

Lumumba names a new TOP Cop for JPD



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Moore

Moore fills role on interim basis for now

By Othor Cain
Editor

A 34-year veteran of the Jackson Police Department who has largely remained out of the public’s eye has accepted a position that places him in bull’s-eye view of all that happens within the department. Tuesday, the first day back to work for most city employees, Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba named Anthony Moore Chief of Police until a new chief is named. Lumumba gave a strong indication that Moore would assume the role on a permanent basis later.

Moore’s rise to the top spot comes on the hills of the retirement of former Chief Lee Vance who left the department Dec. 31, after 30 years of service. Moore is a 34-year veteran of the Jackson Police Department. He has served in numerous positions in the department including both the patrol division and criminal investigations. Moore was promoted to sergeant in 2003 and further promoted to lieutenant/watch commander in 2013. Subsequently, Moore has been serving as acting precinct commander on

various occasion since 2015.

Moore is a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi and currently holds a Master’s Degree in political science and a Bachelor’s Degree in criminal justice. In addition to his police work, Moore is also a professor at Jackson State University and Hinds Community College. “Not only is he familiar with our police department and how it functions; he’s also familiar with the trends around the nation, as he teaches criminal justice,” Lumumba said.

Moore, who wasn’t present at the press conference where Lumumba announced his appointment, wasted little time jumping in the fire. His first order of business was to demote the current assistant police chief. Moore signed an executive that sends Allen White, who served as assistant police chief during Vance’s tenure, to Precinct 4 as a lieutenant. “What’s most impressive about Mr. Moore is not only his ideas and energy but the respect he garners from his peers,” Lumumba said. “That’s what stood out above all.”

James Brownridge Catchings lovingly remembered

By Jackie Hampton
Publisher

On Tuesday, close family members sat around the dining room table at the home of Howard and Danella Catchings, planning a celebration of life for their 43 year old son, James Brownridge Catchings who died Friday, December 29, 2017.

James had returned to his home in Texas just a week prior, after having spent the holidays in Mississippi with his family. His wife Kischa, said the family had celebrated the first part of Christmas Day opening presents, laughing, talking and enjoying a traditional Christmas dinner at the home of her parents, Alice and Joe Jenkins in Ruth, Miss. Later Christmas Day James drove to Jackson to his parent’s home and there he continued a wonderful Christmas celebration with his siblings and other family members. Jamie, as he was affectionately called, was still excited about the family’s wonderful Christmas celebration after he returned to McKinley, Texas where he focused on getting back to work and making seafood gumbo.

Kischa said her husband phoned her Friday around 11:30 a.m. from the grocery store asking questions about how to make gumbo. She said twenty minutes later she received a call from his brother, Daniel, who also lives in Texas, saying Jamie had collapsed in the parking lot of the store and was rushed to the hospital. Kischa said, “it was shocking to find out he did not survive, but with God’s grace we would take it one day at a time and would be okay.”

She [Kischa] fondly remembers the wonderful things about her husband. She said, “He had a great sense of humor, never met a stranger and loved his children.” She continued by saying he loved sports and was very competitive, always playing to win. His favorite football team was the San Francisco 49ers and he loved to watch them play and always wanted them to win. Keisha said her husband was a good man; he had a good heart, and wanted everyone to live life to the fullest and to be happy. She said, “He would want me to be strong, continue his legacy and make sure the kids are good and are successful in life. “I can accomplish everything Jamie wanted because I have a phenomenal support group with family and friends. Jamie’s 13 year old daughter Alexia said, “My dad was passionate about what he taught us; he was very intelligent and he always made sure we were ok.” Alexia said her father made their family his number one priority and that her very favorite thing to do with her dad was to play basketball. She said, “he taught me how not to let a defensive person run me off the court.”

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IN MEMORIAM Edward Simon Bishop Jr. August 16, 1934 - December 21, 2017

“My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor and some style.” – Maya Angelo

These words, penned by Maya Angelou, reflect the heart and spirit of Edward Simon Bishop Jr. He lived his life intent to thrive, with passion in each undertaking, with compassion toward those whom he encountered along the way, with infused humor amid the vicissitudes of life and with a sophisticated, debonair style that became his signature.

Edward Simon Bishop Jr. made his earthly entrance August 16, 1934, the second child born to Edward Simon Bishop Sr. and Eva Hunter Bishop. He and his three brothers and one sister grew and were nurtured in a loving Christian home, one filled with biblical teaching and great expectations for the future of each child.

Though Starkville, Miss. was his birthplace, the family lived in Jackson before relocating to Corinth, Miss. where they chose Saint Marks Baptist Church as their spiritual home. Sunday School and the

Baptist Training Union were tremendous sources for their learning and growing in the Word and doctrine.

Edward was known as a loquacious child, quite talkative, but always with substance in his words. He also had an affinity for classical music which he shared with his children. He was outgoing, personable and never knew a stranger for he interacted and was cordial with those he met. He used those gifts well and secured jobs for himself and his brother, Ralph. It was in high school that he became known as a debonair, sharp dresser, a title he wore well from that day forward. He enjoyed going to Memphis to shop for himself and Ralph.

After graduating from Corinth Colored High School where he played football, Edward enrolled at Jackson College, now Jackson State University, and earned three degrees: a Bachelor of Arts in fine arts, and a Masters Degree and a Specialists Degree in adult education. While at

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Keep Jackson Beautiful hosts first annual Wild Scenic Film Festival

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Keep Jackson Beautiful hosts and brings to Jackson, Mississippi for its first time The Wild & Scenic Film Festival on Tour, known as “the next Sundance.” It is one of the largest environmental film festivals in North America and will be held at the Russell C. Davis Planetarium January 20, 2018 at 1 p.m. Admission is free.

The Wild & Scenic Film Festival is a collection of films from the annual festival held the third week of January in Nevada City, Calif. which is now in its 16th year. Wild & Scenic focuses on films which speak to the environmental concerns and celebrations of our planet. “Films featured at Wild & Scenic give people a sense of place,” says Tour Associate Director Amelia Workman. “In today’s busy world, it is easy to disconnect from our role in the global ecosystem. When we realize that the change we need in this world begins with us, we start making a difference. Come get inspired.”

The Wild & Scenic Film Festival was started by the watershed advocacy group, the South Yuba River Citizens League (SYRCL) in 2003. The festival’s namesake is in celebration of SYRCL’s landmark victory to receive “Wild & Scenic” status for 39 miles of the South Yuba River in 1999. The 5-day event features over 150 award-winning films and welcomes over 100 guest speakers, celebrities and activists who bring a human face to the environmental movement. The home festival kicks off the international tour to over 170 communities around the globe, allowing SYRCL to share their success as an environmental group with other organizations. The festival is building a network of grass-roots organizations connected by a common goal of using film to inspire activism. With the support of National Partners: Patagonia, CLIF Bar, Sierra Nevada Brewing, Orion Magazine, Klean Kanteen, Earthjustice and Barefoot Wine & Bubbly, the festival can reach an even larger audience.

Featured at the tour event in Jackson, “Can You Dig This” from the executive producer John Legend displays an urban gardening movement taking root in South LA, where people are planting to transform their neighborhoods. Another highlighted film “Trashed,” narrated by Jeremy Irons, is a call for urgent action to resolve the issue of existing deposits and drastically reduce our consumption towards sustainable levels and zero waste.

The festival is a natural extension of Keep Jackson Beau-



Finley

tiful’s work to inspire people to act on behalf of the environment.

“Keep Jackson Beautiful is so excited to host the Wild & Scenic Film Festival as a first for the state,” says Executive Director Alicia Crudup. “This will be an annual benefit for us to support our programs like the youth driven Eco Ambassadors Program. We are really excited about the opportunity to bring 11 amazing environmental films to create a desire to be the change in our communities. Keep Jackson Beautiful is honored to have the “Can You Dig This” star Ron Finley as our guest speaker. He has accomplished great things for his community in Los Angeles and we want him to ignite that passion for Jackson.”

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son, James attended Farish Street Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend Hickman Johnson where he accepted Christ at a very young age.

James met his wife, Kischa Jenkins, through a mutual friend at Jackson State University. On July 6, 2002, they exchanged vows and from their union two beautiful children, Alexia Genise and Daylan Jamal were born. James was a loving husband and a devoted father who cherished family time.

After earning his degree, James gained employment with WorldCom. For a number of years, he worked in collections at ITT Technical Institute. In 2008, he began working for Terminix as a salesperson, a position he held until his untimely departure.

James left an impression on everyone he interacted with. He played an active role in helping his children, Alexia and Daylan, develop their basketball skills. He also helped coach his son’s football and basketball teams, the Yellow Jackets.

Jamie had a very special bond with his

siblings. His older sister, Sebrena, who was just seven years older, helped raise him. Jamie clung to Sebrena as a young kid. That is, until, his little brother, Daniel, came along. James and Daniel had an extremely close bond. Throughout their childhood, Jamie took it as his personal duty to serve as Daniel’s protector. He often picked on Danny, trying to discourage him from playing football in the neighborhood, simply because he didn’t want him to get hurt.

Once Daniel finished college in 2001, both Daniel and Jamie moved to Texas. A year later, James and Kischa wed and in 2003, they made McKinney, Texas their home.

James passed away suddenly. He is preceded in death by his paternal grandparents Howard and Correan Catchings and maternal grandparents James and Arna Mae Brownridge. He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Kischa Jenkins Catchings (McKinney, Texas); his daughter, Alexia Genise, age 13; his son, Daylan Jamal, age 11; the family dog, Jazzy; his parents Howard and Danella Catchings and in-laws

Alice and Joe Jenkins; one sister, Sebrena Tillman (Reginald) of Jackson; two brothers, Howard Douglas Catchings IV (Michelle) of Pearl, Miss. and Daniel Catchings of Wylie, Texas; five nieces, Danyelle, Gabrielle and Abigail Tillman, Shelby Catchings and Haylee King; four nephews, Jaxson and Carter Catchings, Andru Catchings and Cam’ron Thomas. Four uncles, Walter Catchings (Bertha) of Jackson; Roosevelt Catchings (Sylvia) of Jackson; Dillard Brownridge of Binghamton, N.Y.; four aunts, Faye Evans of Columbus, Miss.; Sharron Evans of Asheville, N.C.; Sylvia Bradley of Kissimmee, Fla. and Pearlie Pilate of Memphis, Tenn.; and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.

Family hour will be held at Westhaven Memorial Funeral Home Thursday, January 4 from 6 to 7 p.m. Visitation, Thursday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Homegoing celebration will be held Friday, January 5, 2018 11 a.m. at Blacks Chapel Church located at 3425 Robinson Street, Jackson, MS. Rev. Dr. Hickman Johnson, pastor of Farish Street Baptist Church, officiating.



Kischa, Alexia holding family pet Jazzy, Daylan and James Catchings

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Jackson College, Edward became the athletic announcer for the football team and the band. He was a member of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity.

Having completed his undergraduate degree, Bishop married Rosemary Nelson of Madison, Miss. at Mount Helm Baptist Church June 26, 1956 and began his service in the United States Army in July of that same year. While stationed in Germany, Bishop learned to speak fluent German. In June 1958, the couple returned to the states and established residency in Jackson. They were blessed with five children, Edward, III, Michael, Orlesha, Jill and Roger, who were the delight of their lives. The family continued their membership at Mt. Helm Baptist Church where they enjoyed the preaching, teaching and fellowship of the members.

Bishop’s first job was that of an art teacher at Jim Hill High School. There he taught art and social studies, was the sponsor of the year book and coached golf and tennis. For many years, the Jim Hill Yearbook won 1st place in the National Scholastic Press Association Year Book Award. After leaving Jim Hill, Edward worked for Herff Jones Graduate Supply Company. During those years,

he would sometimes take his children with him as he traveled the area, meeting with principals and churches while selling graduate supplies including rings and other items. In the eighties, he bought a franchise of Herff Jones located in Monroe, La. and commuted there selling products. Known as an excellent salesman, he was quite successful and enjoyed sharing his knowledge to motivate others to do the same.

An established entrepreneur, Bishop, after years of selling graduate supplies, limousines and funeral garments during the eighties and nineties, opened Premier Mortgage Company. During those years, he also hosted a television show on the PEG network entitled, Power to the People, that aired weekly and featured interviews with community leaders and citizens from the community. A couple of decades earlier, he made history by becoming the first African American to create and host a Sunday morning television show in Mississippi called Songs for Sunday. His audience was inspired by the operettas, opera, oratory and choirs which featured talented people from across the state. His passion and endeavors subsequently, led to him becoming the first African-American TV news an-

chor on WJTV, a position he held during the late sixties for ten years.

At the turn of this century, Bishop committed himself to further his Christian walk and community spirit by faithfully leading Bible study for the residents at Azalea Assisted Living Home in Jackson. Until his death, Bishop and the residents looked forward to their time to fellowship in the word each Sunday and Tuesday.

Of all his notable accomplishments, none were more precious to him than his relationship with his children and grandchildren, each of whom he loved dearly. He spent quality time with them, teaching, advising, counseling and sharing life-lessons. He cultivated relationships with each, passing on to them his generous, compassionate spirit, either by example or by anecdotes. Though considered a bit strong-willed and opinionated at times, he yet treasured the moments spent with each, making each one feel special, whether enjoying the delectable meals or revealing his awareness of things about them or what they had done that they thought he never knew. His desire was to leave for them a legacy of life and of living that his children and grandchildren would consider worthy of emulat-

ing and replicating for their offspring, legacies that surpassed his as they created their own signatures of life.


On December 21, 2017, Bishopd made his final transition from earth into eternity.

Forever remembering him with love, respect and admiration are his wife, Rosemary Nelson Bishop, Jackson, Miss., three sons, Edward S. Bishop, III, Jackson, Miss., Michael D. (Malavika) Bishop, Beaverton, Oregon; Roger M (Leona) Bishop, Madison, Miss.; two daughters, Orlesha C Davis, Ridgeland, Miss. and Jill S. Lloyd) Myers, Avondale Estates, Georgia; one brother, B. V (Carrine) Bishop Sr.; one sister, Gwendolyn Bishop Chambliss; eleven grandchildren; nine great grandchildren and numerous other elatives and friends.

Having transitioned from earth into glory, Edward Simon Bishop Sr. fulfilled his mission in life. He not only survived, but he thrived; and he did so with passion, compassion, some humor, and a debonair style.


Homegoing service was held December 28, 2017 at 11 a.m. at New Hope Baptist Church, 5202 Watkins Dr., Jackson, MS. New Hope pastor Dr. Jerry Young officated.

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BLU-RAY REVIEW

BRAD'S STATUS

FATHER-SON BONDING OPPORTUNITY

ADVENTURE RELEASED TO HOME VIDEO

By Kam Williams
Columnist

Brad Sloan (Ben Stiller) feels inadequate despite his happy marriage and a thriving business that enables his family to live comfortably in suburban Sacramento. He gets depressed, nevertheless, because he compares himself to his relatively-successful college buddies instead of the Average Joe.

For instance, one pal, Craig (Michael Sheen), is a best-selling author who worked in the White House and now teaches at Harvard. Then there's Billy (Jemaine Clement) who's already retired and shackled up on Maui with a couple of girlfriends after selling his hi-tech company for a fortune.

Another, Jason (Luke Wilson), is a filthy-rich, hedge fund manager with his own airplane. And Nick (writer/director Mike White) is a famous Hollywood director whose home was just featured on the cover of Architectural Digest.

Consequently, rather than count his blessings, Brad considers him-

self a failure. Furthermore, he has the nerve to not only blame his supportive wife (Jenna Fischer) for his lack of ambition, but to ask her how much they stand to inherit from her parents' estate. Disappointed with her response, he shrugs, "We've plateaued," ostensibly resigning himself to a mundane existence. "This is it."

Brad's existential angst is further amplified when he takes their college-bound son (Austin Abrams) on a tour of schools in the Boston area. For being back in Beantown serves as reminder that he was forced to settle for Tufts after being rejected by the Ivies.

Troy's prospects are much better, since he's a musical prodigy with a good chance of being accepted by both Harvard and Yale. However, that fact doesn't shake his father out of the doldrums, especially after they cross paths with Craig. During the brief encounter, Brad learns that he was the only member of the old gang not invited to Nick's recent wedding.

Thus unfolds Brad's Status, a midlife crisis dramedy, if I ever saw one. Stiller is quite convincing as the jealous title character. The only problem is that it's impossible to empathize with the suffering of a whiny ingrate obviously benefiting from many of the privileges associated with being a white male.

A morality play warning about the folly of trying to keep up with Joneses, especially where the Joneses are all members of America's wealthiest one percent.

Very Good (3 stars)
Rated R for profanity
Running time: 101 minutes
Production Studio: Sidney Kimmel Entertainment / Plan B Entertainment
Distributor: Annapurna Pictures / Amazon Studios

Blu-ray extras: A Look at Ben Stiller as Brad; A Culture of Comparing Ourselves; Mike White on Directing His Own Script; and The Story of Brad's Status.



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Mississippi Community Symphonic band donates instruments to Chastain



Adult representatives standing with select members of the Chastain Middle School band are (from left) Joseph Handy, band director; Rocky Shack, Young Adult & Community Outreach minister, Christ United Methodist Church; David Schommer, MCSB Board of Directors, Musical Instrument Drive coordinator; David Miller, MCSB founder and director, Tracee Thompson, MCSB president-elect; and Harrison Michael, Chastain principal.

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Chastain Middle School received 14 musical instruments from the Mississippi Community Symphonic Band (MCSB) this fall. The instruments – trumpets, clarinets, flutes, cornets, altos and a baritone – will support the expansion of the school’s band program. This distribution to Chastain was made possible, in part, thanks to a \$2,000 contribution from Christ United Methodist Church, the school’s adopter. The funds were earmarked for instruments and other band needs.

This endeavor is part of

the MCSB’s award-winning Musical Instrument Drive. The program ensures instruments are cleaned, serviced and distributed to school band programs. Schools then loan them to families who cannot afford to rent or purchase musical instruments for their children. Since the start of this program in August 2015, MCSB has donated instruments to 13 schools representing four school districts. The organization has distributed over 100 musical instruments to date.

Seven other JPS schools have benefitted from MCSB’s

Musical Instrument Drive over the past two years. They include Power APAC, Bailey APAC, Brinkley, Hardy, Blackburn, Northwest Jackson and Siwell.

Joseph Handy is the band director at Chastain. David Miller is the founder and director of the MCSB. JPS lead teacher Tracee Thompson is president-elect of the MCSB. Davis Magnet gifted teacher David Schommer serves on the MCSB board of directors, coordinates of the Musical Instrument Drive, and conducts the MCSB’s Mississippi Swing! Big Band.

Partners in Education director completes business program

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Jackson Public Schools congratulates Thea Faulkner, director of Partners in Education, for completing the Millsaps College Business Advantage Program for Professionals. This certificate program provides a fundamental understanding of economics, accounting, finance, marketing, and management. Classes met two nights a week plus three Saturdays for one semester.

The Business Advantage program is led by the faculty of the Millsaps Else School of Management. This exceptionally engaging team ranks among the Princeton Review’s Top Ten for “Best Professors” and “Classroom Experience.” The captivating curriculum provides students an opportunity to examine a variety of case studies to gain real insight into the business world.

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Pulling It All Together
Strategic Capstone Experience

Murrah choir getting ready for trip to Italy



The Murrah Mustang Singers strike a pose after a performance.

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The Murrah Concert Singers have been invited to represent Jackson at the Festival of Gold in Italy. Murrah has taken first place in local, state and national competitions in the last year. They are now looking forward to delivering another award-winning performance on the international stage next spring.

“Music is something that is universal,” said student director Justin Bell. “If you are from Africa, or the United States, you can speak to people through music.”

The choir is currently raising \$100,000 to help pay for the trip to the Festival of Gold in Italy to be held in March 2018. Online donations may be made to

the Murrah Choir’s GoFundMe account. Donations by check or money order should be made to the Mustang Choir Booster Club and mailed to Murrah High School, 1400 Murrah Drive, Jackson, MS 39202.

For more information, please contact Choral Activities Director, Pierrdro Gallion at (601) 927-0345.

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MVSU celebrates first graduates through Complete to Compete program

The Mississippi Link Newswire

ITTA BENA, Miss.— Four individuals who had some college hours but hadn’t earned a degree received an early Christmas present – a bachelor’s degree from Mississippi Valley State University by way of the Complete to Compete (C2C) program.

MVSU celebrated its first group of C2C graduates during a special ceremony, hosted at 11 a.m. Dec. 14 in the William Sutton Administration Building.

A state-wide initiative, C2C encourages Mississippi adults who have some college coursework to finish what they’ve started.

During the ceremony, the graduates shared the unique circumstances that hindered their degree completion.

For Mark Myles of Belzoni and Tommie Rush Jr. of Indianola, it was the need to support their growing families.

Myles said he’d earned an associate’s degree, but always wanted to complete a bachelor’s degree for further advancement in the workforce to help support his wife and two kids.

“I took time and reached out to Mrs. (Shearra) Hardwick at MVSU about the C2C program, and it worked out for me,” he said.

Rush said his journey began in 1978 when he attended an out-of-state university as a star football player. However, after just one year, the school faced dire financial problems and was forced to let their football team go.

“I had two choices – I could go to Mississippi Valley or Delaware State,” Rush said. I chose to come to Mississippi



Valley and it was the best thing I’ve done.”

Soon after starting school at MVSU, Rush took on a full-time job. His grueling schedule included working from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. before heading to classes at MVSU at 8 a.m.

He would eventually stop attending college.

“I’ve worked the same job for 37 and a half years. I’ve been married for 34 years, and I have four adult children, so I’ve had a great life,” Rush said.

Yet, he always carried the desire to finish what he started at MVSU.

“I’ve always wanted to complete my degree so that I could become the first male in my generation to graduate from college. Now, I can represent,” he said with a smile.

Gertrude Stewart of Greenville said she was attending MVSU, but stopped when her mom became ill.

“Because I’d gotten a little older, I didn’t want to return to the classroom with young students who were fresh out of high school, so I’d really given up on getting my degree,” she said.

Fortunately, she ran across an article in her local newspaper about the C2C program and decided to learn more. She said the process was very easy, and she had dedicated faculty and staff members at MVSU to help along the way.

Now with a bachelor’s degree in tow, Stewart said she can work towards her goal of becoming a teacher and will receive a pay raise at her current job.

MVSU C2C graduate Gloria Sturdevant of Metcalfe expressed a similar sentiment.

She’s been working for the Children’s Defense Fund’s Southern Rural Black Women’s Initiative for Social Economic

Justice for 14 years and learned about the C2C program from an MVSU Chief of Staff and Legislative Liaison La Shon Brooks.

“That was in early September, and here I am today,” she said. “It just blows my mind.”

Sturdevant said having a bachelor’s degree will help her to complete more of her life goals.

“I just feel like I’m called to do work in the Mississippi Delta, and this degree will really help me to accomplish a lot more,” she said. I just want to say thank you to Valley and the C2C program.”

MVSU Vice President of Academic Affairs Constance Bland said the C2C program was designed to help more Mississippians earn a college degree with little or no additional course work.

“Approximately two years ago, all of the public colleges

and universities in the State of Mississippi were asked the question, ‘Can we do more to increase the number of college graduates in the state?’” Bland said. “Today, we see the fruits of our labor.”

According to Elizabeth Evans, MVSU associate vice president of Academic Affairs, the circumstances of MVSU C2C graduates are reflective of the reality for many Americans.

“Research shows that approximately 31 million Americans have completed some college without earning a degree – whether that’s an associate’s degree or a baccalaureate degree,” Evans said. “C2C is designed for all adult learners who have some coursework completed in Mississippi. That institution does not have to be Mississippi Valley State University, but you know we want it to be.”

In addition to degree completion pathway, the C2C offers a

“reverse degree” component that allows individuals who have taken some junior college courses before transferring to a university to receive an associate’s degree and the option to return to a four-year institution for a bachelor’s degree.

“The program also offers tuition-assistance grants to qualified individuals,” Evans said.

MVSU President Jerryl Briggs invited the four graduates back to campus to participate in the Spring 2018 commencement exercise.

“This type of event, for me, is very special because it shows the dedication and hard work, as well as the support and love, that this university has for the community,” he said.

“I know you’re proud, I know your family’s proud, and we are proud of you here at the university. I’m appreciative of you all for taking advantage of this opportunity and choosing Mississippi Valley State.”

Degrees award included: Mark Myles of Belzoni, Miss., Bachelor of Arts in General Studies with concentrations in Advanced Learning and Engineering Technology; Tommie Rush Jr. of Indianola, Miss., Bachelor of Arts in Advanced Learning with concentrations in Business Administrations and Accounting; Gertrude Stewart of Greenville, Miss., Bachelor of Arts in General Studies with an concentration in Advanced Learning; and Gloria Sturdevant of Metcalfe, Miss., Bachelor of Arts in General Studies with concentrations in Advanced Learning, Public Administration and Physical Education.

To learn more about the C2C program, visit www.msc2c.org or call (662) 332-8389.

Deadline for Hinds CC Foundation scholarships is Feb. 15

The Mississippi Link Newswire

RAYMOND – New or current students who want to apply for a Hinds Community College Foundation Scholarship for the 2018-2019 academic year have until Feb. 15, 2018, to turn in their complete application packets.

About 85 percent of students at Hinds receive financial aid of some kind. Through the generosity of donors, the Hinds Community College Foundation awards scholarships to more than 600 students each year ranging from \$300 to \$2,400. The Foundation manages nearly 300 scholarship funds.

The application process for Foundation Scholarships is easy. Students can access the required forms on the college web site. Go to www.hindscc.edu and click on the Admissions tab.

Unless otherwise indicated, Foundation Scholarships are awarded to

full-time students who enroll in a minimum of 15 credit hours. Minimum grade point average varies per foundation scholarship; however all applicants must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above. Students wishing to be considered for scholarships on the basis of financial need should have the results of their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) sent to Hinds CC prior to the Feb. 15 deadline.

Foundation scholarship candidates must submit all required documentation to the Office of Enrollment Services, P.O. Box 1100, Raymond, MS 39154 for consideration. Scholarship decisions are generally made in early April and are awarded for the fall semester. For questions, please call 601.857.3744 or emailscholarships@hindscc.edu.

Persons interested in providing scholarships may contact Robyn Burchfield, Foundation specialist, at

601-857-3800.

Another scholarship opportunity for high school seniors is the ACT scholarship. ACT scholarships range from \$1,000-\$3,000 per semester. Students who attend Hinds as their first college after high school graduation will automatically receive an ACT scholarship if they have a 21 or above on the ACT. Eligible recipients must also be a Mississippi resident.

As Mississippi’s largest community college, Hinds Community College is a comprehensive institution offering quality, affordable educational opportunities with academic programs of study leading to seamless university transfer and career and technical programs teaching job-ready skills. With six locations in central Mississippi, Hinds enrolls about 12,000 students each fall semester.

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

MVSU to host Spring 2018 onsite registration

The Mississippi Link Newswire

ITTA BENA, Miss.— With just one-stop, current and prospective students can complete the necessary steps to attend Mississippi Valley State University during the Spring 2018 semester.

MVSU will host onsite registration at its main campus from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5; and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8 in rooms 103 and 108 of the William Sutton Administration Building.

In addition, students can continue to register online at www.mvsu.edu

“We always encourage students to register online so that they won’t have to wait in line,” said University Registrar Jeffery Loggins. “It’s also a convenient way for students to select the classes they need before they fill-up and close.”

However, Loggins said he understands that online registration may not be for everyone.

“For those students who prefer to register

onsite, we also cater to them by setting up at one convenient location so they won’t have to travel across campus to handle their business,” he said.

MVSU will also conveniently host onsite registration at its three off-campus locations.

Registration and academic advisement will be available from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Greenville Higher Education Center (GHEC) in Greenville, Miss.; 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Coahoma Community College in Clarksdale, Miss.; and 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Holmes Community College in Goodman, Miss.

Spring 2018 classes, as well as late registration, will begin Monday, Jan. 8.

The final day to register has been set for Monday, Jan. 29.

For more questions or information, contact the Office of Student Records at (662) 254-3326.

For more information about MVSU’s off-campus sites, contact of the Office of Distance Education at (662) 254-3625.

USM student service hours rise to impressive total in 2017

The Mississippi Link Newswire

At the University of Southern Mississippi, volunteerism and community involvement remain a cornerstone of the student experience. In calendar year 2017, USM students took their community engagement efforts to impressive heights with 107,881 service hours.

The 2017 total represents an increase of approximately 4,600 hours from the previous year. In 2015 service hours totaled 91,591.

USM students engage with

the Hattiesburg community in a multitude of ways. Service projects include everything from students creating architectural designs or communication plans to tutoring in area schools to fundraising for area nonprofits.

Christy Arrazattee, director of the Center for Community Engagement (CCE) at USM, points out that the center stresses the importance of continuous volunteering – working with one organization and returning to perform services on a routine basis.

“This allows volunteers to develop strong relationships, more in-depth experience, and a greater understanding of the issues each organization addresses,” said Arrazattee. “Most importantly, it provides organizations with experienced, consistent volunteers. We’re thrilled that the statistics show that most of USM’s service hours, by far, are from students serving at one organization throughout the year.”

The total service hours tell only part of the impactful story

for Hattiesburg and the surrounding Pine Belt area. The community service contributions translate to an estimated \$2.1 million in economic value to the area based upon projections by national policy watchdog Independent Sector. Each year the organization analyzes and calculates the value of a volunteer hour for every U.S. state. According to IS, the value of a volunteer hour in Mississippi is currently \$19.85, up from \$19.51 in 2016.

USM faculty also play an

instrumental role in helping to develop a strong sense of community engagement among students. Arrazattee notes that nearly 18 percent of USM’s service hours in 2017 were performed by students as part of a class initiative.

“These hands-on learning experiences help students see or test out theories and knowledge outside of the classroom while addressing critical issues in our community,” she said. “I truly believe that our students understand the importance of being

active citizens and why we all have a personal responsibility for the well-being of the communities in which we live.”

A new form available on the website below gives students an opportunity to request a one-on-one consultation with center staff to learn about different ways to volunteer.

Students interested in volunteering can contact the Center for Community Engagement at 601-266-5074 or visit: <https://www.usm.edu/center-community-engagement>.

Best Documentary Academy Award Nominee “I Am Not Your Negro” premieres January 15 on Independent Lens on PBS

“A life-altering work”
— A.O. Scott, *The New York Times*

“A mesmerizing cinematic experience... I Am Not Your Negro helps us face our racial divide and possibly begin to change it as well.”
— Kenneth Turan, *Los Angeles Times*

The Mississippi Link Newswire

San Francisco, Calif. – One of the most acclaimed films of the year, a box office hit and a nominee for the Academy Award for Best Documentary, Raoul Peck’s *I Am Not Your Negro* premieres on Independent Lens Monday, January 15, 2018, 10:00-11:30 PM ET (check local listings) on PBS.

In 1979, James Baldwin wrote a letter to his literary agent describing his next project, to be called *Remember This House*. The book was to be a revolutionary, personal account of the lives and successive assassinations of three of his close friends – Medgar Evers, Malcolm X and Martin Luther King Jr. But at the time of Baldwin’s death in 1987, he left behind only 30 completed pages of his manuscript.

Now, in his incendiary documentary, master filmmaker Raoul Peck envisions the book James Baldwin never finished. The result is a radical, up-to-the-minute examination of race in America, using Baldwin’s original words, spoken by Samuel L. Jackson, and a flood of rich archival material.

I Am Not Your Negro is a journey into black history that connects the past of the Civil Rights movement to the present of #BlackLivesMatter. It is a film that questions black representation in Hollywood and beyond. And, ultimately, by confronting the deeper connections between the lives and assassination of these three leaders, Baldwin and Peck have produced a work that challenges the very definition of what America stands for.

“For a project like this one, a lot of patience, time and risks are involved,” said Peck. “And at the early stage it’s almost impossible to convince anyone about the film to come. And then after a lot of research, writing and editing, in that order, there comes a time when what you really, really need above all is: trust. In this case, it was ITVS and executive producer of Independent Lens Lois Vossen who came at the right time, with courage and conviction. This is rare today among funders.”

“Working with Raoul for four years on *I Am Not Your Negro* has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my career,” said Vossen. “Baldwin’s writing has been a touchstone in my own life and I couldn’t imagine a filmmaker more perfectly suited to make a film on Baldwin than Raoul. Funding this project was a no-brainer. His masterpiece captures Baldwin’s



extraordinary clarion voice in a film that will continue to illuminate for generations.”

Visit the *I Am Not Your Negro* page on Independent Lens, which features more information about the film. The film will be available for online viewing on the site beginning January 16.

About the Filmmakers

Raoul Peck’s (director/producer/writer) complex body of work includes feature narrative films like *The Man by the Shore* (Competition Cannes 1993), *Lumumba* (Director’s Fortnight, Cannes 2000, bought and aired by HBO), *Sometimes in April* (HBO, Berlinale 2005), *Moloch Tropical* (Toronto 2009, Berlin 2010) and *Murder in Pacot* (Toronto 2014, Berlin 2015).

His documentaries include *Lumumba*, *Death of a Prophet* (1990), *Desouven* (1994, BBC) and *Fatal Assistance* (Berlinale, Hot Docs 2013), which was supported by the Sundance Institute and Britdoc Foundation (UK) and broadcast on major TV channels (Canal+, ARTE, etc.)

He has served as jury member at the 2012 Cannes Film Festival and at the Berlinale. He is presently chairman of the board of the national French film school La Fémis, and has been the subject of numerous retrospectives worldwide. In 2001, the Human Rights Watch organization awarded him the Irene Diamond Lifetime Achievement Award. He recently completed his latest feature film, *The Young Karl Marx*, a European coproduction, shot in Germany and Belgium (produced by Velvet Film, in coproduction with Agat Films) that will be released in the U.S. in the coming months.

Hébert Peck (producer)

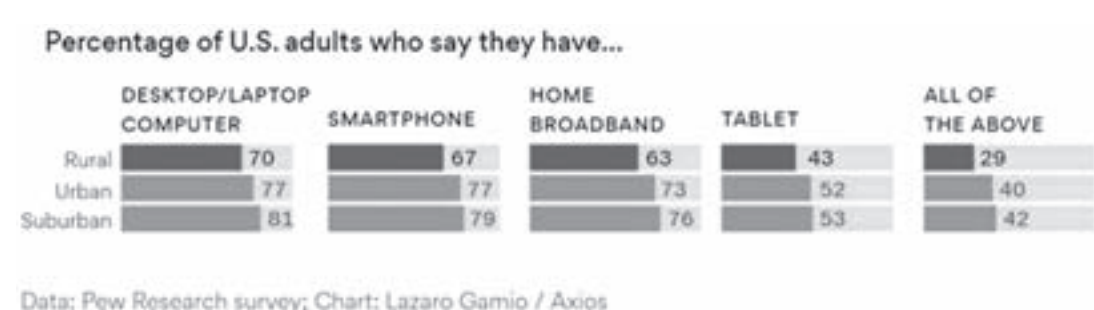
co-produced Raoul Peck’s documentary films “*Fatal Assistance*” (which he also narrated) and Oscar®-nominated “*I Am Not Your Negro*.” He produced eight seasons of *Philadelphia Stories*, a 10-hour series of documentaries and short films for public television MiND TV. His award winning “*Little Hébert*” aired on PBS and screened at festivals internationally. Peck managed the operations of The Scribe Video Center in Philadelphia where he facilitated the production of over 50 film/video documentaries. Peck created television series for Rutgers University’s ITV Studio. He is an adjunct faculty and oversees the Rutgers University Television Network (RU-tv). He served on an advisory capacity for the Rockefeller Foundation, the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (NATAS).

About Independent Lens

Independent Lens is an Emmy® Award-winning weekly series airing on PBS Monday nights at 10 p.m. The acclaimed series, with Lois Vossen as executive producer, features documentaries united by the creative freedom, artistic achievement, and unflinching visions of independent filmmakers. Presented by ITVS, the series is funded by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, a private corporation funded by the American people, with additional funding from PBS, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, Wyncote Foundation, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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Exclusive: New coalition to bring more Internet to rural America



The Mississippi Link Newswire

Microsoft, along with a slew of rural broadband and technology groups, is launching a new issue advocacy coalition called Connect Americans Now that aims to eliminate the digital divide in rural America. It’s part of a greater push by the company and others to close the broadband gap by using TV “white spaces” spectrum – or vacant channels that use TV frequencies that are generally cheaper than fiber optic cable.

Why it matters: Expanding rural access to broadband has long been a challenge in the U.S., since internet providers worry they’ll never recoup the investment they make in building those networks. Roughly 34 million Americans lack a broadband connection and the vast majority – 23.4 million – live in rural areas.

A senior Microsoft executive says the company will provide staffing and some financial resources as needed. Microsoft will provide small investments in capital expenditure to build the

broadband networks, but like any commercial environment, it will take return on investment into consideration. “Any profit we make will reinvest back in networks,” he says.

The coalition is focusing on these types of airwaves because they can carry communications over greater distances and can better penetrate through walls and other obstacles, like trees, than cellular.

It’s hoping access to broadband will help rural communities improve their quality of life in different sectors, like health care, education and agriculture. For example, farmers can sell more goods online, and patients in distant areas can receive care remotely.

As part of its campaign, the Coalition will be urging the FCC to reserve vacant channels in every U.S. market to better enable access to broadband internet. Coalition members include Microsoft, the National Rural Education Association, Health and Library

Broadband Coalition, HTS Ag, the Mid-Atlantic Broadcasting Communities Corporation, the American Pain Relief Institute, and others.

Microsoft has been at the forefront of this push and has invested in a series of pilot projects designed to serve as catalysts for widespread adoption across rural market.

Microsoft president Brad Smith announced the company’s ambitious goal of connecting all 23.4 million rural Americans to high-speed internet this summer in Washington.

The company started using vacant airwaves between TV stations to power broadband connections in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands that were severely damaged by hurricanes last year.

“There are amazing educational resources online, but students without broadband can easily fall behind their peers,” said National Rural Education Association Executive Director Allen Pratt.



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Holding onto fears or embracing God's promises

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



"I think I've come to the realization that I may be less afraid of failure and more afraid of

getting everything I've ever dreamed about. I don't want to be fearful. I just want to flow, do my best, and accept the people and opportunities meant for me without hesitation." When I read these words on my Twitter timeline Dec. 31, I thought what perfect words to end the year 2017. For many of us, we spend so much time paralyzed by fears that we may miss out on embracing God's promises.

Ironically, just a few days before I read that statement on Twitter, I had a conversation with a friend about our fears.

Even though the fears were different, the impact on our lives was the same: we were haunted by and controlled by our fears. However, the more we talked about our fears, it became clear that the fear was not of failure but actually a fear of success that had the biggest influence on us. And sadly, because we were so focused on our fears, we did not recognize that God was fulfilling His promises.

In my own life, I've seen how fears can so easily distract me from seeing God's fulfilled promises. By God's grace, I'm near the completion of my doctorate degree and for the last year, I have been gripped by what I thought was a fear of failure of not finishing the degree. What made this fear worse is that as much as I tried to write about my dissertation topic, I couldn't. I was dis-

couraged because I was now about a year behind schedule in getting the degree completed.

Hebrews 6:16-20 explains that "When God wanted to guarantee his promises, he gave his word, a rock-solid guarantee – God can't break his word. And because his word cannot change, the promise is likewise unchangeable. We who have run for our very lives to God have every reason to grab the promised hope with both hands and never let go."

Because I missed my self-imposed deadline, I had to go back and figure out why. And when I did that I realized that it was actually my own fear of success that kept me from achieving my goal. How crazy was that? My fear of what would happen once I finished my degree was a bigger factor in my missing

deadlines than my ability to do the work. I had to remind myself that the degree wasn't simply my plan but actually one of God's promises for my life. In addition, the friendship itself was the fulfillment of one of God's promises which I almost didn't recognize because of my being so consumed by other fears.

As 2017 ends and 2018 ends, keep in mind that you can't grab hold of the promises of God if you continue to hold onto your fears. Happy New Year!

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Move ahead with your lives

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



The Prophet Jeremiah wrote to the captives in Babylon (29:4-23) instructing them to move ahead with their lives and to pray for the hea-

then nation that enslaves them. Life cannot grind to a halt during troubled times. In an unpleasant or distressing situation, we must adjust and keep moving.

We may find it difficult to pray for those in authority if they are evil, but that is when your prayers are most needed. We read in First Timothy 2:1-2 these words; "Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings, and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence."

When we enter times of trouble or sudden change, we must pray diligently and move ahead doing whatever we can rather than giving up because of fear and uncertainty.

We all love to quote Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope." If we are looking for hope, if we are tired of aimlessness, wandering and strongholds, this verse gives us the answer because God looks at the miserable condition we are in and says, "I still have a purpose for your life."

We're all encouraged by a leader who stirs us to move ahead, someone who believes we can do the task he has given and who will be with us all the way. God is that kind of leader. He knows the future, and His plans for us are good and full of hope.

As long as God provides our agenda and goes with us as we fulfill His mission, we can have boundless hope. This does not mean that we will be spared pain, suffering, or hardship, but that God will see us through to a glorious conclusion. In times of deep trouble, it may appear as though God has forgotten us, but God may be preparing us, as he did the people of Judah, for a new beginning with Him at the center.

God instructed the Israelites to seek the well-being of others, which is exactly what we need to do as we believe the Lord for the good future He has in store for us. We must find out how we can be a blessing. Pray for the city, community, state and world we live in right now and its people, for its well-being is our well-being. As we become a blessing, we set ourselves up to be blessed. In Christ "are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Colossians 2:3).

Next week Part II – "It's time to draw near to God"

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Remember, rekindle the spirit of emancipation proclamation



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



One hundred forty-five years ago on Jan. 1, Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, helping to transform this country from a union of states into a nation, from a country stained by slavery into one moving at great cost closer to “liberty and justice for all.”

On Jan. 1, 1863, in the midst of the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln, the Republican president, issued the proclamation on his own authority as commander-in-chief “in time of actual armed rebellion” against the United States. The emancipation was grounded on his wartime powers, as a “fit and necessary war measure for suppressing said rebellion.”

The emancipation did not end slavery in the United States. It applied only to the states still in rebellion, exempting the slave owning border states such as Maryland, Missouri and Kentucky that still had slaves. Lincoln was desperate to keep the border states from joining the South. Some abolitionists ridiculed him for this. “Where he has no power, Mr. Lincoln will set the negroes free, where he retains power we will consider them as slaves,” declared the *London Times*.

But the doubters did not understand the significance of the proclamation and its words. The president announced, “all persons held as slaves” in the states “in rebellion against the United States” are “forever free.” He called on the newly freed people to abstain from all violence and declared that they were eligible to be “received into the armed service of the United States.”

The great abolitionist Frederick Douglass hailed it immediately as “an act of immense historic consequence.” The proclamation, as James McPherson put it in “Battle Cry of Freedom,” “marked the transformation of a war to preserve the Union into a revolution to overthrow the old order.” This was extremely controversial, even in the north. There were violent protests in both the north and the south against the use of black troops. Black regiments were segregated, paid less than whites and commanded by white officers.

Yet after years of battle, most northerners would embrace anything that would help weaken the rebellion and hasten a victorious end to the war. Despite resistance, 179,000 black soldiers and nearly 10,000 black sailors bolstered Union forces through the end of the war. Victory, all now understood, would mean the abolition of slavery. The Emancipation Proclamation was hailed in England, ending all talk of recognizing (and aiding) the south.

The proclamation, a wartime act of necessity, turned the tide on slavery. It led directly to the 13th Amendment to the Constitution that outlawed slavery, the 14th Amendment that guarantees equal protection under the law, the 15th Amendment that prohibits states from denying the right to vote on the basis of race or color.

The war – America’s bloodiest conflict – continued to take its deadly toll for over two more years after the Emancipation Proclamation. In his second inaugural address, Lincoln described the “terrible war” as “the woe due to those” in both north and south for the “offence” of American slavery. He called for “malice toward none” and “charity for all,” that we “bind up the nation’s wounds” to create a just and lasting peace. Forty-one days later he was assassinated. Reconstruction soon was reversed into segregation, enforced by Klan terrorism. It would take another century and a civil rights movement to fulfill the promise implicit in Lincoln’s proclamation.

Few Americans take the time to read the Emancipation Proclamation, yet it is as central to the foundation of modern America as the Constitution or the Declaration of Independence. The night before it was issued, there were vigils and church gatherings of people in anticipation. This year, dozens of ministers have agreed to hold sessions to read and discuss the Emancipation Proclamation. This country paid a terrible price to remove the scourge of slavery and become one nation. At a time when some would drive us apart, it is worth remembering the sacrifice and the triumph.

The Justice Department could make it harder for minorities to own media companies

By Armstrong Williams
NNPA Newswire Columnist



As the United States becomes increasingly diverse, the necessity for that diversity to be reflected in business becomes all the more

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As one of only three African-American owned TV station licensees in the country, I recently wrote the FCC voicing strong support for the advancement of minority ownership and diversity. I saw the pending Tribune-Sinclair merger as presenting a historic opportunity for the FCC and Justice Department to advance minority ownership within the context of the divestiture requirements the government would require for regulatory approval.

The government generally, and the FCC specifically, has acknowledged the need to enhance minority ownership for 40 years. Congress also has recognized the poor state of minority ownership. The 1996 Telecommuni-

cations Act contains language aimed at increasing female and minority ownership of broadcast licenses (and other important communications mediums), and requires the FCC to limit and remove “market entry barriers for entrepreneurs and other small businesses” and to do so by “favoring diversity of media voices.”

As the U.S. becomes increasingly diverse, the necessity for that diversity to be reflected in business becomes all the more important. Congress and the public both have an obligation to help the Department of justice understand the importance of minority ownership in broadcast television in a diversifying landscape. Diversity of thought, culture, and ideas should be equally represented. Giving more minorities access and opportunity to ownership will foster the right environment to do just that.

So, imagine my deep concern when I heard the Justice Department was wavering in its decision to allow station divestitures to my African-American owned companies, where the transaction included

joint sales agreements (JSA), shared service agreements (SSA), and loan guarantee agreements. Such arrangements were routine for the FCC until it hastily implemented television Joint Sales Agreement attribution rules in 2014, under the previous administration’s chairman, Tom Wheeler. Those rules, however, were reversed and eliminated November 20, 2017. The Department of Justice should respect that decision. For example, broadcast ownership has permitted Howard Stirk Holdings to create an incubator for African-American journalism students by providing tuition scholarships, while providing field experience outside of the classroom. If we were not broadcast owners, I am sure none of that would have been possible.

It also gives us the opportunity to cover the stories that others are not covering, for whatever reason. We tell the stories of everyday people that are often overlooked. As part of our public interest obligation, we vow to continue doing this with our live town halls across our regional affiliates

where we discuss family, community and other critical cultural issues. Our town halls provide a unique platform for the long form discussion of key issues that are important to many American communities – both black and white.

We have covered in depth the water crisis in Flint, the Charleston church terrorist attack, the Las Vegas terrorist attack, the Manchester terrorist attack live from Europe, the moral challenges facing America, and many other topical issues. We need more of these forums and not less. This is critically important to African American communities, especially as media voices they identify with are diminishing daily.

Armstrong Williams is the manager/sole owner of Howard Stirk Holdings I & II Broadcast Television Stations and executive editor of American CurrentSee online Magazine. Watch our “Right Side Forum” every Saturday Live Newschannel 8 TV 28 in DC, 10:30 am – 11:00 am and repeats 6:30 pm EST. Follow Armstrong Williams on Twitter @arightside.

Is Trump the worst president in the last 50 years?

By Lauren Victoria Burke
NNPA Newswire Contributor

Donald Trump, a man best known as a “birther” with a reality TV show and a real estate empire, who claimed that Mexico was sending drugs and rapists to the United States, was sworn in as president January 20, 2017. What happened next was predictable and we should expect more of the same in 2018.

Here are seven decisions from the past year confirming that Trump has been the worst president for African Americans, Hispanics and other minorities over the last 50 years.

1. Trump picks Jeff Sessions to succeed Loretta Lynch as Attorney General of the U.S. Trump went out of his way to make sure that his administration’s justice policy reflected the Voting Rights Act in 2013, he also has “a record of blocking black judicial nominees.” Sessions, “unsuccessfully prosecuted black civil rights activists for voter fraud in 1985 – including a former aide to Martin Luther King Jr.”

According to a *Huffington Post* article published in January 2017, Sessions not only supported gutting the Voting Rights Act in 2013, he also has “a record of blocking black judicial nominees.” Sessions, “unsuccessfully prosecuted black civil rights activists for voter fraud in 1985 – including a former aide to Martin Luther King Jr.” Since, Sessions has taken over at the Justice Department, he has recused himself from an investigation into Russian involvement in the 2016 presidential election and ordered a review of Obama era police reforms.

This is one time where the selection of Rudy Giuliani for attorney general may have actually looked like a more moderate choice.

2. Trump says “there were very fine people on both sides” at the Charlottesville white nationalists rally, during a Trump Tower press conference. Never mind that one of the largest gatherings of racists in America since the end of the Civil Rights Movement occurred only eight months into Trump’s presidency. Put that aside. Trump’s “both sides” comments on who was to blame for the public street fight in the college town was all anyone needed to understand regarding the thinking of America’s 45th president on the issue of race.

“I am not putting anybody on a



During President Trump’s first year in office, he let minorities know exactly how he feels about them. WIKIPEDIA COMMONS

moral plane, what I’m saying is this: you had a group on one side and a group on the other, and they came at each other with clubs and it was vicious and horrible and it was a horrible thing to watch, but there is another side,” said Trump. “But you also had people that were very fine people on both sides.”

Trump also said, “I’ve condemned many different groups, but not all of those people were neo-Nazis, believe me. Not all of those people were white supremacists by any stretch. Those people were also there, because they wanted to protest the taking down of a statue Robert E. Lee.”

3. Trump calls for NFL owners to fire players over silent protests. Trump said NFL owners should respond to the players by saying, “Get that son of a bitch off the field right now, he’s fired. He’s fired!” Just in case you missed it with his comments on Charlottesville, Trump was back again to spoil the start of the NFL season by commenting on players who dared to silently protest racial injustice by kneeling during the national anthem. Trump called kneeling during the anthem, “a total disrespect of our heritage,” and a “total disrespect for everything we stand for.” The result was more protests by NFL players who then locked arms on sidelines across the U.S. with many white players and coaches participating.

Even Rush Limbaugh found himself having issues with Trump on this one. “There’s a part of this story that’s starting to make me nervous,

and it’s this: I am very uncomfortable with the President of the United States being able to dictate the behavior and power of anybody,” said Limbaugh. “That’s not where this should be coming from.”

4. Trump uses an executive order to block travel of refugees from majority-Muslim countries to the U.S. When you have former staffers for Jeff Sessions writing executive orders on immigration policy, you can expect what happened at the Trump White House January 27, 2017. With absolutely no warning, on the seventh day of his presidency, Trump signed an immigration and travel executive order. This order had Steven Miller’s fingerprints all over it, After a few days of chaos and protests at airports across the nation, federal judges applied an initial smackdown blocking the order. But Trump’s DOJ revised the order to pass some of those legal tests.

5. Trump launches sham voting commission to investigate “voter fraud.” Since many voting rights advocates agree that Republican-controlled state legislatures cook up the most egregious voting laws, it should have been surprising to no one that former Kansas Attorney General, Kris Kobach, would be a fixture of the Trump Administration. Kobach is the vice chairman and “driving force” behind Trump’s Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity. Since, he’s spent so much time rooting out voter fraud that is all but non-existent, Kobach was perfect

for the job.

According to the Brennan Center, Kobach was the “driving force behind a Kansas law that included both a strict photo ID requirement to vote and proof of citizenship to register – which has blocked thousands of eligible citizens from the polls” and “has repeatedly made extravagant claims of in-person voter fraud or noncitizen voting with little or no evidence.”

After Trump kept repeating the falsehood that millions of fraudulent votes were cast in 2016, everyone knew this was coming. Hillary Clinton won three million more votes than Trump so a “voting integrity” commission was a given.

6. Trump pardons Arizona Sheriff Joe Arpaio. The Bull Connor of his era, Arpaio was sheriff of Maricopa County, Ariz., for 24 years. According to one DOJ expert, Arpaio oversaw “the worst pattern of racial profiling by a law enforcement agency in U.S. history.” Trump was perfectly consistent in his anti-immigrant rhetoric of 2016 in pardoning Arpaio August 25, 2017 from a conviction for criminal contempt of court. Trump just couldn’t resist another opportunity to give a wink of approval to the right-wing.

7. Trump nominates Neil Gorsuch to serve on the Supreme Court of the United States. Instead of nominating a black woman to replace Associate Justice Antonin Scalia, President Obama picked someone whose nomination no one cared about or would rally around (the instantly unexciting Merrick Garland). With that, the deal was done. The selection of Garland easily allowed the Republican-controlled Senate to ignore Obama’s pick and run out the clock out, opening the door for Trump to select Gorsuch, who has “voted 100 percent of the time with the court’s most conservative member, Clarence Thomas, according to SCOTUSblog,” NPR reported.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING

ZONING CASE NO. 4002

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 Leslie Rosella has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from NMU-1 (Neighborhood) Mixed-Use District to C3 (General) Commercial District to allow for a daycare for dogs on the property located at 1005 Greymont Ave., in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Lots 24 and 26, Block 74, Belhaven Heights, Part 1, a subdivision according to the map or plat on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 1 at Page 41 thereof, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, January 24, 2018, 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 27th day of December 2017.

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

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING

ZONING CASE NO. 4003

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 Shanta Galloway has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from R-1A (Single-Family) Residential District to C-1A (Restricted) Commercial District with a Use Permit to allow for a commercial child care center on the property located at 4426 Hanging Moss Rd., in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

LOT 2, HARRELL SURVEY, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 11 Page 16, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description.

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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, January 23, 2018.

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 23, 2018 in a sealed envelope, addressed as follows:

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

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Sealed bids will be received by the City of Jackson, Mississippi, until 3:30 P.M. CST, Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at the City Clerk's Office located at 219 S. President St., for supplying all labor, materials and equipment as required under the plans and specifications for the construction of Country Club Drive Bridge Replacement, City Project No. 15B4502.401. Please address envelope to City Clerk, P.O. Box 17, Jackson, MS 39205.

The entire project must be completed within (45) calendar days. The contract will be subject to liquidated damages in the amount Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per calendar day for each consecutive calendar day in which the contract time is exceeded.

The City of Jackson is committed to the principle of non-discrimination in public contracting. It is the policy of the City of Jackson to promote full an equal business opportunity for all persons doing business with the City. As a precondition to selection, each contractor, bidder or offeror shall submit a completed and signed Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) plan. Failure to comply with the City's ordinance shall disqualify a contractor, bidder or offeror from being awarded an eligible contract. For more information on the City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity Program, please contact Michael Davis with the office of Economic Development at (601) 960-1856. Copies of the ordinance, EBO Plan Applications and a copy of the Program are available at 200 South President Street, Warren Hood Building, Second Floor, Jackson, Mississippi.

The City of Jackson, Mississippi ("City of Jackson") is committed to cultivating and ensuring the quality of life of its citizens, through various programs, employment, initiatives, and assistance. The City encourages all persons, corporations, and/or entities doing business within the City, as well as those who seek to contract with the City on various projects and/or conduct business in the City to assist the City in achieving its goal by strongly considering City residents for employment opportunities.

The City of Jackson hereby notifies all bidders that in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4 that all bidders will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color,

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

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national origin, sex, or disability in consideration for an award.

Specifications and Proposals forms are on file and open to public inspection on the 4th floor (Engineering Division) of the Warren Hood Building located at 200 South President Street, Jackson, MS 39205. One copy of the Contract Documents may be procured from EJES Inc. (405 Briarwood Drive, Suite 110, Jackson, MS 39206) upon payment of \$100.00, which will not be refunded. The Standard Specifications adopted by the City Council may be procured from the Department of Public Works, if desired upon payment of \$5.00 dollars for each specification.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on January 11, 2018, at 10:00 A.M. local time, in the 5th floor conference room of the Warren Hood Building, 200 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi. All potential contractors, subcontractors, and other interested parties are encouraged to attend.

Bidders must be qualified under Mississippi law and possess a certificate of responsibility issued by the Mississippi State Board of Contractors establishing its classification as to the value and type of construction on which it is authorized to bid. Each bidder must deposit with its proposal, a bid bond or certified check in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid for the work, payable to the City of Jackson, as the bid security.

The successful bidder shall furnish a Performance Bond and Payment Bond each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount awarded. Attorneys-in-fact who sign Bid Bonds or Payment Bonds and Performance Bonds must file with each bond a certified and effective dated copy of their power of attorney.

Proposals shall be submitted in triplicate, sealed and deposited with the City of Jackson's City Clerk prior to the hour and date designated above. Each bidder shall write its certificate of responsibility number on the outside of the sealed envelope containing its proposal.

The City of Jackson reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any and all informalities

Robert K. Miller
Director, Department of Public Works

12/28/2017, 1/4/2018

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Jackson State Lady Tigers beat Philander Smith 88-48 in non-conference finale

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Jackson State women’s basketball team defeated the Philander Smith Lady Panthers 88-48 Saturday evening at the Lee E. Williams Athletic and Assembly Center on the Jackson State campus.

JSU senior guard Derica Wiggins joined the JSU 1,000 point club enroute to scoring a game high 19 points. Wiggins, who went 7-20 from the field and was a perfect 4-4 from the free throw line, led a balanced JSU scoring effort. Christina Ellis added 13 points on 6-10 shooting from the field and Mariah Cauhryn-Smelser added 12 points and five rebounds. Katie Hunt just missed out on a double-double as she finished with 10 points and eight rebounds. Chelsea Causey led JSU’s rebounding efforts as she finished with a game high 10 rebounds to go along with seven points. Oshawla Gray scored seven points and recorded a game high seven steals.

Terralyn Dominick led Philander Smith with 18 points.

JSU used a solid defensive effort to beat the Lady Panthers, holding Philander Smith to 29.5 percent shooting from the field and 26.7 percent from three point range. JSU shot 42.2 percent from the field.

The Lady Tigers turned 30 Philander Smith turnovers into 36 points. JSU dominated in the paint scoring 52 points and allowing only 15. The Lady Tigers bench also came through, scoring 48 points.

Philander Smith led for only 55 seconds in the game.



JSU MBB vs. Alabama State Final Stats

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
Alabama State vs Jackson State
1/1/18 8:06 PM at Lee E. Williams AAC (Jackson, Miss.)

Alabama State 73 • 0-13, 0-1																	
##	Player		Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds					PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot									
14	Jones, Ed	f	6-12	0-4	0-2	2	1	3	1	12	0	2	0	0	0	34	
24	Johnson, Branden	f	2-4	0-0	0-2	2	5	7	3	4	0	2	2	0	0	12	
03	Davis, Gene	g	2-4	1-2	2-3	1	5	6	4	7	3	2	0	0	0	23	
05	Ewuosho, Tobi	g	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	10	
12	Gee, Reginald	g	4-8	0-2	4-4	1	1	2	2	12	0	0	0	0	0	28	
01	Simeon, Rodney		1-3	1-1	2-2	0	0	0	2	5	1	1	0	0	0	23	
10	Ross, Jacoby		5-13	1-4	7-8	0	0	0	1	18	2	3	0	1	1	26	
13	Deneus, Fredens		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	6	
15	Pichardo, Fausto		1-2	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	4	
21	Wright, Marice		3-5	0-1	1-2	2	4	6	2	7	0	1	0	0	0	17	
30	LeFlore, Terrance		2-3	0-0	2-2	0	2	2	2	6	1	1	0	0	0	10	
52	Rogers, Steve		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	
Team						3	1	4				1					
Totals				26-55	3-15	18-25	11	25	36	20	73	10	15	2	2	200	
FG % 1st Half: 12-27 44.4% 2nd half: 14-28 50.0% Game: 26-55 47.3%																	
3FG % 1st Half: 1-7 14.3% 2nd half: 2-8 25.0% Game: 3-15 20.0%																	
FT % 1st Half: 6-9 66.7% 2nd half: 12-16 75.0% Game: 18-25 72.0%																	
																Deadball Rebounds	1

Jackson State 82 • 4-10, 1-0																
#	Player	Total			3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min	
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot									
22	Treshawn Bolden	f	5-8	0-1	2-2	1	1	2	4	12	1	2	3	0	17	
23	Darius Austin	f	0-4	0-1	3-4	1	2	3	4	3	2	3	1	0	18	
05	Paris Collins	g	4-12	3-5	5-6	3	9	12	1	16	5	2	0	1	36	
11	Jeremiah Jefferson	g	9-14	3-5	0-0	1	2	3	0	21	2	0	0	1	35	
24	Jeremiah Bozeman	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	2	11	
03	Julian Daughtry		4-6	2-3	6-9	1	3	4	2	16	2	0	0	0	31	
04	Payton Wilson		0-1	0-0	1-2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	7	
12	Maurice Rivers		2-8	1-4	2-6	2	5	7	4	7	1	1	0	2	23	
13	Jordan Berry		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	
21	Demetrice Clopton		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	
25	Jesse Love		2-2	2-2	0-0	0	0	0	1	6	1	1	0	0	17	
Team						1	1	2								
Totals			26-56	11-22	19-29	10	24	34	20	82	14	11	4	6	200	
FG % 1st Half: 12-31 38.7% 2nd half: 14-25 56.0% Game: 26-56 46.4%																
3FG % 1st Half: 5-12 41.7% 2nd half: 6-10 60.0% Game: 11-22 50.0%																
FT % 1st Half: 7-10 70.0% 2nd half: 12-19 63.2% Game: 19-29 65.5%																
Deadball Rebounds 5																

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total		Points	In	Off	2nd	Fast	
Alabama State	31	42	73		ALSTM	Paint	T/O	Chance	Break	Bench
Jackson State	36	46	82		JKSTM	36	13	12	0	38
						22	11	10	2	30
Last FG - ALSTM 2nd-00:54, JKSTM 2nd-01:28.										
Largest lead - ALSTM by 10 1st-06:37, JKSTM by 12 2nd-13:43.										
ALSTM led for 10:23. JKSTM led for 22:16. Game was tied for 07:11.										
Score tied - 9 times.										
Lead changed - 5 times.										

JSU's Wiggins named SWAC Women’s Basketball Player of the Week



Wiggins

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Jackson State guard Derica Wiggins has been named the Southwestern Athletic Conference’s Women’s Basketball Player of the Week for her exceptional performances during the week of Dec. 26 - Jan. 1.

Women’s Basketball Player of the Week - Derica Wiggins, Jackson State G | Sr. | 5-7 | Memphis, Tenn.

Wiggins joined Jackson State’s 1,000-point club this past week, during which she averaged 21.5 points, 3.5 rebounds and 2.5 steals per game in guiding the Lady Tigers to wins over Philander Smith College and Alabama State

during opening night of conference play.

The Memphis, Tenn. native posted 19 points and three steals in JSU’s 88-56 victory over Philander Smith, and followed that with a 23-point, six-rebound, two-steal performance against Alabama State, a 70-61 Jackson State win during which the senior scored eight points in the final quarter. Wiggins shot a combined 42.8 percent from the floor in these two games.

Wiggins currently stands third in the league in scoring at 17.4 points per game, the highest individual average for the SWAC’s top scoring offense. She also averages 4.9 rebounds and 3.1 steals a night.

Cam Akers runs into history book as Florida State downs USM in WalkOns Independence Bowl

The Mississippi Link Newswire

On December 27, 2016 in front of family, friends and coaches, while being broadcast live online, Cam Akers picked up the Florida State Seminoles cap signifying that the number one rated running back in the nation, would be attending Florida State University.

Exactly one year later, in Shreveport, Louisiana, in front of family, friends, several Clinton Arrows classmates and supporters, Akers broke the Florida State rushing record for freshmen. The record was previously held by Dalvin Cook. Cook was taken in the first round in the NFL draft this past April by the Minnesota Vikings. If Akers continues this trend, he will be getting drafted in the NFL in two to three years.

Florida State started the season ranked as the number 3 ranked football team in the nation in Atlanta battling against number 1 ranked Alabama. Late in the game, Florida State's red-shirt sophomore quarterback, Deondre Francois, was injured. Initial diagnosis or hope, was for a high ankle sprain. The next morning, Florida State's greatest fear came true, Francois, tore his Patella tendon and would miss the rest of the season.

True freshman, James Blackman would have to carry the team the rest of the season. Not an easy task.

Florida State had a tough year. The team finished with a 6-6 record. Well below their national championship aspirations. To make matters worse, their head coach, Jimbo Fisher left the team December 4, 2017 to take the head coaching job at Texas A&M, leaving them without a head coach right before their bowl game. Apparently, Fisher left without addressing the team. Injured quarterback Deondre Francois tweeted, "No call, no text, You could of said something."

Despite a tumultuous season for his team, Akers shined; bursting on to the scene as a dominant force in college football. Akers ran for 121 yards against the Miami Hurricanes and lowered the boom on a would be Miami defender. At the time, it was Akers' career high rushing. On November 4, 2017, Cam Akers ran for 199 yards on 22 carries scoring 2 touchdowns breaking his previous career high of 121.

Florida State played Syracuse that day in Tallahassee. Over 71,000 fans witnessed Akers record breaking day. He also caught three passes for 18 yards. His efforts earned him ACC Offensive Back and Rookie of the week honors.

Akers entered the record books that day also for being only the second Seminole in history to have two touchdowns over 50 yards in the same game. Needless to say, Akers was adjusting fairly well to college football.



Cam Akers broke the Florida State rushing record with 1018 yards rushing this season



Akers

Florida State was announced to play the University of Southern Mississippi in the WalkOns Independence Bowl. USM had a record of 8 & 4 heading into the bowl game. USM welcomed the opportunity to play one of the best teams in the country despite their 6 & 6 record. The game started out well for the Golden Eagles. In fact, they scored first. Because of the missed extra point, USM lead 6 to 0. Florida State was poised

however. Some Seminole fans worried that the team might suffer a letdown and not take USM seriously. Interim head coach, Odell Haggins, leaned on his former college roommate to bring inspiration to the team. Who was his college roommate? Deion Sanders. Mr. Primetime himself flew to Shreveport to talk with the team. He also came out to the sideline during the game, much to the delight of the Seminoles fans.

Sanders is also very supportive of Florida State's newest hire at head coach, Willie Taggart, who left Oregon to come home to Tallahassee. Rumor has it, he's trying to convince Sanders to join his coaching staff.

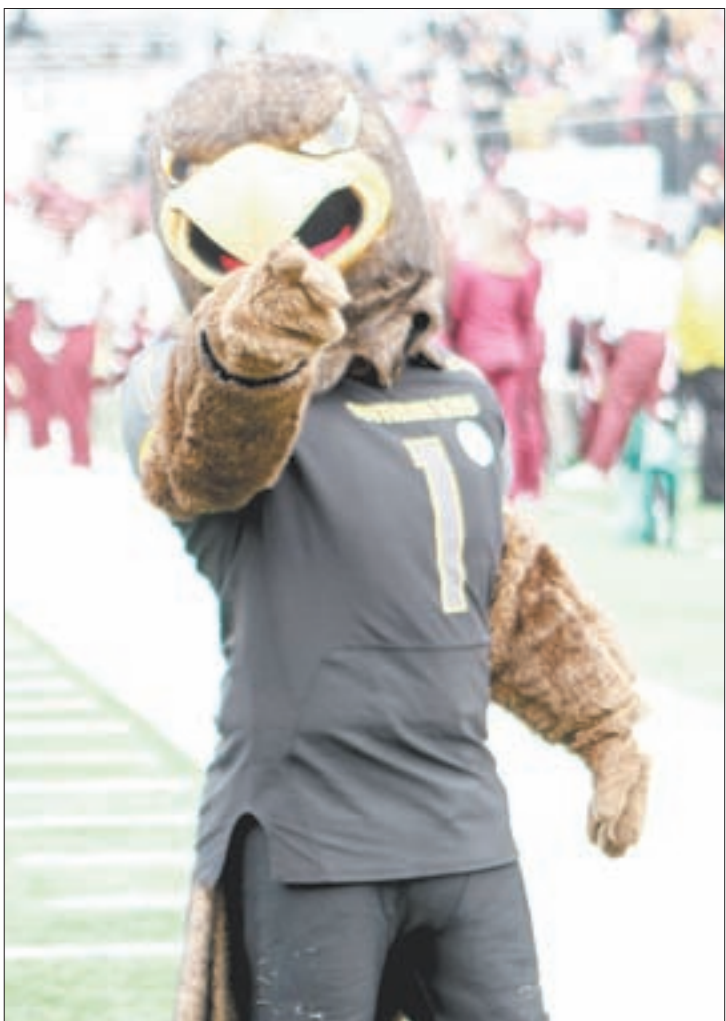
After USM scored first, Florida State reeled off over 30 unanswered points. Quarterback James Blackmon would toss 4 touchdown passes, one of them went to Cam Akers. Speaking of Akers, early in the



Cam Akers at the press conference



Deion Sanders acknowledges one of his fans



USM mascot fired up

3rd quarter, he would make a 17 yard run putting him into the record books yet again. He surpassed the mark of 1008 set by Dalvin Cook. Because the game was a blowout, Akers would only touch the ball once or twice more. He finished the game with 94 yards on 13 carries and 1 reception for 14 yards and a touchdown. Akers set the rushing mark at 1018, best in Seminoles history for a freshman. Florida State would go on

to win 42 to 13.

Quarterback James Blackmon was the game's MVP for his four touchdown passes. Good way to end his freshman year.

At the press conference, Akers was asked about setting the record so close to home. He responded, "To be able to do it in front of a lot of my family, a lot of people I went to school with, just the home crowd...I loved it. What better time to do it than now?"

BOOK REVIEW: “AGING THOUGHTFULLY: CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RETIREMENT, ROMANCE, WRINKLES, & REGRET” BY MARTHA C. NUSSBAUM & SAUL LEVMORE C.2017, OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS \$24.95 / HIGHER IN CANADA • 264 PAGES

By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

Kicking and screaming.
That’s how you’ll go into your twilight years: the calendar might say one thing but you’re not going to pay it any mind. There’s still a lot of pep in your step so shouldn’t, as in the new book “Aging Thoughtfully” by Martha C. Nussbaum & Saul Levmore, how you spend your golden years be your decision?

Once upon a time in the not-too-distant past, the average life expectancy was around fifty years, while the median retirement age was seventy-four. Back then, retirement didn’t involve Social Security or other govern-

ment programs; instead, people worked until they couldn’t. Today, there are “more choices, and this book is about these choices.”

First of all, why retire at all? Says Levmore, there are laws in the U.S. that say you don’t have to but he’s in favor of changing them – especially if businesses institute “defined benefit plans,” which are often seen in government jobs but rarely in the private sector. These changes would benefit employers, who could better maintain productivity; younger workers needing jobs, and older workers, if Social Security was tweaked a bit. It would also help with “the people normally labeled as the elderly poor,” since

defined benefit plans would give them more month-to-month income.

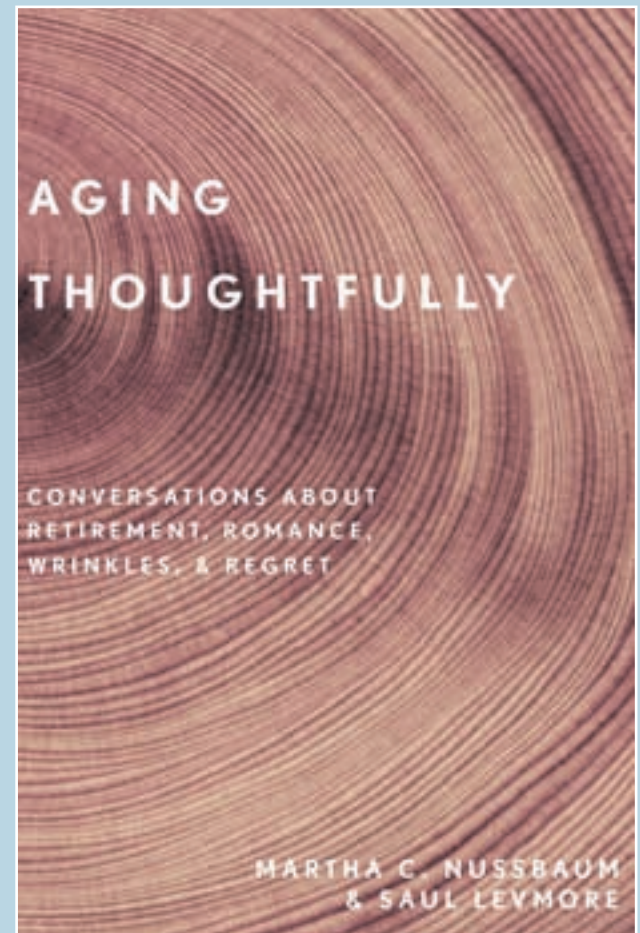
But retirement: one can only golf so much – what next? Says Nussbaum, retirement allows for a “second career,” either one that pays or one of volunteerism. For those kinds of choices, she looks at Finland, where retirement is mandatory at a relatively young age. It works because the Finns have excellent health care, they have ample time for better retirement preparation, and because they are treated equally.

Statistically speaking, as we age, we rely less on plastic surgery and more on the idea that wrinkles are “glamorous” – a no-

tion that can absolutely be pushed “too far.” We tend to live our lives “backwards,” which is okay; doing so offers time to deal with negative emotions and unfulfilled regrets. Here, we learn the reasons for those pearl-clutching May-December romances we see in the tabloids. And we get advice on giving while we can still say where our assets should go.

I struggled a lot with this book, and I’m ultimately disinclined to recommend it. Here’s why: though “Aging Thoughtfully” is a series of “conversations” about getting older, its basis is really old – as in, ancient philosophy and Shakespeare.

While that doesn’t make it a



bad book by any means, it does mean that its usefulness is limited. Readers looking for advice will have to look harder because that’s buried in Cicero and King Lear; those in search of solid research will find it scattered between philosopher John Rawls and Cato the Elder. Yes, there are conversations within these pages

and they’re thought-provoking, maybe even comforting, but they’re not really very accessible for the average reader.

Should you decide to tackle this book, do so with awareness for what you’re in for here.

“Aging Thoughtfully” isn’t bad but, for most people, it’s going to make you scream.

Cryptogram

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

Hint: Quote by Neil Diamond

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
													S					N							

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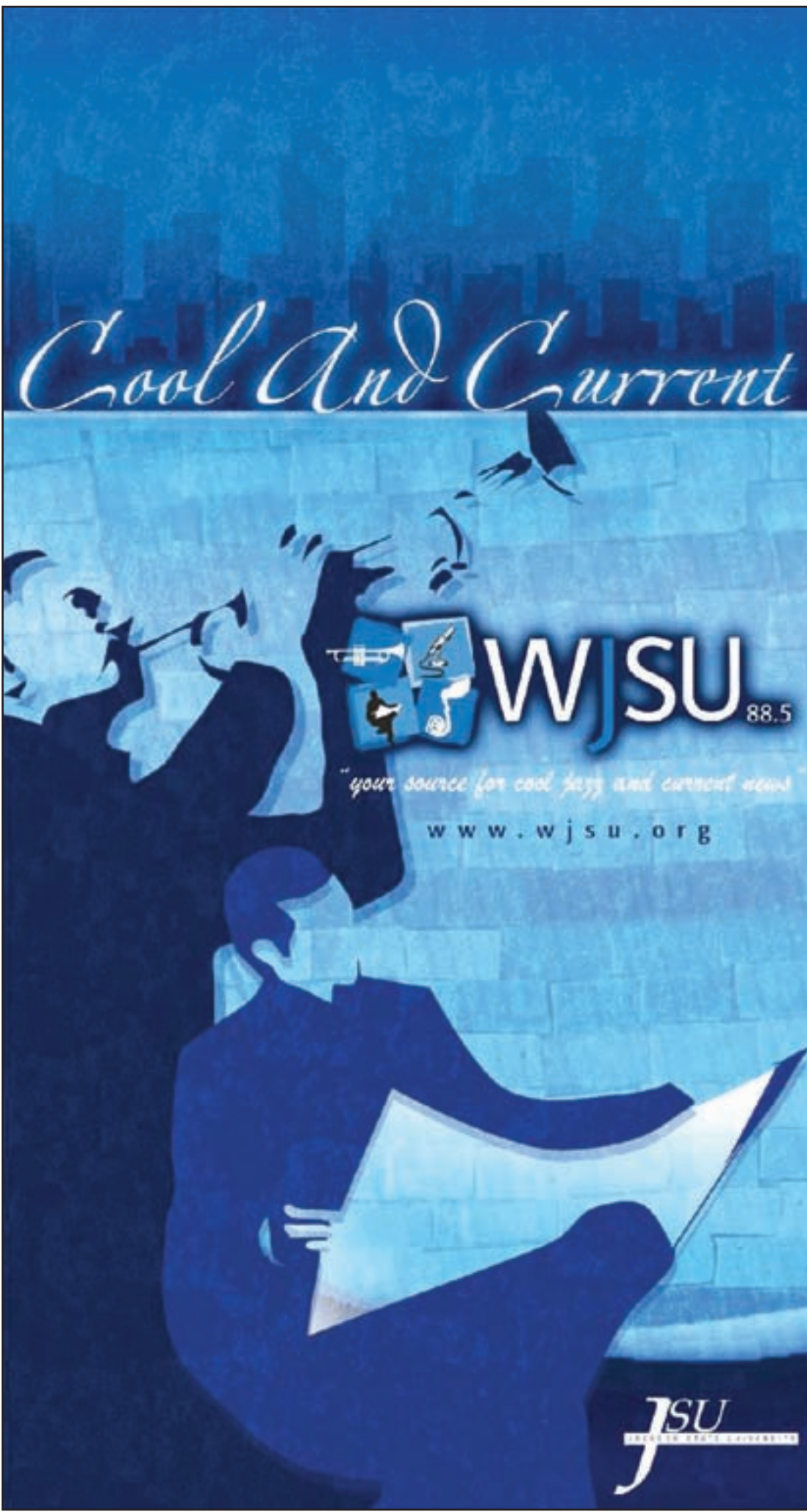
Sudoku

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

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

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