

Hinds County DA Robert Smith prepares for trial in Rankin County

By Othor Cain
Editor

Hinds County District Attorney Robert Shuler Smith appeared in a Rankin County court room Monday, before Judge John Emfinger, prepared to fight.

For most people, preparing for and going through one trial would

be enough to say, “I’m done... this is too much.” Not Smith. For most people going through one trial would be enough to say, “you can have what you want...whatever you want me to do, I will do it.” Not Smith. This is the third trial for Smith where the state will attempt to convict him on felony

charges, though the charges this time around are completely different.

Smith is determined by any means necessary, to clear his name and continue working for the people of Hinds County. “The citizens of Hinds County voted for me and I am determined to

set an example and not let them down,” Smith said. “You have to stand up for your rights and not just let them walk over you.”

Smith embodies the very definition of Job 13:15, “Though he slay me, yet will I trust him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him.” “My faith is strong

and when you know you’ve not done anything wrong, you have to depend on a higher power,” Smith told me during his last trial.

Smith has pulled together a team of attorneys to address the latest charges in Rankin County.

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Fats Domino, rock ‘n’ roll pioneer, dead at 89



Domino

By Stacy Brown
The Washington Informer/NNPA Member

Fats Domino, the rock pioneer who inspired Elvis Presley, the Beatles and countless other superstars, died Wednesday at his home in Harvey, Louisiana. He was 89.

Mark Bone, chief investigator for the Jefferson Parish coroner’s office, told NPR that Domino died of natural causes.

Born Antoine Domino, the “Architect of Rock ‘n’ Roll” enjoyed a career spanning five decades that included more than 25 gold singles and 65 million records sold. His massive vault of hits includes “Blueberry Hill,” “I’m Walking,” “Ain’t That a Shame” and “I’m Walking to New Orleans.”

His unique playing style and unmistakable voice helped Domino to produce the first rock ‘n’ roll record to ever sell more than 1 million copies with the 1949 hit “The Fat Man,” a song he both produced and co-wrote.

Billy Diamond, his road manager, referred to him as “Fats” because the name was a symbol of importance, according to Domino’s website.

In 1986, Domino received the Grammy Life-

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A radical mayor and a conservative governor team up to help JPS



By Othor Cain
Editor

In what one would normally call a “strange or unusual partnership,” Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant and Jackson Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba are on one accord when it comes to providing help for the more than 27,000 students in the Jackson Public Schools District.

Last week both the mayor and governor announced a third innovative state and city collaboration option, as a response to the Mississippi Department of Education’s declaration that a state of emergency existed within JPS and a need for a state takeover was in order.

Lumumba standing on the steps of City Hall and Bryant via a press re-

lease announced the Better Together initiative. This initiative will bring together education experts both in and out of state, JPS parents, community members, the Education Commission of the States, the Kellogg Foundation and the Mississippi Economic Council to craft a plan for revitalizing JPS. “This isn’t an option to save JPS, but rather an opportunity to work with JPS for improvement,” Lumumba said.

JPS will maintain local control, but during this process, a request for proposal will be offered for an expert to do a full analysis of the district. As part of this collaboration, all current board of trustee members for JPS resigned their positions. “We’ve accepted their resignations not as an



Lumumba

indictment on anyone, but as a step towards pushing this initiative forward,” Lumumba said.

One board member who has served less than three months could possibly be reappointed. “We are weighing all of our options and we are not afraid to make the tough decisions,” Lumumba said.

The Kellogg Foundation is one of

the driving forces behind this new collaboration. Rhea Williams-Bishop is the executive director for the states of Mississippi and Louisiana. “We had been working on a similar initiative with JPS and we are excited to get behind this movement,” she said. “It is paramount to us that we have a

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

THE NINE IRON GOLF CLUB



The Nine Iron Golf Club a staple in Jackson, Mississippi recently held its annual tournament and donated some of the proceeds to the Susan B. Komen Cancer Foundation. See story on Page 3 and more pictures on Page 4. PHOTO BY KEVIN BRADLEY

Judges Westbrook, Owens and Wise honored as trailblazers

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Court of Appeals Judge Latrice Westbrook and Hinds County Chancellors Denise Owens and Patricia Wise were among women lawyers honored as Legal Trailblazers by the Metro Jackson Black Women Lawyers Association on Oct. 19.

Also honored as trailblazers at the Little Black Dress Soiree were Mississippi College School of Law Interim Dean Patricia Bennett, MCSOL Professor Angela Mae Kupa, Rep. Debra Gibbs, Mississippi Department of Corrections Commissioner Pelicia Hall, Clarksdale City Attorney Margarette Meeks and attorneys Amanda Green Alexander, Carshena Bailey and Constance Slaughter-Harvey.

Bennett is president-elect of the Mississippi Bar. She will be the first African-American woman to lead the state bar. Her term of office will begin in July 2018. Hall is the first woman to head the Department of Corrections. Slaughter-Harvey was the first African-American woman graduate of the University of Mississippi School of Law.

Wise said, "There are many black lawyers who were leaders and we are the beneficiaries of that." She recalled women such as the late Nausead Stewart and Lynda C. Robinson. "They were trailblazers," she said.

Wise said there were few job opportunities for early African-American women lawyers. She noted that Owens began her legal career at Legal Services. Wise started out in private practice, but also worked one day a week for Legal Services.

Owens and Wise became the first African-American female chancellors



Left to right, Judges Denise Owens, Latrice Westbrook and Patricia Wise were honored as Legal Trailblazers by the Metro Jackson Black Women Lawyers Association Oct. 19.

in the state when they were elected to the Hinds Chancery bench in 1989. Westbrook became the first African-American woman assistant district attorney in the Second Circuit Court District in October 1997. Westbrook is the third African-American woman to serve on the Mississippi Court of Appeals.

Owens was the 2016 recipient of the Susie Blue Buchanan Award presented by the Mississippi Bar's Women in the Profession Committee. She has been a leader on the bench. She served as secretary, vice-chair and chair of the Conference of Chancery Judges. She served for 10 years as co-chair of the Access to Justice Commission. She has worked with the National Association of Women Judges to present The Color of Justice, an annual program which introduces young female middle

school students to careers as lawyers and judges. She serves as pre-law program adviser and adjunct professor at Tougaloo College. She helped organize the Black Law Student Association and annual mock trial competitions for the Magnolia Bar Association. She has taught paralegal technology for many years at Hinds Community College. She served on the Task Force on Gender Fairness and the Gender Fairness Advisory Study Committee.

Owens is a graduate of Tougaloo College and George Washington University Law School. She worked for two years as a law clerk at a Washington, D.C., legal services elderly law clinic. Her first job after she was admitted to the bar in 1979 was as a staff attorney for the former Central Mississippi Legal Services in Jackson.

Wise is former chair of the Com-

mission on Judicial Performance, and served on the Bar Complaint Tribunal. She was the first female president of the Magnolia Bar Association. She served as state coordinator and district director of the National Association of Women Judges. She has taught at numerous seminars, including programs of the Mississippi Judicial College and the National Judicial College. She teaches torts and family law at Hinds Community College and Mississippi College.

Wise is a life member of the NAACP. She is a charter board member of Ole Miss Women's Council for Philanthropy. She was the 1990 recipient of the University of Mississippi NOW award for outstanding leadership. She was the first recipient of the Black Women's Political Action Forum Brown-Hall-Young Achievement Award for outstanding contributions to the legal profession. She served as a board member of the Mississippi Chapter of the American Heart Association, the Middle Mississippi Girl Scout Council, the Metro Jackson Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Jackson and Youth Leadership Jackson. She is a member of the LeFleur's Bluff Chapter of the Links, Inc. She served as PTA president for Powell Junior High School and Callaway High School and was president of the Callaway Band Booster Club. She served as co-chair of the One to One Jackson Mentoring Partnership Program for youth. She is a former president of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Wise received a Bachelor of Science in special education, a Masters Degree in communicative disorders and her Juris Doctorate, all from the Univer-

sity of Mississippi.

Westbrook was elected to the Court of Appeals in November 2016 and took office in January 2017. She previously served as Lexington municipal judge, public defender in Holmes County, prosecutor for the city of Durant and as Isola city attorney. She was interim communications director for former Jackson Mayor Chokwe Lumumba and legal counsel for the Jackson Police Department.

The Mississippi Women Lawyers Association named her Outstanding Woman Lawyer of 2017. She was the 2016 recipient of the NAACP Delores Orey Lifetime Service Award.

Westbrook earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Austin Peay State University in Clarksdale, Tenn., and earned a law degree from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. After working as an assistant district attorney on the Gulf Coast, she joined the Jackson firm of Byrd and Associates in 2000, then opened her own law practice in 2001.

She has worked with the Magnolia Bar Association, One Voice, the NAACP, the Mississippi Center for Justice, the Southern Poverty Law Center's Mississippi Youth Justice Project and the ACLU. She served as a southeast regional and central director of the Magnolia Bar Association. She previously chaired the Criminal Justice Committee for the State Conference of the NAACP. She is a life member of the NAACP, past board member of Leadership Greater Jackson Alumnae, past board member of the I.S. Sanders YMCA and past board member of the National African American Student Leadership Conference.

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community buy in and that we are goal specific and outcome driven.”

The state report card, while giving JPS an overall failing grade, found some schools to be among the best in the state. JPS’s Davis Magnet Elementary School was rated No. 1 of all the elementary and middle public schools statewide. Baker Elementary also rated an A. Of the seven elementary schools rated F, most have been highly rated in the past.

Middle and high schools are another matter. With the exception of A- or B-rated Bailey APAC, Northwest Middle School and Power APAC, all other middle schools received a D or F rating. And every high school received a D or F.

During a special council meeting this week, where the council approved a memorandum of understanding between all parties involved with this collaboration, Lumumba stressed the importance of not com-

ing across as if the city had all of the answers. “We want to be very clear that this is only phase one and we don’t know everything, we are not the experts,” he said. “In order for this to work we need all hands on deck.”

A 15 member project commission is expected to be named this week and Lumumba expects to name at least four school board members next week.



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He’s being charged with one count each of aggravated stalking and robbery and two counts of domestic violence. The new dream team includes three solo practitioners, all of whom believe in Smith and are determined to not let the district attorney of the largest county in Mississippi be treated like a criminal. Leading Smith’s defense are Vicki Gilliam, Nick Crawford and Yemi Kings.

Monday was the first round of victory for Smith in this latest case as the judge granted a continuance and reset the trial date to Jan. 29.

Emfinger told both the defense and the prosecution to work on and clean up their cases. The judge also expressed concern as to the number of motions filed recently in this case. “I am concerned about the unusually high number of motions that were filed just last week in this case and I’m concerned about my docket,” Emfinger said during his deliberations.

The judge admonished both sides to give each other what is needed including, a list

of witnesses, discovery evidence and the proper paperwork.

Emfinger also shared with the defense and the prosecution that he would not hear the same motions in January and that he would not allow a back and forth type argument between them. “When this case begins in January you will argue with me and not each other, I don’t intend to allow that in my courtroom,” said Emfinger from a very stern and intentional place.

By resetting this case, it gives Smith’s defense team more time to gather information as they are relatively new to the case and have run into a few stumbling blocks. “We’ve done what we could in the short amount of time for our client,” Gilliam told the judge.” “We don’t want to be ineffective.”

Gilliam maintains that certain aspects of this case weren’t handled properly nor in the best interest of her client. Smith’s former lead defense attorney John Reeves appeared in court Monday only to be officially dismissed.

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time Achievement Award and was later inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. On November 5, 1998, at the White House, he was awarded the National Medal of Arts from then President Bill Clinton.

By their own admission, Domino’s influence played heavily in the careers of Presley and the Beatles. Domino reportedly was held in such high esteem that Presley refused to answer to his popular moniker, “The King of Rock ‘n’ Roll,” when Domino was present.

As in a 2004 interview with AXS, Domino recounted the first time he met Presley.

“I was playing at the Flamingo Hotel [in Las Vegas] and I went to his room and played for him. He used to call me ‘Mr. Blueberry Hill,’” Domino said. “I remember him telling me, ‘You know, Fats, I’m opening up tomorrow but when I first came here I flopped.’ I guess the first time he didn’t do good at all, but after he got back there it was all good because I was working

there too, and every night it was sold out.”

In 1969, Presley returned to live performances after joining the military and when a reporter referred to him as the “King of Rock ‘n’ Roll” during a press conference, Presley pointed to Domino, who was in the room, noting that Domino was “one of my influences from way back.”

Domino’s influence on the Beatles was noted when Paul McCartney wrote “Blue Monday,” a 1958 hit in which he credited the New Orleans native.

Domino was married to Rosemary Hall for 60 years and the two had eight children.

“Fats Domino, another gift from New Orleans,” Rev. Jesse Jackson tweeted in tribute to Domino. “An entertainer and caring man, he gave us many thrills on the ride to freedom.”

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Nine Iron Golf Club continues its tradition of giving back

By Othor Cain

Editor

The Nine Iron Golf Club is the oldest black Golf Club in the State of Mississippi and the first to gain membership in the Mississippi Golf Association. The club is comprised of members representing every walk of life including: doctors, teachers, business owners, industry workers and retirees.

For 56 years this group has hosted an annual golf tournament and last year dedicated the tournament in honor of one of its long serving members that died. The tournament was named in honor of Willie Louis Richardson who passed away in Feb. 2016.

This year club members decided to increase its level of giving and awarded two non-profit groups and one individual with a \$1,000 donation each. “This is what we’ve always done and continue to do in our community,” said Larry Allen, president of the Nine Iron Golf Club. “If we don’t lead by example, then who will?”

The tournament is held annually in May at the Sonny Guy Municipal Golf Course in Jackson. Members gathered early Sunday morning to make a check presentation to the Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. “We are grateful for this donation and it will help us continue our mission of providing mammograms to all women in Central Mississippi,” said Catherine Young, executive director of Central Mississippi

affiliate of Susan B. Komen. “It will also help us continue fighting trying to reduce the disproportionate number of African American women that are stricken with breast cancer.” The club also made donations to the Sickle Cell Foundation and Michael James, a sickle cell patient.

Marshall Webber, vice president and tournament director, said, “we are proud to be connected to the Southern Association of Amateur Golfers (SAAG). SAGG is comprised of 14 clubs from southern states including Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida and Louisiana.

According to the website of Nine Iron, the club’s mission is to promote an interest in golf, mutual enjoyment, sportsmanship among its members and to be a positive force in the community.

That positive force does more than shine during tournament time. When talks in the community began to surface about the potential closing of the Grove Park Golf Course, members of the Nine Iron became a voice for the community. “This is our mantra,” Webber said. “The Nine Iron Golf Club: Character, Commitment and Community. It’s not all about golf; its about building strong character and a better community.”

The Nine Iron Golf Club instills in its members not only the challenge to win, but also the humbleness of losing. We build character and impart patience, a commitment to fair play, honesty and concern for others.



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A call to serve

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When Davis Magnet Elementary School sent out a request to the Jackson community for assistance with the School Reading Fair, Mary Church Terrell Literary Club immediately responded to the opportunity to participate. Club President Delores Hopkins, said this is one of the many types of service projects that falls within the scope of the mission of Mary Church Terrell Literary Club. Several members of the organization assisted the school activity as judges for the Reading Fair.



Picture from left to right: Alberta Smith, Kacy Helling - Davis Elementary School librarian, Delores Hopkins, Jacquelyn Staffney and Chris T. Watkins

WellsFest donates record \$70,000 to Methodist Children's Homes

The Mississippi Link Newswire

What happens to foster children when they turn 18 and are no longer eligible for foster care?

Without on-going support, many become homeless and hungry, easy targets for criminals and sexual predators. But thanks to funding from WellsFest 2017, Methodist Children's Homes of Mississippi (MCH) will provide those high-risk youngsters with shelter, food and guidance into adulthood.

Festival organizers from Wells Memorial United Methodist Church presented MCH leaders a check for a festival record of \$70,000 October 29 at the church located at 2019 Bailey Avenue in Jackson. The church raised the money at WellsFest events in September. The amount was the greatest raised in the 34-year history of WellsFest.

Each year since 1984, the church has donated all net revenue from WellsFest to a non-profit social service organization competitively chosen as that year's beneficiary.

Methodist Children's Homes will use the money to renovate ten



WellsFest 2017 chairwoman Brenda Ferguson (center) presented a check for a record \$70,000 to leaders of Methodist Children's Homes of Mississippi (MCH) at Wells Memorial United Methodist Church in Jackson October 29. Left is Devon Loggins, MCH president and CEO; right is Samantha Kalahar, MCH development director.

apartments on its Jackson campus for youngsters who no longer have foster homes because they "aged out" of eligibility on their eighteenth birthday.

MCH provides therapeutic residential services for children who have no parents or who the state

has removed from parents unable to care for them.

MCH also helps place clients in foster homes and adoptive homes. Licensed therapists and social workers at MCH provide residential and off-campus clients with counseling and other support.

Parents' Night Out hosted by 100 Black Men of Jackson, Inc.



Mississippi Link Newswire

The 100 Black Men of Jackson, Inc. hosted its first quarterly 'Mentee Parent Night' last Tuesday at The Village in Jackson. The organization currently mentors young black male students within nine Jackson Public Schools, from elementary to high school.

Newly elected President Harvey Johnson Jr. envisions a relationship between parents, mentors and school partners in order to see success. The night consisted of updates on future activities (MS Civil Rights Museum opening, JSU basketball games and ACT prep classes), a call to action for consistent parent involvement, star mentee awards and door prizes for parents.

The group strives to cultivate a family friendly environment, so dinner was served to parents, mentees and family members. There was also a "Meet the Mentor" part of the program. Parents were given the opportunity to meet, mingle and ask questions of mentors who see students on a weekly basis.

Sgt. Kenny Bryant from the Hinds County Sheriff's Department also addressed mentees and parents on how to handle bullying in schools and neighborhoods.



The mentees of The 100 Black Men of Jackson, Inc. finished the first nine-week

term with a cumulative grade average of 81 percent. Mentors encouraged students to

aim for 85 percent or higher next term.

Overall, there were about 70

people in attendance.

Founder and past President LeRoy G. Walker Jr. stated,

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Kenya Martin, attorney and pastor of Greater New Hamilton Grove Church, address students on pursuing their dreams



Attorneys Warren and Kenya Martin honored by Raymond High School



Attorney Warren Martin performs the installation the officers

Main Street Restart Center Offers New Program for Students



Young Men of Valor

A JPS elementary and middle school among the top in the state

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The Mississippi Department of Education recently released letter grades for schools and districts based on Mississippi’s A-F accountability system that evaluates how schools and districts performed in the 2015-16 school year. The Mississippi State Board of Education approved the 2015-16 accountability results during its October 20 board meeting. The 2015-16 accountability grades are based on the results of the Mississippi Assessment Program (MAP) for English language arts and mathematics. MAP tests were administered to students in grades 3-8 and in high school for the first time during the 2015-16 school year. MAP tests are aligned to the Mississippi College and Career Ready Standards and will continue to be used in future years to assess students statewide. The Jackson Public Schools has three elementary schools and one middle school that earned an “A” rating: Baker Elementary, Davis Magnet Elementary, Power APAC and Bailey APAC Middle. Barr Elementary, Casey Elementary, Isable Elementary, Key Elementary, Lake Elementary, Lee Elementary, Northwest Middle, Spann Elementary and McWillie Elementary received a “B” rating. Pecan Park Elementary, Clausell Elementary, Murrah High and Provine High were labeled a “C.” JPS experienced several significant accomplishments such as: Davis Magnet IB Elementary being ranked as the top elementary school in the state of Mississippi. Bailey APAC ranked as the 5th highest performing middle school in the state. An increase in the number of “B” rated schools

An increase in graduation rates. “We are proud of the accomplishments of our students and commend teachers, students and staff on the gains made on the state tests,” said Interim Superintendent Fredrick Murray. “We have been deliberate in analyzing our shortcomings in an effort to make the necessary improvements. We are also working very closely with our partners to continue to leverage the collective impact that it will take to move Jackson Public Schools to a high performing district.”

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Entergy nuclear makes major investment in literacy at Van Winkle Elementary School

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The Entergy Corporation has awarded a \$10,000 grant to Van Winkle Elementary School to purchase books for an Accelerated Reader program and to purchase books for a school-wide book club. “Reading is the gateway to unlimited possibilities,” said Keschner Rankin, principal. “I am honored to share in a partnership with Entergy who has given graciously to support our Van Winkle Bears.” As Van Winkle’s official school adopter, Entergy has worked very

closely with school administrators and staff to provide outstanding and meaningful contributions. “We thank Entergy for their continued support and dedication,” said Murray. “We are creating an atmosphere for students to develop a love of reading that will stay with them for years to come.” Entergy has given many years of support to Van Winkle and its students. Their ongoing support has provided needed instructional resources to ensure a quality education for all of the school’s students.



Murrah High School making waves in JPS

Mississippi Link Newswire

Murrah High School is making waves with having the only swim team in the Jackson Public School District. The team originated after Matthew Araujo, a Murrah High School student, expressed an interest to his parents. This led to a conversation with JPS Athletic Director Clinton Johnson who was in full support of the idea. After word of a possible swim team surfaced, other students began to show interest. “There’s a lot of excitement surrounding the Murrah swim team,” said Johnson. “Our goal is to expand swim teams to other high schools in JPS.” The Mississippi

High School Activities Association permits 7th graders through 12th graders to participate on high school swim teams. Murrah’s swim team has competed in four meets so far this school year in Madison, Flowood and Vicksburg. Some of the categories include the 50 yard freestyle, the 100 yard freestyle, and the 100 yard breaststroke. Some team members’ interest in swimming has grown to the point they hope to join year round swim teams. “I am so proud of the growth the team has made in such a short time,” said Kathleen Grigsby, head swim coach. “We are excited about



the potential our team has for success in the upcoming years.” Any JPS student currently in the 6th through 11th grades is eligible

to participate. For more information about the Murrah swim team, please call 601-960-5380.

Brinkley wins 2017 middle school football championship

Mississippi Link Newswire

The Brinkley Eagles defeated the Blackburn Jaguars by a score of 27-0 for the 2017 JPS Middle School Football Championship. The teams met October 17, at Newell Field. The Eagles won the North Division and finished with a record of 6-1. Brinkley’s head coach is Willie Jones. The Jaguars won the South Division and finished with a record of 6-2. Blackburn’s head coach is Clifton Cotten Jr.



Brinkley Eagles—2017 Middle School Football champs

Rotary club honors PBIS teachers of the quarter

Mississippi Link Newswire

The Rotary Club of Jackson presented Teacher of the Quarter Awards to three JPS educators at its weekly luncheon October 16. The awards go to JPS teachers who show excellence in the profession and go the extra mile to serve scholars and the community. The 2017-2018 first quarter honorees are: Sherri Combs, John Hopkins Elementary John Osborne, Capital City Alternative School Kristen King, Wingfield High School The Jackson Rotary Club holds Teacher of

the Quarter celebrations to recognize PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports) practices. They partner with the District’s offices of PBIS and Partners In Education in this effort. The Rotary Club recognizes one JPS teacher from each academic division – elementary, middle and high school. Through community service and other means, Rotary Club members help to promote peace and understanding in the local community and throughout the world.






Rotary Club Teachers of the Quarter honorees for the first quarter of 2017-2018 are (from left): Sherry Combs, John Osborne and Kristen King

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JSU Poll: Some respondents lie during biased surveys

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The Polling Center at Jackson State University’s Institute of Government (IOG) has released a national survey that reveals some people lie when responding to biased questions and many prefer cash and the internet for participation.

The “Poll on Research and Polling” was conducted Aug. 12-20 and involved 1,000 adults explaining their national views on market and social research as well as public polling.

Otha Burton Jr., associate professor and executive director of IOG, has conducted research with The Center for Research and Public Policy for the past four years. For this latest survey, IOG and the Center for Research put a microscope on the very nature of polling.

On awareness of social/market research, public polling

Among three common types of research covered in the JSU Poll (social research, market research and public polling), awareness was strongest (very and somewhat aware) for public polling (77.9 percent) followed by social and market research, 70.9 percent and 76.4 percent, respectively.

Similarly, public polling was followed most closely by respondents – 54.6 percent suggesting very and somewhat closely. This was followed by social and market research, 48.9 percent and 49.2 percent, respectively.

Large majorities of JSU poll respondents placed value on research and polling in the U.S. and considered such efforts important:

Research and polling helps sponsors design or improve products and services as well as formulate policies or improve laws/legislation – 86.8 percent strongly or somewhat agree

Research benefits consumers of goods and services in the U.S. – 86.7 percent strongly or somewhat agree

Polling on issues helps constituents/residents in the U.S. with better policies and laws – 75.1 percent strongly or somewhat agree

On credibility of research type and sponsors

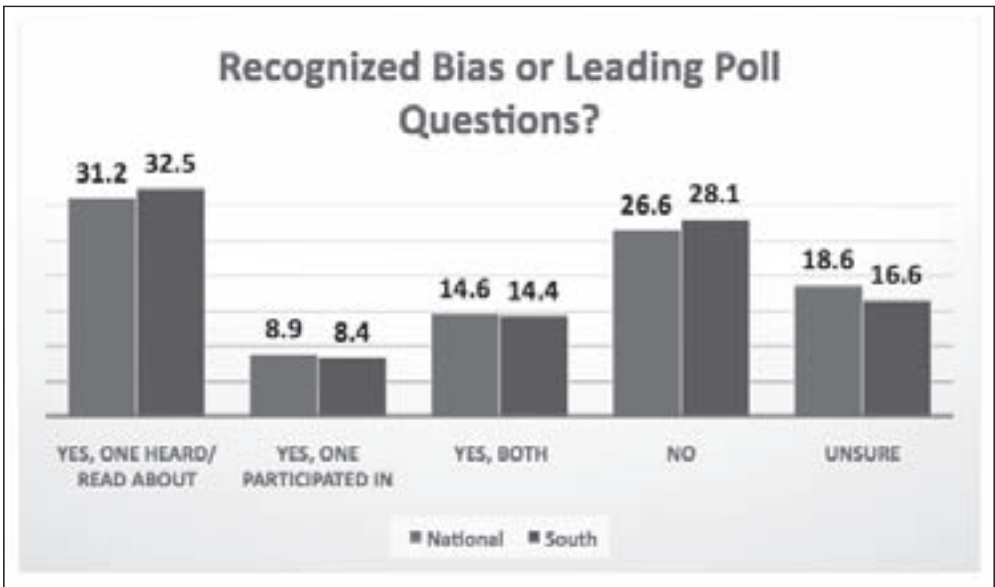
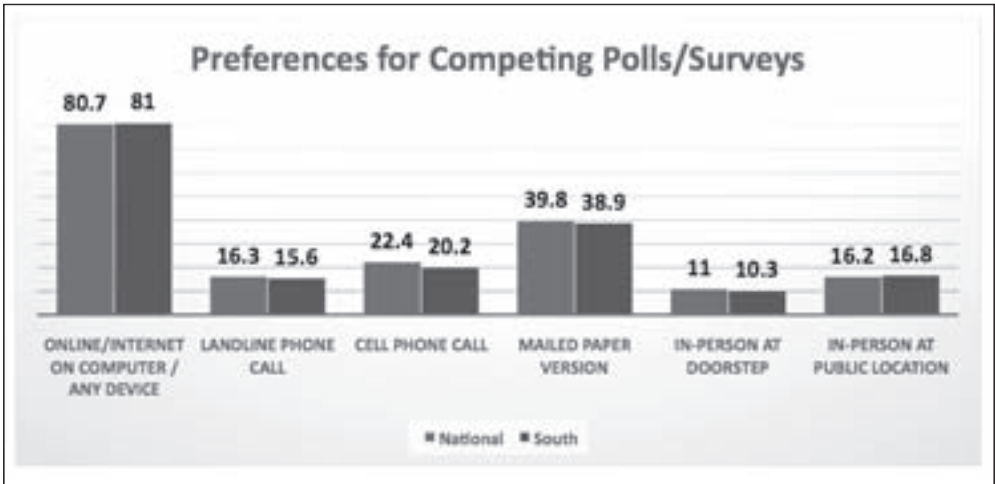
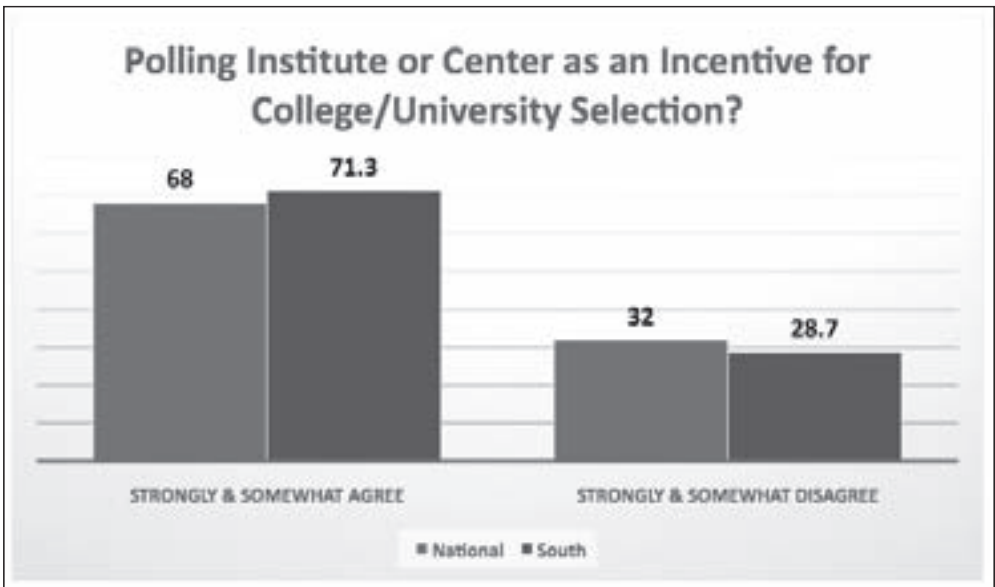
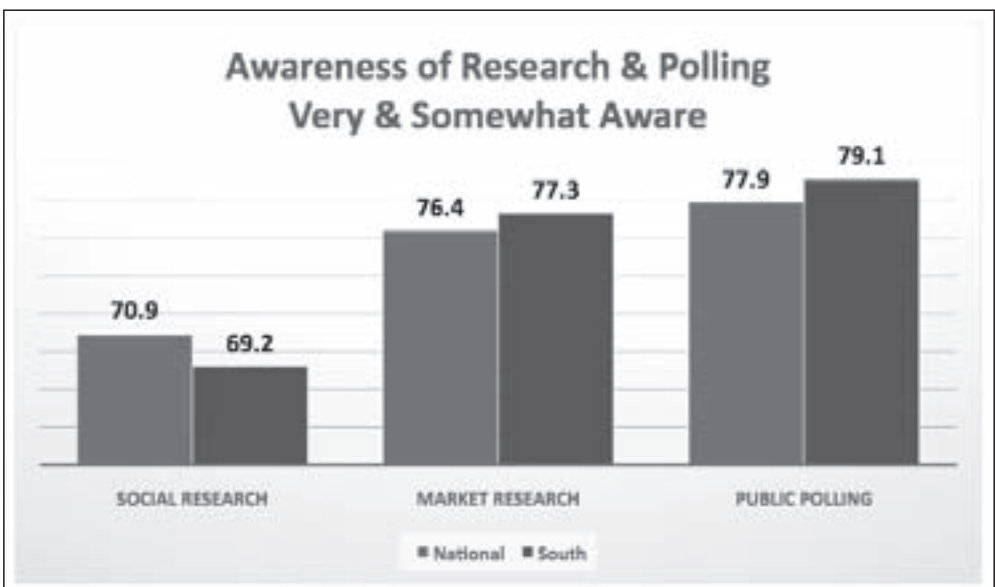
Only about one-quarter of all respondents believed research and polling is unbiased and fair. Those considering social research, market research and public polling “fair and unbiased” were 25.8 percent, 29.7 percent and 24.8 percent, respectively.

Larger percentages of respondents considered these types of research “biased and unfair” – social research (32.7 percent), market research (31.9 percent) and public polling (37.2 percent).

The most credible and believable sponsors of public polls were nonprofits and academia (including college/university polling institutes) – 42.0 percent and 40.8 percent, respectively.

On participation in research and polling

While one-third, 32.3 percent, of all Americans surveyed suggested they complete one to less than 10 surveys or polls each year, some completed 10 to under 25, 25 to under 50, 50 to under 75, 75 to under 100, or 100 or more annually – 20.2 percent, 11.7 percent, 5.7 percent, 3.6 percent and 7.4 percent, respectively.



Interest is greatest in polls covering the following topics (in declining order): health-care, jobs/economy, education, immigration, government spending/deficit, taxes/tax rates, and crime.

On preferred venues for participation

Significant percentages of Americans, 80.7 percent, selected Internet or online surveys when asked to report their preferred formats for completing surveys and polls. In a multiple response question, mailed/paper surveys was second in preferred

frequency (39.8 percent) followed by cell phone call (22.4 percent), landline call (16.3 percent), in-person at a public location (16.2 percent), and in-person at the doorstep (11.0 percent).

On college selection criteria

Interestingly, over two-thirds of all American parents surveyed (parents of college graduates, college students or middle/high school students bound for college), 68.0 percent, either strongly or somewhat agreed they would view a college/university with a

polling institute/center more favorably in the college selection process – knowing students might learn the research/polling profession.

Other criteria for college/university selection among these parents included (in declining order): degrees/programs/majors, scholarships available, financial aid available, cost, value, location, job prospects, distance from home, quality of on-campus housing, work study availability, quality of academic research taking place and having online courses.

Davis-Green tapped as MVSU’s new communications director

The Mississippi Link Newswire

ITTA BENA-- Mississippi Valley State University recently named Brittany Davis-Green as its new director of Communication and Marketing.

An experienced journalist turned public relations professional, Green began her new role at MVSU Oct. 2.

A native of Indianola, Miss., she previously served as the chief communications officer and branding identity for Coahoma Community College in Clarksdale, Miss., where she played an integral role in growing the institution’s social media following and enhancing its media exposure.

Prior to that, she was an award-winning journalist with the Mississippi Press Association for *The Enterprise-Tocsin* newspaper.

At MVSU, Green serves as the university’s official spokesperson and leads the Office of Communications and Marketing in its efforts to develop integrated marketing strategies and to promote a positive image of the university.

“Receiving the opportunity to work for a university that plays such a pivotal role in the livelihood of my home, the Mississippi Delta, is indeed an honor,” said Green. “I’m excited about the opportunity to accentuate the myriad of positive things happening here at MVSU and to highlight the impact Valley is making in this region and across the world.”

Interim Vice President of University Advancement Dameon Shaw is excited to welcome Green aboard.

“We have a talented communications and marketing team at MVSU, and Brittany’s first-hand knowledge of the assets and unique challenges we have facing the Mississippi Delta, as well as her diverse skill set and experience in the communications and



Davis-Green

marketing sphere, makes her the ideal fit,” Shaw said. “We are expecting great things from Brittany as we continue to expand MVSU’s prominence in the world of higher education.”

Green said she is looking forward to collaborating with members of MVSU community in her new role.

“Valley is a special place that offers unique opportunities for individuals to develop educationally as well as personally. I look forward to working with the leadership team and the entire MVSU community as we push forward in solidarity to continue living up to our slogan, ‘One Team. One Goal. One Valley. ...In Motion.’”

Green obtained a bachelor’s degree in journalism and a master’s degree in liberal studies from Delta State University.

She is a member of the College Public Relations Association of Mississippi and the Kappa Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

Green currently resides in Cleveland, Miss. with her husband, LeMarick, and their two children – LeMarick Jr. and Bailey.

Lee’s digital artwork exhibited at INDEF in South Korea



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SOUTH KOREA— Sodam Lee, an assistant professor of Fine Arts at Mississippi Valley State University, has been invited to the Incheon International Design Fair 2017.

Lee’s digital artwork, “Fishing Boys,” will be exhibited at the Cultural Center in Incheon, South Korea from Oct. 26-30.

The themes of the exhibition are “Convergence Design & City Design” and “Free Theme.” The goal of the event is to rethink fundamentalism in our circumstances.

The fundamental objective of the INDEF is based on sharing enthusiastic professions and developing an international art and design community. The INDAS provides various scholastic creativities through all the Fine Arts and Design fields, including 2D to 4D painting, sculpture, photography, architecture, landscape, multimedia, film, fashion, visual communication, industrial design, jewelry design, ceramics and printmaking.



Lee

As an artist, Lee has participated in national and international exhibitions, including the 34th Bradley International Juried Print and Drawing Exhibition in Illinois, the International Juried Exhibition at New Ground Print Workshop and Gallery in New Mexico, the Hong Kong Graphic Art Fiesta in Hong Kong, the 2016 Incheon International Design Fair in South Korea and the Venice Contemporary Large-Format Printmaking Residency and Project in Italy.

She was awarded the “Best of Show” Emerging Artist at the Des Moines Art Festival in 2013 and 2014.

Her artworks have also been published in the Hand Magazine, an international printmaking magazine and Studio Visit Magazine, one of the prestigious magazines in U.S.

Application deadline Nov. 27 for Saturday Gifted Studies Program

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Saturday Gifted Studies Program at The University of Southern Mississippi will be held Jan. 20-Feb. 17, 2018 on the Hattiesburg campus. The application deadline is Nov. 27.

This program, conducted by USM’s Frances A. Karnes Center for Gifted Studies, is designed to enhance cognitive and affective abilities of gifted students through planned enrichment and accelerated programming.

The program’s courses are scheduled for 9 a.m.-noon on each of the five consecutive Saturdays, and will be offered for the following

age groups: Pre-K (3 and 4-year-olds), kindergarten and first grade, second and third grades, fourth and fifth grades and sixth through eighth grades.

The course schedule includes the following:

- PreSchool: “Finding Math in Nature”

Examine patterns and symmetry in nature. Use your five senses to discover Fibonacci Spirals and more.

- Kindergarten and First Grades: “Simple Machines: Engineering 101 AND Investigating Chemistry”

Learn about Newton’s Laws of Motion and discover how chemistry is all around

you. Can you fire a Catapult? Would you like to launch a rocket? Come explore science from two interesting angles.

- Second and Third Grades: “Secrets of the Universe” and “Is It Magic or is it Science?”

Do you know what Goldilocks has to do with outer space, or how to make magic with common everyday items? If you are wondering, this is the place for you.

- Fourth and Fifth Grades: “Earth’s DNA AND Creative Writing: The Lost Art”

If you’d like to know how to fingerprint the Earth, or write a story that helps you find something that was lost,

come explore with us.

- Middle School (6th – 8th Grades): “Lights, Camera, Action!”

Tell your story and take it into production. From idea generation to the big screen, if you have a story to tell, you will find ways to make it come alive in this action-packed course.

Applications are available online at <http://www.usm.edu/karnes-gifted>.

For more information, contact The Frances A. Karnes Center for Gifted Studies at 601.266.5236, or contact Dr. Heather Houston, director of the Karnes Center, at hl.houston@usm.edu.

Phi Theta Kappa at Hinds CC Vicksburg-Warren campus inducts new members for Fall 2017



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VICKSBURG – The Alpha Omega Chi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa have inducted

nine members for the spring semester.

Inductees included Austin Muirhead, Emily Sullivan, Andrea Royal, Marian

Williams, Ke’Aubrey Clark, Elizabeth Loflin, Samantha Hawn, Megan Irby and Laken Haring.

EAC Report Cards posted online

Report cards provide university, system-level data

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Education Achievement Council Report Cards for the universities have been posted online at the following link: <http://www.mississippi.edu/eac/>. The report cards show the progress that has been made toward educational goals for each university and community college.

The Report Cards include informa-

tion on student enrollment, degrees awarded, college readiness, student progress, research and other university variables. The Report Cards include university-specific information, along with system-level data. Archived reports from previous years are also available online.

The Education Achievement Council was established by the Mississippi Leg-

islature in 2010 to sustain attention to the state’s goal of increasing the educational attainment and skill levels of the state’s working-age population benchmark to the national average by 2025.

The Council members are representatives of state government, public K-12 leaders, public, private and proprietary higher education officials and business community leaders.

Tougaloo College to present Mississippi Humanities Council’s Teacher of the Year 2017

Kimberly Morgan-Myles to lecture on Self-Actualization and Faith in Film

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Professor Kimberly Morgan-Myles, who is among Tougaloo’s group of young, innovative professors, is the Mississippi Humanities Council’s Teacher of the Year for 2017. She will present her lecture on “Beauty and The Beast: The Aesthetics Self-Actualization and Faith: Operating in a society of compromise, inclusion and polarization in theatre, film and television,” October 30 at 10 a.m. in the Bennie G. Thompson Academic and Civil Rights Research Center Lecture Hall.

Morgan-Myles is an assistant professor of the Creative Writing and Theatre Emphasis. She was recently awarded “Excellence in Direction” from the Kennedy Center and her students were amongst the top 30 semi-finalists at the Region IV Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival in Acting competition, set design and sound. She was recently awarded the Mississippi Humanities Council’s Racial Equity grant for spring 2017 production of #WAKEUP!

Morgan-Myles is a singer, edu-



Morgan-Myles

cator and pageant titleholder. She was crowned Miss Mississippi July 14, 2007, becoming the 50th Miss Mississippi and the second African American to win the title. She competed at Miss America in Las Vegas, Nevada to become a top 15 finalist, coming in as the Top 11 in 2008. Myles’ platform as Miss Mississippi was G.O.T.M.I.L.K.! (Golden Opportunity towards Music Increasing Literacy in Kids), a fifty-five minute per week after-school program of music instructions.

In addition to the Miss America competition, Morgan-Myles participated in the TLC reality show “Miss America: Reality Check.”

Morgan-Myles received her MFA in Acting Performance from the University of Southern Mississippi in May 2012. She has studied abroad and performed in London, Scotland and France.

She spent weeks having Intensive Shakespeare Master Classes at King’s College and the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art (RADA) under Nona Sheppard and Jeremy

Stockwell. She received an Irene Ryan nomination from the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KCACTF) for her performance in “Smokey Joe’s Café” as Brenda Braxton and has once partnered as nominee for her performance in “Ragtime, the Musical” for her role as Sarah.

Previously, Morgan-Myles moved to Ivoryton, Connecticut for six months to perform in the musicals “Hairspray” and “Oliver” at the Ivoryton Playhouse Theatre under an AEA contract. She has performed at New Stage Theatre in Jackson, Miss. in “It Ain’t Nothing but the Blues” and as Queen Black in the stage reading of “Hell in High Water” by Marcus Gardley.

Morgan-Myles is member of the Actor’s Equity Association and Duel Arts International for Stage Combat. Kimberly has performed in numerous productions, also serving as stage combat choreographer and vocal/dialect coach.

She is the wife of film/TV actor and JSU professor, Yohance Myles. She is the mother of 2 year old Bella Grace and 4 month old Jackson Myles.

For more information, contact Andrea Montgomery at 601-977-7749.

MVSU mock trial earns award in tournament



MVSU’s Mock Trial team recently participated in the Jackson Joust Mock Trial Tournament, hosted at Millsaps College in Jackson, Miss. Pictured (seated, from left) are MVSU Mock Trial Team members Jasmine Murphy; Darius Bailey; (back-row) Rodarius Turner; and Larry Chappell, advisor.

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ITTA BENA – Mississippi Valley State University’s Mock Trial Team recently participated in the Jackson Joust Mock Trial Tournament, bringing home one award.

MVSU competed in two-rounds during the one-day tournament, hosted Sept. 30 at Millsaps College in Jackson.

Darius Bailey, a freshmen pre-law/legal studies and English double major from Montgomery, Ala., won an outstanding witness award for defense for his role as Jamie Morrison, an uber driver.

Joining Bailey on Valley’s green team were students Timothy Coleman, Kenya Jones, Barbara Duncan, Alexxus Ervins, Kambreca Mitchell and Jasmine Murphy.

MVSU’s white team included: Donovan Brownlee, Jaishone Cornelius, Tiwana Fraizer, Austin Gray, Angel Jackson, Lasharda Leasy, Jakaiyla Procter, Rodarius Turner, and Martavious Washington.

Both teams reportedly scored well and had attorneys as well as wit-

nesses who ranked on ballots of the event’s eight judges.

A total of sixteen teams competed from schools in surrounding areas, including Millsaps College, The University of Mississippi, Mississippi University for Women, Louisiana State University, Mississippi College and The University of Louisiana at Monroe.

Larry Chapel serves as the educator coach for MVSU’s team while Greenwood, Miss. based attorney Neysha Sanders serves as the attorney coach.

The program is sponsored by MVSU’s Department of Social Sciences, The Office of Academic Affairs, the Office of University Advancement, the Office of Sponsored Programs, and the Office of the President.

Upcoming events for the team include an exhibition scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, at Coahoma Community College in Clarksdale, Miss.

The next tournament will take place at Middle Tennessee State University Nov. 10-11.

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New NAACP President Derrick Johnson vows to work closely with NNPA

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Contributor

“The future of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is inextricably linked to the future of African Americans and its incumbent upon the nation’s oldest civil rights organization to work with the Black Press to get that message out,” said new NAACP President Derrick Johnson.

On October 21, the executive committee of the NAACP National Board of Directors announced that the Detroit-born Johnson would lead the organization as the president and CEO.

Johnson formerly served as vice chairman of the NAACP National Board of Directors and the state president for the Mississippi State Conference of the NAACP.

Board members said Johnson was selected to guide the organization through a period of reinvigoration and realignment with the current challenges of today’s civil rights movement.

To accomplish that mission, Johnson said the NAACP will lean heavily on the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), the trade association that represents more than 200 African American-owned newspapers and media companies across the country.

“We must be successful to ensure that democracy works for all and that individuals of African descent are treated with dignity and afforded equal protections under the law,” Johnson told the NNPA Newswire. “We’ve met with [new NNPA Chairman] Dorothy Leavell and [NNPA President and CEO] Benjamin Chavis Jr., and we see a bright future and we are mutually tied to the same reality, because the NNPA is critical, as the delivery source of information for our community.”

The fact that the NAACP chose Johnson to lead the organization was music to Leavell’s ears.

“I believe he is the right leader for the NAACP at this most important time in our history,” she said. “The NNPA looks forward to working with him and the NAACP.”

Chavis, a former executive director of the NAACP, said he’s known Johnson for a long time and he’s confident that Johnson’s leadership expertise and experience will take the NAACP to greater heights in terms of membership and civil rights activism.

“If there was ever a person alive that personifies the living spirit of Medgar Evers, it is Derrick Johnson. Thus, the NAACP will grow and expand under the leadership of Derrick Johnson,” Chavis said. “Johnson personifies the courage and genius of a freedom fighter, who will now lead the NAACP forward with fearless boldness.”

For his part, Johnson, who received a juris doctorate from the South Texas College of Law, called the Black Press an underappreciated institution.

“It’s incumbent upon the NAACP to work directly with the NNPA to make sure that, as we get control of our narrative, we’re utilizing our most important tool, which is the Black Press,” Johnson said.

A veteran activist, Johnson, 49, said it’s also important that the NAACP engage and support young people.

“We urge the young ones to keep studying and continue advocating to make sure their voices are not suffocated, because of a lack of knowledge,” Johnson said. “I’m encouraged by the



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number of young people who have taken to the streets with the tools at their disposal to become more active. If they find that the NAACP is a tool they’d like to use, then it is incumbent upon the NAACP to support their ability to do that, because the young activists of today will be our leaders of tomorrow.”

A regular guest lecturer at Harvard Law School and an adjunct professor at Tougaloo College in Jackson, Miss., Johnson previously furthered his training through fellowships with the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation.

As president of the NAACP Mississippi State Conference, he led critical campaigns for voting rights and equitable education, NAACP officials said in a news release.

Johnson also successfully managed two bond referendum campaigns in Jackson, which brought \$150 million in school building improvements and \$65 million toward the construction of a new convention center.

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, Johnson founded One Voice, Inc., to improve the quality of life for African Americans through civic engagement, training and initiatives, according to Johnson’s bio on the NAACP’s website. One Voice has spawned an annual Black Leadership Summit and the Mississippi Black Leadership Institute, a nine-month training program for community leaders.

“I really appreciate the support of the chair of the Board of Directors, who invested confidence in me to do this job,” Johnson said. “I think we have to control our narrative and tell our story, because we have units across the country that have been extremely effective in their work, but we haven’t been able to control the narrative.”

Johnson called controlling that narrative both a challenge and an opportunity.

He said the NAACP is working diligently toward the 2018 midterm elections and making sure to tackle voter registration and issues that have worked to deny African Americans the right to cast a ballot.

“We have to figure out how to maximize the engagement of folks in our community to exercise their right to vote,” Johnson said. “We have a fertile and vibrant pipeline for young people to have a stronger voice in what’s taking place and, at the same time, we can support young people already out there advocating with the understanding that social justice is not a competition, but an opportunity for many individuals to add their voice for progressive change.”

Ford empowers HBCU students to pursue STEAM careers

By Benjamin F. Chavis Jr.
President and CEO of the NNPA



There is no debate about the continuing historic importance and strategic mission and purpose of the nation’s 120-plus Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). During the 2017 homecoming festivities, that are now occurring on HBCU campuses across the nation, I believe it is also important to salute and recognize the companies that financially contribute to the success of HBCUs.

The Ford Motor Company has had a long track record of contributing to HBCUs that spans more than 30 years. Thus, it was noteworthy when Ford recently launched its “Drive2Greatness” program to support science, technology, engineering, the arts, and mathematics (STEAM) initiatives at HBCUs.

We concur, that STEAM careers are vital and in high demand in today’s global economy. The clear majority of African-

American college students, who complete their course of studies in STEAM fields graduate from HBCUs. Thanks to the Ford Motor Company and the Tom Joyner Morning Show, the “Drive2Greatness” initiative is off to a great start.

According to “Raj” Register at Ford multicultural communications, “For more than three decades, Ford has been committed to implementing and supporting initiatives that encourage and inspire young people to pursue and succeed in STEAM careers...with the launch of our inaugural ‘Drive2Greatness’ program, we’re excited to extend that commitment to support Historically Black Colleges and Universities and their STEAM programs.”

The competition among HBCUs to win prizes in the Drive2Greatness program involves earning points through online voting at the Facebook page of the Tom Joyner Morning Show that includes using a Ford-dedicated hashtag via social me-

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dia platforms. I just voted for my HBCU, Howard University, using the hashtag #FordHowardU. Howard University has a diverse array of many key STEAM academic disciplines. Make sure that you vote for your HBCU today.

Last year, the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) awarded Tom Joyner our 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award for his outstanding national broadcast leadership and his dedication to our nation’s HBCUs. Ford selected the right national radio partner and outstanding leader in Tom Joyner. Our African-American college students do need more support, encouragement and engagement, particularly with respect to STEAM careers.

The Ford Motor Company and the Tom Joyner Morning Show deserve our salute and tribute, because, together they are helping to make a positive difference in our communities and with our HBCUs. Driving toward greatness necessitates adequate preparation and attaining a quality education. Drive2Greatness is timely given the increasing

demand for STEAM college graduates in the current expanding economy.

Lezli Baskerville is the president and CEO of the National Association for Equality Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO), the umbrella organization of all of the nation’s Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Predominantly Black Institutions.

Baskerville stated, “The Drive2Greatness program by the Ford Motor Company and the Tom Joyner Morning Show is an effective model on how to encourage STEAM careers. NAFEO is proud of what our HBCUs are accomplishing in these transformative fields of study.”

Our most precious resource in our communities is our youth, who are gifted and talented and also need more opportunities like the Ford Motor Company’s initiative on STEAM.

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Trump’s latest executive order threatens to topple Obamacare

By Freddie Allen
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President Donald Trump just delivered two more gut punches to the Affordable Care Act (ACA) in an ongoing effort to knock out President Barack Obama’s legacy.

On the same day that Trump signed an executive order crafted to open up the health insurance marketplace to barely there plans that may leave people living with pre-existing conditions, like HIV and AIDS, with higher premiums or priced out completely, the White House also announced plans to discontinue the health insurance subsidies that made it easier for low-income people to access quality health care.

The ACA, also known as Obamacare, has significantly decreased the rate of uninsured nonelderly adults in black communities. The law also requires health insurance companies to cover preventive services, like HIV screening; diversity and cultural competency training for health-care providers; the expansion of the health-care workforce; and an increase in funding for community health centers, an important safety net for low-income individuals and families, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Now many health-care advocates fear that those gains will be lost as Trump continues to slash key provisions of the ACA.

The White House press secretary issued a statement that said there is no appropriation for cost-sharing-reduction payments to insurance companies under Obamacare.

“The bailout of insurance companies through these unlawful payments is yet another example of how the previous administration abused taxpayer dollars and skirted the law to prop up a broken system,” the statement reads. “Congress needs to repeal and replace the disastrous Obamacare law and provide real relief to the American people.”

The reaction was swift from health-care advocates, with some suggesting that Trump’s actions would effectively segregate blacks and people living with HIV in high-risk insurance pools.

HIV/AIDS advocacy groups urged their constituents to write to their elected officials and contact the attorneys general in their states to demand legal action to protect the ACA.

In a statement about Trump’s refusal to fund the cost-sharing-reduction subsidies, Neera Tanden, president and CEO of the Center for American Progress, said that Trump and Republican leaders in Congress have proved that they will do everything in their power to take away health care from hardworking Americans.

“This is an unprecedented action: The president of the United States is purposefully hurting millions of the people he



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is supposed to serve by driving up their health-care costs,” Tanden said. “All to further his petty, political agenda and to undo Obamacare.”

Tanden added: “People will recognize that Trump – who has spent every last second of his presidency trying to tear down the ACA – is the one solely responsible for breaking health care in America, and congressional Republican leaders have stood by and watched him hurt Americans families while refusing to help them.”

Trump said that the executive order would “increase choice and increase access to lower-priced, high-quality health-care options” and would “cost the United States government virtually nothing.”

The order promises to expand access to association health plans; increase the availability of short-term, limited duration insurance plans; and also expand the availability and permitted use of health reimbursement accounts.

Association health plans allow small-business owners to pool their resources to buy health insurance plans; the plans may also be available to individual buyers. The association health plans offer greater flexibility to business owners, which in the past has led to “a race to the bottom, with some associations offering lower-cost plans that covered virtually nothing,” a former insurance regulator told Vox.

“Policy experts warn that together, these changes could represent a serious threat to Obamacare: Trump wants to open more loopholes for more people to buy insurance outside the health care law’s markets, which experts anticipate would destabilize the market for customers who are left behind with higher premiums and fewer insurers,” Vox reported.

That’s because industry watchers believe that younger, healthier consumers will flock to the cheaper plans that offer fewer benefits.

Topher Spiro, vice president for health

policy and a senior fellow for economic policy at the Center for American Progress, says that Trump is trying to take us back to the bad old days before the Affordable Care Act, when coverage wasn’t there when you needed it, and people who were older or had pre-existing conditions faced sky-high costs.

“These changes would be devastating for small businesses, sending their premiums soaring and undermining the small-group insurance market,” Spiro says. “And while many consumers in the ACA marketplaces would be protected from the higher individual-market premiums resulting from this order, confusion will depress enrollment, some insurers may exit markets and middle-income Americans with pre-existing conditions would face premium spikes.”

Some lawmakers also expressed their contempt for the president’s latest executive order on social media.

Rep. Barbara Lee (D-Calif.) tweeted: “Spiteful. Destructive. Cruel. New low from President Trump – deliberately undermining health care for low-income families.”

Sen. Kamala Harris (D-Calif.) echoed those sentiments, tweeting: “This is cruel and vindictive. This decision could cause premiums to skyrocket for millions of Americans.”

Even though Trump often criticized Obama’s use of the executive order, he’s on pace to nearly double the number of executive orders that the former president signed.

The executive order on health care is the 50th that Trump has signed as president.

On Oct. 13, Newsweek reported: “Obama had signed just 26 at this point of his presidency. He would eventually average 35 a year during his eight years in the White House – the fewest of any president for 120 years – en route to a total of 277. Trump is currently on pace to sign 275 executive orders. In one term.”

In a statement about Trump’s executive order on health care, Sen. Cory Booker (D-N.J.) said that it was another example of Trump working relentlessly to sabotage the Affordable Care Act.

“By weakening coverage requirements on some plans, called association health plans, this order will destabilize health-care markets and drive up insurance costs, particularly for older Americans and people with pre-existing conditions,” Booker said. “Before the consumer protection measures guaranteed by the ACA, association health plans ripped off consumers and left hundreds of thousands of Americans with unpaid medical bills.”

Booker continued: “If he’s really serious about ensuring great, affordable health care for all Americans, the president should work across party lines to improve the Affordable Care Act, not try to sabotage it.”

DRA welcomes 51 new leaders into program that encourages regional collaboration

Delta Leadership Institute will train fellows from all 8 states

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Delta Regional Authority (DRA) welcomes 51 new leaders into the Delta Leadership Institute (DLI) to participate in the 10-month DLI Executive Academy program. The academy helps fellows further their skills in community leadership and policy development to promote regional collaboration and local economic growth across DRA's eight-state region.

"DRA is pleased to begin working with this new class of leaders who are committed to learning from each other and working together to improve our region and build a strong future for the Delta," said Peter Kinder, alternate federal co-chairman of DRA. "DRA remains committed to investing in our region's talent with tools, experiences and networking that will provide them with ideas and solutions to ensure continued growth and development in the Delta region."

DLI fellows will attend six sessions across the region, visiting each of the eight states in the DRA footprint. They will engage in policy and program development, advocacy training, case-study discussions, and on-the-ground field experiences aligned with DRA's priorities for the region. Those priorities include: transportation and infrastructure; workforce training and education; entrepreneurship and disaster resilience for small businesses and communities; public health; policy and governance; and culture and tourism.

The new leadership class began its journey this week with a session in Potosi, Mo., to learn more about the region and how they can contribute to increasing community capacity across the Delta.

The fellows represent a diverse cohort of community leaders in local and state government, economic development, education and healthcare, business and industry, and faith-based and non-profit organizations. The class includes seven members from Alabama; eight from Arkansas; five from Illinois; five from Kentucky; seven from Louisiana; eight from Mississippi; four from Missouri; and seven from Tennessee.



The 2017-2018 DLI Executive Academy fellows are:

Alabama

Greg Cochran of Montgomery, director of Advocacy and Public Policy for the Alabama League of Municipalities

Johnny Green of Auburn, assistant vice president for Student Affairs at Auburn University

Quinton Harris of Tuskegee, area director for the USDA Rural Development

Joseph Oglesby of Monroeville, mayor of the City of Monroeville

Kennard Randolph of Selma, outreach coordinator for U.S. Rep. Terri Sewell

Steven Sigler of Fairhope, area director for the USDA Rural Development

Brandy Wilkerson of Thomasville, planning director for the Alabama Tombigbee Regional Commission

Arkansas

Len Blaylock of Warren, executive director of the Bradley County Economic Development Corporation

Gregory Dale of Wynne, Southern Region Community Economic Development coordinator for the USDA Rural Development

Ben Gilmore of Crossett, field representative for U.S. Rep. Bruce Westerman

Mark O'Mell of Marianna, executive director of the Crossroads Coalition

Denver Peacock of Little Rock, principal of The Peacock Group

Carla Sparks of Little Rock, Rural Outreach coordinator for Arkansas Children's Hospital

Erica Tait of Jonesboro, director of the Jonesboro Metropolitan Planning Organization

Ateca Williams of Little Rock, deputy chief of staff of Internal Operations for Gov. Asa Hutchinson

Illinois

Tiffany George of Villa Ridge, executive director of the Southern Five Regional Planning District & Development Commission

Tom Harness of Carterville, owner of Harness Digital Marketing

Jenny Pruitt of Broughton, district aide for U.S. Rep. John Shimkus

Karen Stallman of Ellis Grove, director of Community Relations for Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Mark York of Equality, finance chair for the Gallatin County Board

Kentucky

Bill Bartleman of Paducah, director of Special Projects for the West Kentucky and Tennessee Telecommunications Cooperative

Ron Burkins of Henderson, assistant vice president-Western Kentucky for the Community Ventures Corporation

Cynthia Elder of Fancy Farm, Director of Mayfield Graves Tourism Commission

Brad Warning of Calvert City, deputy judge/executive for the Marshall County Fiscal Court

Angie Yu of Wickliffe, president of Two Rivers Fisheries

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Louisiana

David Cavell of Thibodaux, district director for U.S. Rep. Garrett Graves

Hunter Fife of Rayville, manager-Ag Operations for Lamb Weston

Donna Isaacs of Campti, executive director of Campti Field of Dreams, Inc.

Lee Jones of Alexandria, assistant to the State Director for the USDA Rural Development

Makesha Judson of Baton Rouge, chief service office for the City of Baton Rouge

George Mack Jr. of Ruston, board member on the Lincoln Parish School Board

Ardyn Thriffley of New Orleans, president of Ardyn M. Thriffley & Associates, Inc.

Mississippi

Eric Atchison of Jackson, director of System Analysis, Research & Enrollment Management for the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning

La Shon Brooks of Greenwood, chief of staff and legislative liaison for Mississippi Valley State University

Jo Ann Clark of Ridgeland, Constituent Services representative for U.S. Sen. Thad Cochran

Jon Delperdang of Leland, graduate student at Delta State University

Emanuel Edmond of Greenville, chief monitoring and compliance officer for the Delta Regional Authority

Jean Gross of Vicksburg, vice president/Community Development Coordinator at Trustmark

National Bank

Tray Hairston of Jackson, attorney with Butler Snow LLP

Bobby Morgan of Jackson, Economic Development Policy advisor and senate liaison for Gov. Phil Bryant

Missouri

Kelli Behrle of Perryville, project coordinator at the Southeast Missouri State University's Economic and Business Engagement Center

Trish Erzfeld of Perryville, director of Perry County Heritage Tourism

Jay Lancaster of Sikeston, director of Public Works for the City of Sikeston

Hillary Starnes of Dexter, executive director of the Dexter Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development

Tennessee

Gwyn Fisher of Memphis, regional director for the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development

Lindsay Frilling of Union City, chief executive officer of Obion County Joint Economic Development Council

Rob Goad of Martin, project management/grant writer for the Northwest Tennessee Development District

Moses Goldmon of Jackson, executive vice president and chaplain for Lane College

Gwendolyn Kilpatrick of Mason, mayor of Town of Mason

Lori Nolen of Huntingdon, executive director of The Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center

Theresa Woodard of Cordova, owner, TWMed Consulting, LLC

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Fellows were selected by their respective governors and the DRA's alternate federal co-chairman to participate in the leadership training program through a multi-step application and review process.

Since 2005, DLI has worked to strengthen the knowledge and skills of community leaders across the Delta by broadening their understanding of regional issues and building a corps of alumni that have a regional and national perspective.

Upon graduation, the 51 new members will have a toolkit of resources for addressing issues facing their local communities and providing the training and professional development needed to extend the pipeline of skilled local leadership within Delta communities.

"Every new class is an opportunity for participants to share with each other their knowledge of the Delta region and what's working in their communities," said Spencer Lucker, DLI director. "This year's leaders are exceptional in their respective fields, and we're looking forward to helping them learn together, work together, and improve their communities throughout the Delta region."

DLI is a program of the Delta Regional Authority in partnership with three institutions of higher education from the DRA's states: the University of Alabama, Arkansas State University-Jonesboro and the University of Louisiana Monroe.

International film crew visits Canton

The Mississippi Link Newswire

On October 13, 2017, a film crew from ICU, (the Netherlands Public Broadcasting Company), visited Canton to retrace the steps of the Canton March Against Fear.

What began as a one man's Walk Against Fear in June 1966 by Mr. James Meredith, culminated in thousands joining this historic march, led by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

After Meredith was shot in Hernando just outside of Memphis, all major civil rights organizations joined forces to continue the March Against Fear from Memphis to Jackson, Miss., the state capital.

The group was hosted by local Cantonian and historian, Flonzie Brown Wright. Sites visited were the Freedom House, (Glen Cotton, tour-guide), McNeil Elementary School – the site of



Pictured from left to right are: Annelies and Rev. Harcourt Klinefelter, Brown Wright, Director Martin Maat and Producer Hans Shermans. Back left; Sound-Ton Spruitt and photographer, not pictured: Camera-Coen Van Ouwerkerks. The group enjoyed a soul food meal at Bettinas. Rev. Klinefelter who was a young seminarian served as the audio recorder for the entire 1966 march and was discovered in several photos at the Freedom House. The documentary will air next spring.

the tear gassing, Holy Child Jesus School and Gymnasium, (where Dr. King spoke), the homes of Mr. and Mrs. George Washington Sr.,

where strategy meeting were conducted and Mr. & Mrs. Frank Brown Sr. where Dr. King and others enjoyed a home cooked meal.

Other sites noted were the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, the Madison County Court House and other significant and historical sites.

Segments of I-220 renamed in honor of Senators Kirksey and Harden

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Two segments of I-220 in Hinds County will be designated November 1 in honor of former state senators Henry J. Kirksey and Alice Varnado Harden.

The Kirksey renaming will occur at 10 a.m. at Kirksey Middle School, 5677 Highland Drive, celebrating the marking of a segment of Interstate 220 in Hinds County beginning at its intersection with Clinton Boulevard, extending north to Medgar Evers Boulevard as the "Senator Henry J. Kirksey Memorial Highway."

At 2 p.m., in room 216 of the Capitol, an unveiling ceremony will be held for the "Senator Alice Varnado Harden Memorial Highway," a segment of Interstate 220 in Hinds County beginning at the intersection of Interstate 220 and Interstate 20, north to Clinton Boulevard.



Kirksey



Harden

Kirksey was one of the first two African-American men elected to Mississippi's Senate after Reconstruction and was a pioneer Civil Rights leader. He died at age 90.

Harden, a former teacher and president of the Mississippi Association of Educators, championed education causes and was key in getting lawmakers to approve teacher pay raises following protests in 1985. She died at 64.

Both lawmakers were Democrats.

Who is a sinner?

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



We read in Luke 15:1-2 these words, “Then drew near unto Him all the publicans and sinners for to hear Him. And the Pharisees and Scribes murmured, saying, this man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them.” This comment was made by people who had all the outward manifestation of being God’s people, but in reality Jesus said they were full of dead men’s bones. They did not really have what they professed to have, and they had the nerve to pass judgment on Jesus because He kept company with sinners.

However, they said one thing that was correct, and that was, “This man (Jesus) receiveth sinners.” He not

only received them but also ate with them.

We do not find anywhere in God’s Eternal Word where Jesus told sinners to get back. We know from the Scripture that God hates sin because He is Holy. He cannot get along with sin, but He does not hate the sinner. God loves the saint, but He also loves the sinner.

God was not content for man to stay in sin. If God can separate the sinner from his sin, then He can have fellowship with the ex-sinner because what makes a person a sinner is the act of committing sin. If the sinner stops committing sin, he is not a sinner anymore.

God receives sinners, but in this politically correct age, many people deny being sinners. For example, people do not want to say they have committed adultery; they would rather say they had an affair.

Often people in this world have a way of shading the truth. They think if they tell a “white lie,” it is not the same as telling a lie, but a lie is a lie. We are living in a day when people do not want to call a drunkard, a drunk anymore. Instead, people say he has a “chemical dependency.” It is very difficult to get people saved when they do not believe they are sinners.

The Bible gives three definitions for sin. First, it says that all unrighteousness is sin. God is the standard for righteousness. If we do not live right, what we are doing is sinful. Second, the Bible says that he that transgresses the law commits sin because sin is the transgression of the law. Third, the Bible says in James 4:17, “Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.” We are sinners if we commit sin, and

we are saints if we live free from sin.

The Bible teaches us there are only two roads in life: One road leads to life and the other leads to death. Each of us is on one of these roads. Those who are on the road of life have been made free from sin, but those who are on the road to death are still servants to sin.

Even when someone says he is going to stop drinking, sin will not let him stop. When a person says he is going to stop smoking, sin will not let him stop smoking. The reason Jesus receives sinners is that He wants to change them.

Next week Part II – “Who is a Sinner?”

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Living my life like it’s golden

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



The first time I heard the Jill Scott song, “Golden” a few years ago, I was hooked. To me, the lyrics were so simple and so inspiring. “*I’m holding on to my freedom, Can’t take it from me, I was born into it and it comes naturally, I’m strumming my own freedom, Playing the God in me Representing His glory, Hope He’s proud of me! I’m living my life like it’s golden.*”

I thought what a great way of looking at life. For a while, that was my phrase: I was living my life like it was golden. When things happened that I didn’t like, I shook it off and kept singing that I was “living my life like it’s golden.” I even bought a gold colored purse to symbolize this new attitude.

Then, some not so golden things happened...all at once. I stopped singing the song because I no longer believed the words. My life wasn’t golden...it seemed dark with nothing to sing about. But strangely, the darker the days got, it seemed like the louder I heard the song’s refrain: “Living my life like it’s golden.” How could my life be golden when things looked dreary?

I finally realized that my idea of golden was different than God’s idea so I decided to look up what gold meant in the bible. I found out that gold is mentioned in the Old Testament more than any other metal. During biblical times, gold was used as a means of exchange. Also, unlike other


precious metals, gold will not lose any of its value, color or properties when heated. Gold has greater value because it is harder to find than other metals. Found in small amounts in our blood, gold also symbolizes earthly riches.

But living a “golden” life isn’t necessarily one full of riches and great success. It’s about realizing like Job said in Job 23:10 that God, “knows the way that I take; When He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold.” Living my life like it’s golden means that I live without letting the impurities of discouragement and disappointment affect me. I pass those tests by focusing on who God has created me to be.

There are deeper issues that we deal with...and they are all rooted in relationships: our relationship with God, our relationships with others and our relationship with ourselves. A “golden life” means that my life and relationship with God is not a one way communication with me always asking for God to give to me. A “golden life” means that I make a place in my life for dialogue with God.

Living a golden life means that I’m willing to deal with the impurities in my life and, most importantly, realize just how much value I have.

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The digital revolution will be powered by black millennials

By Marc H. Morial
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"The internet is not a luxury, it is a necessity." – President Barack Obama, remarked at the Launch of the ConnectHome Initiative, July 15, 2015.

The presence and influence of black millennials on our shared digital frontier can neither be denied nor dismissed. From viral memes that catch celebrities at their best – and worst, to trending hashtags like #BlackLivesMatter and #OscarsSoWhite with the power to spark social awareness and compel offline action, black millennials are digital pioneers. They have eagerly and creatively adopted the medium, using its emerging technologies as a megaphone for justice, raising awareness and effecting change.

Statistically, black families continue to remain less likely than white families to have dedicated internet access at home and are more likely to access the internet from their mobile phones.

According to the latest Nielsen reporting on the online presence and participation of black millennials, *Young, Connected and Black: African-American Millennials Are Driving Social Change and Leading Digital Advancement*, 91 percent of African Americans report owning a smartphone – this comes only second to Asian Americans who report 94 percent smartphone ownership – and 91 percent of African Americans also report that they access the internet through mobile devices.

Tech-savvy African Americans, particularly the more than 11 million identified as black millennials are influential, leading users of mobile technology and platforms, and voracious consumers and creators of digital content.

They are also uniquely positioned to usher the movement for social justice into the digital age and have done so one hashtag, meme and social campaign at a time.

From Ferguson to the Oscars, we have witnessed the power of e-amplified activism and its ability to exert its influence and pressure to effect change beyond the World Wide Web. It is clear that civil rights, activism, and large-scale national conversations will exist more

and more at the curve of technology. In comparison to previous generations, black millennials earn more, spend more and are experiencing increased educational advancements. We must ensure that this progress and the narrowing of our nation's digital divide continues unabated.

The National Urban League understands that our world is increasingly global and networked. We believe that being left out of the digital revolution, whether you are an activist fighting for equality or attempting to access employment opportunities, is a detriment to our communities and, ultimately, our nation.

Committed to economic empowerment, we have consistently called for the expansion of high-speed broadband to urban and rural America, including as recently as in our Main Street Marshall Plan. At this year's annual conference we convened a Hackathon, challenging participants to create apps that address racial and social justice. We also featured Tech Connect, a space to explore the complex intersections between tech, race and social change.

We have not only committed to talking about the digital economy, and the digital space as a tool in the fight for social justice, but we actively prepare people for it.

As black millennials forge ahead on the digital frontier, we acknowledge and celebrate their collective strength and power – and recognize the decidedly analog roots of their movement.

Despite attempts to restrict communication among enslaved Africans, these men and women used their ingenuity and creativity to communicate in the beat of a drum, the clap of roughened hands and the moans of spirituals. With these early tools they were able to communicate sorrow, joy and revolution. Today, the tools are different and more powerful, but the impulse to use what we have to raise awareness, evoke discussion and trigger action remains the same.

To access the new digital economy and to take advantage of the power of technology to impact our lives, we must continue to ensure access and promote STEM education. We applaud those leaders and young professionals in our communities who are rising to the occasion and using digital advances to bring online pressure to bear on our offline realities.

True scandal in Puerto Rico is U.S. government failure

By Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr.
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The scandals around in Puerto Rico's agonies are far greater than the bizarre contract to pay Whitefish Energy, a tiny Montana company from U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's hometown, \$300 million to restore electric lines.

Puerto Rico still lacks water, food and electricity. Ninety-eight schools just opened, but that represents less than 10 percent of the nation's schools. And those opened have no generators for electricity, no air conditioning and no internet access. Students must bring their own water bottles and douse themselves with repellent to fend off the mosquito invasion that plagues the island.

The failure of the U.S. government to meet the emergency has gotten some attention, even as Trump keeps claiming that the administration deserves an "A" for its efforts.

Far too little attention has been given to the context for this crisis.

Central to the crisis is catastrophic climate change: the effects of global warming that pose, as the Pentagon has concluded, a real and growing national security threat, particularly to islands like Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, both territories of the U.S. The Trump administration, however, remains in denial about climate change and is systematically rolling back all of the initial steps that the Obama administration made to even begin to address it.

Puerto Ricans are suffering from the administration's inadequate response to a catastrophe. All of us – and our children – are likely to pay the price of the administration's ignorant denial of a real security threat.

Puerto Ricans also suffer from a lack of rights. They are American citizens without the right to vote. They have one nonvoting resident commissioner in the House of Representatives. If Puerto Rico were a state, it would have two senators and five representatives in the House. Such representation would surely win Puerto Ricans a fairer hearing in Washington.

Puerto Rico is defined as a territory, but it is treated as a colony. Its people are U.S. citizens, but they are viewed as foreigners. That reality and the contempt that many in the Congress have for the U.S. possession handicap Puerto Rico in this catastrophe and in the future.

Worse, Puerto Rican leaders are hamstrung by the island's massive debts, and by the outside control board designed to force a harsh austerity on the island in order to ensure that the speculators get repaid first.

The catastrophe has brought Puerto Rico's economy to a halt. Surely its creditors should write off much of their loans that have gone bad. U.S. assistance to rebuild Puerto Rico cannot be siphoned off to repay the debts of the past if the island is to have any hope of revival.

Without representation, the 3.4 million people in Puerto Rico must depend on the kindness of their fellow citizens. Perhaps Puerto Ricans who have settled in the U.S. mainland can mobilize to demand fair treatment for their compatriots. Perhaps their U.S. occupiers will understand the global shame that comes from failing our own citizens.

With Republicans intent on passing \$5 trillion in tax cuts, largely for the rich and the big corporations, while slashing spending on everything other than the military, the agonies of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands are likely to continue.

Some small steps should be taken. Puerto Ricans should have the first option on the contracts and jobs involved in rebuilding the island. The reconstruction needs labor, skilled and unskilled; the residents need jobs. If they get the contracts, the money will circulate in the island rather than be sent to the mainland. If there is a shortage of skilled occupations, investment in training and apprenticeships will pay massive dividends.

Puerto Rican officials need to step up also, insuring that the contracting process is transparent and clean – and cracking down on inanities like the Whitefish contract, which the governor has announced will be canceled. Disasters often open the door for massive rip-offs and fraud.

The Trump administration is systematically weakening enforcement of the laws and regulations on companies and bankers. Puerto Rican officials will have to be courageous enough to set the standards and enforce them. I am convinced that the steadfast leadership of Gov. Ricardo Rossello and the Maxine Waters-like spirit of Mayor Carmen Yulín Cruz of San Juan, along with the diligence of responsible members of Congress such as Rep. Luis Guterres of Illinois, will make for a new, better and more powerful Puerto Rico.

The devastation in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, raises a stark mirror on this administration.

How can any president claim to Make America Great Again and then fail in the basic duty to protect this country's citizens and help them recover from natural disasters?

That question should haunt the president and the Republican leaders this Halloween, even as they peddle the next tax break for millionaires and billionaires.

A victory for the financial industry A loss for consumers

By Julianne Malveaux
NNPA News Wire Columnist



In the dead of night on October 24, Vice President Mike Pence struck a blow against consumers, further empowering the banks and financial institutions that he is beholden to. He is, no doubt, following the direction of 45, who never met an Obama initiative that he didn't want to overturn, or an Obama program that he didn't want to abolish.

What happened? The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau proposed a rule that would allow individuals to sue banks, credit card companies and other financial institutions. It gave people the right to sue in class action lawsuits and effectively overturned the fine print you find in your credit card bill, fine print that says that if you use that particular card, you can't sue, but instead must submit to mandatory arbitration.

Theoretically, arbitration saves court costs, but it also protects those bank and credit card companies that exploit. Those who opposed the new CFPB rule said that the costs of litigation would impose a burden on financial institutions. What about the burden that is

imposed on the people who have been regularly ripped off by some of our nation's largest financial institutions?

Some background – Many Republicans abhor the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and the legislation, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (2010) that created it. They have been jockeying to amend Dodd-Frank to give banks and financial institutions "some relief," and if they had their way they'd likely eliminate CFPB.

The Department of Treasury, which houses the CFPB (though it is an independent agency and is funded by the Federal Reserve Bank), has accused the agency of "regulatory overreach."

CFPB's first director, Richard Cordray, was appointed to a five-year term by President Obama in 2013; his term expires in 2018. Then 45 will have the opportunity to appoint his own director, someone who will likely be far less zealous in protecting consumers than Cordray has been.

Only two Republican senators, Lindsey Graham (S.C.) and John Kennedy (La.) voted with Democrats to preserve the individual and class right to bring lawsuits against predatory banks. But the Republicans

who have been railing against 45, Flake (Az.) and Corker (Tenn.) voted with the status quo. And, disappointingly, the maverick Arizona Senator John McCain, voted to curtail consumer rights. Still, the 50-50 vote required the vice president to break the tie. And we certainly wouldn't expect him to stand up to his boss and cast a vote for consumer.

According to its website, the CFPB's job is "to make consumer financial markets work for consumers, responsible providers and the economy as a whole. We protect consumers from unfair, deceptive or abusive practices and take action against companies that break the law. We arm people with the information, steps and tools that they need to make smart financial decisions."

The CFPB's purpose seems solid and necessary, especially as its director, Richard Cordray, says the Bureau's priority is mortgages, credit cards and student loans, all areas where transparency and consumer protection are important. But Cordray is likely to leave his office early; some say to run for governor of Ohio. When he walks out the door, so will consumer protections, as 45's pattern is to appoint people to lead agencies although they

disagree with the agency purpose. He will probably find a disgraced bank president, perhaps even one who is behind bars, to lead CFPB.

The vote to force arbitration and prevent lawsuits was the Senate's way of declaring war on consumers. The Republican focus on "free" markets only reminds us that markets are not free when one party has significantly more power than another.

One consumer hardly has the wherewithal to stand up to a large bank or credit card company, but a class of consumers can collectively flex power in the fight for fairness. 45 and his team have not only declared war on consumers, but also war on the collective, as we see with their hostility to organized labor, a hostility likely to be reflected in upcoming Supreme Court decisions.

This represents another victory for predatory capitalism and for exploitative financial institutions, and another loss for consumers.

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The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority ("JMAA") will receive sealed bids at the Jackson- Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport ("JAN"), Main Terminal Building, Suite 300, in the City of Jackson, Rankin County, Mississippi, until 2:00 p.m. Central Standard Time on November 27, 2017 (the "Bid Deadline"), for construction and related services in connection with the Maintenance Facility Roof Replacement at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport (the "Work").

JMAA will publicly open and read aloud all bids at 2:05 p.m. Central Standard Time on November 27, 2017 (the "Bid Opening"), in the Staff Conference Room, Third Floor of the Main Terminal Building, Suite 300 at JAN.

The outside or exterior of each bid envelope or container of the bid must be marked with the bidder's Mississippi Certificate of Responsibility Number or write that the bid does not exceed \$50,000.00 and with the wording: "Restroom Improvements, JMAA Project No. 007-17." Bid proposals, amendments to bids, or requests for withdrawal of bids received by JMAA after the Bid Deadline will not be considered for any cause whatsoever. JMAA invites Bidders and their authorized representatives to be present at the Bid Opening.

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

The Information for Bidders is on file and open for public inspection at JAN at the following address:
Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport
100 International Drive, Suite 300
Jackson, Mississippi 39208
Telephone: (601) 939-5631
Email Address: dherndon@jmaa.com
Attention: Deuntagus Herndon
Procurement Specialist

Bid Documents may be picked up, shipped, or emailed to the person making the request.

The contact for all questions and submittal of Bids and required forms is Mr. Deuntagus Herndon, Procurement Specialist. Mr. Herndon can be contacted at dherndon@jmaa.com or 601-360-8622.

JMAA will hold a Pre-Bid Conference at 10:00 a.m. Central Standard Time on November 15, 2017, in the Community Room, 3rd Floor Mezzanine Level, at the Main Terminal Building at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, MS 39208. Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference is highly recommended for all those interested in submitting bids as a Prime Contractor for the Work and persons seeking opportunities to provide work as a Sub-Contractor. The benefits of attendance include networking opportunities between Prime Contractors and Sub-Contractors, as well as the opportunity to be on a list of contacts that will be published to interested parties as part of the minutes from the Pre-Bid Conference; review of the plans and specifications; and a site visit of the area covered in the scope of work. No site visits will be scheduled other than the one provided during the Pre-Bid conference.

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

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

JMAA has established a DBE participation goal of 30% for the Work solicited by this RFB.

JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

DATE: November 1, 2017
Newman, A.A. E.
Carl D. Newman, A.A. E., Chief Executive Officer

/s/ Carl D.

11/2/2017, 11/9/2017

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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:

Jackson Municipal Airpon Authority
100 International Drive, Suite 300 (39208)
Post Office Box 98109
Jackson, Mississippi 39298-8109
Attention: Deuntagus Herndon, Procurement Specialist
Telephone No: (601) 360-8622
Facsimile No.: (601) 939-3713
E-Mail: dherndon@jmaa.com

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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:

Jackson Municipal Airport Authority
100 International Drive, Suite 300 (39208)
Post Office Box 98109
Jackson, Mississippi 39298-8109
Attention: Robin Byrd, Procurement Manager
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/rfqrb-center/

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Jackson, Mississippi is considering Amendment Number 1 to its 2015-2019 Five Year (5 YR) Consolidated Plan and 2016 One-Year Action Plan of the Consolidated Plan by:

1. Including housing rehabilitation activities on homeowner occupied and/or rental units.

Comments regarding the proposed amendment may be mailed to:

City of Jackson
Development Assistance Division
P.O. Box 17
Jackson, MS 39205-0017

or from JMAA's website at www.jmaa.com/resources/rfqrb-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 Mezzanine Level, at the Main Terminal Building at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, MS 39208. Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference is highly encouraged for all those interested in submitting 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.

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JMAA will hold a Pre-Submission Conference at 10:00 a.m. Central Standard Time on November 8, 2017, in the Community Room, 3rd Floor Mezzanine Level, at the Main Terminal Building at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, MS 39208. Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference is highly encouraged for all those interested in submitting 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 opportunity 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.

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or hand delivered to the Office of Housing and Community Development, 2nd Floor of the Richard Porter Bldg., 218 South President Street, Jackson, MS 39201. Comments will be accepted until 5:00 p.m., November 27, 2017.

At the conclusion of the public comment period, unless there are objections from the general public, this Amendment will be considered adopted, however, if there are any objections from the public, these objections will be presented to the City Council for consideration prior to the adoption of the Amendment.

Vanessa Henderson, (601) 960-2155
Office of Housing & Community Development

11/2/2017

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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:

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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/rfpafb-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 TO CONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS

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

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

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**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:

75021-112117 – 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 precondition to selection, each contractor, bidder or offer shall submit a completed and signed Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Plan Application, with each bid submission, in accordance with the provisions set forth by authority of the City of Jackson’s EBO Ordinance. Failure to comply with the City’s EBO Ordinance shall disqualify a contractor, bidder or offer, from being awarded an eligible contract. For more information on the City’s EBO Program, please contact the Office of Economic Development at (601)960-1638. Copies of the EBO Ordinance, EBO Plan Application and a copy of the EBO Program are available with the Office of Economic Development at 218 South President Street, Second Floor, Jackson, Mississippi.

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

Hellene Greer, CPPB, NPCA, Manager
Purchasing Division
(601) 960-1533

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City of Jackson
Jackson, Mississippi**

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05554-112817 – Twenty-four-Month Supply of Barlights, Electronic Sirens, Switch Boxes, Speakers, Communication Organizers and Security Screens
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Hellene Greer, CPPB, NPCA, Manager
Purchasing Division
(601) 960-1533

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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: DR. ROSLIND MCCOY SIBLEY (APPLICANT: ROY C. FARRIS, II), 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.

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11 game losing streak snapped

By Tim Ward
Contributing Writer

This is probably one of the only times in life, people will say, “Thank God for the Devils!” Once again, Mississippi Valley State has come through when JSU needed it most. Eleven games, 373 days passed before Jackson State has been able to secure a victory.

In a season of rollercoaster emotions, coach Tony Hughes, finally had a moment to exhale.

The best thing about the season has been the lack of home games. That kept the pressure off. It’s easy to disregard social media or even the actual media, but fans in the stands make it tough to bear at times. Being on the road also builds the strength of the team to rely on one another.

Jordan Williams started at quarterback once again for JSU. He was efficient. He threw for less than 100 yards, but that’s because the running game controlled the game. Jordan Johnson broke for 160 yards rushing and Terrell Kennedy added 78 yards.

Ground and pound was the offensive strategy and it worked. The offensive line has been much maligned all season. No matter who the opponent was, this has to do something for their confidence moving forward.

The “Darkside Defense” shut the Delta Devils down, allowing only 105 total. Some games have been lost in the fourth quarter this season, much to the defense be-



Jordan Williams improves each week

ing fatigued from playing the entire game. Saturday showed they have the ability to shut teams down. In the end, JSU won 24 to 5 to snap the losing streak.

Next up, **homecoming!** Perfect way to kickoff homecoming week was with a victory. Tiger Nation can now stop complaining about the losing and those who were on the fence about coming home; they can now proceed with plans.

Alabama State, 2 & 5, fired their coach after the third game this season. In the past two seasons, Alabama State’s record was only a game or two better than

Jackson State’s. Interim head coach Donald Hill-Ely has the team improving; a win Saturday could add to his resume,” head coach.

Jackson State will want to finish the season strong. Last season they won 3 games; in order for that to happen this year, they have to win 2 of their remaining 3 games, starting with Alabama State Saturday.

Rumblings all season are for Jackson State to replace coach Tony Hughes, but indications right now, show no signs of Jackson State leaning in that direction.



Jordan Johnson ran for 160 yards against Valley



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By Kam Williams
Columnist

In the spring of 2007, the *Washington Post*’s David Finkel accompanied a combat team of American infantrymen deployed to Baghdad at the start of the controversial surge ordered by President Bush. After being embedded for a year, the Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter chronicled the intrepid GIs’ heroic efforts to bring stability to the region in a riveting best seller entitled “The Good Soldiers.”

In 2013, Finkel published “Thank You for Your Service,” an update about the same troops’ struggle to readjust to civilian life upon returning to the States. Now, that opus has been adapted to the big screen as a psychological drama telescoping tightly on the mental state of a few members of the battalion. The movie marks the impressive directorial debut of Jason Hall, who’s previously best known for writing and appearing in *American Sniper* (2014).

The picture stars Miles Teller as Adam Schumann, a former sergeant ostensibly suffering from PTSD. As the film unfolds, we learn that he has remained close with surviving members of the tight-knit unit once under his command. Unfortunately, all of them have been left damaged, mentally and/or physically. Consequently, all of their relationships are in crisis, and none has managed to hold down a steady job. Adam’s worried wife (Haley

Bennett) starts pressuring him to get help because he not only dropped their newborn baby inexplicably, but he’s constantly looking for IEDs whenever they drive down the street, as if he’s still in Iraq. Trouble is, there’s a nine-month waiting list to see a shrink at the VA hospital, and he’s being discouraged from seeking treatment by a callous colonel (Jake Weber) suggesting that all he needs to do is toughen up a little. Then, there’s Solo (Beulah Koale), a Samoan with amnesia

whose fed up wife (Keisha Castle-Hughes) is thinking of leaving him, despite being pregnant. Another buddy, Will (Joe Cole), was dumped by his fiancée (Erin Darke) before he even arrived home. And so forth. The plot soon thickens, with things getting worse before they get better. But at least this loyal band of brothers can count on each other, if not the VA or their loved ones for support. A heart-breaking tale that’s difficult to swallow since its based purely on the hard, cold truth.

A sobering account of our wounded warriors’ tragic misfortunes. Excellent (3.5 stars) Rated R for sexuality, drug use, graphic violence, brief nudity and pervasive profanity In English and Samoan with subtitles Running time: 108 minutes Distributor: Universal Pictures *To see a trailer for Thank You for Your Service, visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=50LQGcb5knE>*

BOOK REVIEW: “INVISIBLE INK: NAVIGATING RACISM IN CORPORATE AMERICA”

BY STEPHEN M. GRAHAM
CREATESPACE
PAPERBACK, \$11.95 • 220 PAGES

By Kam Williams
Columnist

“It has always been a struggle for the relatively few African Americans in corporate America who do exist, and it is made all the more difficult because we tend to operate in isolation. We are nearly always alone, with no one to fall back on... as we deal daily with an unending stream of slights real and imagined. Even those who do care don’t really understand. This is all played out in an environment where we are subjected to a debilitating undercurrent of bias that too many, on both sides of the divide, pretend does not exist...”

The point of this book is not that the world is an awful place where things never go right but that institutional racism is a virus that is alive and well and needs to be eradicated if fundamental fairness is to be achieved. Black lives matter, and we must take issue and demand change, whether these lives are literally snuffed out in the blink of an eye or figuratively snuffed out in the polite confines of corporate America.”
— Excerpted from the Prologue (page xiii) and Epilogue (page 199)
By any measure, Stephen Graham’s would be considered a success story. After earning a B.S. from Iowa State Univer-

sity, he went on to Yale Law School en route to an enviable career as one of the country’s top attorneys in the field of mergers and acquisitions. So, one might expect that when he decided to write a book, it would basically be about how he managed to achieve the American Dream. But he opted to focus more on the impediments he encountered on his rise up the corporate ladder than on the satisfaction of making it to the top of his profession. That’s because he’s black and he doesn’t want any African American attempting to follow in his footsteps to think that the struggle is over once

you receive an Ivy League degree. For, as he points out in *Invisible Ink*, a pernicious pattern of prejudice persists in the business world from the bottom rung all the way up to the rarefied air of the wood-paneled boardroom. The author makes the persuasive case that there’s no reason for the U.S. to rest on its laurels just because it elected Barack Obama president. He also says that it is shortsighted to worry only about the plight of poverty-stricken blacks stuck in inner-city ghettos. No, Graham argues that insidious forms of institutional racism have continued to frustrate members of minority groups,



too, long after the demise of de jure discrimination. What he finds troubling is the fact that the favoring of whites is now very subtle indeed, making bigoted behavior often difficult to identify, let alone challenge. Overall, an intelligent, eye-opening opus relating a riveting combination of touching

personal anecdotes and sobering advice about what needs to be done to finally achieve that elusive ideal of a colorblind society. *To order a copy of Invisible Ink, visit: <https://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/1541171179/ref%3dnoisim/thslfofire-20>*



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BOOK REVIEW: “UNFORGIVABLE LOVE”

BY SOPHFRONIA SCOTT
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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

You know how to use a hammer.

It’s not that hard: just grab the end and swing. Easy enough; in fact, there are probably lots of tools you know how to use, although, as in the new novel “Unforgivable Love” by Sophfronia Scott, do you know how to use people?

Absolutely nobody ever said “no” to Mae Malveaux.

Young, beautiful, wealthy and widowed, Mae ruled Harlem society with a silky hammer, surrounding herself with carefully-chosen sycophants and moneyed

men who hoped Mae might fall in love with them.

Mae wanted love, that’s true. But she wanted it her way – which is why she was angry when she saw her former lover, Frank Washington, in a nightclub she considered her domain. How dare he? She was even angrier when she learned that he planned to marry her cousin’s virginal daughter, Cecily. Mae seethed, until she noticed that Valiant Jackson had walked into the club, too.

Of all the men she’d ever had, Mae considered Val her equal. He wasn’t as smart, but he was every bit as devious as she, and he loved a good game. On the spot, Mae

cooked up a scheme and promised Val that he could have what he’d always wanted, in exchange for revenge on Frank. What Val wanted was Mae.

But she wasn’t the only woman Val had his sights set on. Elizabeth Townsend, a friend of Val’s Aunt Rose, seemed to be the challenge he craved; Elizabeth was beautiful, pious and straight-laced, and was passing time at Rose’s house while awaiting the return of her lawyer-husband.

Val knew she was wedded, but could she be bedded? He thought so.

But could Elizabeth be distracted while Val seduced Cecily – or,

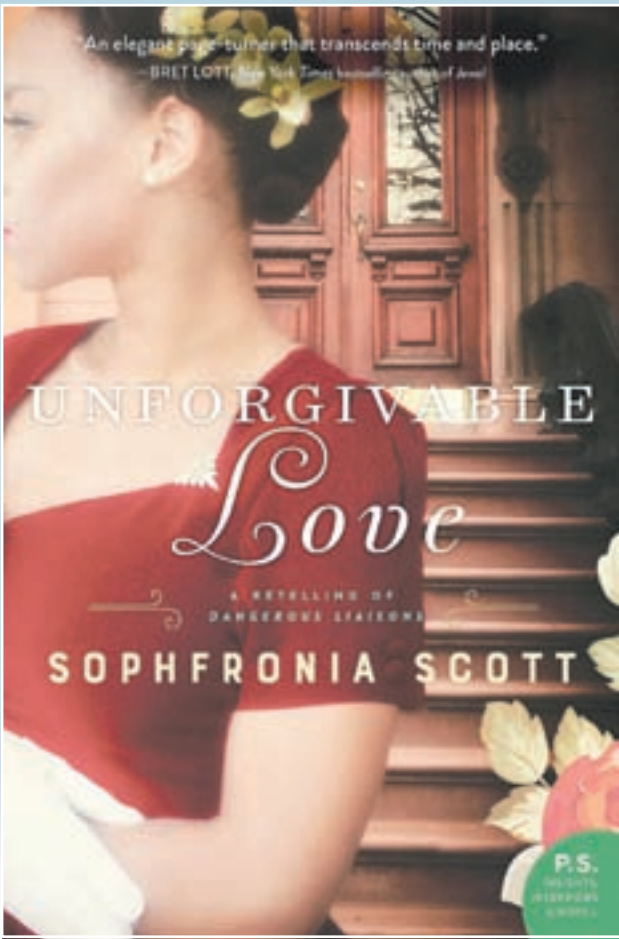
at least, while he waited for Mae’s latest young lover to seduce Cecily for him? It would all hinge on secrets kept, but the outcome would be a win-win for both Mae and Val.

And that was fine with Mae. She loved those kinds of schemes.

Destroying people was one of her better talents.

Obviously, the very first thing you’re going to notice about “Unforgivable Love” when you see it is its 500-plus-page heft. It’s a big book and yes, it’s wordy sometimes, but don’t let that scare you off. This is a great story.

Based loosely on a book first published in 1782, but set



mostly in Harlem in the post-World War II years, this novel offers readers some shockers, right from the outset, when we see from where the character Mae’s nastiness sprang.

Author Sophfronia Scott takes the tale up from there, in twisty turns that include a huge cast that’s surprisingly easy to keep track of, despite the numbers.

Add in a background soundtrack of Big Band music and a whiff of gin and cigar smoke, and you’ve got a rich, multi-layered novel you’ll love peeling apart.

Now, admittedly, that may be a slow peel at times, but sticking with it has its rewards.

In the end, “Unforgivable Love” is a very good use of your time.

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 Boy George

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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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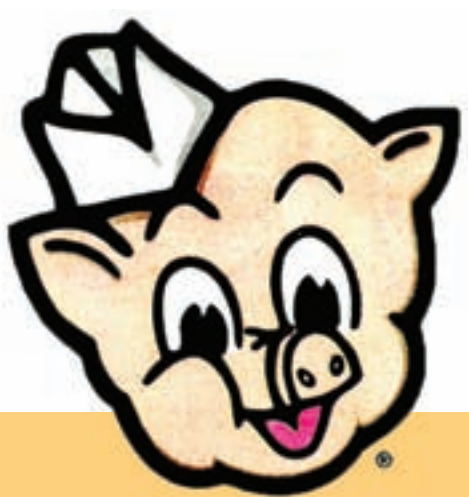
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