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### Lumumba: We don't need a history lesson from Trump



**Civil Rights** 

leaders say Trump hasn't done his homework

By Othor Cain

An hour before a scheduled visit from the 45th president of the United States was set to take place at the new Mississippi Civil Rights Museum in Jackson, another historic landmark in the capital city was filled to capacity with civil rights leaders, veterans of the civil rights movement, union workers and everyday Missis-

The capacity crowd at the Smith Robertson Museum and Cultural Center was home to an organized press conference that denounced the president's visit. It featured Jackson Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba, NAACP President Derrick Johnson, Civil Rights Activist and NAACP Board member

"He does not deserve to be in Jackson for the celebration of the civil rights museum opening," Brown said at the press conference Saturday, about five blocks away from the civil rights museum. He slammed Trump for "not showing up for our civil rights" both before and during his presidency.

Amos Brown and many others.

"We respect your office but ... we do not respect your attitude and your division of the nation," he continued. "And just like when we were in school if you don't show up, you can't make the grade; Trump hasn't shown up for any of these lessons," Brown said to a thunderous round of applause and standing ovation.

Lumumb, who recently appeared on CNN and shared his disdain of a Trump visit to the museum, said Trump wasn't qualified to give a history or civil rights lesson to anyone in Mississippi. He continued that same sentiment Saturday.

"It is my appreciation for the legacy of the individuals who stand with me today, it is my appreciation for the Mississippi martyrs that are not here, the names both known and unknown, that will not allow me,

that will not allow many of us standing today, to share a stage with the president; to share a stage with an individual who has not demonstrated a continuing commitment to civil rights, a continuing commitment to human rights, a continuing commitment to women's right,"Lumumba said. "It is his pompous disregard for all of those factors that will not enable us to stand with him."

For many in attendance at the press conference, that was the first stop Saturday morning before formally protesting and rallying against Trump's visit. "I was so honored to attend this press conference, it gave me the energy I needed and validated my decision to protest his [Trump] visit," said Cheryl Miller. "This was blatant disrespect."

Johnson dismissed Trump's attendance at the event as "a photo opportunity." "His attendance is a distraction from us having the opportunity to honor true Americans who sacrificed so much to ensure that democracy works," Johnson said. "It is unfortunate, in fact it is an affront, to those individuals who fought for voting rights to ensure that people had quality education and access to health care. Those are principles this president does not support."

In a joint statement released late last week, Democratic Reps. John Lewis and Bennie G. Thompson said that after "conversations with church leaders, elected officials, civil right activists and many citizens of our congressional districts," they decided not to attend the opening.

"President Trump's attendance and his hurtful policies are an insult to the people portrayed in this civil rights museum," the two congressmen said in a statement. "The struggles represented in this museum exemplify the truth of what really happened in Mississippi. President Trump's disparaging comments about women, the disabled, immigrants and National Football League players disrespect the efforts of Fannie Lou Hamer, Aaron Henry, Medgar Evers, Robert Clark,

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## CBC members call Trump's presence at museum an insult

John Lewis and Bennie Thompson spar with President Trump over Mississippi Civil Rights Museum dedication

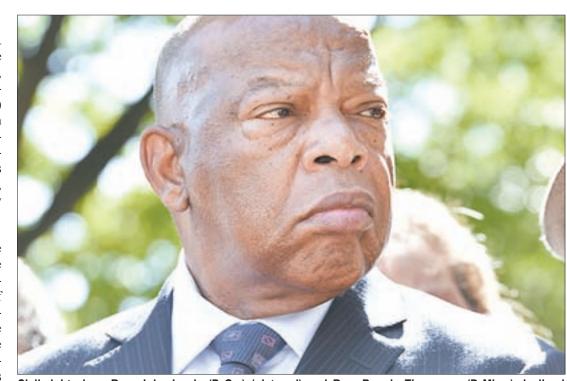
By Lauren Victoria Burke NNPA Newswire Contributor

When two members of the Congressional Black Caucus, longtime Mississippi Congressman Bennie Thompson (D-Miss.) and civil rights legend Rep. John Lewis (D-Ga.), heard that President Donald Trump planned to attend the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum dedication ceremony, they both announced that they would forego the event.

The White House was critical. On December 7, White House spokesperson Sarah Huckabee Sanders said, "We think it's unfortunate that these members of Congress wouldn't join the president in honoring the incredible sacrifice civil rights leaders made to right the injustices in our history. The president hopes others will join him in recognizing that the movement was about removing barriers and unifying Americans of all backgrounds."

From that statement, you might never have guessed that the White House spokesperson was referring to a civil rights leader: Congressman John Lewis.

"It's laughable that the White House is criticizing John Lewis and Bennie Thompson for not attending the opening of a civil rights museum that honors the sacrifices of ...wait...John Lewis, Bennie Thompson and many others," said CBC Chairman Cedric Richmond (D-La.). "This White House is not serious about



Civil rights icon Rep. John Lewis (D-Ga.) (pictured) and Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-Miss.) declined invitations to attend the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum dedication ceremony, when they learned that President Donald Trump was also invited. This photo was taken during a Congressional Black Caucus press conference on police brutality at the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. in 2016. FREDDIE ALLEN/AMG/NNPA

civil rights. From dismantling the civil rights division in [the Department of Justice] to equating peaceful people who protested racism to neo-Nazi's and white supremacists, they just don't get

In a joint statement on December 7, Thompson and Lewis wrote: "After careful consideration and conversations with church leaders, elected officials, civil rights activists, and many citizens of our congressional districts, we have decided not to attend or participate in the opening of the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum."

The statement continued: "President Trump's attendance and his hurtful policies are an insult to the people portrayed in this civil rights museum. The struggles represented in this museum exemplify the truth of what really happened in Mississippi. President Trump's disparaging comments about women, the

disabled, immigrants, and National Football League players disrespect the efforts of Fannie Lou Hamer, Aaron Henry, Medgar Evers, Robert Clark, James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, Michael Schwerner and countless others who have given their all for Mississippi to be a better place. After President Trump departs, we encourage all Mississippians and Americans to visit this

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### Omarosa reportedly fired from White House role in dramatic fashion

By Denis Slattery NYDailyNews.com

The White House said Wednesday that Omarosa Manigault Newman, a former "The Apprentice" contestant turned political neophyte, is leaving the administration next month.

White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders told The Associated Press that Manigault Newman's resignation is effective Jan. 20, one year since Trump's inauguration.

Newman's departure was rumored back in September following a number of controver-

A month earlier, the 43-yearold endured a chaotic trip to the National Association of Black Journalists Convention in New Orleans.

Her appearance at an event during the convention was described as confrontational and hectic as she aggressively insisted reporters "Ask me a question about me," while sidestepping inquiries about the administration.

The two-time "Apprentice" villain turned senior White House official also ruffled feathers when she reportedly brought members of her 39-person bridal party to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue for an extended wedding photo shoot.

The unannounced April visit to the White House in her bridal attire caught fellow senior aides and some security officials by surprise.

She married Pastor John Allen Newman later that month in a small ceremony at the post office-turned-hotel blocks from the White House and owned by her boss.

Sources told the Daily News in September that White House chief of staff John Kelly was unhappy with Newman's oversized influence on the president and her ability to get him worked up over hot topics.

Kelly did the firing and Newman "acted very vulgar and cursed a lot and said she helped elect President Trump," sources told American Urban Radio Networks' April Ryan.

Newman had to be escorted

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## Ten years and one million Corollas strong



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BLUE SPRINGS, Miss. – Nov. 2007...our first team member was hired; Nov. 2011...our first Corolla was built; Nov. 2017...our first decade was celebrated; to-day...our one millionth Mississippi-built Toyota Corolla rolled off the line.

Just weeks after Toyota Mississippi treated North Mississippi to a free concert to say thanks for ten years, team members cheered today as the one millionth Corolla was driven off the production line.

"To think this all started with one – one team member, one team, one car and now the one millionth Corolla is rolling off our line – is incredible," stated Sean Suggs, vice president of manufacturing. He added, "This is another feather in the cap of Toyota's 1,500 team members who come together each day to produce ever-better Corollas. Our

team members are the foundation of our success."

From the first team member hired to the first car built to the one millionth car built, Toyota's first decade in Mississippi has been a great ride

Aaron Foster, Toyota general manager and one of the original team members hired at Toyota Mississippi, remarked, "I was excited to join Toyota in my home state ten years ago. One million Corollas later, I am proud to be a part of this great team."

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## Hinds County School District Weekly Update



#### Bus Driver of the Month Recognized at November Board Meeting

Pictured L-R: Curtis Washington, director of Transportation; Thomas Chunn, bus driver of the month (BMS); and Carolyn Samuel, board secretary – District 5.



#### Employee of the Month Recognized at November Board Meeting

Pictured L-R: Cliff Newell, principal-THS: Recheka Davis, secretary-THS; and Carolyn Samuel, board secretary - District



#### Substitute Teacher of the Month Recognized at November Board Meeting

Pictured L-R: Chante Willis, substitute teacher of the month – THS and Carolyn Samuel, board secretary - District 5.



#### **Trump**

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James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, Michael Schwerner and countless others who have given their all for Mississippi to be a better place."

Thompson, who was scheduled to attend the press conference but because of travel issues didn't, said he would visit the museum in the very near future. Thompson's and Lewis' joint statement included this: "After President Trump departs, we encourage all Mississippians and Americans to visit this historic civil rights museum."

Sources close to the governor told The Mississippi Link that Governor Phil Bryant invited Trump to attend the opening of the museum several months ago. White House officials just confirmed last week that he had accepted the invitation.

Others at the conference said although Saturday was billed as the grand opening of the museum, they looked forward to celebrating a "grander" opening.

The museum, which has been under construction since 2014, according to its website, features eight galleries that focus on the years 1945 to 1976, "when Mississippi was ground zero for the national Civil Rights Movement.

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historic civil rights museum."

Trump visited a few southern states the weekend before the special election to fill the Alabama Senate seat of former Senator Jeff Sessions, who is now the U.S. Attorney General.

Trump's candidate, Republican Roy Moore lost to Democrat Doug Jones.

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#### Omarosa

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from the building after Kelly told her she was out, Ryan

One of Kelly's priorities since taking over for Reince Priebus has been to strictly control who gets to see the president and how Trump gets information.

Newman, commonly referred to as just Omarosa, appeared on the 2004 season of the president's reality show and earned a reputation as a ruthless competitor.

She was "fired" by Trump during the run, but reappeared years later on Trump's "Celebrity Apprentice."

She starred on other reality shows and stayed close to Trump.

Newman, who previously worked for Vice President Al Gore during the Clinton era, joined Trump's campaign early on and served as his director of African-American outreach.

She later joined the administration as director of communications for the White House Office of Public Liaison, working on outreach to various constituency group.

But there were many unanswered questions about her role in the administration and what she did on a day-to-day basis remained unclear. Newman earned \$179,700 a year and worked in the Eisenhower office building near the White

"We wish her the best in future endeavors and are grateful for her service," Sanders said in a statement.

Newman's exit comes after a tumultuous first year for the Trump administration. Each month saw a number of high profile departures.

The White House said last week that deputy national security adviser Dina Powell will also leave the administration early next year.











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### **Woodward Hines Education Foundation elects new** board members

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The Woodward Hines Education Foundation (WHEF) has elected two new members to its board of directors, Robert E. Leard, IV and Debra Barnes McGee. Each brings extensive experience in leadership and community involvement that will advance WHEF's mission to help more Mississippians obtain postsecondary credentials, college certificates and degrees that lead to meaningful employment.

Leard brings to the board 22 years of banking management and financial experience with Regions. He held several positions at Regions prior to his current role as commercial banking executive for Mississippi, in which he coordinates sales, service, portfolio management and business development activities for Commercial Banking business in Mississippi. He is currently an executive board member for Habitat for Humanity of the Capital Area and the Andrew Jackson Council, Boy Scouts of America. He has also served on the executive board of the Metro Jackson YMCA and is a former member and president of the Capital Optimist Club of Jackson, former annual campaign cochair for the United Way of the Capital Area, and former board member and finance committee chairman of the Central Mississippi Red Cross.

Before joining Regions, Leard served in various roles



at Trustmark Bank in Jackson, after completing the management training program in 1990. He earned his Bachelor of Science in business administration from the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg.

McGee serves as the senior vice president and director of Minority Business Development at BankPlus in Jackson. Her career in banking spans more than 30 years, and she currently develops programs and initiatives geared toward minority businesses. McGee has been voted Jackson Advocate Woman of the Year and featured in Who's Who in Black Mississippi; she has also been named Financial Women International Woman of the Year, U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Mississippi Financial Services Champion of the Year, and Woman of Distinction for the Girl Scouts of Greater Mississippi.

McGee is a native of Hattiesburg and holds a degree from the William Carey University School of Business with a bachelor of science in business administration. She also holds certificates of banking from the American Institute of

Banking and the University of Mississippi School of Banking. McGee is a graduate of Leadership Hattiesburg and Leadership Jackson and is an active board member for numerous service organizations including Dress for Success Metro Jackson, Jackson State University Development Foundation Board, Mississippi Food Network, Mississippi Minority Business Alliance, Inc., Nissan Community Advisory Group. She is a member of the Links Incorporated LeFleur's Bluff Chapter.

"With these highly esteemed new colleagues, I look forward to what the foundation will continue to accomplish to advance postsecondary education for Mississippi students," said Director and Board Chair David Martin. "On behalf of the board, we are excited to welcome them."

In serving on the WHEF board, Leard and McGee will join Martin; Board Vice Chair Andrew P. Mullins Jr.; and the following directors: John Hill, W. Stan Pratt, Nathan Slater, Ronald G. Smith, and Jack L. Woodward.

"Debra and Robert bring with them an ideal blend of experience in business to effectively govern the foundation, as well as a personal commitment to the issues that we are focused on to achieve our mission," said WHEF President and CEO Jim McHale.



Wishing you a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!

**Hinds County Election Commissioner, District 2 Toni Johnson** 

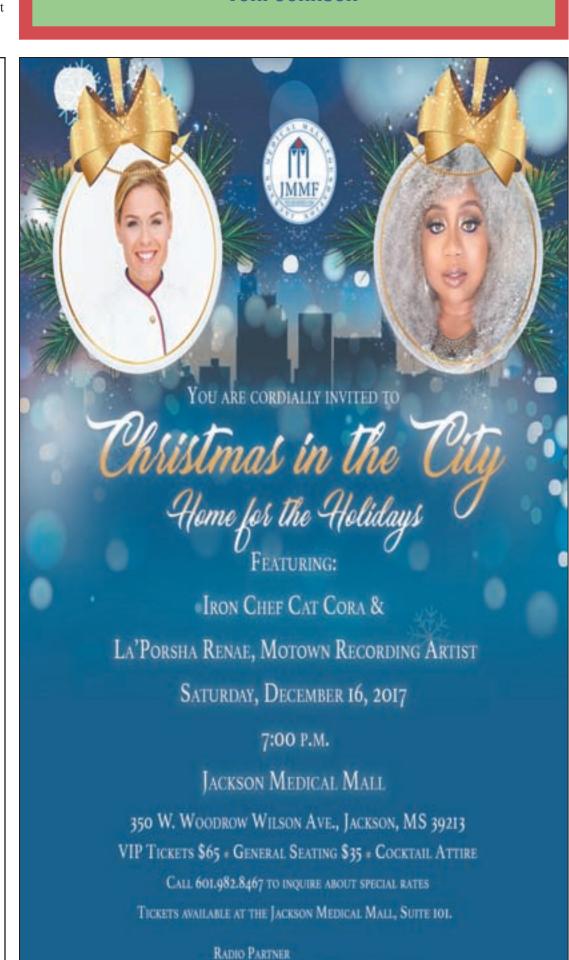
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## JROTC units enriched by fall competitions

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Annual fall competitions engage JROTC cadets from Jackson Public Schools in military and academic drills and physical fitness tests. Cadets from all seven JPS high school JROTC units participated in district and regional events held October 21. Results of three JROTC fall competitive events are highlighted below.

**Jps Fall Cadet Challenge** 

The JPS JROTC Fall Cadet Challenge is a physical fitness competition held in October each year. The competition consists of five timed events: curlups, pull-ups/flexed-arm hangs, sit and reach, the shuttle run and the one-mile run. The Cadet Challenge emphasizes individual fitness as an important element of personal growth. It also builds a sense of team spirit and unity.

Provine High School was the overall champion of the 2017 Cadet Challenge. Murrah and Jim Hill were second and third place runners up, respectively.

Individual first place winners of the Cadet Challenge were:

Cadet Leon Whipps, Murrah – Curl-

Cadet Jakayla Marzittie, Jim Hill -Curl-ups Cadet Marlan Miley, Provine - Pull-

ups/Flexed-arm hang

Cadet Ashanti Unger, Wingfield -Pull-ups/Flexed-arm hang Cadet Andre Walls, Lanier - Sit and

Cadet Lakecia Blackmon, Provine -

Sit and Reach Cadet Leon Whipps, Murrah - Shut-



The Provine High School JROTC was the overall champion of the 2017 Cadet Challenge.

Cadet Keasia Thomas, Forest Hill -Shuttle Run

Cadet Anthony Ahmad, Callaway -One-mile Run

Cadet Keasia Thomas, Forest Hill -One-mile Run

**JPS Fall Academic Competition** 

Cardozo Middle School was the setting for the JROTC Fall Academic Competition held in October. This competition consisted of a series of questions from the JROTC curriculum, the ACT and SAT college entrance exams and current events. The Academic Competition is designed to help students prepare for college entrance tests as well as build pride, fellowship and loyalty within competing units. Murrah High School was the overall winner. Jim Hill came in second, and Wingfield finished

#### Capital Region North Fall Drill Competition

JPS JROTC units also took part in the Capital Region North Fall Drill Competition that drew units from districts throughout Mississippi's north central region. The event was held on the same day as the Academic Competition on the campus of Cardozo Middle School. The competition consisted of six events: personnel inspection, unarmed regulation, unarmed exhibition, armed regulation, armed exhibition and color guard.

The drill competition gives cadets an opportunity to practice and demonstrate leadership by moving their unit from one place to another in an orderly manner. The competition also aids in disciplinary training by instilling habits of precision and response to a leader's orders. Cadets develop skills in organizing human resources. It also helps the



Murrah High School finished in second place and Wingfield High finished in third place in the Capital Region North Drill Competition.



The Murrah High School JROTC has remained District Champions in the Fall Academic Challenge for seven consecutive years. SFC (Ret.) Reginald Chambers is Murrah's drill team coach.

units to build team spirit and unit esprit runner up with Germantown High

School winning overall. Wingfield High Murrah High School finished as first School came in third place.

### **Lake Elementary** celebrates rise to 'B' rating



Lake Elementary students in all grades were recognized for their academic progress.

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Lake Elementary celebrated its "B" rating November 17 with a parade and awards program. Students and staff were dressed as superheroes in keeping with the theme, "Student Growth is Our Super-

The cheerleaders and band from Provine High School entertained the crowd of celebrants. School adopters joined the students, teachers, staff and parents in attendance. Interim Superintendent Freddrick Mur-

ray presented students with awards. He congratulated Principal LeKeisha Sutton for her leadership and the great work of the teachers, students and school staff.

Highlights of the school's achievements include: • 36 students scored proficient

- or advanced in at least one subject – reading, math, or science.
- 45 students showed growth from 2015-2016 to 2016-2017 in reading, math or science.
- 85 percent of fourth- and fifth-grade students showed

growth in mathematics.

- 83 percent of fifth-grade students were proficient or advanced in science.
- 60 percent of fourth- and fifth-grade students showed growth in reading.

Sutton credits a large part of the school's success to regular, open communication between the parents and teachers. She is extremely proud of Lake's success but says it can always be better. Therefore, she has set a goal of the school achieving an "A" rating next year.

## **Chastain eighth** graders recognized for service, citizenship

Mississippi Link Newswire

Ward 4 City Councilman De'Keither Stamps honored eighth-graders of Chastain Middle School for community service. He presented a Certificate of Award after a successful food drive led by the team. The presentation was made at the December 5 meeting of the Jackson City Council. Teachers, students and parents of Chastain were on hand to represent the school.

The eighth-grade students, parents and teachers of Chastain collected 1,423 canned goods and nonperishable items. The donations went to Mississippi MOVE's Help the Homeless Campaign. Social studies teacher LaTosha Smith came up with the idea and rallied the eighthgrade team. Dina Smith, an Information and Communications Technology teacher, accepted the award on behalf of the team.

"The teachers of the 'Great



Ward 4 City Councilman De'Keither Stamps presented a Certificate of Award to Chastain Middle School eighth-graders in honor of their community service effort.

Eight' are teaching the students that it is important to be well-rounded individuals," said Smith. "This means not only

being academically and behaviorally sound but being socially aware as well. It's important to give to the less fortunate."

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## Eastside computer science teacher is CPSD Teacher of Year



**Superintendent Anthony Goins** 



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Jana Chao knows not all students learn in the same way, so she structures her classroom for diversity.

"These challenges can pull teachers in different directions at any given time," she said. "It is important to be grounded in commitment to carry out the primary aim of education – to em-

power children with the knowledge and skills they need to be well-rounded, self-sufficient, and productive in society."

On Thursday, Chao was named the Clinton Public School District's 2017-18 Teacher of the Year in a surprise presentation at her school. She will go on to represent Clinton in the Mississippi Teacher of the Year

program hosted by the Mississippi Department of Education this spring.

"Mrs. Chao is a phenomenal teacher," said Eastside Principal Cindy Hamil. "She is constantly looking for ways to make learning fun for her stu-

Chao teaches fifth-grade computer science and EnglishLanguage Arts. In addition to her regular classroom teaching, she has served as department chair for ELA in fourth and fifth

She leads training sessions for other teachers on how to incorporate technology in the classroom, and helped ensure that all Eastside teachers became Apple certified and Nearpod certified.

Chao has taught at Eastside since 2009. Prior to that, she taught kindergarten and special education at Raymond Elementary School.

She holds an associate's degree from Hinds Community College, a bachelor's degree in elementary education from William Carey University, and a master's degree in elementary

education from Delta State University. She is a National Board Certified Teacher.

"Mrs. Chao is one of those dynamic people who inspires others and truly has a heart for teaching," said Superintendent of Schools Tim Martin. "We're blessed to have a teacher of her caliber in our schools."

## **MVSU** remembers Dr. Joseph Wahome

The Mississippi Link Newswire

ITTA BENA, Miss. – Mississippi Valley State University is saddened by the loss of Joseph Muriuki Wahome, a former associate professor of biology in the Department of Natural Sciences and Environmental

Wahome passed away last week in Greenwood. He was

A native of Kenya, Wahome will be remembered at MVSU for his love of science and re-

"He was brilliant," said Kathie Golden, Wahome's friend and former colleague. We would banter and argue, but we were never mad with one another. He always promised to take me to Kenya one day."

Golden said Wahome was well-liked by students, particularly international students, and was always willing to help sponsor International Week ac-

"He was an international student, so he had an affinity for it and understood what it meant not to be able to go home for the holidays," said Golden. He enjoyed helping students perform research, and did all he could to help student-athletes. I've never had a student to complain about him."

Wahome joined MVSU's faculty in 1995 as an assistant professor of biology. Prior to that, he was a post-doctoral researcher at the National Park Service's Golden Gate National Park, Calif.

During his graduate career at the University of California-Berkeley (1990-1995),he served as a graduate student instructor, coordinator of the UC Berkeley Education Abroad International Outreach program and as an assistant in the Education Abroad Office.



During his tenure at MVSU, Wahome held positions with other universities and research organizations. He was a member of the research faculty at the National Marine and Fisheries Science Center in Miami, Fla., a master trainer at the University of Miami and Miami Museum of Science Technology Project, GEMS Associate at the UC Berkeley Lawrence Hall of Science, visiting researcher at Baylor University and associate faculty in the University of Pittsburg Semester at Sea program.

At MVSU, Wahome was engaged in several research projects and held a variety of positions. From 2000 to 2001 and 2014 to 2015 he was vicepresident of the faculty senate, and from 2015 to 2017 senate president. Wahome served as chair of MVSU's Natural Sciences and Environmental Health Department from 2002

to 2010, during which time he also served as chair of the IRB and Animal Care and Use committee, director of MBRS program, LSMAMP and MBRS

Wahome was an active researcher, conducting research with both students and faculty that was frequently presented at the Mississippi Academy of Science annual meetings.

Wahome published several articles that focus on animal behavior and environmental is-

Wahome received a bachelor of science with honors in 1987 and a master of science in biology of conservation in 1989, both from the University of Nairobi Kenya.

He earned a PhD in zoology from the University of California, Berkeley in 1995.

Details of Wahome's funeral arrangements are forthcoming.

### **MVSU** to roll out new online criminal justice graduate program

The Mississippi Link Newswire

ITTA BENA, Miss.— Mississippi Valley State University is working towards its mission to provide educational opportunities that are affordable and accessible with the addition of a new online master's degree program.

MVSU's Department of Criminal Justice has announced plans to roll out a master of science in criminal justice online degree program following approval from the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning Nov. 16.

The new program, expected to become available next fall, will become the institution's second online graduate degree

MVSU Vice President of

Academic Affairs Constance Bland said the online program was designed to help the university better address the changing demographics and needs of its

"This degree will give a large group of our students an opportunity to enjoy the flexibility, convenience and self-pace attributes of an online program," said Bland. We believe the degree will help us to better serve our students and provide an additional opportunity for others to pursue a post-baccalaureate degree."

With plans for all courses to be offered 100 percent online, the program will allow students to complete their degree without stepping foot into a classroom, said MVSU Criminal Justice

Chair Emmanuel Amadi.

"This will enable the Department of Criminal Justice at MVSU to expand student access by providing alternative program delivery method to traditional classroom instruction."

Currently one of MVSU's largest graduate programs, the Criminal Justice graduate program, prepares students for entry and supervisory level positions within the criminal justice field as well as doctoral studies.

The program is open to individuals who hold a bachelor's degree in criminal justice or in other academic disciplines from accredited universities.

For questions or more information regarding MVSU's Department of Criminal Justice, contact (662) 254-3364.



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## Commencement keynote speaker Murriel: 'Celebrate, hang up regalia, get to work'

By L.A. Warren jsumsnews.com

Participants among Jackson State University's nearly 800 fall commencement graduates and undergraduates aim to heed advice from keynote speaker the Rev. Dr. Kevin R. Murriel to begin working immediately on improving the quality of life for themselves and others.

Murriel, a 2008 alum of JSU, leads a congregation of more than 5,000 as senior pastor of Cascade United Methodist Church in Atlanta. He said, "The biggest mistake you can make after getting a degree is living like you're still getting one."

As a result, he unleashed a trove of recommendations to degree recipients inside the Lee E. Williams Athletics and Assembly Center, where a combined commencement was delayed by four hours due to snowy conditions that were heavier than expected Fri-

"Celebrate today and tonight. Then, hang up your regalia; frame your degree; put it on your wall, and get to work. This life waits for no one. ... You now join the ranks of the top academicians and leaders around the world, and no one can say you didn't earn it," Murriel said.

And, he especially credited graduates for having the internal fortitude and willingness to press through adversity to earn a degree.

President William B.

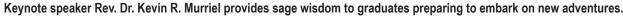
Bynum Jr. also saluted the graduates. He offered a special praise to family members and other loved ones for "going above and beyond" in their support." Bynum also acknowledged faculty and staff who, he said, "taught, advised, challenged, nurtured and counseled graduates."

As Murriel continued, he told honorees they probably had been wondering about their future because "the parties would end; apartments would be vacated." Now, he said, they must face the realities of becoming an official U.S. taxpayer.

Because of the impending changes, Murriel expressed empathy toward graduates because "moving from one season of life to the next always brings uncertainty." So, he urged them to stay the course even when worried about possible failures or the thought of, perhaps, returning home to live with parents.

Remain inspired, Murriel told them. After all, he said he benefited greatly from JSU, which is counting on them to "be better than people expect you to be." He said the urban institution, along with a community of families, have pre-







Ecstatic graduates demonstrate their affection for "Thee I Love."

pared them to go the extra

HBCUs, in general, he said are underestimated because "systemic racism and cultural incompetence are pervasive, alive and well." Despite that, he insisted that graduates recall the sacrifices of ancestors whose "blood, sweat, tears and toil" made America

He reiterated the message that they must make a difference right now and devise a strategy. Otherwise, "a plan without action is just a dream."

"We're counting on you to invest in the next great product; invent the next great product; start the next multibillion dollar tech company; find the next cure; establish the next school; design the next greatest building; lead the next city; or even lead a social movement against sexism, bigotry and other injustices around the world," Murriel said.

So, he provided a roadmap to accomplish the aforementioned:

"Don't move beyond the dream, go for it. You don't jump to dreams; you climb to dreams one step at a time."

"You cannot climb with everybody. ... Everyone can't be on your ship because bad relationships will lead to hardships that affect other partnerships. And, before you know it, you'll be on a sinking ship. ...







You can't take everyone on your journey with you. ... God will provide you with the right people at the right time who can help you pursue greatness."

"Choose your friends wisely."

"If you are the best,

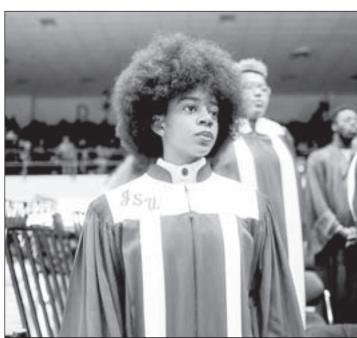
trick yourself into thinking there's someone always better than you and you'll always be motivated."

"If your alcohol bill and club entrance fees are more than your rent each month, please straighten out your priorities."



JSU President William B. Bynum Jr. congratulates JSU photography intern Anissa Hidouk.





"Make every effort to give as much as you can to others, especially back to your university. Selfishness has no reward, but generosity opens up more room for God to give back to you more than you can ever give to yourself."

Then, in his final rallying cry, Murriel told graduates they deserved to be honored and recognized.

"Know you are valuable, and never let anyone devalue your worth. ... "You will succeed. ... We are still counting on you," he said.

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## Booker, an icon of black journalism, dies at 99

By Stacy M. Brown NNPA Newswire Contributor

Simeon Booker, a trail-blazing black journalist, who covered the Civil Rights Movement for the iconic African-American magazines *EBONY* and *Jet* and who was the first black person to work as a full-time *Washington Post* reporter, has died.

Booker, who's credited with playing an integral role in delivering the story of Emmett Till's murder, was 99.

"As Chairman of the NNPA, I know that we honored Simeon Booker during Black Press
Week for his overall excellence
of journalism and certainly he
is someone that has been very,
very important to our industry," said Dorothy Leavell, the
national chairman of the NNPA
and publisher of the *Crusader*Newspapers in Chicago, Ill.,
and Gary, Indiana.

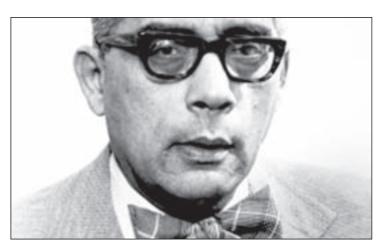
"His presence will be deeply missed. Even though he lived a long life, we still mourn and we send our sympathies to his family and want them to know that he was highly-appreciated at the NNPA and the Black Press around the country," Leavell said.

Simeon Saunders Booker Jr. was born August 27, 1918, in Baltimore, Maryland to Roberta Waring and Simeon Saunders Booker Sr., a YMCA director and minister, according to his biography published by The HistoryMakers.

After his family moved to Youngstown, Ohio, Booker became interested in journalism through a family friend, Carl Murphy, the owner and operator of *The Afro-American* newspapers, also known as *The Afro*, in Baltimore, Md.

In 1942, after receiving his bachelor's degree in English from Virginia Union University in Richmond, Booker took a job at the *The Afro-American* as a young reporter.

In 1945, he moved back to Ohio to work for the *Call and* 



Simeon Booker died December 10, 2017. WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

Post.

Five years later, Booker was the recipient of the Nieman Fellowship from Harvard University to study journalism and develop his talent as a reporter. After leaving Harvard in 1951, Booker became the first full-time black reporter at *The Washington Post*.

In 1954, Booker was hired by the Johnson Publishing Company to report on current events in its weekly digest, *Jet*.

In 1955, Booker helped to redefine the role of *Jet* and the entire Civil Rights Movement with his famous coverage of the Emmett Till murder and trial, turning an all too familiar event in the deep south into a national tragedy that united the black community.

Booker remained on the dangerous frontlines of the Civil Rights Movement, reporting on the 1957 integration of Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas. In 1961, Booker rode with the Congress on Racial Equality (CORE) Freedom Riders.

When the buses were firebombed in Anniston, Alabama, Booker arranged the Freedom Riders' evacuation with U.S. Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy.

Continuing his work of indepth reporting, Booker toured Vietnam and interviewed General Westmoreland for *Jet* in the mid-1960s. In 1964, Booker outlined the importance said. It in saddened, but it cans for the need for us to develop younger Simeon Bookers as we are all standing on the shoulders of those who came before us and who set [such lofty] standards."

of the ongoing Civil Rights Movement in his book, Black Man's America.

Booker covered every presidential election since the Eisenhower Administration in his 53 years with Johnson Publishing until he retired in 2007.

In 1982, Booker received one of the most prestigious awards in journalism, the National Press Club's Fourth Estate Award.

"A legend who served generations well," tweeted Reverend Jesse Jackson, the founder of the Rainbow PUSH Coalition. "The best at what he did. A freedom fighter for the ages."

Popular CNN White House Correspondent April Ryan wrote: "Thank you Simeon Booker for your stories that exposed truth this nation did not always want to see and or read. History."

Leavell said she hopes that someone among today's young journalists will be the next Booker.

"Although he wasn't actively practicing his profession any longer, his presence was one of those things that we all regret losing. We hate to see a chapter close with what Simeon provided to the Black Press," she said. "I'm saddened, but it calls for the need for us to develop younger Simeon Bookers as we are all standing on the shoulders of those who came before us and who set [such lofty] standards."

## **TV One cancels Roland Martin's Newsone Now**

By Stacy M. Brown NNPA Newswire Contributor

The only black daily newscast on television is no more.

TV One is canceling Roland Martin's morning show "NewsOne Now" due to budget cuts.

"They called a meeting on Wednesday and told the staff they were canceling the show. They're having significant financial problems and they have to scale back," a source told *The New York Post*.

"After four years of award-winning programming and distinguished service to our viewers as the only black daily newscast on television, the network has made the difficult decision to suspend the production of NewsOne Now as a daily morning news show. The last live show is scheduled Thursday, December 21, 2017," TV One's Interim General Manager Michelle Rice wrote in a memo.

The news shocked staffers – including Martin – as the network had just expanded the morning show to two hours in September, according to Page Six

"There were lots of tears...
The staff was completely caught off guard," Page Six reported a source as saying.

Neither Martin per his produc

Neither Martin nor his producers returned calls on Wednesday seeking comment.

TV One management did not return messages on Wednesday.
According to Page Six, the memo added: "While we will continue our long-standing part-



TV One cancels Roland Martin's NewsOne Now. Urban One plans to bring back NewsOne Now under a different format. SCREENSHOT/YOUTUBE.COM

nership with Roland Martin to ensure his important voice can be heard across all Urban One platforms examining issues of importance to the black community, we regret this decision adversely affects several of our valued colleagues whose positions will be eliminated with the suspension of the show."

The news caught viewers off guard and many, including high-profile journalists, took to social media.

"Maybe if the viewers make enough noise, TV One will reconsider canceling Roland Martin's NewsOne Now," said journalist Jawn Murray. "The only news show geared toward African Americans – and ditch the dozen or so black crime shows they air."

Author and media personality Tariq Nasheed tweeted: "Damn...TV One just canceled Roland Martin's NewsOne

show."

Gregory H. Lee Jr., the editorial director at NBA.com and the past president of the National Association of Black Journalists called the cancelation of News-One Now "crazy."

Lee wrote: "Roland Martin's morning show had real substance and covered the issues of our community."

On Thursday morning, Martin read more from the memo that was sent out to employees of the Urban One company.

"We are committed to providing quality news content to our viewers, but now realize a daily news program is not sustainable in this current financial climate," Martin read from the memo. "Our plan is to take a moment to regroup and restructure NewsOne Now in 2018 under a new format that will serve the needs of our diverse audience and the business."

## The oil and natural gas industry offers higher wages for black STEM professionals

By Freddie Allen Editor-In-Chief, NNPA Newswire

When it comes to preparing the next generation for careers in science, technology engineering and mathematics, also known at "STEM," Jack Gerard, the president and CEO of the American Petroleum Institute, said that leaders in the oil and natural gas industry have to answer the "awareness question."

"There are many people out there, today, that don't really understand the oil and natural gas industry or the opportunities that it can present for them, their families and for well-paying careers," said Gerard. "It's incumbent upon us, as an industry, to have this dialogue more often and to intensify this discussion, so that people really understand," the connection between the oil and natural gas industry and their everyday lives.

The American Petroleum Institute (API) and the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, recently hosted a panel discussion focused on increasing diversity and inclusion in STEM careers and in the oil and natural gas industry. API, the only national trade group representing all facets of the oil and natural gas industry, according to the group's website, supports 10.3 million jobs in the United States



(From left-right) Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., the president and CEO of the NNPA; Dr. Calvin Mackie, a motivational speaker and founder of STEM NOLA; Spencer Overton, the president of the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies; and Jack Gerard, the president and CEO of the American Petroleum Institute, pause for a photo a during a panel discussion about diversity and inclusion in the oil and natural gas industry at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. FREDDIE ALLEN/AMG/NNPA

and nearly 8 percent of the U.S. economy.

The panel discussion coincided with the release of a new RAND report titled, "Postsecondary Education and STEM Employment in the United States." The report, which was prepared for API, examined national education trends and the relationship between degree attainment and employment and wages, specifically in STEM fields.

"Many of tomorrow's best paying careers, at all levels, will require some kind of training or education in a STEM discipline," said Gerard. STEM degrees can lead to higher earnings and can help to close the wage gap between blacks and whites. Those higher earnings are even more pronounced in the oil and gas industry.

Blacks with STEM bachelor's degrees earn \$45.15 in hourly wages in the oil and natural gas industry, compared to blacks with non-STEM bachelor's degrees, who make \$28.10 per hour, according to the RAND report.

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VICKSBURG, Miss. - For the second consecutive year, the FY 17 Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey (FEVS) has recognized the Vicksburg District as a Best Place to Work within the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

Col. Michael C. Derosier, commander of the Vicksburg District, and Patricia Hemphill, chief of programs and project management division, were recently recognized and presented the certificate for this honor at a meeting in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Upon receiving this recog-

nition, Derosier, stated, "Not only was the district identified as a Best Place to Work...we are the highest scoring district in the large district category. Pat Hemphill, and I had the honor of receiving the certificate for this from Lieutenant General Semonite and Command Sergeant Major Houston during the recent 1st Quarter Executive Governance Meeting (EGM) in Pittsburgh."

In reference to his team members at the district he stated, "We were both very proud to represent each and every one of you in being recognized as the highest scoring 21st Century.

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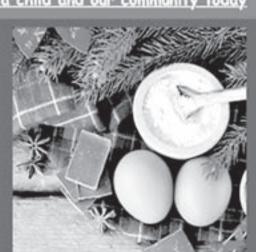
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### **Community faith outreach** hosts party at MSH



Volunteers from Evergreen United Methodist Church of Brandon, Miss., shared their time and talent Dec. 3 by bringing food, fun and joy to patients and residents at Mississippi State Hospital.



Volunteers from Brooks W. Stewart Ladies Auxiliary #9832 of Clinton, brought food, fun and joy to patients and residents at Mississippi State Hospital.



dents at Mississippi State Hospital, Dec. 3.

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More than eighty groups will provide parties and activities to over 700 patients and residents at the hospital this holiday season.

"The outpouring of love and support from all of our volunteer groups adds so much to the lives of our patients and residents during this joyous time. It is greatly

appreciated," said Sheila Shows, volunteer services director for the hospital.

Festivities at MSH will culmi-

nate Dec. 21, Santa Day. An annual tradition, Santa Day is a day when community volunteers and leaders gather at the hospital dressed as Santa and depatient and resident.

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



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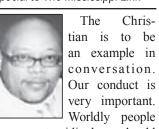
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## Living a Christ-like example

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



are eager to ridicule us should we do something wrong. The places we go and the things we do should be accomplished with Christ in mind. Again, carelessness often overtakes exemplifying the wrong example to those looking on.

God does not want His children living with no liberty or freedom to enjoy life. On the other hand, He does not want us to live loose, uncontrolled lives that bring reproach and disgrace to His name and cause. How we live, the way we talk and the places we go make a

In Titus 3:8, the Apostle Paul gave sound advice to Titus that is good for us today, in which he stated, "This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that

thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men." The Christian is to be an example in charity or love. Genuine love is in great need today. First, love to God and then also to our brothers and sisters in the Lord. Jesus informed us in John 13:34-35, "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another."

We are to love those who are in sin and know not God. We do not love the sin they do, but we are to love the person. In Matthew 5:44 we read Jesus' words, "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you."

There will always be some who may do things that hurt us. Remarks may be said about us that will damage our influence and character. Possibly, we could be mocked or disrespected. In a time such as this, we will need to lean heavily upon the grace of God and continue to show forth the right example.

As Christians, we must be ready to love our enemies and react as Jesus did when He was ridiculed, laughed at and scorned. As Christians, we must always be ready to forgive that one, even though the individual may never ask for forgiveness. As Christ forgave us of our sins, likewise, we must be willing to forgive all who have sin against us. In doing this as Jesus would have us to, we can and will keep our spirit right before God and man. We will be the example He desires.

Our Lord desires each of us to be a vessel through which He can work to help others. A Christ-like example may be the only Gospel some will ever see or hear. It is not always what we say that influences those around us; more often it is our godly life and example.

One final thought to consider

is to never allow discouragement to overtake us when those around us seem to be paying no attention. Many times people will never let on that our lives are having an effect on them.

We must be encouraged, and continue to be God's Christian example to the world. He may just have us where we are to be an example to show men, women and young people how a Christian is to live.

Even though they refuse to acknowledge God in this lifetime, someday they will wish they had acknowledged Him. When they stand before God at the Judgment, they may say they never knew what to do or how to live. However, God will point them back to the example of godliness we lived before them, and they will be without

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## The King is coming

By Shewanda Riley Columnist



Christmas has always been one of my favorite times of year. I like the overall good mood most people are in and

love hearing Christmas music nearly everywhere I go. Even as a child, I think that the emotion that I would say best described how I saw Christmas was anticipation. As a kid, I anticipated the joy of getting gifts. Now I anticipate the joy of giving gifts.

Even though I like gifts (getting and giving), another thing I like about the Christmas season is the celebration of Advent, the centuries old tradition that uses the four weeks before Christmas as a time of focused preparation of Christ's birth.

Since I wasn't raised a Methodist, it took me a few years when I became a member of a Methodist church in Dallas to fully understand the importance of Advent. As the candles and podium coverings changed colors each week, it seemed to shift the focus from gift shopping to creating an eagerness about Christ's birth.

Maybe I'm homesick for my former church home, but for some reason this year I find myself thinking more and more about seeing the weeks before Christmas differently. Or maybe it is the chaotic political situations in the United States right now. So much now seems turned upside down with some Christians proudly supporting politicians who have either admitted to or have been accused of sexual misconduct and sexual assault of children.

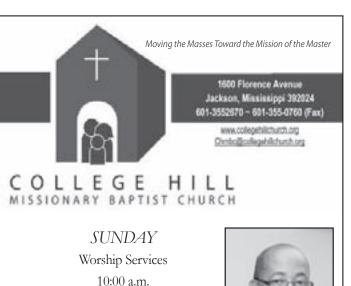
As disappointing as it is that

some Christians are supporting these obviously un-Christlike sexual predators, it's an even greater disappointment that the most hateful racist and sexist remarks are being made during this season of the anticipation of the birth of Christ. It's obvious that these actions go against the teachings of love and compas-

2 Timothy 4:3-4 warns about what appears to be happening right now with these "Christians:" For the time will come when people will not tolerate sound doctrine and accurate instruction [that challenges them with God's truth]; but wanting to have their ears tickled [with something pleasing], they will accumulate for themselves [many] teachers [one after another] to satisfy their own desires and to support the errors they hold. 4. And will turn their ears away from the truth and will wander off into myths and manmade fictions [and will accept the unacceptable] (Amplified). The sad part is that some Christians are so deceived that they either do not realize or care about the irony of the timing.

So, as we have a few weeks left before Christmas, imagine how things would be if instead of focusing on shopping for gifts or politics, we spent time focusing on celebrating the anticipation, hope, joy and love found in the birth of Jesus Christ.

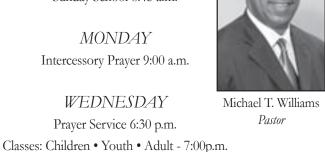
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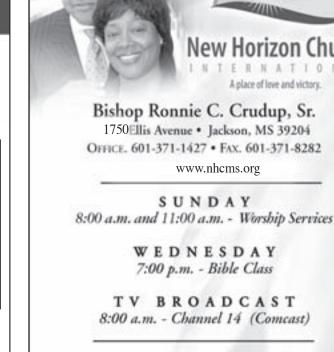


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#### President's claim to be above the law is "an affront to the very principle on which our system is built"

By Marc H. Morial President and CEO National Urban League



"No man is above the law and no man is below it: nor do we ask any man's permission when we

ask him to obey it." - Theodore Roosevelt, Third Annual Message, December 7, 1903

A claim this week by President Trump's personal lawyer that the "president cannot obstruct justice because he is the chief law enforcement officer" sparked immediate comparison to Richard Nixon's notorious 1977 statement, "When the president does it, that means that it is not illegal."

While the Senate Judiciary Committee did approve a charge of obstruction of justice against Nixon in 1972, Nixon's 1977 statement to interviewer David Frost referred to another article, considered but rejected by the committee: the secret bombing of Cambodia. The committee also rejected an article regarding Nixon's personal finances and failure to pay taxes.

Nixon famously resigned before the House of Representatives could vote on the three articles of impeachment – in addition to obstruction, the committee approved articles charging him with abuse of power and contempt of Congress. But it was widely accepted the House would vote to impeach.

In a memo prepared for Watergate Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski, the legal team argued not only that "no man in this country is so high that he is above the law," but the offense of obstruction was of particular concern.

"Failure to deal evenhandedly with the president would be an affront to the very principle on which our system is built. And this failure would be all the more severe because of the nature of the crime in question, a conspiracy to obstruct justice, the purpose of which was to place certain individuals beyond the rule of law. The result would probably be greater public disrespect for the integrity of the legal process than has already been created by public knowledge of attempts by the nation's highest officials to put themselves beyond the law."

Twenty three years later, Congress would vote to impeach President Bill Clinton, on charges of perjury and obstruction of justice.

The special prosecutor investigating Clinton, Ken Starr, wrote in his report, "An effort to obstruct justice by withholding the truth from the legal process – whether by lying under oath, concealing documents or improperly influencing a witness's testimony - is a federal crime. There is substantial and credible information that President Clinton engaged in such efforts to prevent the truth of his relationship with Monica Lewinsky from being revealed in the Jones case."

No president is above the law. Nixon and Clinton were not, and Trump is not. Nor is the president, the chief law enforcement officer in the nation; the attorney general holds that distinction.

President Trump, of course, has not been charged with obstruction of justice or any other offense. But his lawyer's claim represents a dangerous and un-American view.

Thomas Paine, in his revolutionary pamphlet Common Sense, wrote "But where, says some, is the King of America? .... In America the law is

John Adams enshrined the concept in the Massachusetts Constitution with the oftenquoted phrase, "a government of laws, not of men."

It has been a common rhetorical device in modern American politics for rivals to accuse one another of placing themselves above the law, particularly when protesting some executive action or another. But with the notable exceptions of Nixon and Trump. it's unheard of for a U.S. president to claim that privilege for himself. It's disputed whether King Louis XIV of France really said "L'etat, c'est moi" - "I am the state," – on his deathbed in 1715, but it's certain that the expression has consistently been held up as the antithesis of American rule of law.

There are nine current members of the Senate who voted to convict Clinton of obstruction of justice in 1999. They would be hard pressed, now, to agree with Trump's legal team that the offense does

## Don't delay, sign-up for affordable healthcare today

By Rep. James E. Clyburn D-S.C., Chairman, Democratic Faith Working Group



The deadline to enroll or modify healthcare coverage under the Affordable Care Act is December 15. So, time is run-

ning out. Despite what you may have heard, the Affordable Care Act is still the law of the land, and everyone must have health insurance or pay a penalty. Go to www. healthcare.gov to find a plan that works for you. Don't delay, enroll

Congress enacted the Affordable Care Act (ACA) to ensure all Americans have access to affordable quality healthcare, which ought to be a basic human right. Since becoming law, the ACA has provided health insurance for more than 20 million people who did not have it before its passage.

When Congress was considering the Affordable Care Act, I spoke on the House floor and called the legislation the "Civil Rights Act of the 21st Century." I gave it that moniker, because the ACA outlaws discrimination against sick people and their families. It outlaws discrimination against women, closes the Medicare "donut hole" and allows adults up to age 26 to stay on their parents' policies. I strongly believe that access to affordable, high-quality healthcare should be a right for all, not a privilege solely for the wealthy and well-connect-

Despite the current administration's ongoing attempts to undermine the law, sign-ups for 2018 have outpaced most expert predictions. To date, more than 2.5 million Americans have already chosen plans. This is a great showing and proves Americans want affordable health care. Discounts and subsidies are still in place and may be better than last year. In fact, 80 percent of healthcare.gov enrollees will be able to purchase a plan for \$75 or less per month.

As the chairman of the Democratic Faith Working Group in the U.S. House of Representatives, I have been working with faith groups across the country to spread the word and articulate the good work about the ACA. This outreach has engaged the faith community in promoting sign-ups during this open rnrollment period through our "Souls 2 Enroll" outreach effort and other engagement activities. We need to build on this

record of success in the remaining days of Open Enrollment.

Time is running out for you to enroll in the Affordable Care Act. If you have questions or need help, there are many people willing to assist you. Go to the website, www.healthcare.gov or you may be able to find in-person help in your area at https://localhelp. healthcare.gov/#/ to shop for plans and sign up. You can also call the marketplace call center at 1-800-318-2596. Don't be left without health insurance; get covered to-

U.S. House Assistant Democratic Leader James E. Clyburn represents South Carolina's 6th congressional district. In Congress, he serves as the chair of the Democratic Faith Working Group. Follow him on Twitter at @Cly-

### Racism in the workplace and the whitewashing of the #metoo movement

By Julianne Malveaux NNPA News Wire Columnist



Rep. John Convers (D-Mich.) was the first member of the Congressional Black Caucus to leave his job after

the "MeToo" hashtag galvanized women to speak up about sexual misconduct, harassment and more. Too bad that impetus did not float up to the top, where an avowed grabber of women's genitals occupies the White House.

It's also unfortunate, that members of Congress who have paid sexual assault accusers out of a taxpayer-funded slush fund have not been unmasked. We know some of the names. Texas Congressman Blake Farenthold (R-Texas) arranged to have his former communications director paid \$84,000 (a fraction of the \$27,000 Conyers is said to have paid). Farenthold has not resigned, nor have Congressional Republicans called for his resignation, including Speaker of the House Paul Ryan (R-Wis.). Farenthold said he will pay the money back. Yeah, right.

As a woman, I am cheered by the #MeToo movement, although I am also annoyed by the myopia about women of color and sexual harassment, assault and rape. In 1944, Recy Taylor was viciously

raped by seven white men, who never paid a price. Civil rights icon Rosa Parks was an NAACP investigator in this case, as chronicled by Danielle McGuire in her book, "At the Dark End of the Street: Black Women, Rape, and Resistance – A New History of the Civil Rights Movement from Rosa Parks to the Rise of Black Power." The first case in which the Supreme Court ruled that sexual harassment was a violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act was brought by Michelle Vinson, an African American woman, in the case Meritor Savings Bank v. Vinson (1986).

The high-profile, white women who are talking about workplace sexual harassment and assault really need to acknowledge the many ways that African-American women have been systematically abused, and systematically ignored (and sometimes conspired against) by their white "sisters."

Perhaps I quibble, but this overwhelming stand against sexual misconduct and beyond (getting nude in front of your staff, forcible kissing, grabbing women, etc.) makes me wonder when there will be a similar groundswell against racism and racial harassment in the workplace. Numerous cases of nooses being displayed in workplaces have been reported in the last decade, so many that a law journal published an article titled, "Does One Noose in the Workplace Constitute a Hostile Work Environment? If Not, How Many?" One isolated incident is not enough, the article opines. Why do nooses get to be seen as "jokes," while unwanted kissing is seen as an occurrence of zero tolerance?

I'm not ever, ever, ever going to excuse sexual perfidy (and more) in the workplace, but I do wonder why we can wink, nod and grin about racial workplace misbehavior while we stand our ground about gender. I wonder why so many say accept the "just kidding" or "I didn't know" excuse when people are racially insensitive, but are now willing to hold press conferences and speak out against sexism in the workplace.

If you look at the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives, the paucity of people of color as senior staffers is amazing, as documented by the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies. Surely, there is no shortage of highly qualified African Americans and Latinos who could work on Capitol Hill. Why aren't members of Congress calling each other on their racial myopia?

Perhaps racism and racial harassment are a little more complicated than sexism and sexual harassment. Half of the population, after all, is female, and while women make the slow climb up the hierarchy in corporate America, politics, the media and entertainment, the pace has been steady enough that powerful women are now able to call men out on their misbehavior, with women demanding resignations of (some) misbehaving men. However, too few white women and men have been willing to apply the same "zero tolerance" to employment matters regarding race.

There should never be another

noose laid on a black employee's desk or displayed in a workplace. There should never be another intimidating Confederate flag flying in a black person's face. There should never be another opportunity for an employee (or fellow student or faculty member) to talk about picking cotton. There should never be another blackface performance, anywhere. And there should never be another person who talks about zero tolerance around workplace sexism to accept any whisper of workplace

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Whites with STEM bachelor's degrees make slightly more per hour than blacks with STEM degrees working in the oil and natural gas industry (\$45.26 vs. \$45.15).

The hourly wage gap is higher between Whites and Blacks with non-STEM degrees that work in the oil and gas industry (\$37.73 vs. \$28.10).

According to the 2016 report titled, "Minority and Female Employment in the Oil & Natural Gas and Petrochemical Industries, 2015-2035" by IHS Global prepared for API, "nearly 1.9 million direct job opportunities are projected through 2035 in the oil and natural gas and petrochemical industries" and "African Americans and Hispanics will account for over 80 percent of the net increase in the labor force from 2015 to 2035."

Gerard said that over the next 10 years about 50 percent of the oil and natural gas workforce is going to turnover.

According to the IHS Global report on minority and female employment in the oil and natural gas industry, blacks accounted for 6.7 percent of the total workforce.

Gerard said that as the current workforce reaches retirement age, the industry will need a rising

generation to fill those jobs. Understanding the demographic shifts the industry has to get more aggressive in addressing that challenge, added Ge-

"If we're going to do the things that are necessary to move the needle to impact those 1.9 million jobs, we have to go where most people don't want to go and that's in the black and brown communities," said Calvin Mackie, a motivational speaker and founder of STEM NOLA. "We often talk about STEM in a way that a common man and common woman really can't grasp."

Mackie said that millions of black and brown boys play football and basketball every Saturday, dreaming of making it to the NFL or NBA, even though their chances of achieving that goal are statistically low.

"If we're going to solve this problem, we have to go to the communities and make sure that on every Saturday there are a million black and brown kids doing STEM, hoping and believing that, 15 years later, they will become, millionaires and billionaires," said Mackie.

Mackie runs a program that exposes elementary and high school students from underserved communities to STEM principles and STEM careers.

Gerard said that leaders of the oil and natural gas industry recognize that they have to engage more effectively with minority communities, in order to build relationships and train and recruit their future workforce.

"We need help from people who have been on the frontlines for many years," said Gerard.

Overton said that working with groups like the National Newspaper Publishers Association can improve the oil and natural gas industry's outreach in the black community.

Overton also shared an anecdote about the African-American women who were depicted in the movie "Hidden Figures."

African-American NASA mathematician Dorothy Vaughan predicted that an incoming IBM computer would displace "human computers" in the 1960s. In anticipation, she learned the computer language Fortran, and she taught it to her team of black women mathematicians. When the IBM arrived, the team was ready and took over new jobs operating the IBM, Overton said.

'We are in this moment of rare opportunity... we can be proactive instead of reactive, like those women in 'Hidden Figures,'" said Spencer Overton, the president of the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies.

Mackie said that in order to increase awareness about STEM careers in the oil and natural gas industry, programs have to be culturally and environmentally relevant.

"When we start talking about STEM education...sometimes it's disenfranchising our children, because it's not exposing them to the possibility of the hundreds of thousands of jobs in the oil and gas industry," said Mackie.

Mackie said that the nature of work is rapidly changing, driven by innovation and technology; that rapid change has the power to change lives for those individuals who have access to the resources to harness those tools.

Some education advocates fear that black children, oftentimes don't have access to those re-

"America is in trouble," said Mackie. "We have to make sure that we expose every kid to the possibility of STEM, because the future will belong to those that can play in it and create it and all of our kids deserve that possibility."

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#### **LEGAL**

**SECTION 901** 

#### **ADVERTISEMENT**

City of Jackson, MISSISSIPPI

#### Federal Aid Project No. SRSP-0250-00(035) LPA 105812-401000 **Barr Elementary School**

The City Clerk of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, will receive bids for the Safe Route to School Project for Barr Elementary School for a project length of .72 miles, Federal Aid Project No. SRSP-0250-00(035) LPA 105812-401000 no later than 3:30 PM , Local Time, January 9, 2018, at the City of Jackson located at 219 South President Street, Jackson Missis-

The work shall consist essentially of the following items:

sippi. All bids so received will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The installation of sidewalks, and warning signs. And the maintenance of existing warning signs, traffic signals and signal pole. All other related items of work required to complete the project as shown and specified in the Contract Documents.

The above general outline of features of the work does not in any way limit the responsibility of the contractor to perform all work and furnish all plant, labor, equipment and materials required by the specifications and the drawings referred to therein.

The attention of bidders is directed to the Contract Provisions governing selection and employment of labor. Minimum wage rates for Federal-Aid projects have been predetermined by the Secretary of Labor and are subject to Public Law 87-581 Work Hours Act of 1962, as set forth in the Contract Provisions.

The City of Jackson hereby notifies all Bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged and women's business enterprises will be afforded the full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for

The award of this contract will be contingent upon the Contractor satisfying the DBE/WBE requirements.

The Contract Documents are on file and may be examined at the following

1. City of Jackson Office (Engineering Division), 219 South President Street, Jackson Mississippi.

2. IMS Engineers, 126 E. Amite Street, Jackson Mississippi, 39201 All documents required for bidding purposes may be obtained from Engineering Service located at 126 E. Amite Street, Jackson Mississippi, 39201 upon payment of \$100.00 for each set, which will not be refunded.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Certified Check on a solvent bank or a Bidder's Bond issued by a Surety Company licensed to operate in the State of Mississippi, in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total bid price, payable to the City Jackson as bid security. Bidders shall also submit a current financial statement, if requested by the City. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment bond each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount.

The proposal and contract documents in its entirety shall be submitted in a sealed envelope and deposited with the City Clerk of the City of Jackson, 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi prior to the hour and date

Work to be performed shall be in accordance with the "Mississippi State Highway Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, 2004", together with all amendments and/or special provisions and/or addenda to the standards duly approved and adopted, unless otherwise noted in these specifications.

The attention of Bidders is directed to the provisions of Subsection 102.07

Director, Department of Public Works

City of Jackson, Mississippi

Robert K. Miller

12/14/2017, 12/21/2017

#### **LEGAL**

**CITY OF JACKSON** REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

PROPOSAL FOR DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF TESTING AND ASSESSMENT PROCESSES FOR PROMOTION TO FIRE CAPTAIN

Notice is hereby given that the City of Jackson, Mississippi (hereinafter "City"), will receive sealed proposals for the Development, Administration and Management of Testing and Assessment Processes for Promotion to Fire Captain, at the Office of the City Clerk at 219 South President Street in Jackson, Mississippi 39205-0017 or P. O. Box 17, Jackson, Mississippi 39205-0017 until 3:30 p.m. central standard time, Tuesday, January 9,

Copies of the Specifications and Proposal Form for the Development and Management of Testing and Assessment Processes for Promotion to Fire Captain are on file in the Office of the Director of Personnel Management, 1000 Metrocenter, Suite 102, Jackson, Mississippi, 39209, and copies will be provided upon request. All proposals must be submitted to the City Clerk no later than 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 9, 2018 in a sealed envelope, addressed as follows:

For Delivery: City of Jackson City Clerk

City Hall

219 S. President Street Jackson, MS 39205-0017

For Mailing: City of Jackson City Clerk

P.O. Box 17

Jackson, MS 39205-0017

All proposals must be delivered or mailed in a sealed envelope (mailed proposals must be contained in a sealed envelope inside the mailing envelope) and labeled in the lower left corner as follows:

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR

DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT

OF TESTING AND ASSESSMENT PROCESSES FOR PROMOTION TO FIRE CAPTAIN TO BE RECEIVED AND OPENED AT CITY HALL 3:30 P.M., TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018

The City reserves the right to reject any and all such proposals.

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#### **LEGAL**

#### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS

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

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

3/9/2017 thru 12/28/2017

#### **ADVERTISEMENT FOR RFPS**

#### Advertisement for RFPs Re-Bid - RFP 2017-12 Lead Partner for Teacher Support

Sealed, written formal rfp proposals for the above rfp will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time) December 21, 2017, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all rfps, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any rfp if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date rfps are opened. Proposal forms and detailed specifications may be obtained free of charge by emailing pagreen@jackson.k12.ms.us, calling (601) 960-8799, or documents may be picked up at the above address or downloaded from JPS website at HYPERLINK "http://www.jackson.k12. ms.us" www.jackson.k12.ms.us.

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**CITY OF JACKSON** REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

PROPOSAL FOR DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF TESTING AND ASSESSMENT PROCESSES FOR PROMOTION TO DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF

Notice is hereby given that the City of Jackson, Mississippi (hereinafter "City"), will receive sealed proposals for the Development, Administration and Management of Testing and Assessment Processes for Promotion to District Fire Chief, at the Office of the City Clerk at 219 South President Street in Jackson, Mississippi 39205-0017 or P. O. Box 17, Jackson, Mississippi 39205-0017 until 3:30 p.m. central standard time, Tuesday, Janu-

Copies of the Specifications and Proposal Form for the Development and Management of Testing and Assessment Processes for Promotion to District Fire Chief are on file in the Office of the Director of Personnel Management, 1000 Metrocenter, Suite 102, Jackson, Mississippi, 39209, and copies will be provided upon request. All proposals must be submitted to the City Clerk no later than 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 9, 2018 in a sealed envelope, addressed as follows:

For Delivery: City of Jackson City Clerk

City Hall

219 S. President Street

Jackson, MS 39205-0017

For Mailing: City of Jackson City Clerk

P.O. Box 17 Jackson, MS 39205-0017

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SEALED PROPOSALS FOR **DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT** 

OF TESTING AND ASSESSMENT PROCESSES FOR PROMOTION TO DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF TO BE RECEIVED AND OPENED AT CITY

3:30 P.M., TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all such proposals.

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#### **LEGAL**

#### City of Jackson, Mississippi **Bid Specifications for Legal Publications 2018**

The City of Jackson, Mississippi ("City of Jackson"), seeks competitive bids for the City's annual contract for legal publication.

Sealed bids will be received in the Office of the City Clerk at City Hall in the City of Jackson until 3:30 P.M., Tuesday December 19, 2017. Each bidder shall submit an original and two (2) copies of the bid using the bid form supplied by the City of Jackson. Additionally, each bidder must submit documentation that shows its qualifications and compliance with all criteria set forth in Section 13-3-31. Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended. All bids must be sealed and plainly marked "Bid for Legal Publication" on the outside of the envelope.

The bidder must use the bid form provided by the City of Jackson. The bid form must be signed by an authorized representative. Failure to submit the signed bid form and failure to submit documentation that shows qualifications and compliance with all criteria set forth in Section 13-3-31 will result in rejection of the bid.

Bidder shall quote a per word rate of one hundred word advertisement to the nearest one millionth of a dollar, e.g. 0.999999. The guoted per word rate will be for a first, second, and third publication. Bidders shall also include a flat rate for supplying a proof of publication.

All prices quoted shall be firm and fixed for the specified contract period. The bid will be used for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

#### Term of the Agreement The term of the agreement is for a one year period: January 1, 2018 through

December 31, 2018. Publications will be made on an as need basis. The method of requesting ads shall be by email.

#### The determination of the low bidder will be used on a "per word" rate, of a one

hundred word advertisement, published three (3) times and a single proof of publication. The quoted per word rate will be for a first, second, and third publication, and evaluated to the nearest one millionth of a dollar (e.g., \$0.999999).

Questions regarding this bid shall be in written format. Written responses to the questions submitted shall be issued. Bidder questions and responses will be made a part of the bid file.

All questions regarding the Specifications for Legal Publications 2018 should be forwarded, by U.S. mail, to Kristi Moore, City Clerk, City of Jackson, P.O. Box 17, 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39205, or by email to kristim@

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#### **LEGAL**

#### **Notice to Contractors/Sub-Contractors**

Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area ("HFHMCA"), a Christian non-profit affordable housing ministry, is seeking qualified construction general contractors/sub-contractors in the following areas to support construction of new homes or rehabilitation and remodeling of existing homes in the City of Jackson as well as other areas in Hinds, Rankin and Madison Counties, Mississippi:

nice, and decking; drywall, painting; electrical, HVAC, insulation, plumbing, roofing, tree removal, site prep, and foundation contractors as well as remodelers and handyman services.

General residential contractors and sub/contractors; framing, siding, cor-

Qualifications: All contractors and subs must provide current evidence of general liability and workers' compensation insurance. Licenses and bonds must also be submitted where required.

HFHMCA is an equal opportunity employer (M/F) (EOE). Proposals are encouraged from small, women, minority owned and certified Section 3 businesses

HFHMCA is a licensed contractor and is licensed by the Mississippi Department of Banking and Consumer Finance, NMLS Number 283632.

For information contact: Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area 615 Stonewall St. Jackson, MS 39213 (601) 353-6060

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## Office Space for Rent

Garrett Enterprises Building

(Near Jackson Medical Mall)

2659 Livingston Road Jackson, MS 39213

2500 Square Feet

Call: 601-209-9199

#### **LEGAL**

CITY OF JACKSON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

PROPOSAL FOR DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT
OF TESTING AND ASSESSMENT
PROCESSES FOR PROMOTION
TO FIRE LIEUTENANT/ DRIVER OPERATOR

Notice is hereby given that the City of Jackson, Mississippi (hereinafter "City"), will receive sealed proposals for the Development, Administration and Management of Testing and Assessment Processes for Promotion to Fire Lieutenant/Driver Operator, at the Office of the City Clerk at 219 South President Street in Jackson, Mississippi 30205-0017 or P. O. Box 17, Jackson, Mississippi 39205-0017 until 3:30 p.m.

Copies of the Specifications and Proposal Form for the Development and Management of Testing and Assessment Processes for Promotion to Fire Lieutenant / Driver Operator are on file in the Office of the Director of Personnel Management, 1000 Metrocenter, Suite 102, Jackson, Mississippi, 39209, and copies will be provided upon request. All proposals must be submitted to the City Clerk no later than 3:30 p.m., Tuesday January 9, 2018 in a sealed envelope, addressed as follows:

For Delivery: City of Jackson City Clerk

For Mailing:

City Cler City Hall

central standard time, Tuesday, January 9, 2018.

Jackson, MS 39205-0017

City of Jackson City Clerk P.O. Box 17

Jackson, MS 39205-0017

219 S. President Street

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SEALED PROPOSALS FOR DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT

DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF TESTING AND ASSESSMENT PROCESSES FOR PROMOTION

TO FIRE LIEUTENANT/ DRIVER OPERATOR TO BE RECEIVED AND OPENED AT CITY HALL

The City reserves the right to reject any and all such proposals.

3:30 P.M., TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018

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#### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI LEGAL PUBLICATIONS FOR 2018

Pursuant to Section 21-39-3 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, notice is hereby given that the City of Jackson, Mississippi ("City of Jackson"), seeks competitive bids for the City of Jackson's annual contract for legal publications.

Sealed bids will be received in the Office of the City Clerk at City Hall in the City of Jackson, until 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 19, 2017 for the publication of the City of Jackson's proceedings, ordinances, resolutions, and other notices required to be published. All submitted bids should be sealed and plainly marked "Bid for Legal Publications" on the outside of the envelope.

Each bidder is responsible for documenting its bid with the necessary attachments evidencing its qualifications and compliance with all relevant criteria set forth in Section 13-3-31 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended.

Each bid must be submitted on the bid form provided by the Office of the City Clerk. Bid forms may be obtained from the Office of the City Clerk. Each bidder must quote a per word rate of a one hundred word advertisement to the nearest one millionth of a dollar, e.g. 0.999999. The quoted per word rate must be for a first, second and third publication. Bidders must also include a flat rate for supplying a proof of publication.

The determination of the low bidder will be based on a per word rate of a one hundred word advertisement, published three (3) times and a single proof of publication. The successful bidder will be awarded a one-year contract for the term of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

By: Kristi Moore, City Clerk

12/7/2017, 12/14/2017

#### LEGAL

#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A VARIANCE

#### ZONING CASE NO. 4000

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Electric Guard Dog LLC has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a two (2) ft. Variance from the eight (8) ft. maximum height requirement to install a ten (10) ft. security fence which will be powered by a 12V battery independent of the power grid within a C80-I2 Heavy Industrial Sub-district on the property located at 1435 Allen St. in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, Block "B", Empire Planning Mill Subdivision as shown by a map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi and less that part to the street on the south side; all situated in the City of Jackson, County of Hinds, State of Mississippi.

A tract or parcel of land in the south half of the southwest quarter of Section 10, Township 5 North, Range 1 East and described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at a point marking the intersection of the south right of way line of Beatty Street with the east right of way line of Allen Street, as said streets are now laid out and used; thence run southerly along the east line of said Allen Street, a distance of 111.0 feet to a point marking the north edge of the north wall, extended, of a masonry building for the point of beginning; thence continuing southerly along said East right of way of Allen Street for a distance of 31.25 feet to a point; thence run easterly, parallel with the south right of way line of said Beatty Street, for a distance of 150 feet to a point; thence run in a northerly direction, parallel with the aforesaid east right of way line of Allen Street, for a distance of 31.25 feet to a point; thence run in a westerly direction, parallel with the south right of way line of said Beatty Street for a distance of 150 feet to the point of beginning.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, December 20, 2017, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

LEGAL

#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A VARIANCE

#### **ZONING CASE NO. 4001**

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that The Quarters - Cornell Kitchens has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a 1.2 acre Variance from the 3 acre minimum requirement for an assisted living facility within a C-3 (General) Commercial District on the property located at 585 Beasley Rd. in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

A parcel of land containing 1.7746 ACRES, 77,301.4 sq. ft., more or less, situated in a part of the Southwest One-Quarter (SW 1/4) of the Southeast One-Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section 1, Township 6 North, Range 1 East, the City of Jackson, the First Judicial District, Hinds County, Mississippi and being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

Commence at the Southwest Corner of the Southwest One-Quarter (SW 1/4) of the Southeast One Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section 1, Township 6 North, Range 1 East, the First Judicial District, Hinds County, Mississippi, said point being located on the East line of Lot 1 "Homewood" Subdivision, a plat of record and recorded in Plat Book 4 at Page 83 of the Land Records of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, said point marking the POINT OF BEGINNING of the following described parcel of land.

From the POINT OF BEGINNING run thence North 89 degrees 46 minutes 16 seconds East along the South line of Section 1 for a distance of 400.00 feet to the Southwest corner of that certain parcel of land conveyed to W. W. Bailey as per Deed Book 4618 at Page 295 (Parcel "C") of the Hinds County Land Records, run thence North 02 degrees 13 minutes 45 seconds East along the West line of the last referenced parcel of land and a projection thereof for a distance of 190.00 feet to a point on the South right-of-way line of a paved Public roadway known as Beasley Road, run thence North 89 degrees 14 minutes 28 seconds West along the South right-of-way line of the last referenced roadway for a distance of 399.69 feet to a point on the West line of the Southwest One Quarter (SW ¼) of the Southeast One-Quarter (SE ¼) of Section 1, Township 6 North, Range 1 East, the First Judicial District, Hinds County, Mississippi said point also being the Northeast Corner of Lot 1, "Homewood" Subdivision, a plat of record and recorded in Plat Book 4 at

Page 83 of the Land Records of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi; run thence South 02 degrees 15 minutes 00 seconds West along the last referenced West line and leaving the right-of-way line of Beasley Road and along the East line of Lot 1 "Homewood" Subdivision for a distance of 196.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

The above description described that same parcel of land as per deed book 4290 at page 690 of the Hinds County Land Records to-wit:

The following described real property lying and being situated in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District, Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the SW comer of the SW ¼ of the SE ¼ Section 1, Township 6 North, Range 1 East, thence run East 400.00 feet; thence North 190.00 feet, more or less, thence West to quarter-quarter line to a point which is 196.9 feet North of point of beginning, thence South 196.90 feet to the point of beginning; being in SW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 1, Township 6 North, Range 1 East, Hinds County, Mississippi.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, December 20, 2017, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

WITNESS my signature this the 21st day of November 2017.

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

11/30/2017, 12/14/2017

#### LEGAL

#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT

#### ZONING CASE NO. 3999

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Necco G. Nelson has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit to operate a tattoo shop within a C-3 (General) Commercial District on property located at 500 E. Woodrow Wilson Ave. – Suite B, in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Beginning at a point on the north line of Woodrow Wilson Avenue a distance of 777.17 feet measured South 89°55' West and along the north line of Woodrow Wilson Avenue from a concrete Monument marking the intersection of the North line of Woodrow Wilson Avenue with the west of North State Street, as both are laid out and improved in the City of Jackson, Hinds Country, Mississippi; and from this point of beginning run N 0° 55' E for a point; thence S 0°16' West for a distance of 64.0 feet to a point; thence S 89° 55' W for a distance of 61.0 feet to the point of beginning;

and also

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Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, December 20, 2017, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

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

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#### 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, January 16, 2018, 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:

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Proposals are due no later than 3 p.m. CST on January 11, 2018 at the administration office of the Jackson Zoo. Contact Guest Services Manager Sheba Moses via email smoses@jacksonzoo.org to receive the complete RFP for directions to submit. A copy of the RFP packet may also be picked up at the Jackson Zoo, 2918 West Capitol St., Jackson, MS during regular business hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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## FILM REVIEW: SAOIRSE SHINES AS REBELLIOUS TEEN IN TOUCHING COMING-OF-AGE ADVENTURE

By Kam Williams

Saoirse Ronan is only 23, but she's already been nominated for an Academy Award twice, for Brooklyn (2015) and Atonement (2005). Now, she's a shoo-in to land another nomination for her memorable turn as the title character in Lady Bird.

It's hard to say whether three times will prove to be the charm for the Irish ingenue, since this has been a banner year for actress-

es, with powerful performances turned in by worthy competitors like Sally Hawkins, Frances Mc-Dormand and perennial-nominee Meryl Streep. Win or lose, Ronan deserves all the accolades she's getting for exhibiting an enviable range in a very demanding role as a tormented teen constantly in

Life is an emotional roller coaster for this college-bound senior. And as the film unfolds, it's easy to see why. Christine "Lady

Bird" McPherson is an iconoclast who refuses to conform, whether she's rebelling from her overbearing mother (Laurie Metcalf) or breaking the rules at her Catholic high school. She dyes her hair a bizarre blend of red and pink, and insists on being addressed as Lady Bird by everyone.

Despite being an academic underachiever, she's banking on college as her ticket out of town. She hates boring Sacramento, and won't settle for a school anywhere but in New York City. But instead of studying to pick up her grades, she indulges her impulses by running for class president and trying out for a role in The Tempest. Plus, her hormones are raging, and she's a little boy crazy, too. So, excuse her for not being able to keep her eyes on the university prize.

The plot thickens in a variety of surprising ways it would be almost evil to spoil here. Suffice to say that Lady Bird is a fantastic, female-centric, instant classic reminiscent of both Juno (2007) and Bridesmaids (2011). Written and directed by Mumblecore movement maven Greta Gerwig, the picture is also ostensibly semi-autobiographical, since the Sacramento native attended an all-girls Catholic school before moving to Manhattan to attend Barnard College.

A delightful crowd pleaser well deserving of Oscar nominations for Best Picture, Best Actress,

Best Director and Best Original Screenplay!

Excellent (4 stars)

Rated R for profanity, sexuality, teen partying and brief graphic

Running time: 93 minutes Production Company: Scott Rudin Productions/ IAC Films / Management 360

Distributor: A24

To see a trailer for Lady Bird, visit: https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=cNi HC839Wo

## Black voters push Jones to victory in Alabama

By Hazel Trice Edney

TriceEdneyWire.com

Alabama's black voters have carried the day, pulling off a stunning victory for Democrat Doug Jones in his contentious race against Republican Roy Moore, accused of sexual misconduct with teenage girls when he was in his 30s.

Moore, who also recently said America was last great during slavery, has refused to concede the Dec. 12 election, which Jones won by at least 20,715 votes (671,151-650,436). Alabama Secretary of State John Merrill says the votes will be certified between Dec. 26 and Jan. 3 and that it is "highly unlikely" that Moore will advance to win. Merrill says some overseas and military ballots will now be added, but not hardly close enough for a Moore win.

African-Americans reportedly voted for Jones with 96 percent, according to CNN, higher than the black vote for President Barack Obama in 2012, which was approximately 92 percent. Blacks made up 29 percent of the overall vote, whites made up 66 percent of the vote and Latinos, 3 percent. Women with children voted 66 percent for Jones.

Selma, Ala., an 80 percent black populated hub of the civil rights movement, which was among the last to report results, appeared to have carried Jones across the line.

"Selma, Alabama turned Alabama into a blue state," declared CNN contributor Bakari Sell-

Those votes can largely be attributed to black women says Melanie Campbell, president/CEO of the non-partisan National Coalition for Black Civic Participation and convener of its Black Women's Roundtable.

"Black women gave 97 percent of our vote for Doug Jones in Alabama," says Campbell. "We're not just turning out the vote. We're not just showing up at the polls. We're leading from a grassroots perspective on up. So we have to make sure we leverage that vote, leverage that leadership. That's what we have to do as black women. We've always been the backbone. But we don't get the credit.'

Democratic National Committee Chairman Tom Perez also gave credit to black women, saying they voted 98 percent for Jones.

Despite Moore's refusal to give in, saying he is waiting on God, even President Donald Trump has conceded the race, sending a congratulatory Tweet after Jones' victory speech Tuesday night. Trump fought vigorously for Moore, despite the numerous sexual misconduct allegations against him. Trump, who has

denied similar allegations from women, said the Republicans needed Moore's vote to maintain their razor thin, 52-vote margin in the Senate.

Meanwhile, it was clear during election returns Tuesday that black voters would be needed for the Jones victory and that without them, he could not have won. Former President Obama and Vice President Joe Biden recorded phone calls for Jones. Basketball star and native Alabamian Charles Barkley, a black conservative, campaigned vigorously for him. Jones is also

known as the lawyer who successfully prosecuted the two Ku Klux Klan members behind the bombing of Birmingham's 16th Street Baptist Church that killed four black girls in 1963.

The result, according to CNN, was that African Americans voted at a level higher than they did for Barack Obama, America's first black president, in 2012.

Barkley said in a CNN interview, "I'm just so proud of the people of Alabama for rising up."



Democrat Doug Jones gives victory speech after defeating Republican Roy Moore in Alabama Senate race.





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# **50 CANADA**

By Terri Schlichenmeyer Columnist

Here's to us.

A toast to our years together, our friendships, things we've done and laughs we've had. Here's to us – together forever. We need to do this more often. We need to stay in touch. As author Gabrielle Union says, "We're Going to Need More Wine."

When she was still a small child, Gabrielle Union knew how life kept score.

She was born in Omaha but her parents moved the family to Pleasanton, California, about an hour from Oakland, when Union was in second grade. Her father was intent on "keeping up with the Joneses" with the move, but he didn't quite accomplish that: he'd chosen a "nearly as good" neighborhood, but it wasn't good enough.

For much of her childhood, Union "felt real green on being black." She spent junior high trying to fit in with the white girls at school and wishing for a boyfriend; in summertime, she stayed with her grandmother in Nebraska, trying to catch up on "being black." It was there where she finally realized that "black boys like me."

It took time for her to like herself.

As with many girls, Union says that she didn't know much about her own body, which was troubling, but she learned over time with (and from) her peers. She fought her natural hair and "learned to apologize for my very skin" because she was darker than her mother and sisters. She was told that she was "funny," when she really wanted to hear that she was pretty.

That finally happened when a white boy went from "JUSTASFRIENDS" to temporary boyfriend, and Union lost her virginity. It was bittersweet their romance didn't last long at all - but there it was. Stealing boyfriends, though... that could be problematic.

So could marrying a man when you see big issues even before the wedding.

So could a TV part, when you're literally the first black person to appear on the show.

So could working at a retail store, and a man with

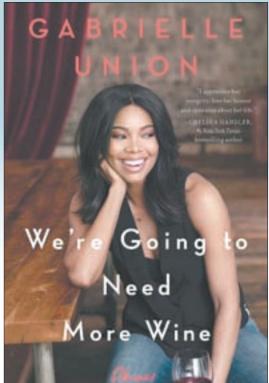
I have to say that I didn't like "We're Going to

re Going

Need More Wine" at the outset. The introduction feels awfully familiar, in a forced-friendship kind of way, as though it was trying too hard to make me like it.

My advice: skip it. Or read it last. Whichever; you'll like the rest of the book so much better because author Gabrielle Union is worth getting to know on more casual terms, with stories that will make you laugh, sigh and nod in recognition - but beware. Union writes in a manner that makes you feel as though you grew up in the same neighborhood, but she also doesn't seem to be someone who holds anything back. While that candor is refreshing, it can also be explicit, profane and painful to read.

And yet - you'll learn a few things in "We're Going to Need More Wine": about Union, about celebrity, surviving and about responsibility. If that sounds like the book you want to read next, then here's to you.





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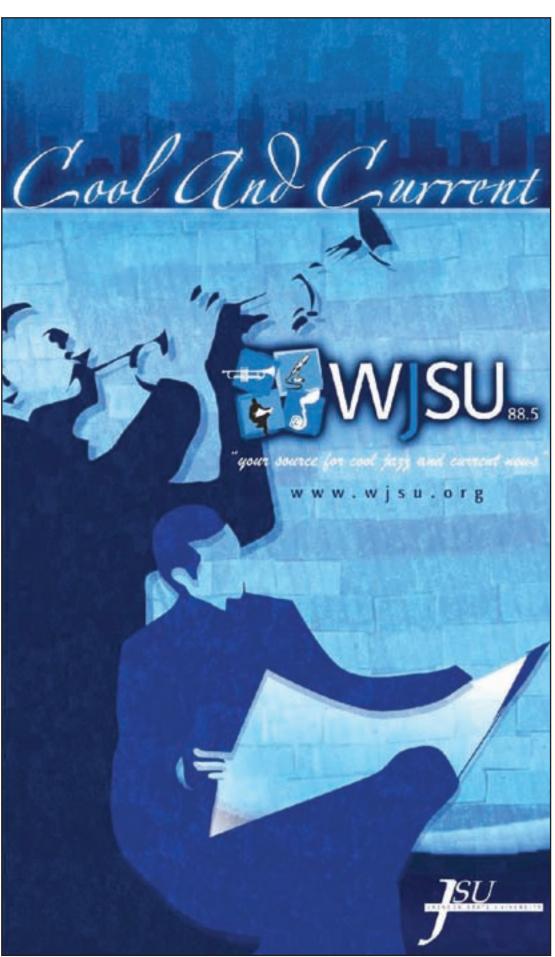
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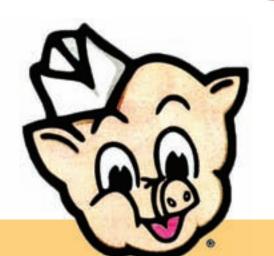








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