North line of said road or street for a distance of 150 feet to a “X” mark in concrete which marks the POINT OF BEGINNING of the land herein described; thence continue North 89°42’00” East for a distance of 252.96 feet along the Northern line of Chastain Drive to a ferrous metal rod which marks the Western line of Interstate Highway No. 55; thence North 34°51’00” East for a distance of 28.80 feet along the Western line of Interstate Highway No. 55 as described in Deed Book 3180 at Page 607 of the said Chancery Records of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, to a concrete right of way marker; thence North 09°15’00” East for a distance of 180.1 feet along the said Western line of Interstate Highway No. 55 to a concrete right of way marker; thence North 01°50’00” East for a distance of 94.91 feet along the said Western line of Interstate Highway No. 55 to a ferrous metal rod; thence leave said Western line and run South 89°42’00” West for a distance of 302.77 feet to an “X” mark in concrete; thence South 00°16’00” East for a distance of 295.90 feet along a line which is parallel to the said East line of East McWillie Circle to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 1.9556 acres, more or less.

Parcel #511-630-2

Commence at the Southeast corner of the intersection of Edgewood Terrace Drive and East McWillie Circle and run thence South 00°16’00” East for a distance of 939.84 feet along the Eastern line of East McWillie Circle to the Northeast corner of the intersection of the North line of the dedicated road or street known as Chastain Drive along the South side of that certain property conveyed by W.P. Bridges to the Trustees of Jackson Municipal Separate School District, with the East line of the dedicated road or street known as McWillie Circle along the East side of said school property, said property having been conveyed by W.P. Bridges to the Trustees of the Jackson Municipal Separate School District by Deed dated December 9, 1953 and recorded in Book 818 at Page 562 thereof, in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, at Jackson, Mississippi, reference to which is hereby made in aid of this description, and said roads having been dedicated by W.P. Bridges by Deed to Hinds County, Mississippi, dated December 9, 1953 and recorded in Book 818 at Page 564 thereof in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, at Jackson, Mississippi, reference to which is hereby made in aid to this description, and from said intersection, run North 89°42’00” East along the North line of said road or street for a distance of 402.96 feet to a ferrous metal rod which marks the Western line of Interstate Highway No. 55 which marks the POINT OF BEGINNING of the land herein described; thence North 34°51’00” East for a distance of 28.80 feet along the Western line of Interstate Highway No. 55 as described in Deed Book 3180 at Page 607 of the said Chancery Records of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, to a concrete right of way marker; thence North 09°15’00” East for a distance of 49.68 feet along the said Western line of Interstate Highway No. 55; thence leave said Western line and run North 48°21’00” West for a distance of 69.36 feet; thence North 64°27’00” West for a distance of 10.32 feet; thence South 72°15’00” West for a distance of 12.0 feet; thence South 26°51’00” West for a distance of 11.76 feet; thence South 04°24’00” East for a distance of 62.88 feet; thence South 23°33’43” East for a distance of 50.75 feet; thence North 89°42’00” East a distance of 28.32 feet, more or less to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 6,700 square feet, more or less..

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, November 15, 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 19th day of October 2017.

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

10/26/2017, 11/9/2017

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI
SIGN VARIANCE FOR CENTER FOR PREGNANCY CHOICES

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 TO CONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS

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

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

3/9/2017 thru 12/28/2017

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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
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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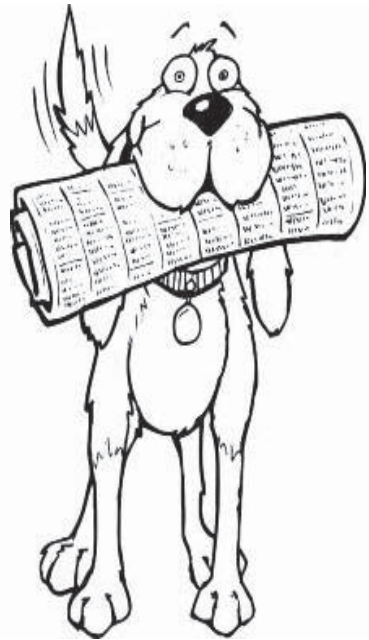
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Puerto Ricans suffer apocalyptic nightmare after hurricanes

By Barrington M. Salmon
NNPA Newswire Contributor

It's been nearly a month since two, historic hurricanes savaged Puerto Rico, and despite the utter devastation left after the storms, the island's 3.4 million residents are still waiting for substantive relief from the federal government.

Help from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has been slowed, because of glaring lapses in coordination, a lack of guidance of medical and other personnel, as well as what critics and Puerto Rican officials have said was an almost total breakdown in distribution and supply chains.

The result has been a yawning gap between the burgeoning humanitarian disaster and the urgent life-and-death needs of the shell-shocked populace.

Nearly 85 percent of the island is still in darkness, because the storms destroyed the electrical grid. Governor Ricardo Rosselló estimates that it will cost about \$5 billion to repair the island's power grid that was decimated by Hurricane Maria. Cellphone service towers across the island are slowly being restored; there is a critical shortage of food, medicine and other basic supplies; meanwhile, more than half of the commonwealth's residents are living without potable water.

The official death toll is 48, but there are reports that the medical examiner's office in San Juan is holding 350 bodies. There are also fears that, as the authorities reach the most remote parts of the island and as water-borne and other diseases take hold, that the death toll will inevitably rise.

Last week, FEMA scrubbed important statistics about the availability of clean drinking water and the paucity of electricity on the island, from its website.

The fierce winds of Hurricanes Irma and Maria left catastrophic damage, tore roofs from buildings, toppled power lines and transformers; stripped trees bare; triggered mudslides and flooding; flattened and demolished trees; and blocked roads. Beleaguered Puerto Ricans can only buy food, supplies and other materials in what is now a mostly cash-only society.

Yet, in the midst of all this need, more than 10,000 shipping containers loaded with food, medicine and other need-



Flooding can be seen from the air as a U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Air and Marine Operations, DHC-8 prepares to land in Aguadilla, Puerto Rico. U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION/WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

ed supplies have sat idle at the Port of San Juan and elsewhere, because of red tape, bureaucratic bungling and logistical logjams.

Aurora Flores, a New York-based activist, painted a harrowing picture that is slowly emerging as information seeps out of the soaked island.

"Oh, my God! I have such a combination of feelings. This is outrageous," said Flores, a noted cultural historian and musician. "This is Trump's Katrina. We're in a dire situation. There is no electricity; people are waiting in line eight, nine hours for gasoline, food and other needs. Right now, we need United States Army trucks and drivers. There's no housing...we need cruise ships to come in."

Flores continued: "We also need to secure the streets. Armed gangs are roaming. This is horrific. We've been shunned, pushed to the side."

Flores said that she had been in contact with family in Puerto Rico, despite the communications difficulties. She assailed the Trump administration for its slow response and castigating Trump for his constant congratulatory comments to first responders, FEMA, and others in his administration.

"He's patting himself on the back. [Trump found time] to put down black athletes over the weekend and not once did he say anything about Puerto Rico," she said. We've been shunned, pushed to side. We don't need any more excuses. Puerto Rico needs help right now. You don't do this to other Americans. We need the federal government to come to the rescue. We need compassion and leadership to come together. We've fought for and bled

for this country. We're part of America."

Critics have chided Trump for ignoring the crisis for the first week after Hurricane Maria slammed into the island. He spent more time tweeting to demand that NFL players kneel for the anthem than expressing any compassion or concern for Puerto Rico's plight. And to add insult to injury, Elaine Duke, acting Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, crowed at the end of the first week that the federal efforts on the island was a "good news" story.

Trump's nonchalance has angered Puerto Ricans and a raft of other critics, including singer Marc Anthony and San Juan Mayor Carmen Yulín Cruz.

"Mr. President, shut the f*** up about the NFL. Do something about our people in need in #PuertoRico. We are American citizens, too," the singer tweeted September 25.

During a recent interview on CNN, Yulín Cruz lambasted attempts by the White House to spin the situation in Puerto Rico as a "good news story."

"When you're drinking from a creek, it's not a 'good news story.' When you don't have food for a baby, it's not a 'good news story,'" she said. "When you have to pull people down from their buildings because—you know, I'm sorry, but that really upsets me and frustrates me."

Yulín Cruz continued: "This is – damn it, this is not a 'good news' story. This is a 'people-are-dying' story. This is a 'life-or-death' story. This is a 'there's-a-truckload-of-stuff-that-cannot-be-taken-to-people' story. This is a story of a devastation that continues to worsen."

IN MEMORIAM

A bright light of the Black Press dims: Bernal Smith II dies at 45

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Contributor

The National Newspaper Publishers Association lost one of its own this week.

Bernal E. Smith II, the president and publisher of the *Tri-State Defender* and a well-known civic leader in Memphis, Tenn., died Sunday.

Smith was 45.

The *Tri-State Defender*, among the longest running African-American newspapers in the country and a member publication of the National Newspaper Publishers Association, noted on its website that Smith was with his family when he was found October 22.

"The *New Tri-State Defender* and its management board was devastated when we learned that Smith had passed," associate publisher Karanja Ajanaku said in a statement along with Calvin Anderson, the president of Best Media Properties, the *Defender's* parent company.

Smith's death caught many of his colleagues off-guard; all of them expressed shock and sympathy for his family.

"I am personally saddened by the death of our comrade and publisher Bernal Smith," said Dorothy Leavell, the publisher of the *Crusader* newspapers in Chicago and the chairman of the NNPA. "He was just elected vice chairman in June and we were looking forward to working closely with him to find solutions for the future of our beloved Black Press."

Smith was a serious and dedicated member of the fourth estate, Leavell added.

"We shall miss him so much," said Leavell.

Benjamin F. Chavis, the president and CEO of the NNPA, said that the entire NNPA family of African-American publishers across the nation deeply mourns Smith's passing.

"As publisher of the *New Tri-State Defender* in Memphis, Smith represented the journalistic genius of a freedom-fighting publisher, who was dedicated to the empowerment of black America," Chavis said. "Long live the spirit of Bernal Smith."

Joy Bramble, publisher of *The Baltimore Times*, said she was simply shocked by the news of Smith's death.

"I was just working with him on some things, I just can't believe it," Bramble said.

Jackie Hampton, publisher of *The Mississippi Link*, said there



Smith

will be a memorial journalism scholarship established by NNPA Region 2 in Smith's name. "Based on his credentials, I predicted that one day this young man would lead our organization and serve as chairman of NNPA," she said. At the time of his death, Smith was serving as 2nd vice chairman of NNPA.

Rosetta Perry, the publisher of the *Tennessee Tribune*, called Smith a true friend and a bright light.

"When I met him, we just clicked and I was comfortable with him, like I had known him my whole life, and I didn't have to pretend to be anyone or anything," Perry said. "That voice that we loved to hear at our meetings and training sessions is now still. Bernal's place at the board of directors' meetings will now be vacant, but he will live forever in our hearts."

Karen Carter Richards, publisher of the *Houston Forward Times* and 1st vice chair of the NNPA, said that she asked Smith to run for 2nd vice chair of the NNPA, this year, because of his vision and talents.

Richards said that she wasn't surprised when he won the election for the post, because of his infectious personality and great abilities.

"I am devastated. Bernal was my friend and he was a visionary, who was smart, energetic, kind and definitely the future of NNPA," Richards said.

Richards continued: "His innovative ideas made us click. At the request of Bernal, I flew to Memphis last year to attend his Best in Black Awards show. He wanted me to recreate the show in Houston and we were going to partner and bring his great awards show to the city of Houston."

Broadcast executive and *Wave* newspaper publisher Pluria Marshall said Smith was one of NNPA's up and coming publishers.

"He was about business," said Marshall. "He added value when he spoke on issues related to NNPA and his recent election to the executive team was a clear sign of his rising star."

Hiram Jackson of Real Times Media, who sold Smith the *New Tri-State Defender*, called Smith's passing a sad day for the future of the Black Press.

"Bernal Smith represented the future of our industry and he was one of the most innovative publishers I knew and I recognized his gifts immediately," Jackson said. "I will miss his friendship and his contagious enthusiasm about black people."

A graduate of Rhodes College, who also earned a master's of business administration from Union University, Smith led a local group that purchased the *Tri-State Defender* from Real Times Media in 2013.

Smith mentored inner-city youth and once served as president of the 100 Black Men of Memphis.

In a joint statement, Denise Rolkar Barnes and D. Kevin McNeir, the publisher and the editor of *The Washington Informer*, respectively, said that Smith was an integral force in the city of Memphis as the publisher of the *Tri-State Defender*, where he made issues of economic parity, social justice and the support and encouragement of the black community his primary concerns.

The statement continued: "Even more, as one of the younger publishers of the NNPA, his enthusiasm and dedication were essential to our overall growth and continued existence. His death leaves a void that will be difficult, if not impossible to fill. But his spirit will live on as will our memories of him – a proud, talented black man who loved his people and his community and who diligently gave his all each and every day on behalf of the Black Press."

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Brandon law enforcement officer assisted federal health response to Hurricanes Irma, Maria

The Mississippi Link Newswire

A law enforcement officer from Brandon, Miss., Debra Bailey, has returned home after assisting the federal medical response to Hurricanes Irma and Maria as part of the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS). Bailey serves as a member of an NDMS Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT).

During the response to Hurricane Maria, NDMS personnel along with U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps (USPHS) officers have provided care to more than 10,900 residents affected by the storm. NDMS members and USPHS officers provided care to more than 2,000 people affected by Hurricane Irma.

“Dedicated members of the NDMS from around the country have been vital to the medical responses to Hurricanes Maria and Irma and providing needed care to those affected by these devastating storms,” NDMS’s Acting Director Ron Miller said. “NDMS’ goal is to provide the best care in the worst of times, and we will be there to serve until states and territories no longer need us.”

The NDMS is a federal program that can support communities with medical care and mortuary assistance during disasters or public health emergencies at the request of states; NDMS is among the resources made available by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR).

HHS personnel deployed to the U.S. Virgins Islands and Puerto Rico are providing life-saving care, helping stabilize health care systems including suppliers and regulated industries in the territories, and restoring services to meet residents’ needs with a focus on services for people with chronic health conditions.

As part of the response to Hurricane Irma, NDMS members operated a mobile



Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response Kadlec discusses response to Hurricane Irma with medical responders.



NDMS responders help residents move into shelter.

medical unit in the Florida Keys, which was hard-hit by the storm, and supported temporary care sites in the state along with U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps officers. In addition, HHS medical teams provided care at a shelter in Puerto Rico and at an overwhelmed hospital emergency department in St. Thomas, and triaged evacuees from multiple islands as they reached Puerto Rico. The teams also embedded with Urban Search and Rescue to find dialysis patients and aided the U.S. Virgin Islands in evacuating these patients to Puerto Rico.

NDMS teams consist of physicians, nurses, veterinary staff, paramedics, fatality management professionals, and experienced command and control staff. When an emergency overwhelms local and state resources, ASPR looks to the expertise within NDMS and USPHS from across the country to assist in the response.

The NDMS comprises approximately 5,000 medical public health, and emergency management professionals, organized into more than 70 response teams. Although they hail from communities nationwide, when deployed they are federal government employees working as part of a coordinated federal response.

ASPR leads the nation in preventing, preparing for, and responding to the adverse health effects of public health emergencies and disasters. It focuses on preparedness planning and response; building federal emergency medical operational capabilities; countermeasures research, advance development, and procurement; and grants to strengthen the capabilities of hospitals and health care systems in public health emergencies and medical disasters.

For more information about federal medical response and NDMS, visit www.phe.gov.

MVSU to raise domestic violence, breast cancer awareness

The Mississippi Link Newswire

STARKVILLE — Few people are aware that October doubles as Breast Cancer Awareness and Domestic Violence Awareness month. Mississippi Valley State University’s Department of Social Work is working to change that by bringing awareness to both causes with two special events.

The Department has teamed up with the MVSU Social Work Club and the Alpha Delta Honor Society to host its 4th annual “Domestic Violence Awareness Walk” and its 3rd annual “Pink Out” event, designed to raise awareness about breast cancer.

The walk is slated from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26. Line-up will begin at 10:45 a.m. in front of the William Sutton Administration Building.

Everyone is encouraged to show their support by wearing purple or blue.

Individuals are asked to sport pink apparel during the “Pink Out” event, which will be hosted from 11 a.m. to noon

Tuesday, Oct. 31, in Room 108 of the William Sutton Administration Building.

Both events are free and open to the general public.

According to MVSU Associate Professor of Social Work Lucille Durham-Lacy, one the events’ organizers, both issues affect the local community and demand attention.

“In the Department of Social Work, one of our goals is to bring awareness to pertinent social issues,” she said. “Normally, individuals only think about breast cancer awareness during the month of October, but domestic violence is also an issue that impacts in our community and across the globe.”

Both events will be used as a platform to educate the public, Durham-Lacy said.

A brief program will be held prior to the Domestic Violence Awareness Walk that will feature three survivors.

The “Pink Out” event will be highlighted by a keynote address from breast cancer survivor Sherri Felder-Reeves of Lexington, Miss.

In addition to bringing awareness, the event will also inform individuals about the warning signs of breast cancer and prevention.

Also a breast cancer survivor, Durham-Lacy knows first-hand that the information shared could be life-saving.

“Our goal is to make everyone aware that breast cancer is out there and it not only affects females but males as well,” she said. “You can never bring enough awareness to this issue. Breast cancer is something that can impact every single person on this earth at any moment.”

While the events are just one day, Durham-Lacy hopes it will ignite a dialogue that will prompt awareness year-round.

“Our hope is that through these events we can educate individuals and motivate them to bring awareness the remaining 364 days of the year,” she said.

For questions or more information, contact organizers Durham-Lacy at (662) 254-3372; Latosha Ceasar at (662) 254-3055; or Chetara Epps (662) 254-3054.

Mass casualty exercise tests UMMC emergency, med-com readiness

UMMC Division of Public Affairs

Saturday morning at 7, an ambulance service supervisor made a call to Med-Com, the University of Mississippi Medical Center’s statewide emergency response communications center.

“We’ve responded to a very large accident at the Madison exit,” the supervisor said. “There are a lot of injuries. We don’t know a lot yet, but we’ve got two units en route, along with myself. I’ll give you a call as soon as I know more.”

When an 18-wheeler on I-55 rumbled over the median and struck a charter bus, it started a chain of communication and action, from the ambulance supervisor’s first call to MED-COM to assigning what Jackson-area hospital would care for each of the 50 injured, to giving treatment, be it for trauma or a skinned knee.

That frightening scenario wasn’t real, and the “supervisor” who made that first call to MED-COM was actually Jason Smith, manager of emergency services at UMMC’s Center for Emergency Services. But the process that should kick in when patients from a mass casualty event arrive at the state’s only Level I trauma center is the real thing – and one that UMMC front-line staff and administrators gave a critical eye during a mass casualty drill.

Operation Wheels on the Bus, the scenario played out by the Center for Emergency Services and other Medical Center administrators and Emergency Department leaders, tested the abilities of a pared-down weekend crew to think on their feet amid crisis and chaos, and to juggle limitations in available staffing, equipment and other resources.

UMMC, at any given time, is staffed with trauma surgeons and nurses to handle injuries and mass casualties, be it a barroom shooting that send a half-dozen patrons to the ER, or something much more unthinkable.

Several years ago, the Medical Center added four trauma bays that can double, if needed, as operating rooms. The adult Emergency Department has 51 beds, including trauma, Rapid Track, observation and psychiatric. The pediatric Emergency Department has 23 beds.

The Medical Center has 15 standard operating rooms and nine pediatric ORs, and the School of Medicine’s simulation operating room is equipped for actual surgery in an emergency.

The Conerly Critical Care Tower’s four floors can accommodate 80 patients; the neonatal intensive care unit, 102 patients. Generally, the ICU floors stay near capacity, as does the NICU. That means that in the event of a mass casualty, some ICU patients would be reassessed to determine if they could be moved to make room for others.

The four-hour exercise began at 8 a.m. and followed 25 patients – on paper, not in the flesh – as they flowed into the adult and pediatric emergency departments. A group of about a dozen emergency medicine leaders picked up the drill once Smith made his initial phone call to MED-COM’s team of communication specialist dispatchers.

MED-COM issued the Medical Center’s Code Green, which means UMMC has activated its emergency operations plan, via overhead speakers throughout the hospital areas.

Almost immediately, dispatchers led by supervisor Jean Dobbs began calling area hospi-



Maranda Guess, a nurse in the pediatric Emergency Department, makes notes on incoming “patients” as part of the Medical Center’s mass casualty drill.

tals, explaining that an exercise was being conducted, and that MED-COM needed an immediate count on the available beds at each facility. That helps the Medical Center manage patients toward the level of care needed, leaving beds at UMMC for those most critically injured.

“It’s just a drill. It’s just a drill,” Candice Talley, a MED-COM communications specialist and paramedic, told a nurse from the adult hospital who called to ask what a Code Green is.

In the adult and pediatric emergency departments, clinical leaders huddled with staff and asked the same questions: Where will you put incoming patients? What’s your staffing? What resources do you lack? How will you get the people, supplies and equipment that you need, and who would make those decisions?

How many operating rooms are available, and are there enough surgeons to staff them all? Who keeps up with what patient is going to which operating room?

As the virtual patients arrived, the leaders including Dr. John McCarter, associate professor of emergency medicine, handed staff slips of paper with a description of what ended up being 25 adult and child patients and their injuries: A 47-year-old man, abdominal pain and open left leg fracture. A 40-year-old female, objects stuck in her pelvis, controlled bleeding but weak pulse. A 10-year-old boy with multiple lacerations.

The patients continued to pour in as Rebecca Benson, an Emergency Department nurse manager, ticked off their information. “So, how does this change the game for you?” Jason Zimmerman, director of nursing adult services, asked Brad Harris, an adult ED shift supervisor who was serving as charge nurse.

On a Saturday morning, Harris said, the ED would typically have 12 nurses on hand. With the influx of patients the bus accident would bring, he said, “we’re pretty tapped out from a nursing perspective.”

Would you call in nurses not on shift? Borrow them from the ICU? From patient floors? How many respiratory therapists are on duty on a weekend morning? How many vents are in the ED, and where can staff get more?

“You have four more patients coming in,” Benson told Harris. He assigns each a trauma room or ED room, based on the injuries listed on the slips of paper. And what happens, Benson said, when you are full and can’t take any more patients?

Dr. James Kolb and Dr. Loretta Jackson-Williams, both professors of emergency medicine,

and a group of six emergency medicine residents including Dr. Brandon Myers, enter the mix. “This one, this one, this one ... they’re fine,” Kolb said as he assessed the patients on paper. “This one will need to go to the OR. I’d need to call (Dr.) Alan (Jones, professor and chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine) to activate our physicians.”

“That’s an OR,” Jackson-Williams said of the paper patients. “That’s another OR.”

Then, a new wrinkle: “You’ve got four more coming in covered with diesel fuel. What do you do?” Benson asked.

“We don’t want to get diesel fuel all over the staff,” Myers said. “We have to get them cleaned up somewhat.”

“You have nine nurses tied up with patients,” Zimmerman said. “How are we going to get these four new patients decontaminated?”

Smith brought up two key points: Employees not trained in decontamination could take much longer to do the work. And, he said, saving a patient’s life comes first, even if decontamination has to wait.

At about 10 a.m., Smith and leaders from administration and hospital departments gathered to debrief each other on what went well, and what didn’t.

Areas for improvement: No one in the exercise brought up the need to call UMMC’s blood bank, despite 15 patients who needed multiple blood products. The pediatric ED wasn’t included in the initial disaster activation, and it needs a better way to alert physicians in the event of a disaster or mass casualty, said Dr. Benji Dillard, professor and chief of pediatric emergency medicine.

And, a lot of people at the Medical Center have no idea what a Code Green is. “MED-COM got about 30 calls, asking what should we do for a Code Green,” Houck said.

Perhaps one of the biggest positives from the drill was brainstorming on good ideas for the future: Give charge nurses a list of actions they should take until administrators arrive to take care of logistics. Have staff wear color-coded vests – red for physicians, blue for nurses – so that everyone knows each other’s roles and who’s in charge.

“If you’re looking at the Las Vegas shooting, you know that you need to have an incident command system. You have to have a visible way for people to know who each other are,” Smith said.

“We must know our potential,” Zimmerman said. “We have to proactively rearrange the chairs on the deck.”

FILM REVIEW: “NOVITIATE” ASPIRING NUN STRUGGLES WITH VOWS IN COMING-OF-AGE DRAMA

By Kam Williams
Columnist

Cathleen Harris (Margaret Qualley) was being raised in rural Tennessee in the fifties when she started exhibiting an interest in God at an early age. That fixation was a little disconcerting to her single mom (Julianne Nicholson), an avowed atheist.

With Cathleen’s absentee father (Chris Zylka) rarely around, she only had the Catholic school her daughter attended to blame for cultivating the obsessive in-

terest in religion. By the time she was a teenager, her faith had grown so strong that she wanted to become a nun. And, over her mother’s objections, she followed the calling and entered the convent at 15.

She donned a habit, placed the honorific “Sister” in front of Cathleen and dropped her surname entirely. But it would still take years of training before she would be allowed to take her final vows. First, she had to prove herself worthy during her postulance, the tough pro-

bationary period testing a novice’s commitment to silence, poverty, obedience and chastity.

At least Cathleen wasn’t alone at the convent. She befriended a number of equally-pious females there who were also contemplating ascetic lives as wives of Christ. However, the whole lot of them were always at the beck and call of Reverend Mother (Melissa Leo), a sadistic taskmaster who delighted in torturing them, as if that were the best way of weeding out the uncertain.

That is the point of departure of Novitiate, an introspective coming-of-age drama written and directed by Margaret Betts (The Carrier).

The compelling character portrait borders on the claustrophobic in its effort to plumb the depths of Cathleen’s tortured soul as she debates whether or not she’s meant to enter the order.

The picture’s plot thickens in the mid-sixties after Pope John XXIII issues a series of 16 historic proclamations. Besides calling for Sunday mass

to henceforth be said in native languages in instead of Latin, he lowered the standing of sisters to that of any lay believer.

Stripped of their status, 90,000 nuns soon renounced their vows and returned to private life. But what effect would this have on someone just embarking on her career, like Cathleen?

Reminiscent in different ways of Doubt (2008), The Exorcist (1973), The Passion of the Christ (2004) and Paradise: Faith (2012), Novitiate

is nevertheless a novel adventure offering a plausible look at the internal angst of a female weighing whether or not she’s meant to be a nun; sisterhood as a divinely inspired, yet very intimate and solitary path!

Very Good (3 stars)
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BOOK REVIEW: “CROWN: AN ODE TO THE FRESH CUT”

BY DERRICK BARNES,
ILLUSTRATED BY GORDON C. JAMES
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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

“Lookin’ great, man!”
Those three words can make you feel ten feet tall. You want to strut when someone says you’re fly because it’s true. You are, and in “Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut” by Derrick Barnes, illustrated by Gordon C. James, you’ll see it happen.

When you walked in the door of the barber shop, you were just a kid with raggedy hair, “a lump of clay... a slab of marble,” like in an art studio, ready to be molded into someone new and fresh.

You’ll barely remember all that, though, once you sit down in the chair and before you’re covered with a cape like a superhero.

What are you gonna have? Short, “locs,” waves, bald, a fade, what’ll it be? Whatever it is, it’s going to change your life. You might do better in school with all that confidence. You might be a star. For sure, the girls are going to love the way you look because “it frames your swagger.”

The guy on one side of you has a “faux-hawk,” and he’s checking his phone. Maybe he’s

the owner of a business or somebody influential.

Guy on the other side looks “majestic.” He’s tall and proud with a big smile on his face. Nobody would mess with him. “That’s how important he looks.”

“Dude” across the room is looking at himself in a mirror, admiring what’s been done to the side of his head. He looks important, too. So does the guy with the cornrows, the man with locs, and the woman who’s just in for a quick trim. There are times when “that’s all you ever

need.”

And then your time in the chair is done. A little sting of finishing product and you look great. You feel even better, like when you ace a test or your mother calls you “beautiful” because you are, to her. The cape is whisked off. You pay the man because “It was worth it. It always is” when you become your best.

As a parent or grandparent, there’s a good chance that you’ve noticed how many books about hair are for African American women or girls.

Not this time. “Crown: An



Ode to the Fresh Cut” is absolutely for boys and young men.

Not quite with a poem, not quite with a story, author Derrick Barnes gives voice to the mythology that’s wrapped around the black barber shop. It’s a sort of secret club, in this fictional boy’s mind, and he can’t help but see every detail as he savors it. That makes a great story but really, the tale here would the

lesser without artwork from Gordon James; I read this book three times, in quick succession, just so I could appreciate its pictures again and again.

Perfect for boys ages 7 to 12, this is also sharable with any man who loves his trip to the barber. It’s inspiring, a little nostalgic, and fun to read – and for that, “Crown” is a book you should be looking for.

Cryptogram

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

Hint: Quote by Andrew Jackson

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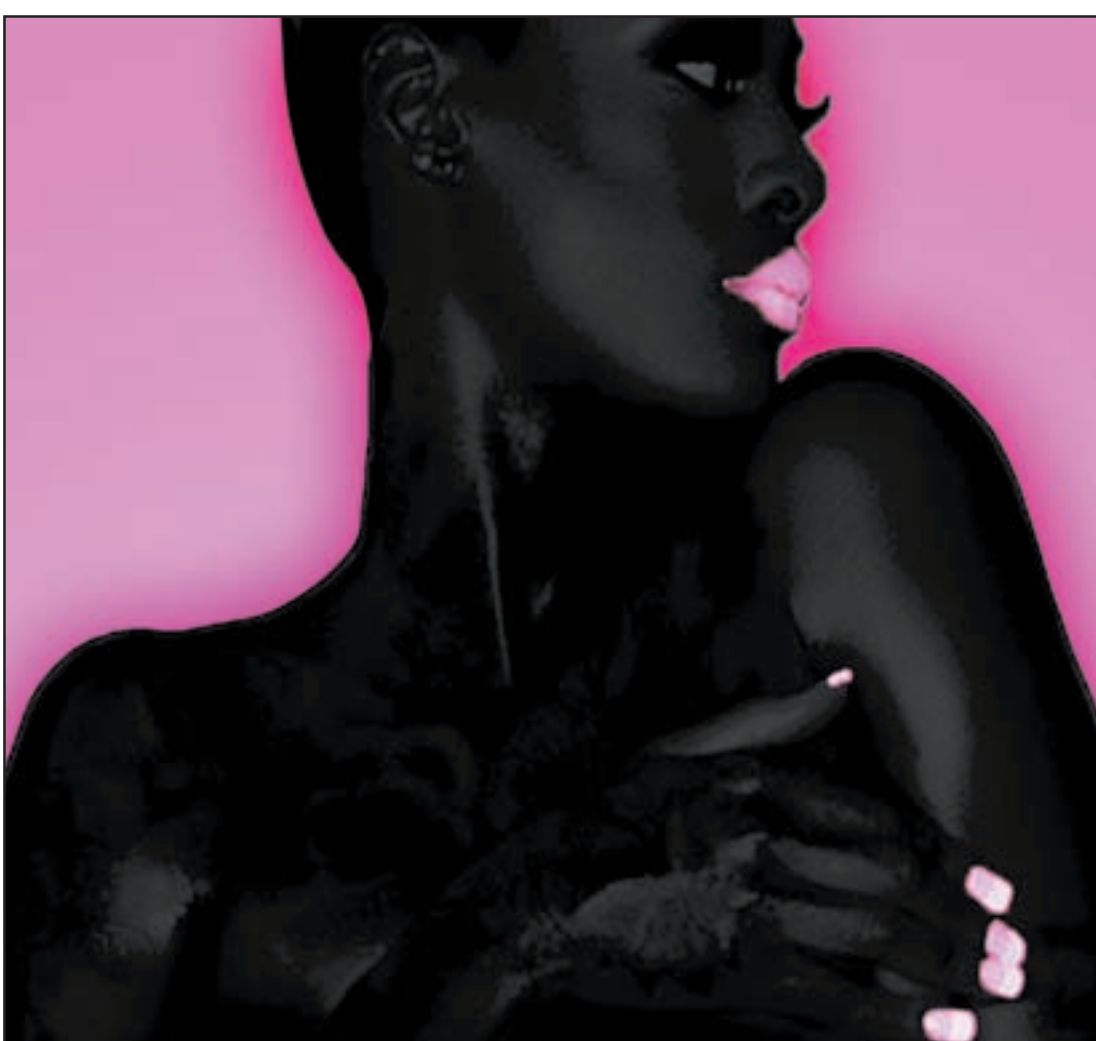
Sudoku

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

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(For puzzle answer keys, see page 15)



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Sharon Sims
Network Analyst

The Mississippi Link is a very important publication which links Mississippi to the world. It's print and online editions are packed with extremely valuable news and informational content that helps readers to form and shape important decisions and opinions. In my opinion, The Mississippi Link ranks at the top as one of the leading African-Americans newspapers of our nation. In this day and time of the onslaught of social media and its often negative impact on the survival of print newspapers (dailies and weeklies), I am proud and grateful that The Mississippi Link is still doing what it does best: being the "Keepers of the Knowledge For People That Speak The Truth Since 1993." One of the proudest moments and most valuable learning experiences of my communication career happened while serving as editor of The Mississippi Link.

Gail Brown
Former Editor

"I enjoy going to Piccadilly in the Jackson Medical Mall, once a week for lunch with some very close friends. One of the highlights of going to this location is because I get my weekly copy of The Mississippi Link Newspaper. To read positive stories about African Americans brings me joy. Thank you Mississippi Link for being a voice in our community."

Naomi Smith
Retired Educator

"I'm a truck driver, I'm always on the road. I've seen the country and when I tell people that I'm from Mississippi they laugh. They laugh because of what they've been taught, what they've heard or read about Mississippi. I use your newspaper to share what is really happening in Mississippi. Thank you Mississippi Link for helping me educate others about our great state."

Christ Pitchford
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Tabatha Smith
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James Taylor
Web Designer

"There are times when I pick up the MS Link and begin to read it and I'm just amazed at how well the articles are written. I just recently read about College Hill Baptist Church pastor's anniversary it was awesome. It was if I was right in the midst of the service. I appreciate reading all the articles and commend you for publishing your weekly paper to our community. May God continue to bless your business. Thank you."

Annie Colbert Course

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Deja Abdul-haqq
Former Editor

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