

ESSA demands full transparency on K-12 educational funding



The Every Student Succeeds Act, President Obama’s education law, calls for transparency in school funding. PEXELS.COM

By Lauren Poteat
TriceEdneyWire.com

Public school systems throughout the nation will now be required to be a lot more transparent when it comes to school funding. According to the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), signed into law by President Barack Obama in 2015, all public schools nationwide, will be required to give fully-detailed reports on how and where they spend institutional funding. The ESSA reporting requirement for school funding begins in December 2019, and supporters of the rule, including the NAACP, believe it will help to encourage greater educational equity, particularly among schools serving large numbers of black and Hispanic students in low-income neighborhoods. “We need more equitable and adequate funding for all schools serving students of color,” said Victor Goode, the education director for the NAACP. “Why? Because education funding has been inadequate and unequal for students of color for hundreds of years. Second, privatization forces are working to eliminate our public schools and, with it, transparency, public accountability and access to all.” Goode said that ESSA requires a breakdown of how student need is met with a focus on equity over equal distribution for funding. Goode continued: “That explains the reason behind the school-by-school, per pupil spending report. This kind of public transparency is a good thing and can help provide more meaningful parental and community engagement, which is also essential to accountability and achieving educational equity.” According to the Brookings Institution, a nonprofit public policy organization, based in Washington, D.C., that conducts research on solving societal problems locally, nationwide and globally, to date minority students are still far more less likely than white students to have adequate school resources. In addition, the Brookings Institution reported that schools with predominantly black and Hispanic children, on average, are nearly twice as large as white schools – reaching an estimated 3,000 students or more in most cities, with lower-quality curriculum offerings and less qualified teachers (in terms of levels of education, certification and training in the fields they teach), all of which George H. Lambert Jr., president and CEO of the Greater Washington Urban

League, believes can be rectified through adequate funding. “Through the availability of [ESSA] data, black and [Hispanic] educators can begin to prove that black and [Hispanic] students suffer from funding disparities and the lack of teachers in the classroom who look like them or represent their perspective,” Lambert said. “We need better, more transparent data on school funding. The availability of such data and our ability to access it forces greater urgency on what is, arguably the most important issue of our time.” Lambert said that any discussion on educational equity should acknowledge the enormous achievement gaps that still plague black and Hispanic students. “If these gaps aren’t closed, our community doesn’t have much of a future,” Lambert said.” Even though high school graduation rates are better now than 30 years ago, we still face a situation where more than a quarter of black students, for example, are dropping out. Most black students in the largest U.S. cities are attending schools with high concentrations of poverty. Over half of our young, black men are either dropping out or finishing K-12 late, hence 1 in 3 end up trapped in some fashion in the criminal justice system.” Despite high approval from many civil rights organizations, school district administrators, like Robert Lowry, the deputy director of the New York State Council of School Superintendents still believe that the new law might shine light on imbalanced revenue and create the perception that some students are being shortchanged, even when this may not be the case. “We question whether the state officials would even have the expertise and the capacity to evaluate spending levels between schools,” Lowry told Education Week. Though Lowry’s concerns may be valid, Lambert believes that full transparency is a plus. “This is a good way to learn about flaws in the system and how those flaws are aggravated by a lack of black and [Hispanic] expertise and perspective in the curriculum, the classroom and the leadership office,” Lambert said. “We can also find out if school districts with a larger number of black and [Hispanic] educators are experiencing high levels of funding disparities and uneven attention from policymakers.” Learn more about the Every Student Succeeds Act at www.nnpa.org/essa.

College Hill celebrating 111 years

By Jackie Hampton
Publisher

College Hill Baptist Church had its humble beginning under an oak tree in 1907 and on April 8 the church family celebrated its 111th year church anniversary, the last church anniversary service to be held in the current edifice. Father and son church members Ricky and Demosthenes Jones, athletes who were football quarterbacks, served as program guides. The duo set up plays to move the service along smoothly, and in the end, the College Hill family was the victor of this historical anniversary service. Early in the service, the College Hill Mass Choir drew standing ovations, and a personal testimony of discipleship before the benediction brought tears of joy to many in the congregants. The message entitled “Do It For The Vine” was delivered by the Rev. C. Edward Rhodes, pastor of Mount Helm Baptist Church in Jackson. His text was taken from John 15:1-7. He reminded the congregation that College Hill has survived over a century because the church is connected to the true vine. He also declared that this anniversary is not just for looking back but one for looking ahead to what God wants the church to do for His Glory. Rhodes stated that College Hill must take fallen members and restore them just as Jesus did. He said that when members get upset and stop producing fruit, it is only because that vine has fallen to the ground and sometimes cannot get up. Everybody has fallen at some point Rhodes stated and just as Jesus did, the church must pick them up, wash them off and make them productive. College Hill Pastor Michael



Pulpit ministers (front row) guest speaker CE Rhodes, College Hill Pastor Michael Williams and Sam Gleese; (back row) Wayne McDaniels, Justin Wyatt and William Wheeler



College Hill Mass Choir

Williams stated that Rhodes had delivered a powerful sermon and he thanked him for leaving his congregation to share with the College Hill family. Williams said that this anniversary service would be the last one to take place in the current sanctuary. Several years

ago, under his leadership, the church initiated a Capital Campaign to support the building of a new edifice. The ground breaking will take place within the coming months. During construction, church services will be held in the church’s family life center.

Deacon Frank Yates served as chairman of the anniversary committee. The Mass Choir was directed by Brandon Mitchell, director of music at College Hill. The church is located at 1600 Florence Avenue in Jackson. See photos page 19

50th Anniversary of King Assassination

Coretta King’s Last Wish to Expose Secrets About Her Husband’s Killing is Yet Unfulfilled

By Dr. Barbara A. Reynolds
TriceEdneyWire.com

Efforts must be increased to break down the wall of secrecy surrounding the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. who was gunned down April 4, 1968 as he stepped out onto the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis. That was one of the last wishes of his wife, Coretta Scott King. It was underscored by the findings of a rarely discussed December 9, 1999 jury trial in Memphis which concluded that King was the victim of assassination by a conspiracy involving

the Memphis Police Department as well as local, state and federal government agencies, movement insiders and the Mafia. Coretta King died January 31, 2006. The secrecy shrouding the death of Dr. King is still in place. As the nation has commemorated the death of the martyred leader, hopefully there will be a renewed effort to bare submerged information that could finally set the record straight about the role of U.S. governmental agencies in a plan to eliminate King who had emerged as one who millions perceive as the most successful African-American protest leader of the 21st Century. In a civil suit filed by Coretta in Memphis, a jury of six whites and six blacks, affirmed the trial’s evidence which identified someone else, not James Earl Ray, as the shooter and agreed that Ray had been



Coretta King PHOTO: LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

set up to take the blame. “The trial only proved what our family

King
Continued on page 3



Jackson sailor commemorates 50th Anniversary of MLK Jr.'s death



U.S. Navy firefighter and Jackson, Mississippi native, Terrence Johnson, speaks at a bell ringing ceremony as part of international ceremonies commemorating the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination. This commemoration took place Wednesday evening aboard Naval Support Activity Mid-South, 20 miles north of where Dr. King was killed in Memphis at 6:01 p.m., April 4, 1968. The bell was rung 39 times to honor the age Dr. King was at his death. PHOTO BY MASS COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST 2ND CLASS MASON GILLAN

2018 BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DAY

SHOWCASING
POTENTIAL LAND & PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT

EVENT INTENDED FOR:

- COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE AGENTS
- DEVELOPERS
- INVESTORS
- BUSINESS OWNERS

APRIL 25
10AM - 12PM
3rd Floor - Community Room

JAN
JACKSON-MEDGAR WILEY EVERS
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

*Come Hear About Exciting
Development Opportunities*

APRIL 27
10AM - 12PM
Conference Room

HKS
HAWKINS FIELD AIRPORT

FOR INFORMATION
Chad Parker, 601.664.3516, cparker@jmaa.com

JMAA
JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

A young boy in a white shirt and grey shorts is running on a track. He is in a starting position, leaning forward with his hands on the ground. A woman in a pink shirt is standing in the background, watching him.

LIVE HEALTHY BLUE

BlueCross BlueShield of Mississippi logo, featuring a blue cross and a blue shield with a white caduceus.

BlueCross BlueShield of Mississippi
It's good to be Blue.

www.bcbssms.com

BlueCross BlueShield of Mississippi, a national insurance company, is an equal opportunity employer. BlueCross BlueShield of Mississippi is a member of the BlueCross and BlueShield Association. BlueCross and BlueShield of Mississippi are not affiliated with the BlueCross and BlueShield of Mississippi Association. BlueCross and BlueShield of Mississippi are not affiliated with the BlueCross and BlueShield of Mississippi Association.

I N M E M O R I A M

Linda Richard Jones

January 22, 1948 – April 2, 2018

On a nice winter day, an angel was born on January 22, 1948 to the late Jim and Gracie Ann Richard. Her name was Linda Richard. Linda was preceded in death by both parents; both brothers, Ellis Catchings, Sr. and Willie Lambert Catchings; a sister, Gloria Jean Richard Taylor; a sister-in-law, Ernestine Catchings; a brother-in-law, Willie Taylor; and one great granddaughter, Bailey.

Linda met the love of her life, Coach Louis “Butch” Jones Jr. in 1970. They were married March 2, 1972 and to this union six children were born.

Linda graduated from Jim Hill High School in 1966 where she was May Queen

twice. After graduation, she attended Jackson State College, (now Jackson State University) where she majored in Biology and Social Science with a minor in Library Science.

Linda worked at Avco Financial Services, as a finance administrator, McRae’s (now Belk) in the collections department and Jackson Hinds Library System as an administrative assistant. She retired from Jackson Hinds Library System in June 2000.

Linda was also a member of the 100 Black Women of Jackson, Inc.

Linda joined Farish Street Baptist Church at an early age. She was a member of the

Cherubim Choir, attended Sunday School, was a member of Circle of Faith and chairperson of Deaconess until her health failed.

Linda leaves to mourn and cherish her memories: a loving and devoted husband of 46 years, Louis Jones Jr.; six children, DeJuan (Pam), Carlos (Diane), Chloe (Ira); Louis, Terrence and Jeremy; seven grandchildren, Shaina, Shante, Toni, Andrea, Taylor, Cnyia and Iriel; three great grandchildren, Hailey, Nazavion and Miracle; two sisters-in-law, Ann Catchings and Cassandra Wells; play mother, Essie Broadwater; cousins Betty Foreman and Mabeline Broomfield; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



King

Continued from page 1

had maintained all along,” Correta told me in her memoir Coretta, “My Life, My Live, My Legacy.”

The jury’s proceeding went on for four weeks. The 2,735-page transcript contains the sworn testimony and dispositions of more than 70 law enforcement agents, reporters, civil rights leaders and witnesses, some of whose statements contrasted starkly with official reports.

Of particular interest was Loyd Jowers, owner of Jim’s Grill, which was located beneath the rooming house where the shots were supposedly fired. Jowers said that he had been given \$100,000 by a man with Mafia connections to help provide a cover for the shooting. Jowers said he took the rifle from a man named Raul, moments after King was shot and hid it under his counter until it was picked up the next morning by the shooter, a Memphis police officer.

More than 2,000 reporters covered the O.J. Simpson trial, but the mainstream media virtually ignored the sworn testimony of law enforcement agents and others who provided important insight into the assassination of King. The testimony included:

Ed Redditt, a Memphis detective and fireman Floyd Newsum, the only two blacks assigned to provide security for King were reassigned on April

3, the day before the assassination. Redditt said he was guarded by a man, who identified himself as a Secret Service agent, which raised questions of why an agent would, whose job is usually to focus on the president, be concerned with a lowly Memphis police detective.

Judge Joe Brown, an experienced Memphis court official as well as a seasoned hunter, told the jury he believed the rifle that prosecutors used to implicate Ray was not the rifle used to kill King. “That weapon literally could not have hit the broad side of a barn,” he said.

Don Wilson, an FBI agent working in the Atlanta Bureau, said that in searching Ray’s car, several days after the assassination he found pieces of a handwritten note with the name “Raul” on it, the same name of the man who had handed Jowers the rifle for safekeeping after the assassination. Wilson, who is presently retired, also told me how the agents laughed and joked about the murder of King.

The assassination of King raises serious question about FBI involvement. After King questioned the FBI’s sincerity in investigating the murder of civil rights activists, Hoover in a November 1965 press conference, shot back with a war of words, condemning King as “the most notorious liar in the country,” as well as a communist.

King quickly became a target of the FBI’s COINTELPRO, an acronym for Counter Intelligence Program that had the stated mission to surveil, infiltrate, discredit and disrupt domestic groups that the FBI deemed subversive. (This was the same high-profile program that led to the dismantling and murder of several Black Panthers.)

One well-reported incident of COINTELPRO was a suicide letter and an audio tape the FBI secretly sent to the home of King Nov. 3, 1964, shortly before he was to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. It accused him of committing indecent sexual acts and suggested that the only way King could save himself from national disgrace was to commit suicide. Coretta played the tape and said she heard people telling dirty jokes, but there was no reference to her husband.

A 1977 court order resulted in the King papers being sealed for 50 years and despite several inquiries from various groups, the King files reportedly numbering about 700,000 pages are not scheduled to be opened until the year 2027. The sealing only increases fears that many pertinent records will be destroyed before that date leaving many questions unanswered.

Old fears are being rekindled as several reports suggest that the FBI’s COINTELPRO is being

reincarnated to monitor, surveil and contain so called, “black identity extremists.” This information using that label was obtained by Foreign Policy Magazine from an unofficial FBI report.

The document, according to the magazine, warns that “black identity extremists” pose a growing threat to law enforcement and that police attacks on black Americans could spur “premeditated, retaliatory lethal violence” against the police. As confirmed in The Root, the August 2014 shooting of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Mo., was the catalyst for widespread violence, the FBI report says, concluding that continued “alleged” police abuses have fueled more violence.

While the report didn’t specifically mention Black Lives Matters, it is difficult not to connect the dots. There are several Black Lives Matter activists who report being put under surveillance, which sounds like the tactics of CONINTELPRO created to neutralize the activities of Black activists.

Coretta called for all files to be opened to finally lay out all the “facts pertinent to the truth of who killed my beloved Martin.” So far, her wish has been denied. And like in so many denials, history could well be on the way to being repeated.

See photos page 5.

DISCOVER
VICKSBURG...

for
Remarkable Attractions
Fine Dining
Unique Shopping
World Class Gaming
...and Much More!

Mayor George Flaggs, Jr.
North Ward Alderman Michael Mayfield, Sr.
South Ward Alderman Alex Monsour, Jr.

For more information, visit us at:
www.vicksburg.org/
www.facebook.com/CityofVicksburg/
livericksburg.com/

Medgar Wiley
EVERS

LECTURE SERIES

Lonnie Bunch

founding director,
Smithsonian
National Museum of
African American
History and Culture

Thursday, April 19 • 6PM

Galloway United Methodist Church
305 North Congress Street, Jackson

FREE • 601-576-6850 • info@mdah.ms.gov

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY
MEDGAR AND MYRLIE EVERS INSTITUTE
W.K. KELLOGG FOUNDATION

Tom Joyner Foundation named HCC Utica Campus June 2018 School of the Month

Mississippi Link Newswire

Hinds Community College’s Utica Campus has been selected by the Tom Joyner Foundation as its June 2018 School of the Month.

The “School of the Month” program is the signature program of the foundation, which supports historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) through fundraising efforts, scholarships, endowments and capacity-building enhancements.

The designation is an opportunity for supporters of the HBCU campus to help raise money for student scholarships. The Utica campus enrolls more than 800



students per semester.

“We are so very proud that the Tom Joyner Foundation has selected Hinds Community College’s Utica Campus as its June 2018 School of the Month. We are also proud to have Mr. Joyner as our 2018 Commencement speaker,” said Tyrone Jackson, vice president of the

Utica Campus.

“The Joyner Foundation has made tremendous strides assisting students in their quest for academic achievement. This partnership will allow so many deserving students the opportunity to obtain the education they so rightfully deserve,” Jackson said.

Joyner, a nationally syndicated radio and television host, will speak at the Utica graduation, set for 2 p.m. Sunday, May 13. His show is the nation’s top syndicated morning show, airing in 105 markets and reaching nearly 8 million listeners.

The Utica Campus is one of two, two-year HBCUs selected

for the honor, which is traditionally reserved for four-year institutions. Annually, the Tom Joyner Foundation selects 11 HBCUs with which to partner. During the partnership, funds are raised in support of student scholarships and other initiatives to help sustain the HBCU.

Fundraising efforts include a monthly day of giving by faculty, staff and students; church and community outreach programs; a donor reception; alumni support initiatives and a visit from Joyner.

All donations received during the campaign will be used for student scholarships at Hinds’ Utica Campus. Although se-

lected for June, the campaign officially kicked off March 1 and will continue through Dec. 31.

Since 1998, Joyner’s foundation has provided support to HBCUs to help sustain and preserve their legacies through fundraising and donor development initiatives. More than \$65 million has been raised to support more than 29,000 students attending selected colleges and universities. Additionally, the foundation has recommended internships, offered matching grant support and career development to deserving students.

To donate online, supporters can go to the website: <https://hub.hindsc.edu/tomjoyner>.

Congratulations!



Madison County Business League & Foundation Executive Director Jan Collins awarded Canton High School juniors Morgan Williams and Rucell Harris Jr. Madison County Youth Leadership scholarships for participating in the 2017-18 program.

ANNOUNCEMENT



New Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church cordially invites you to join in the celebration of a great milestone in the history of our church: the installation service of our new pastor, Reverend Willie Tobias Jr. We will observe this blessed occasion Sunday, April 15, 2018 at 3 p.m.

We are excited about the future ministry of our church under his leadership. Your presence will make this event a memorable experience for Rev. Tobias and our congregation. The installation message will be delivered by Rev. Willie Tobias’ father, Rev. Willie Tobias Sr.

Rev. Willie Tobias Jr. is a resident of Madison, Miss. He is married to Monica Tobias and God has blessed them with one son and two daughters. Rev. Tobias earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration from DeVry University, a bachelor’s in biblical studies from Belhaven University, a master’s degree in pastoral leadership from Indiana Wesleyan University and a master’s degree in practical theology.

He currently has nine years of pastoral experience.

Rev. Tobias diligently serves in the transportation ministry for the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. He also serves as the 2nd vice president for the Jackson District Congress of Christian Education. Rev. Tobias is a born again Christian who loves the Lord. His motto is: “God is good, even when we are not.”

For more information you may contact James Spiva at 601-622-2575 or William “Bo” Brown at 601-983-9105.



Fast for the entire fam

XFINITY is America’s best Internet provider according to Speedtest.net, and delivers the fastest Internet. Get the speed the kids crave, the in-home coverage dad desires and the control mom needs. You can even pause WiFi access to any device on your home network. Change the way you WiFi with XFINITY xFi.

Call 1-800-XFINITY, visit your local XFINITY Store or xfinity.com today



50th Anniversary Commemoration of the Death of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Memphis, Tenn. • April 4

PHOTOS BY JAY JOHNSON



State testing to begin soon



Mississippi Link Newswire

The Mississippi Academic Assessment Program (MAAP) testing window opens Monday, April 16 and continues through Friday, May 18.

MAAP tests that will be administered during this period include:

- Grades 3–8 English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics.
- Grades 5 and 8 Science.
- 3rd Grade ELA-Literacy Based Promotion Act (April 16–27 only).
- End of Course testing for Algebra I, Biology I, English II and U.S. History.

Parents can help students perform their best on state tests by:

Making sure they are present and test on their scheduled date and time. (Parents should be sure to check with their child’s school for exact testing dates.)

Making sure they get adequate rest and eat a healthy breakfast.

Encouraging them to do their best on the assessments.

Showing confidence in their ability to do well.

The Mississippi Academic Assessment Program is designed to measure student achievement on the Mississippi College- and Career-Readiness Standards. The results are used in the state’s accountability model to determine district and school performance levels.

JPS gets rebate check from Atmos Energy

Mississippi Link Newswire

The Jackson Public Schools Food Service Department received a rebate check for \$3,200 April 3, from Atmos Energy for installing energy-efficient cooking equipment, water heaters, and programmable thermostats in the new Northwest Jackson Middle School cafeteria. By choosing energy-efficient equipment, JPS will also save an estimated \$2,200 a year in natural gas costs.

The SmartChoice Program for Atmos Energy rewards customers who install energy efficient equipment in homes and businesses. The SmartChoice



JPS Food Service Director Mary Hill and Interim Superintendent Fredrick Murray, along with other District officials, accept a rebate check from Atmos Energy and the Public Service Commission for \$3,200.

program also recently installed energy efficient pre-rinse spray valves in all JPS cafeterias. This no-cost program will save an estimated \$6,000 in natural gas costs per year. JPS will also conserve an estimated 60,000 gallons of water with the addition of this equipment.

Wingfield High School chess team places fifth in state meet

Mississippi Link Newswire

On March 24, the Wingfield High School chess team participated in the Mississippi Scholastic Chess Tournament. The event was held at Mississippi State University in Starkville. The Wingfield chess team placed fifth in the competition which drew public and private school teams as well as home-school teams from across the state.

“We bounced back from a rocky performance mid-tournament that put us out of trophy

contention, said Beth Thrasher, the team’s coach. “We finally gutted out a stirring last round performance that won us the fifth-place trophy to bring home to Wingfield.”

The members of the Wingfield chess team who competed at the state tournament were:

- William Smith, (Senior)
- JKennthon Smith (Senior)
- Camden Graham (Junior)
- Sanchez Palmer (Junior)
- Rodney Thomas (Sophomore)
- Parnell Stephenson (Freshman)



The Wingfield High School chess team celebrates a top-five finish in a statewide meet held at Mississippi State. Beth Thrasher (center) is the team’s coach.

Casey Elementary dedicated dad named 2018 JPS parent of the year

Mississippi Link Newswire

Jackson Public Schools named Willis Barker Jr. its 2018 Parent of the Year. JPS Interim Superintendent Fredrick Murray made the announcement at Casey Elementary School where Barker’s twin sons attend school.

Barker is a retired military man. He stands out even among the exceptionally supportive parents at Casey as a motivator, Mr. Fixit, and generous giver. Not only does he deliver snacks to his own sons’ classrooms, but he usually brings enough for another class. He takes on any project, from assembling furniture to trimming trees.

As the chair of Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students), Barker has led several successful events. He led a Million Man March on the first day of school and several follow-up events to



Barker

promote the involvement of fathers and father figures at Casey Elementary.

Casey teachers and staff gave Barker glowing praise in recommending him for Parent of the Year.

“Mr. Barker does not work or serve for awards or accolades,



Participating in the Parent of the Year presentation were (from left) Fredrick Murray, JPS Interim Superintendent; Willis Barker Jr, honoree; Rhoda Yoder, Casey principal; and Barker’s sons.

but simply to inspire and impact all of those he comes in contact with,” said first-grade teacher Tiffany Johnson. “His presence in our school speaks volumes about who he is as a person.”

Students thrive with engagement.

“His love for the children in my classroom is seen every time he enters,” said second-grade teacher John Gandy. “He greets

my students with high fives, hugs and respect.”

Barker is also active in his church and civic groups. He is a member of the Tougaloo Toastmasters. He also serves as president of both the men’s ministry and outreach ministry at Aldersgate United Methodist Church.

He is married to Erica Manery-Barker. Their sons are in the second grade at Casey.

Each year, districts across the state select a parent who has displayed outstanding qualities to enhance scholar experiences, while cultivating partnerships within their school community. These individuals then move on to be considered for the Mississippi Parent of the Year award.

Jackson Public Schools would like to thank our Parent of the Year sponsors for these generous gifts to our honoree:

- Plaque and a one-year membership to the Mississippi Civil Rights and Mississippi History Museums, courtesy of KPMG, the school’s adopter.
- One-year membership, Mississippi Natural Science Museum.
- One-year membership, Mississippi Museum of Art and a hardback book of the History of Art in Mississippi.
- \$50 gift certificate, Sal and Mookie’s Restaurant, Mangia Bene Restaurant Group.
- \$25 gift card to Barnes and Noble, courtesy of Southern Farm Bureau.
- Four 1-day passes to the Mississippi Children’s Museum.
- Four 1-day passes and a gift package, Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame.
- Gift basket, Jackson Public Schools Partners in Education.

The Mississippi Link™

Volume 24 • Number 25

April 12 - 18, 2018

© copyright 2018. All rights reserved.

Publisher.....Jackie Hampton

Editor.....Othor Cain

Copy Editor.....Minnie Garrett

Graphics.....Marcus Johnson

Photographers.....Kevin Robinson & Jay Johnson

Contributing Writers.....Janice K. Neal-Vincent

Ayesha K. Mustafa

The Mississippi Link [USPS 017224] is published weekly by The Mississippi Link, Inc. Offices located at 2659 Livingston Road, Jackson, MS 39213. Mailing address is P.O. Box 11307, Jackson, MS 39283-1307 or e-mail us at: editor@mississippilink.com; Please visit our website at: www.mississippilink.com. Phone: (601) 896-0084, Fax 896-0091, out of state 1-800-748-9747. Periodical Postage Rate Paid at Jackson, MS.

Deadline: The deadline for submitting items to be considered for publication is Tuesday at 10 a.m.




Subscriptions are \$32 per year; \$64 for two years or \$96 for three years.

Postmaster: Send all address changes to The Mississippi Link, P.O. Box 11307, Jackson, MS 39283-1307.

Advertising: For all advertising information, please call (601) 896-0084.

The Mississippi Link accepts no responsibility for unsolicited materials and in general does not return them to sender. Manuscripts and photographs submitted for publication are welcome by The Mississippi Link, but no responsibility can be taken for sources considered to be authoritative, because the publication cannot guarantee their accuracy. Reproduction or use, without permission, of editorial or graphic content, is prohibited.

Member:



Subscribe TODAY

2659 Livingston Road • Jackson MS, 39213

601-896-0084 • www.mississippilink.com

The Mississippi Link

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone

e-Mail

CHECK ONE

☐ 1 year

☐ 2 year

☐ 3 year

\$32

1 year

subscription

\$64

2 year

subscription

\$96

3 year

subscription

Thank you for your order. Order a subscription for a friend!

USM Center builds momentum as leader in entrepreneurship education

The Mississippi Link Newswire

An entrepreneurial spirit has served as a cornerstone of economic development in the State of Mississippi for more than 100 years. At The University of Southern Mississippi, entrepreneurship is recognized and heralded as a catalyst for the state's continued success.

At the heart of its commitment to excel as a leader in entrepreneurship training, is the university's Center for Economic and Entrepreneur Education (CEEE). The center serves as an educational resource for K-12 educators and students in South Mississippi. Established by the College of Business in 2005, CEEE bridges educational gaps in economic, entrepreneurship and financial literacy through relevant, hands-on learning.

Through its flagship Southern Entrepreneurship Program (SEP), the center has worked directly with more than 4,000 high school students. Launched in 2007, the SEP is a statewide youth initiative designed to advance innovation and entrepreneurship education efforts in Mississippi.

SEP programming consists of an annual series of regional, virtual and statewide student opportunities/competitions, each specifically designed to introduce high school students to essential topics like opportunity recognition, market validation and essential/soft skills. The SEP was developed as a critical response to the lack of existing entrepreneurship training within Mississippi's K-12 educational system.

Director James Wilcox notes that while most entrepreneurial startups/programs tend to capsize well before reaching their 10-year anniversary, the CEEE's momentum represents a testament to its value.

"We've worked tirelessly to identify very real needs within our state, and just like a private startup, we painstakingly balance the costs and available resources to strategically address those needs in a sustainable way," said Wilcox, who served as a graduate assistant and program coordinator before taking over as director in 2011.



Greenville High student Alex Jackson discusses his startup enterprise during one of the Southern Entrepreneurship Program events.

The Southern Entrepreneurship Program offers tangible proof of the CEEE's credibility. What began as a fledging idea with just four high schools participating, has blossomed into a thriving and popular enterprise involving more than 50 high schools spread across the state.

"The truth is, we've never needed to recruit new schools," he said. "Growth has been completely organic. The real effort comes in delivering on that expectation of new, innovative experiences each semester. This academic year has seen some of the most exciting student events that we've ever attempted. A growing support network at both the local and state levels has made this possible."

Wilcox takes particular pride in watching the development of high school students who participate in the SEP initiative. He stresses that the center has become a beacon of awareness and a bridge builder for economic opportunities among Mississippi's youth.

Roderick Moore, personal finance instructor at Hattiesburg High School, is a big fan of the center and particularly the SEP. Moore has chaperoned dozens of Hattiesburg High students through SEP-sponsored com-

petitions over the past several years.

"The SEP has been an outstanding and robust real-world learning experience for my students," he said. "They have acquired real entrepreneurship and personal finance skills that are practical and have expanded classroom and even personal endeavors."

Faye Gilbert, dean of the USM College of Business, says the CEEE's focus is quite simple – to make it easier to teach and to learn basic principles of entrepreneurship and economics. She considers the center to be an invaluable resource, not only for the University, but for the State of Mississippi.

"We believe and have seen that students who enter the statewide competition in entrepreneurship, for example, can then earn the funds they need to attend college," said Gilbert. "We believe and have seen teachers transform their schools as their students reach for the next round of competitions. I am grateful that we are a part of this focus on infusing our educational systems with accurate information for entrepreneurship and economic education."

Among the CEEE's new initiatives for 2018 is the piloting

of a seed fund for university student startups. In addition to providing increased support to university-based startups, the effort's goal is to begin identifying key entrepreneurship and innovation stakeholders within the campus community.

As the CEEE looks to the future, Wilcox points out that an important objective of the center is to change the perception many young people have about the state's economic potential. He says that in conversations with high schools students oftentimes he hears the phrase: "Mississippi is for old people" or "It's a retirement state." But with each passing year students participating in the SEP demonstrate a different and brighter reality.

"Their stories bring new awareness to a promising future of untapped opportunities that exist within our state," said Wilcox. "Through each unexpected story, we've been able to apply direct pressure on the wounded perception of Mississippi, both beyond our borders and among our own students."

To learn more about the Center for Economic and Entrepreneur Education, call 601.266.6055 or visit: <https://www.usm.edu/business/economic-entrepreneurship-education>

MVSU to explore "Equal Justice Under the Law" during academic forum



Cooper

The Mississippi Link Newswire

"Equal Justice Under the Law" is a common phrase in the American legal system, but what exactly does it mean? Mississippi Valley State University will explore this societal ideal during its Spring 2018 Academic Forum Thursday, April 5.

Themed "Explaining the Concept of 'Equal Justice Under the Law,'" the event will be hosted from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in MV-SU's William A. Butts Social Science Auditorium.

The guest speaker will be Attorney Rhonda C. Cooper, professor of political science at Jackson State University.

The event is free and open to the general public. Refreshments will be provided.

Cooper earned her Bachelor's degree in business administration from Millsaps College in 1985 and her juris doctor from the University of Alabama School of Law in 1988.

She served as a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Political Science and the pre-law advisor at Jackson State University from 2012 until 2017. She has since returned to the practice of law as a civil and criminal trial attorney and now acts as general and litigation counsel to Jackson Memorial Funeral Services.

Cooper is a member of the American Bar Association, the Capital Area Bar Association, the Magnolia Bar Association and the Metro Jackson Black Women Lawyers Association.

In service to the legal studies program at Jackson State, Cooper directed the legal studies curriculum and was the fac-

ulty advisor to the Fannie Lou Hamer Pre-Law Society and Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International. In those roles, she helped to coordinate several activities and events designed to enhance student readiness for law school matriculation.

Cooper has presented and served as a panelist at conferences sponsored by the Magnolia Bar Association, the Mississippi Political Science Association, the Southern Political Science Association, the American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences and the Law School Admission Council (LSAC). Her involvement with LSAC included membership in the Southwest Association of Pre-Law Advisors (SWAPLA) and annual attendance at APLA conferences and LSAC Law School Forums with pre-law students.

She is a two-time recipient of Jackson State's Creative Awards for faculty and staff and was honored for her excellence in teaching and advising by the College of Liberal Arts in 2016. She also serves on the advisory board on Minority Affairs at Mississippi College School of Law.

Cooper resides in Ridgeland, Mississippi and is the mother of one daughter. She is a member of Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Jackson where she assists on several committees and in various capacities.

MVSU's Spring 2018 Academic Forum is supported by funds awarded by the Charles Koch Foundation, under the direction of Emmanuel Amadi, chair of MVSU's Criminal Justice Department.

Anthony Jackson elected Mississippi College Student Government Association president

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Working closely with the new administration of Mississippi College in 2018-2019 will be another goal for Anthony Jackson. As MC's newly elected Student Government Association president, he's ready to deliver on his promises. Increasing student activities and pumping up school spirit for sports teams are some of his priorities.

A political science major from Mound Bayou, the former Choctaws football player is breaking new ground. Jackson becomes the first African American to serve as MC's SGA president on the Clinton campus, school officials say.

"It's a great milestone for me," Jackson said.

The John F. Kennedy High graduate should prove to be an asset to the MC family for the next twelve months as SGA president, supporters say.

"Anthony brings many valuable qualities to the table in regard to his new position," says outgoing SGA President Annsley McRae of Tishomingo. "He has an insight to a demographic of the student body that we haven't been able to tap into in an effective way."



Jackson

McRae predicts Jackson will excel.

So do his many friends who support the Blue & Gold. "He's always had presidential leadership qualities," says MC student Joshua Thomas of McComb. "I think it's cool that he's the first African-American SGA president" on the Clinton campus.

Other MC friends like Richard Ingram of Shreveport, La. and Mya Leslie of Benoit describe him as a people person who will go all out for students.

In 2014-15, Timothy Hender-

son of Anderson, Texas became the first African American to serve as president of the MC Law School Student Body Association. He's now an attorney in York, Pennsylvania. The current student association president, Daryl Porter of Summit, Mississippi, became the second African American to hold that post at MC Law in Jackson.

Jackson hails from an historic Mississippi Delta town with a population that's 98.6 percent African-American.

Today, there are about 1,446

Mound Bayou residents. Founded by former slaves in 1887 in the wilderness of Northwest Mississippi, Mound Bayou in Bolivar County is considered the oldest all-black municipality in the United States. The town was incorporated in 1898. In 1952, Mississippi Civil Rights leader Medgar Evers moved to Mound Bayou to sell insurance. The town thrived for decades with its churches, schools, medical facilities and businesses, but its population dwindled in recent years.

President Teddy Roosevelt once called it "the Jewel of the Delta."

Making history is important, but Jackson wants to do much more after he's sworn in April 10. "I want to revitalize the atmosphere at school."

Jackson honed his leadership skills with the Campus Activities Board. He's taking on his new role as MC President Lee Royce retires in May after 16 years of service.

The Deltan can't wait to meet the new president at Mississippi College once school officials make an announcement later this spring. "I'm looking forward to it."

Hinds CC opens registration for summer, fall classes for new students

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Registration for current students at Hinds Community College is now open with registration for new students to open April 9. Students can register for both summer and fall classes at any of the six Hinds locations.

Mini-term classes are May 9-22 and are offered at Jackson Campus-Academic/Technical Center, Rankin Campus and Raymond Campus. Eight-week and first four-week summer term classes at all six Hinds locations begin on May 29 and second four-week summer term classes begin on June 26. Fall classes begin on Aug. 13.

To register for classes for any term, students must first be admitted to the college. After meeting with a counselor, new students can

then register for classes. Offices are open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and until 6 p.m. Tuesdays.

The Admissions Office can be reached at (601) 857-3212 or visit www.hindscc.edu.

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.

JSU's Army ROTC 49th Spring Gala



INTERNATIONAL WEEK 2018

MY ROOTS MY HERITAGE

25 Years of Diversity, Unity & Excellence

APRIL 9-13
WWW.JSUMS.EDU/GLOBAL

Monday, April 9, 2018
INTERNATIONAL APPRECIATION DAY
Location: Campus wide
JSU Global invites everyone to wear international attire and decorate their offices to help kick off international week. Prizes will be given for best decorated office.

Tuesday, April 10, 2018
INTERNATIONAL WEEK OPENING CEREMONY
Location: Tiger Park
Time: 11:30 a.m.

LET'S GET GLOBAL ART SPOT
Location: Student Center Patio
Rain Location: Johnson Hall
Time: 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

Wednesday, April 11, 2018
FOR THE CULTURE FASHION SHOW
Location: General Purpose Ballroom
Jacob L. Reddix Building
Time: 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday, April 12, 2018
THREE INTERNATIONAL BAZAAR
Location: Plaza
Rain Location: Student Center Ballroom A
Time: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

DANCEVERSITY
Location: Walter Payton Center, Studio D
Time: 5 p.m.-7 p.m.

Friday, April 13, 2018
INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP & COMMUNITY AWARDS GALA
Location: Student Center Ballroom A&B
Time: 7 p.m.
(Ticketed event)

#JSUGlobal

JSU JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY

Judge in Bill Cosby sexual assault case allows juror that said he thinks Cosby is guilty



Cosby being led into court. POOL PHOTO

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Contributor

Any appearance of fair and impartiality that Judge Steven O'Neill may have exhibited is out the window, according to those siding with comedian Bill Cosby in his retrial.

After a weekend to ponder the actions of a juror selected to serve on the case, O'Neill decided Monday afternoon to allow the individual to remain on the panel.

The judge did so without public explanation.

"How can that be? The juror said he had already made up his mind that Cosby was guilty," said Rhonda Traylor, an African-American woman who said she came to court Monday to counter planned protests against the comedian.

After being selected to serve as juror No. 11 last week, the man who is white and believed to be in his 40s, reportedly told others on the prospective panel that "I just think [Cosby's] guilty, so we can all be done and get out of here."

Sporting a dark hair of twists, a pearl necklace and wearing diamond studded earrings, Traylor said she was horrified over a protester who jumped a barrier, stripped off her shirt and bra

and ran in front of Cosby.

The protestor was identified as Nicolle Rochelle, 39, of Little Falls, N.J. who was charged with disorderly conduct after sheriff's deputies wrestled her to the ground and into a nearby bush. She later contacted other protestors who placed her on a speaker phone, so reporters could hear.

"They said they'd drop the charges, if I don't come back to the courthouse," Rochelle could be overheard saying. She said also that she had appeared on some episodes of the iconic "Cosby Show" in the early 1990s and noted that Cosby had always been respectful of her, but her outburst was to "show support to the women."

"This is what it's come to," said Traylor, who works in a nearby mail sorting facility. "This isn't about justice, it's about demonstrations and putting on a show. And, I believe things are only going to get worse, because more people are beginning to realize that this judge and the prosecutors seem to be working together with the goal of taking Cosby down."

O'Neill has repeatedly noted the need to be fair and impartial, however the judge's rulings have often been called into question.

He ruled that five other al-

leged victims, including former supermodel Janice Dickinson, could testify in the retrial. Last year, he denied prosecutors request to call Dickinson and others.

Other controversial rulings include allowing Cosby's deposition testimony; the hearsay testimony of Gianna Constand, the mother of alleged victim Andrea Constand; and denying several defense requests like letting the jury know that former District Attorney Bruce Castor declined charges against Cosby, because he said there was insufficient evidence and he questioned Constand's credibility.

The judge has also denied a defense request to show the jury a 2005 press release from Castor in which the former DA explains his decision not to prosecute Cosby.

Further, O'Neill also declined to allow the defense to tell the jury about dueling lawsuits between Constand and Castor. Ironically, Castor's lawsuit was dismissed by a judge April 6 while Constand's remain pending.

At the end of Monday, Cosby's spokesman Andrew Wyatt, told reporters that the defense hopes that the jury can "be fair and impartial."

Rev. James L. Netters Sr.: 'We can't just do it my marching'

By Erica R. Williams
The New Tri-State Defender

"They've killed my man." The Rev. Dr. James L. Netters Sr. recalled the words he murmured after finding out that his hero, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., had been shot.

"I knew he was dead immediately after they said he'd been hit."

Netters, who is the longest serving pastor of a single church in Memphis, was also one of Memphis' first African-American city councilmen. The day Dr. King was assassinated, he and nine other council members had gotten together to come up with an agreement that would satisfy the demands of striking sanitation workers.

The strike was the reason King had come to Memphis. He'd planned to speak on behalf of the workers, who were asking for higher wages and better working conditions. Netters also had been working with the employees since taking office in 1968. He said what he and the other council members had discussed on the ninth floor of the Claridge Hotel only moments before Dr. King was shot could have changed everything.

"We had come to resolution to give the sanitation workers exactly what they'd asked for. That's why Dr. King had come, and we'd gotten a resolution..." his voice trailed off as he remembered the details of that day.

It's a resolve that Dr. King would never know, and one that changed after his untimely death.

"After he got shot, some of the white council members decided that they didn't want to follow through with the resolution in fear of racial tensions," Netter recalled. "It was like a double hurt for me."

Netters said it took him a while to recover from the hurt and disappointment. To get back up, he drew from the moment he first saw Dr. King, August 28, 1963. It was on that day that Netters stood on stage as the civil rights leader delivered his monumental "I Have a Dream" speech.

"As I stood there listening to it, I had a strange power that came over me. I left in awe."

Netters was a teacher in Memphis City Schools during that time. His passion for education and equality led him to activism, where he traveled to Washington, D.C., to assist with the March on Washington. There, he was



Rev. James L. Netters Sr. serves as pastor at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church-Westwood, with First Lady Nedie Netters at his side. PHOTO BY TYRONE P. EASLEY/TSD

able to stand on stage as King recited what would become one of the most groundbreaking speeches in history.

"He was my hero, my role model," Netters said.

Inspired by what he had heard that day, he came back to Memphis energized and ready to spark change. Less than a year later he and six others initiated bus sit-ins, where they would become the first group in the city arrested during demonstrations.

"We got 500 ministers committed to helping us with the sit-ins and walks," Netters chuckled, before adding that only two people showed up. "I was one of them." Rev. Samuel Billy Kyles was the other.

He chalked up the lack of participation to the fear that came with speaking out against inequality during that time.

Netters and Kyles were able to convince four more people to join them that morning. The six men landed in jail, but it wasn't in vain. Two weeks later, buses were integrated in the city. Soon after, local restaurants and hotels were also unified.

Netters' determination to make an impact in the city cultivated with time, eventually leading him into politics. He, alongside Rev. J.O. Patterson and Fred Davis, would become one of the first African Americans to hold a seat in Memphis city government.

"He was a very capable councilman," Davis said about his longtime friend. "I always say he wasn't just an activist but a gentleman. He was the one who mitigated when council members were at odds."

Netters later pivoted his position within city government. He became an administrative assistant to then-Mayor J. Wyeth Chandler, where he continued his fight for equal rights.

"I went on to try to get as many blacks in city government jobs as possible ... and it worked," he laughed. "One day the mayor came up to me and said that when he got in office, there were only white employees, now everyone is black."

While Netters said he isn't sure the exact number of African Americans he helped get into city government, he believed that it was enough to help change the trajectory of politics in Memphis.

Now 90, Netters said he no longer dabbles directly in legislation, but continues to remain a voice in the fight for equality.

"I think we have come a great and marvelous distance since Dr. King's death, but we haven't come far enough," he said. "There are enough blacks in high places now that they can open doors for other blacks in Memphis."

He offered advice to those in power.

"We can't just do it by marching like we used to. We also have to use our powers at jobs and in political offices. We have to use our positions to advance blacks to higher positions."

Netters, who has served as the pastor of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church-Westwood for more than 60 years, will be stepping down this year, but he said his fight for equality is far from over.

"I'm going to be retiring soon," he paused and took a deep breath. "But I've made up my mind that I want to spend the rest of my time on earth bringing people of all races and backgrounds together. I think I was mandated to do that."

The New Tri-State Defender is a member publication of the National Newspaper Publishers Association. Learn more about becoming a member at www.nnpa.org.



Turner's Cleaning Service



Poncie Turner
Owner/Operator

*All Types of Cleaning Services
Over 45 Years of Experience
Free Estimates
Licensed & Insured*

Turner Cleaning Service
Commercial & Residential Cleaing
We clean: Office Buildings, Schools, Daycares,
Churches, Restaurants - whatever you need

*Floor Stripping & Waxing, Carpet Cleaning, Window Cleaning,
Restrooms & All Other Janitorial Services with Professional Results*

601-405-1767

ANYTIME ONLINE

Breaking News
Streaming Videos
Interactive Blogs



Visit our newly designed website:
www.mississippilink.com

Mississippians back higher cigarette tax, Medicaid expansion, gun safety

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Mississippians support an increase in the cigarette tax, expansion of Medicaid, and stronger regulations for gun shows, according to the April 2018 Millsaps College-Chism Strategies State of the State Survey. Voters statewide are slightly more upbeat about the direction of the state than in previous months.

With the conclusion of the 2018 legislative session, Mississippians have reservations about the performance of the State Legislature, but are more likely to approve of their own elected representatives than they are of the institution. They also strongly approve of the performance of Governor Phil Bryant and Attorney General Jim Hood.

According to the survey, 44 percent of respondents agree that the state is on the right track. This is an increase from just 37 percent in the September 2017 State of the State Survey and 42 percent in the January 2018 survey.

Looking at the State Legislature, 30 percent of Mississippians approve of the institution's performance while 41 percent disapprove. On the other hand, 40 percent approve of the work being done by their own elected legislators while 30 percent disapprove.

"We are hopeful that the Millsaps College-Chism Strategies State of the State Survey will continue to shed light on the way citizens perceive their institutions of government, some of the key ac-

tors in state politics and important issues that have been debated in the most recent legislative session as well as past sessions," said Nathan Shrader, assistant professor of political science and director of American Studies at Millsaps College.

"Particularly, we find for the third consecutive quarter that Mississippians remain adamant about fixing roads and bridges, securing more funds for public schools and improving access and affordability of health insurance in the state. These are important findings because we are now seeing clear patterns form within the electorate regarding their priorities and preferences."

Other key survey findings from the Millsaps College-Chism Strategies State of the State Survey:

- 54 percent approve of the performance of Governor Phil Bryant, while 35 percent disapprove
- Attorney General Jim Hood has an approval rating of 55 percent, while 25 percent disapprove

- Lt. Governor Tate Reeves has an approval rating of 38 percent and a disapproval rating of 34 percent
- 51 percent approve and 45 percent disapprove of President Donald Trump's job performance
- Just 30 percent approve of the performance of the State Legislature, but 40 percent approve of their own elected legislators
- A combined 63 percent say that their top policy priorities are either fixing roads and bridges,

more money for public schools, or improved access and affordability of healthcare

- Voters favor expanding Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, 52 percent to 36 percent
- 64 percent of voters favor raising the state's cigarette tax, a proposal defeated by the legislature.

- Mississippians are evenly split on arming schoolteachers, but strongly favor tighter regulations of gun shows.

"Our partnership with Millsaps College on this survey research is important to me as an alumnus of the Millsaps Political Science Department," said Brad Chism, president of Chism Strategies. "This survey series helps Millsaps enhance its role in the informed discussion about key issues in our state. This research will be a useful tool in any serious debate about public policy alternatives in our state."

The State of the State Survey involves a partnership between the Millsaps College Political Science Department, the Institute for Civic and Professional Engagement at Millsaps and Chism Strategies. The survey was completed March 27. Sample size of 603 with 67 percent of interviews conducted via landline and 33 percent via cell phone. The survey has a Margin of Error of +/-4 percent.

Results were weighted to reflect 2015 general election turnout for age, race, gender and partisanship.

HOPE named Wall Street Journal Financial Inclusion Challenge finalist

The Mississippi Link Newswire

HOPE (Hope Enterprise Corporation/Hope Credit Union) has been named a finalist in The Wall Street Journal Financial Inclusion Challenge for its work to bring opportunity to small towns in the Mississippi Delta.

HOPE is one of three finalists from more than 120 entries in the first U.S. iteration of the Journal's Financial Inclusion Challenge. A winner will be selected in New York City May 9.

"Over the coming weeks, the WSJ will shine a light on the importance of financial inclusion in America. We are proud to be part of this effort," said HOPE CEO Bill Bynum.

After acquiring donated bank branches, HOPE opened locations, from 2014 to 2015, in Drew, Itta Bena, Moorhead and Shaw – all severely distressed Mississippi towns with populations of approximately 2,000 people. All four communities are located in counties where the poverty rate has eclipsed 20 percent for more than three decades. In three of the four towns, HOPE is the only financial institution.



Within a short period, HOPE has dramatically expanded the range of financial products and services available to area residents, and now serves more than 50 percent of the population, far exceeding the former bank's market penetration.

"These communities have long been neglected. The entire region is on the wrong side of all indicators of well-being. We are committed to bringing opportunity to where it is needed most," Bynum said.

Nearly 25 years ago, the Enterprise Corporation of the Delta began pursuing its mission of strengthening communities, building assets and improving lives in 55 Delta counties. Today, HOPE serves distressed people and places throughout Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana,

Mississippi and Tennessee – a region that is home to more than one-third of the most impoverished counties in the nation.

"While we have changed our name, broadened our services, and expanded our territory, our mission remains the same," Bynum said. "So does our commitment to the Delta."

HOPE serves more than 44,000 member-owners across its five-state Deep South region. Of those members, 69 percent were previously unbanked or underbanked. Nearly half of HOPE's locations are in persistent poverty counties, where the poverty rate has exceeded 20 percent for more than three decades.

Learn more at <https://hope-cu.org/>.

100 teams advance to S.S. finals in world's largest rocket contest

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Team America Rocketry Challenge recently unveiled the names of the top 100 teams that will advance to the national finals next month. These teams will compete at the National Finals Fly-Off May 12 at Great Meadow in The Plains, Va., outside of Washington, D.C.

The Team America Rocketry Challenge is the aerospace and defense industry's flagship program designed to encourage students to pursue study and careers in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). The competition challenges middle and high school students to design, build and fly a rocket that meets rigorous altitude and flight duration parameters through a series of certified, qualifying launches.

This year's rules require a rocket carrying two raw eggs to reach 800 feet before returning the eggs to Earth – uncracked – all within 41 to 43 seconds.

Sponsored by the Aerospace Industries Association (AIA), the National Association of Rocketry, and more than 20 industry partners, the Rocketry Challenge

is the world's largest rocket contest.

This year, 800 teams representing 46 states and the District of Columbia designed and built model rockets in hopes of qualifying for the National Finals.

The 100 national finalists announced hail from 28 states and the District of Columbia, and will compete for more than \$100,000 in prizes and scholarships. They will also be competing for the opportunity to represent the United States at the International Rocketry Challenge taking place at the Farnborough Air Show outside of London in July, facing off against teams from the United Kingdom, France and Japan.

The Rocketry Challenge promotes friendly competition among teams from a diverse set of socioeconomic backgrounds, ethnicities and geographies – from rural America to major cities. This year, about one third of the students participating are female, including 13 all-girl teams. Numerous teams launched fundraising campaigns in their communities to make their participation possible.

AIA President and CEO Eric Fanning congratulated the finalists. "What excites me about this incredible competition is how every year it inspires thousands of young women and men to consider careers in STEM fields and aerospace. Qualifying for the National Finals and ultimately representing the United States at the international competition involves teamwork, critical thinking and problem solving skills. I'm confident that these students will become the engineers and scientists that enable humans to land on Mars and beyond, and we look forward to hosting them in D.C. next month."

Now in its sixteenth year, the Rocketry Challenge has inspired nearly 70,000 middle and high school students to explore education and careers in STEM fields.

Follow and support your local team on the road to National Finals using the official hashtag: #TARC2018.

For more information about the Team America Rocketry Challenge and to view the complete list of finalist teams, go to www.rocketcontest.org

Zaria and Zhailyn Dotson of Jackson recently served as pages



Zaria and Zhailyn Dotson of Jackson recently served as pages for the Mississippi House of Representatives. Pages generally run errands for officials and House staff. Zaria and Zhailyn are pictured with Speaker of the House Philip Gunn and Representative Deborah Butler Dixon who sponsored their visit. Zhailyn is the daughter of Zona Ray and Willie Dotson and attends Forest Hill High School. When asked about the week, Zaria said, "I really enjoyed my week here. It has been a great experience and I met new friends. I want to thank Representative Dixon for allowing me to have this opportunity." Zhailyn said, "My week was great, I am still learning the building but everything is easier and less complicated than I was expecting. I would like to thank Representative Dixon for this wonderful opportunity."

Deja and De'Nijha Smith of Jackson recently served as pages



Deja and De'Nijha Smith of Jackson recently served as pages for the Mississippi House of Representatives. Pages generally run errands for officials and House staff. Deja and De'Nijha are pictured with Speaker of the House Philip Gunn and Representative Percy W. Watson who sponsored their visit. Deja and De'Nijha are the daughters of Jennie and Michael Smith and attend Forest Hill High School. When asked about the week, Deja said, "I really had fun at the the Capitol this week. I've met great people, and I'm going to miss them after this week. The head pages were great and I enjoyed them." De'Nijha said, "This week has been an outstanding week. I have made new friends and we all get along well. Sessions were not long but they were fun."

Jonathan and Caleb Rhodes of Jackson recently served as pages



Jonathan and Caleb Rhodes of Jackson recently served as pages for the Mississippi House of Representatives. Pages generally run errands for officials and House staff. Jonathan and Caleb are pictured with Speaker of the House Philip Gunn and Representative Charles Young, Jr. who sponsored their visit. Jonathan and Caleb are the sons of Chanda and Donald Rhodes and attend Siwell Middle School. When asked about the week, Jonathan said, "I enjoyed my week at the Capitol. I've learned a lot about how everything works. I've learned how much moving is required to be a page." Caleb said, "I enjoyed my week here at the Capitol paging for Representative Charles Young. I really learned a lot. I wish to come again."

Discipline your mind

PART 1

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



Most of our battles today are in our minds; however, we can have victory. In 2 Timothy 1:7 Paul said to the young minister, Timothy, “For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. The word sound in this verse means “a disciplined mind.” My friend, we do not have to be carried away in our thought life.

A real warfare is going on in our minds. We must realize that if we are going to win in this spiritual warfare, we must win the battle within our own minds. What we think has much to do with how we live and what we do.

Our minds can either be very valuable instruments in God’s hands or very destructive in the devil’s hands. We need to recognize where the battlefield is and fortify the places where the enemy is attacking. Every one of us has

weak areas in our lives. We are vulnerable to attacks of the enemy in more areas than others. Something that works on you may not work on me and vice versa. Every one of us is under attack in our minds. The enemy is working feverishly to turn our thinking away from the things of God and to get us to dwell on thoughts that are displeasing to the Lord. If the devil can do that, he can turn us aside from the true way of God and we will not remain steadfast to the end.

Getting people’s minds turned away from God has been a very effective battle, and it is not something new. The third chapter of Genesis tells us how the serpent beguiled Eve. He got her to look at the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and then he began to reason with her. She thought, “That doesn’t seem so bad; it could make me wise.” She overstepped God’s command not to eat of it. However, after she partook of it she found that God did exactly what He said He would

do.

Read about Noah’s day in Genesis, chapter 6. The wickedness of man came up before God. Every imagination and every thought were evil continually. God said that it repented Him that He had even made man, but Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. Brothers, sisters, in a world that is full of wicked imaginations and evil thoughts, we can find grace in the eyes of the Lord. We do not have to be partaker of evil thoughts. We can live for God and find favor in His sight. Even if the whole world is doing wickedly, we don’t have to do the same things. We can have victory. Glory to God!

This battle is a battle that rages every day. If you are a Child of God, you are not going to escape this warfare. Nevertheless, the Word of God teaches us that we can be more than conquerors through Him that loves us. My prayer is that we become more than a conqueror and live with victory so that we can help others.

Too many people are talk-

ing about the “cannots.” They say, “I do not know whether I can do it.” We need to get beyond that and know that what God says to do, we can do. God’s Word is a very positive Book. The world is saying that no one can live free from sin. God inspired John to write in 1 John 3:9, “Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin because he is born of God.” There is strength in the Lord! We do not have to give up; we can make it by the grace of God. I did not get saved for the devil to knock me out of the race. I enlisted in the army of the Lord, and by His grace and strength I am going forth conquering and to conquer, upholding the blood-stained banner of Jesus Christ, with holiness, righteousness and victory over sin.

Next week Part II “Discipline your Mind.”

Rev. Simeon R. Green III is pastor of Joynes Road Church of God, 31 Joynes Road, Hampton VA 23669. He is a member of the National Association of Evangelism Church of God, Anderson, Ind.

PRESERVED

Valuable imperfections

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



“Perfect is boring. Be imperfectly you.” When I saw this phrase on a t-shirt over the Christmas holiday, I could not resist it. I had to buy it and not just because it was on sale. The underlying message of the shirt that imperfections were what made us more interesting (and unique) seemed to make a lot of sense to me at the time. It wasn’t until recently that I realized that the shirt was also an interesting reminder about graciously handling the imperfections of ourselves and others.

One of the areas of personal spiritual growth that God continues to challenge me is regarding how to respond to my imperfections as well as others. For example, how do you take a more gracious approach when looking at imperfections?


As a college English professor, I deal with this question often when grading papers. Over the years, I worked very hard at finding ways to offer constructive criticism without completely crushing the esteem of students. It is not easy because sometimes I struggle to find a few good things in a paper where there may be 15 other things done ineffectively. Sometimes it works and sometimes I totally fail at it.... but I keep trying to figure a way to make students see those things that others may label as “wrong” as valuable opportunities for growth.

2 Timothy 2:20-21, (MSG) says “In a well-furnished kitchen there are not only crystal goblets and silver platters, but

waste cans and compost buckets – some containers used to serve fine meals, others to take out the garbage. Become the kind of container God can use to present any and every kind of gift to his guests for their blessing.” This scripture could be seen as a reminder that people who we perceive as having less value may actually have the most value. For example, after a fine meal, which is more valuable: the goblet that was used to drink out of or the trash can that was used to take out the trash? At the end of the meal, some would say that it is the trash can that has more value because it helps keep the kitchen clean.

Maybe we should try to think of deficiencies in others like imperfections in gemstones. According to the website, www.gemselect.com, the value of certain gemstones increases because of internal imperfections or inclusions in the gemstone. For example, rubies and sapphires that have certain internal inclusions are seen as more unique and considered much more valuable than those that are man-made and seemingly perfect. So, instead of judging someone for what they may have done, good, bad, criminal or otherwise, we should choose to see those life experiences as what makes them graciously unique. By doing this, it may be easier for us to see that through God’s grace the value of others is actually increased by what they experienced and survived.

Shewanda Riley is a Dallas, Texas based author of “Love Hangover: Moving From Pain to Purpose After a Relationship Ends.” Email her at preserved-bypurpose@gmail.com or follow her on Twitter @shewanda.



Moving the Masses Toward the Mission of the Master


1600 Florence Avenue
Jackson, Mississippi 39204
601-3552870 • 601-355-0760 (Fax)
www.collegehillchurch.org
Church@collegehillchurch.org

COLLEGE HILL
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

SUNDAY
Worship Services
10:00 a.m.
Sunday School 8:45 a.m.

MONDAY
Intercessory Prayer 9:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY
Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.
Classes: Children • Youth • Adult - 7:00p.m.



Michael T. Williams
Pastor



New Horizon Church
INTERNATIONAL
A place of love and victory.

Bishop Ronnie C. Crudup, Sr.
1750 Ellis Avenue • Jackson, MS 39204
OFFICE: 601-371-1427 • FAX: 601-371-8282
www.nhcms.org

SUNDAY
8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Services

WEDNESDAY
7:00 p.m. - Bible Class

TV BROADCAST
8:00 a.m. - Channel 14 (Comcast)

Prayer Everyday: 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.

True Light Baptist Church
224 E. Bell Street | Jackson, MS 39202 | Phone: (601) 398-0915

Join Us!
for our **Light Line Prayer Call**
each Wednesday morning at
6:00 a.m.

The Light Line
PRAYER

Rev. Marcus E. Cheeks, Pastor
Small Group Study | 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service | Sundays 10:30 a.m.
Bible Study | Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.

PHONE NUMBER: (218) 486-1348 | **PASSCODE:** 224 235 578 #

***The call will last only 30 minutes**

Crossroads Church of God
Sharing The Love Of Christ With Others



Sunday Morning Fellowship: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Sch: 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service: 11:15 a.m.
(Fellowship following worship service 1st Sundays)

Wednesday Prayer/Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Rev. Mark Jackson, Pastor
231-A John Day Road • Off Hwy 16 East • Canton, MS 39046
Church: 601-859-2858

New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church
Pastor, Dr. F. R. Lenoir



Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.

Live Radio Broadcast
WOAD AM 1300 - 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

“A Church Preparing for a Home Not Built by Man”

New Bethel M. B. Church • 450 Culberston Ave. • Jackson, MS 39209
601-969-3481/969-3482 • Fax # 601-969-1957 • E-Mail: Serenitynbc@aol.com

Will the HUD Secretary enforce the Fair Housing Act?

By Julianne Malveaux
NNPA News Wire Columnist



The Fair Housing Act was passed a week after Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated.

President Lyndon Johnson encouraged Congress to pass the legislation as a tribute to the slain civil rights leader, who, along with several civil rights organizations (including the NAACP), strongly supported the act. African-American veteran's organizations (including the American GI Forum) were especially passionate about the legislation, since Vietnam veterans were among those experiencing severe housing discrimination.

Senator Ed Brooke (R-MA), the only African American in the Senate at the time, along with his Massachusetts colleague, Senator Ted Kennedy (D-MA) was especially focused on the legislation.

The Fair Housing Act is also known as Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (which was later amended in 1988) prevents discrimination in the sale, rental, financing and advertising of housing because of race, color, religion, disability, family status and national origin. But with the severe wealth inequality in our nation, there are still major gaps between homeownership by race, and African-American households were more heavily impacted by the Great Recession than any other race group.

Between 2004 and 2016, every group experienced a decline in homeownership, but while whites experienced a 4.1 percent decline, African American households experienced a 7 percent decline, dropping from nearly half (49 percent) of black households owning homes to just 41.9 percent. Meanwhile, white homeownership remained over 70 percent. As much as a third of African-American wealth was wiped out by the Great Recession, and this is partly due to discrimination in banking, including the ways that some banks aggressively pushed subprime loans on African Americans, even those who qualified for traditional loans.

HUD is the federal agency that is responsible for enforcing the Fair Housing Act, as well as providing rental assistance, public housing and housing vouchers for those who cannot afford housing on their incomes. Our 45th president had proposed deep cuts in the HUD budget, but the budget that was passed March 23, 2018, just hours before the government was scheduled to shut down, actually adds money to the HUD budget, especially in the rental assistance and public housing capital funds program.

Still, cuts are scheduled for

the next fiscal year, and the issue of non-discriminatory and affordable housing remains a pressing one.

But will HUD Secretary Ben Carson enforce the Fair Housing Act and effectively administer an agency that can make a difference in the quality of life for low-income people? One has to raise the question, especially as Dr. Carson seems to want to spend more time looking for a \$30,000 dining table than administering his agency. 45's pick of Carson to administer the agency was a strange one, given that Carson's only qualification for running one of the government's largest agencies seems to be that his mom avoided public housing because of its "dangers." 45 does not seem to be high on finding qualified people to run HUD. The New York HUD administrator, Lynn Patton, was Eric Trump's wedding planner.

It may seem snarky to point out things that some would call "minor," and both Patton and Carson will, perhaps, grow into their roles. There is no evidence that Carson has spearheaded innovative programs (wait – did I write Carson and "innovative programs" in the same sentence?) to close the homeownership gap or to help African-American families recover from the ravages of the Great Recession.

Furthermore, while this has little to do with Carson, the effort to roll back Dodd-Frank reforms and the evisceration of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau disempowers consumers, especially those of low and moderate incomes. By making it more difficult to file class action lawsuits, individuals who experience banking discrimination are handicapped in their ability to fight back. Carson, singing from the 45 playbook, when he opens up his mouth at all, is not likely to be an effective advocate for the people he has frequently disdained.

Indeed, though he has thrown his wife, Candy, under the bus on the matter of the dining table, he is no different from other cabinet officials who have a "let them eat cake" attitude toward those they serve. First class travel, high-end furniture and chicanery are the name of the 45 cabinet game. Fifty years after the passage of the Fair Housing Act as a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., it is not clear that the current HUD Secretary will be a warrior in the fight against housing discrimination.

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

'10,000 Small Businesses' has potential to close the racial wealth gap

By Marc H. Morial
President and CEO
National Urban League



"Investing to support the launch and growth of black-owned businesses could build wealth for individuals and their families, assist with closing the wealth gap, revitalize communities and contribute to an overall healthier economy, which benefits us all. To do so, thoughtful and innovative approaches are required to overcome the exponential effects of the interplay among the wealth gap, the credit gap and the trust gap. While challenging, this is worth striving for so that we can move one step closer to an inclusive economy." – Association of Enterprise Opportunity, "The Tapestry of Black Business Ownership In America"

If every black-owned business with employees added two black workers and 15 percent of those with no employees hired just one black worker, the

racial unemployment gap in the United States would be virtually eliminated.

A recent study on black entrepreneurship concluded that black-owned businesses could be a key to closing the racial wealth gap. While white adults have 13 times the wealth of black adults, the gap between white and black business owners is only three to one. The median net worth for black business owners is 12 times higher than black nonbusiness owners.

That's why supporting and nurturing small business growth is one of the National Urban League's top priorities, and Goldman-Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses is one of our most important partnerships. Through greater access to education, capital and business support services, 10,000 Small Businesses graduates are able to grow their revenues and create jobs at rates that outperform the economy in general.

In 2016, 47 percent of businesses grew their revenues. But 30 months after graduation, nearly 78 percent of 10,000

Small Businesses alumni increased revenues. About 25 percent of businesses added jobs. But, at 30 months, more than 56 percent of 10,000 Small Businesses alumni created jobs.

In this 50th anniversary year of examining racial progress since the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., the enormous role of black-owned businesses in the Civil Rights Movement cannot be overstated. As Boston University historian Louis Ferleger notes, the success of the Montgomery bus boycott depended upon Montgomery's 18 black-owned taxi companies, operating more than 200 cabs.

"Histories of the civil rights movement that emphasize the glory and successes of charismatic leaders only tell part of the story," Ferleger writes. "Small black-owned businesses were critical because they were empowered to engage in civic participation. These businesses were uniquely situated to support the civil rights movement and also parted the waters."

Today's black entrepreneurs,

supported and empowered by partnerships like 10,000 Small Businesses, are a continuation of that civil rights legacy.

About 700 of the more than 7,200 graduates of the program have received their training through the Babson College cohort – a blended online and face-to-face program that delivers intensive entrepreneurship training and practical training from Babson's business experts and peers, alongside educational teams who teach the 10,000 Small Businesses program at community colleges across the country.

For 11 weeks, these small business owners connect with peers and work together through practical business education delivered through a blend of online and in-person sessions.

To apply for the 10,000 Small Businesses business and management education program, please visit www.10KSBapply.com.

Marc Morial is president/CEO of the National Urban League.

MLK50: Fifty years after Kerner and King, racism still matters

By Derrick Johnson
Interim President and CEO, NAACP



"Segregation and poverty have created in the racial ghetto a destructive environment totally unknown to most white Americans. What white Americans have never fully understood but what the Negro can never forget – is that white society is deeply implicated in the ghetto. White institutions created it, white institutions maintain it and white society condones it."

– Report by the Kerner Commission, 1968

Fifty years ago, the nation was rocked by the brutal and public assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Eerily echoing the title of King's final book "Where Do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community?," his murder sent a powerful shock wave through the soul of America resulting in urban rebellions springing up in over 100 cities and placing the nation at a political and social crossroads.

As cities burned with rage at King's murder, most of America had already dismissed and forgotten the damning and prophetic report published only a month earlier by the presidential commission chaired by Illinois Governor Otto Kerner. Officially called the National Advisory Commission on Civil

Disorders, the Kerner Commission identified systemic racism and poverty as the causes of the major black rebellions in both Newark and Detroit the previous summer. The report warned that America was "moving toward two societies, one black, one white – separate and unequal" and offered concrete suggestions for confronting immediately this "deepening racial division."

However, the Kerner Report's recommendations for reconciliation and progress were never heeded; in fact, they were actively disregarded. Despite commissioning the report, President Lyndon B. Johnson went out of his way to suppress the spread of its findings. The consequences have been severe: "Whereas the Kerner Commission called for 'massive and sustained' investment in economic, employment and education initiatives, over the last 50 years America has pursued 'massive and sustained' incarceration framed as 'law and order,' while the 'war on drugs' has failed," says a new book, "Healing Our Divided Society," co-edited by former Sen. Fred Harris, the sole surviving member of the Kerner Commission.

Today, many of America's black communities bear the sustained scars of physical and economic injuries. Even in Baltimore, the headquartered home of the NAACP, communities are still reeling from the police-

custody death of Freddie Gray. The deaths of black Americans like Michael Brown, Alton Sterling, and, most recently, Stephon Clark – shot eight times by police in his own backyard – remind us we are still not seen as full-citizens by many in our nation.

In our recent Economic Inclusion Reports on Baltimore, Charlotte and St. Louis – three cities impacted by protests and revolts linked to police violence and misconduct – the NAACP noted, "similarities between the past economic realities of African Americans during Reconstruction and legalized racism and the current economic realities more than 150 years after the abolition of slavery and promise of freedom."

Our reports expose that African Americans are "still living in highly segregated communities and school districts, comprising the lowest median household income, highest unemployment rate, highest poverty rate and ongoing barriers to the creation of small businesses." For example, the mid-2000 housing crisis caused by Wall Street excesses led to trillions of dollars in bailouts and the decimation of major portions of African-American wealth – wrapped up in their foreclosed homes. This recession removed huge swaths of intergenerational wealth and many families have yet to recover.

As the leader of the oldest and largest civil rights organi-

zation, I recognize the temporal connection between America's past and present identities. Our country has let the pestilent wound caused by a continuing legacy of racism fester. This chronic condition is aggravated by the often-silent progressives who still cannot grasp the stark emotional reality of what partial freedom feels like to a full human being.

In his commencement address to Oberlin College in 1965, King said, "We must face the honest fact that we still have a long, long way to go before the problem of racial injustice is solved."

Half a century after Kerner's report and King's assassination, our government continues to perpetuate an unacceptable level of systemic and structural racism, which permeates our communities and fuels our protest.

As we remember King and Kerner, we will not do so in solemn reflection, but instead with resolve. We commit to making the social and political healing America has continued to defer become a reality. The progress for which NAACP members fight rings in harmony with the Kerner Commission's unapologetic condemnation of white America's failure to make democracy real for all of us.

Derrick Johnson is the president and CEO of the NAACP, America's largest civil rights organization. Follow him on Twitter @DerrickNAACP.

GET YOUR CURRENT NEWS AND WATCH AP VIDEOS ONLINE AT:

www.mississippilink.com



LEGAL

REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS
AND EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
FOR ON CALL ENGINEERING SERVICES
BY THE JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
JMAA PROJECT NUMBER: 020-17A

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (“JMAA”) requests Statements of Qualifications and Expressions of Interest (each, a “Statement of Qualifications”) to provide Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) for on-call engineering services (including assessments, design and material recommendations) in support of limited construction projects at the Jackson Medgar-Wiley Evers International Airport (“JAN”) and Hawkins Field Airport (“HKS”); and (ii) approval of a two (2) year contract term for these on- call engineering services

JMAA will receive Statement of Qualifications to perform the Services at JMAA's administrative offices, Suite 300, Main Terminal Building, Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39208, until 3:00 p.m. central time on Friday, May 18, 2018 (the “Deadline”).

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

Interested persons may obtain a copy of the Information for Respondents from JMAA by contacting Deuntagus Herndon, JMAA Procurement Specialist, as follows:

Jackson Municipal Airport Authority
100 International Drive, Suite 300 (39208) Post Office Box 98109
Jackson, Mississippi 39298-8109
Attention: Deuntagus Herndon, Procurement Specialist Telephone No.: (601) 939-5631, ext. 622
Facsimile No.: (601) 939-3713
E-Mail: dherndon@jmaa.com

or from JMAA's website at <https://jmaa.com/corporate/partner-with-us/procurement/>

JMAA will hold a Pre-Submission Conference at 2:00 p.m. central time on Wednesday, April 25, 2018, in the Community Room, 3rd Floor Mezzanine Level, at the Main Terminal Building at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, MS 39208. Attendance at the Pre-Submission Conference is highly recommended for all those interested in submitting a Statement of Qualifications as a Prime Consultant for the work and persons seeking opportunities to provide work as a Sub-Consultant. The benefits of attendance include networking opportunities between Prime Consultant and Sub-Consultants, the opportunity to be on a list of contacts that will be published to interested parties as part of the minutes from the

Pre-Submission Conference, and the opportunity to receive detailed scope related information from the project owner.

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

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

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

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

JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

4/12/2018, 4/19/2018

LEGAL

REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS
AND EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
FOR ON CALL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES
BY THE JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
JMAA PROJECT NUMBER: 019-17A

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (“JMAA”) requests Statements of Qualifications and Expressions of Interest (each, a “Statement of Qualifications”) to provide Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) for on-call architectural services (including assessments, design and material recommendations) in support of limited construction projects at the Jackson Medgar-Wiley Evers International Airport (“JAN”) and Hawkins Field Airport (“HKS”); and (ii) approval of a two (2) year contract term for these on- call architectural services

JMAA will receive Statement of Qualifications to perform the Services at JMAA's administrative offices, Suite 300, Main Terminal Building, Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39208, until 3:00 p.m. central time on Thursday, May 17, 2018 (the “Deadline”).

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

Interested persons may obtain a copy of the Information for Respondents from JMAA by contacting Bonnie Spears, JMAA Procurement Specialist, as follows:

Jackson Municipal Airport Authority
100 International Drive, Suite 300 (39208)
Post Office Box 98109
Jackson, Mississippi 39298-8109
Attention: Bonnie Spears, Procurement Specialist
Telephone No.: (601) 939-5631, ext. 623
Facsimile No.: (601) 939-3713
E-Mail: bspears@jmaa.com

or from JMAA's website at <https://jmaa.com/corporate/partner-with-us/procurement/>

JMAA will hold a Pre-Submission Conference at 1:30 p.m. central time on Tuesday, April 24, 2018, in the Community Room, 3rd Floor Mezzanine Level, at the Main Terminal Building at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, MS 39208. Attendance at the Pre-Submission Conference is highly recommended for all those interested in submitting a Statement of Qualifications as a Prime Consultant for the work and persons seeking opportunities to provide work as a Sub-Consultant. The benefits of attendance include networking opportunities between Prime Consultant and Sub-Consultants, the opportunity to be on a list of contacts that will be published to interested parties as part of the minutes from the Pre-Submission Conference, and the opportunity to receive detailed scope related information from the project owner.

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

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

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

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

JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

4/12/2018, 4/19/2018

LEGAL

REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS
AND EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
FOR ON CALL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES
BY THE JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
JMAA PROJECT NUMBER: 019-17B

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (“JMAA”) requests Statements of Qualifications and Expressions of Interest (each, a “Statement of Qualifications”) to provide Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) for on-call architectural services (including assessments, design and material recommendations) in support of limited construction projects at the Jackson Medgar-Wiley Evers International Airport (“JAN”) and Hawkins Field Airport (“HKS”); and (ii) approval of a two (2) year contract term for these on- call architectural services

JMAA will receive Statement of Qualifications to perform the Services at JMAA's administrative offices, Suite 300, Main Terminal Building, Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39208, until 3:00 p.m. central time on Thursday, May 17, 2018 (the “Deadline”).

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

Interested persons may obtain a copy of the Information for Respondents from JMAA by contacting Bonnie Spears, JMAA Procurement Specialist, as follows:

Jackson Municipal Airport Authority
100 International Drive, Suite 300 (39208)
Post Office Box 98109
Jackson, Mississippi 39298-8109
Attention: Bonnie Spears, Procurement Specialist
Telephone No.: (601) 939-5631, ext. 623
Facsimile No.: (601) 939-3713
E-Mail: bspears@jmaa.com

or from JMAA's website at <https://jmaa.com/corporate/partner-with-us/procurement/>

JMAA will hold a Pre-Submission Conference at 3:00 p.m. central time on Tuesday, April 24, 2018, in the Community Room, 3rd Floor Mezzanine Level, at the Main Terminal Building at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, MS 39208. Attendance at the Pre-Submission Conference is highly recommended for all those interested in submitting a Statement of Qualifications as a Prime Consultant for the work and persons seeking opportunities to provide work as a Sub-Consultant. The benefits of attendance include networking opportunities between Prime Consultant and Sub-Consultants, the opportunity to be on a list of contacts that will be published to interested parties as part of the minutes from the Pre-Submission Conference, and the opportunity to receive detailed scope related information from the project owner.

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

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

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

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

JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

4/12/2018, 4/19/2018

These vehicles are at 4225 Michael Avalon Street, City of Jackson Impound Lot and will be auction off May 5, 2018.

INVENTORY #	CAR YEAR	MAKE /MODEL	VIN#
17582	2005	DODGE RAM	1D7HA18N655125527
18201	2000	BUICK LESABRE	1G4HP5400Y4215697
21821	2012	NISSAN ALTIMA	1N4AL2AP6CN461946
22452	1996	DODGE RAM	1B7JF26Y7TJ195430
22667	2000	CHEVY 2500	1GCGC26U9Y2327311
22731	2004	MERCURY MARQUIS	2MEFM74W6X0686928
22767	2002	LINCOLN LS	1LNHM86532Y679129
24123	2000	NISSAN FRONTIER	1N6SD02654YC341516
24227	2003	CHEVY TRAILBLAZER	1GND5135632270414
24452	2000	FORD FOCUS	3FAFP3133YR191737
24468	2008	JEEP PATRIOT	1JBF7280X8D606193
24507	2006	NISSAN ALTIMA	1N4AL11E76C123044
24516	2005	FORD CROWN VIC	2FAFP71W85X143861
24582	2000	LINCOLN TOWN CAR	1LNHM81W0YR805367
24833	1990	TOYOTA COROLLA	1NXAE94A9L2160416
24918	1994	VOLVO 940	YVL58317R1184033
24975	2003	CHEVY IMPALA	2G1WH55K6Y9164597
24989	2000	JEEP CHEROKEE	1J4GX48513CS811335
25035	2004	NISSAN MAXIMA	1N4BA41E54C925875
25085	1995	TOYOTA CAMRY	4T1SK12E2SUS28499
25183	2011	DOODGE RAM	1D7R81GP985672775
25234	2011	HYUNDAI SONATA	5NPEC4A898H305135
25278	2001	BUICK REGAL	2G4WB55K711157618
25332	1995	TOYOTA CAMRY	4T1SK12E8SUS75598
25403	2010	HONDA ACCORD	1HGPC2F79AA055312
25414	2000	TOYOTA CAMRY	1J78G22K4Y0429757
25436	2006	PONTIAC TORRENT	2CKDL63P966065319
25441	1997	PLYMOUTH VOYAGER	2P4GP4430YR1367635
25642	2004	CHEVY TAHOE	1GNKC13274R214022
25681	2005	FORD ESCAPE	1FMYU92215K852643
25700	1990	CHEVY 1500	2GCEC13542261375
25748	2000	FORD CONTOUR	1FAFP668YK1309158
25897	2001	CHEVY IMPALA	2G1WF52E219284794
25919	2005	HONDA ACCORD	1HGCM56825A158533
25956	1990	NISSAN TRUCK	1N6S01650C18535
26019	1998	HONDA CIVIC	1HGEJ8144WL077905
26022	2005	GMC YUKON	1GKRC13295J256821
26025	2014	BMW 328i	WBAJ5AG58ENM66312
26031	2006	HONDA ACCORD	1HGCM56776A130283
26079	1995	CHEVY CAVALIER	1G1F524457181929
26108	1987	GMC SIERRA	1GTD814H4HF032126
26110	2004	BUICK RAINIER	5GAD6135542261375

INVENTORY #	CAR YEAR	MAKE /MODEL	VIN#
26295	1997	FORD F150	1FTDF1720VNB74304
26304	2013	NISSAN ALTIMA	1N4AL3AP7DC123059
26309	1999	MERCURY VILLAGER	4M2XV1175XD140821
26319	2012	ACURA TSX	1JH4CU2F8XC001684
26321	1994	FORD F150	1FTEX15YBRKB29188
26323	1998	BUICK LESABRE	1G4HR52K0WH435966
26333	1999	GMC JIMMY	2GKCS13W3X2524713
26336	2010	NISSAN ALTIMA	1N4AL2AP4AN442891
26339	1992	CHEVY SILVERADO	1GBDC14K9NZ020062
26346	1999	FORD EXPLORER	1FMYU22X4KUC67315
26352	2003	CHRYSLER SEBRING	1C3E146X3N627071
26353	2008	CHEVY EQUINOX	2CNDL13F386007666
26355	2001	CHEVY TAHOE	1GNEC11T91R182164
26357	2004	CHEVY IMPALA	2G1WF52E549430408
26359	1982	OLDSMOBILE CUTLASS	1G3AMH781CMA30967
26366	1999	TOYOTA AVALON	4T7BF18B6XU349083
26368	1997	NISSAN MAXIMA	1N1CA21D5VM528854
26374	2003	CHEVY SILVERADO	1GCEC19R4TE109024
26376	2001	BMW 325CI	1WBAN33461JW56089
26377	2004	CHEVY VENTURE	1GNDK11E34D266984
26380	1999	MERCURY MARQUIS	2MEFM75W9X0631540
26420	2004	KIA OPTIMA	KNAGD12845264452
26461	1996	FORD EXPLORER	1FMDU32P9T2B29514
26464	1989	FORD F150	1FTDF15N7KNB63955
26470	1991	HONDA ACCORD	1HGC87169MA009817
26479	2001	MAZDA MILLENIA	JM1TA22191171245
26481	2001	CHRYSLER SEBRING	1C3E156U11N500826

26499	2005	PONTIAC G6	1G2G25328054141982
26506	2003	HONDA CIVIC	1HGM22963L064663
26507	2004	KIA OPTIMA	KNAGD126745296621
26509	2005	HYUNDAI SONATA	KMHWF35H15A111582
26512	2005	HONDA CIVIC	2HGES16545H601960
26513	1999	HONDA CIVIC	2HCE6613X0543811
26521	2000	NISSAN MAXIMA	1N1CA31D9Y7475996
26523	2009	CHRYSLER 300	2C3KA53V9H633978
26525	2001	FORD TAURUS	1FAFP5693A129266
26527	2004	PONTIAC GRAND PRIX	2G2WR524441130312
26541	1998	FORD MUSTANG	1FAFP4041WF156222
26544	2010	NISSAN ROGUE	1N8AS5AP9AW112347
26556	2003	FORD FOCUS	1FAFP34P73W195262
26571	2000	MERCEDEZ CLK320	WDBUF65G5YF159672
26573	2002	FORD TAURUS	1FAHP55U5G2G20886
26584	2003	CHEVY S10	1GCCS19H738220845
26596	2000	PONTIAC GRAND PRIX	2G2WP52K8YF243845
26598	2003	NISSAN ALTIMA	1N4AL11D63C268689
26602	1993	CHEVY SILVERADO	2GCEC19K8P1141727
26603	2002	HYUNDAI ACCENT	KMHCG45C62U266794
26618	2006	HONDA ACCORD	1HGCM56876A060874
26625	2010	NISSAN ALTIMA	1N4AL2AP5AN426523
26628	1993	TOYOTA COROLLA	1NXAE94E992086998
26630	2006	CHEVY EQUINOX	2CNDL63F166130036
26635	2003	CHEVY AVALANCHE	3GNEC13T13G312005
26637	2003	DODGE NEON	11N8E56C38D188742
26643	2000	MERCURY MARQUIS	2MEFM75W0YX659655
26651	2000	BUICK LESABRE	1G4HP54K7Y4198423
26652	2000	LINCOLN CONTINENTAL	1LNHM979V9Y778268
26658	2008	CHEVY IMPALA	2G1WT55K489156433
26659	2003	MERCEDES E320	WDBUF65J93A146186

INVENTORY #	CAR YEAR	MAKE /MODEL	VIN#
26661	2000	TOYOTA 4RUNNER	JTBGMB4R5Y0067431
26700	1999	LEXUS ES300	JTB8F28G6X5069162
26724	2013	FORD F150	1FTFW1EF1DFO63423
26746	1997	LINCOLN MKR	1LNLM91VXYV650944
26750	2005	MERCEDES C240	WDBRF81J75FE78842
26772	2001	LINCOLN TOWNCAR	1LNHM82W319529774
26774	2000	PONTIAC GRAND AM	1G2NF52T3YM752356
26780	1999	SATURN SL	1G8ZHS280C2360787
26799	2006	CHEVY IMPALA	2G1WB58K691337305
26811	1997	PONTIAC SUNFIRE	1G2185248V6028337
26825	1999	TOYOTA CAMRY	4T1B622K2XU862925
26844	2004	CHEVY IMPALA	2G1WF556849417915

26880	2005	JEEP CHEROKEE	1J4GS48K05C545668
26900	2003	CHEVY SUBURBAN	1GN1C16Z31108709
26993	2005	DODGE DAKOTA	1D7HE48N955211887
26994	1999	LINCOLN NAVIGATOR	5LMPU28L2XUJ04441
27049	1999	LEXUS ES300	JTB8F28G6X0025961
27054	2000	CADILLAC SEVILLE	1G6KYS483YU208792
27072	1999	MERCURY MOUNTAINEER	4M2U528XUJ16534
27081	2000	TOYOTA CAMRY	4T1B622K7YU635635
27083	1999	CHEVY MONTE CARLO	2G1WX12K7K9195629
27101	2003	CHEVY MONTE CARLO	2G1WX12K739309333
27107	1998	CHEVY 1500	1GCC14W5W2191601
27110	1991	CHEVY S10	1GCCS14A5M8273250
27119	1995	FORD CROWN VIC	2FALP71W15X136121
27124	2000	NISSAN XTERRA	5N1ED2876YK509598
27129	2005	FORD TAURUS	1FAFP53205A156515
27132	2007	CHEVY MALIBU	1G25S8P07F153579
27139	1999	INFINITI Q45	1NKBY31A3X0M02693
27165	2003	CADILLAC CTS	1G60M57H930157361
27170	2003	FORD TAURUS	1FAFP55263A156559
27199	1995	CHEVY LUMINA	2G1WLS2MX59140136
27201	1998	CHEVY 1500	2GCEK198W0V219786
27224	1999	DODGE CARAVAN	2B4GP44G5X0A21789
27236	1999	FORD EXPLORER	1FMZU32D00Z47181
27246	2005	HYUNDAI ELANTRA	KMH0N46D5XU945084
27277	2005	LINCOLN TOWNCAR	1LNHM81W3Y627950
27301	2008	PONTIAC GRAND PRIX	2G2WP5520B1160543
27312	2005	DODGE STRATUS	1B3EL46X13N651092
27332	1999	FREIGHTLINE SEMI TRUCK	1FU0PY8BSAH518872
27336	1992	HONDA ACCORD	1HCCG1633X0A19374
27345	1998	HONDA ACCORD	1HCCGS654VAW098804
27397	2006	FORD ELUSION	8AABW0772368231288

LEGAL

ADVERTISEMENT FOR REQUEST FOR BIDS
LANDSCAPING IMPROVEMENTS
BY THE JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
JMAA PROJECT NO. 6000-003-18
APRIL 4, 2018

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (“JMAA”) will receive sealed bids at the Jackson- Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport (“JAN”), Main Terminal Building, Suite 300, in the City of Jackson, Rankin County, Mississippi, until 2:00 p.m. Central Standard Time on May 10, 2018 (the “Bid Deadline”), for services in connection with Landscaping Improvements, Project No. 6000-003-18, at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport (the “Work”).

JMAA will publicly open and read aloud all bids at 2:05 p.m. Central Standard Time on May 10, 2018 (the “Bid Opening”), in the Community Room, Third Floor of the Main Terminal Building, Suite 300 at JAN. JMAA invites Bidders and their authorized representatives to attend the Bid Opening. The outside or exterior of each bid envelope or container of the bid must be marked with the wording: “Landscaping Improvements, JMAA Project No. 6000-003-18.” Bid proposals, amendments to bids, or requests for withdrawal of bids received by JMAA after the Bid Deadline will not be considered for any cause whatsoever.

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

Interested persons may obtain a copy of the Information for Bidders from JMAA by contacting Bonnie Spears, Procurement Specialist, as follows: Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport 100 International Drive, Suite 300

Attention: Bonnie Spears
Procurement Specialist
Jackson, Mississippi 39208
Telephone: (601) 360-8623
Email Address: bspears@jmaa.com

or from JMAA's website at <https://jmaa.com/corporate/partner-with-us/procurement/>
The contact for all questions and submittal of Bids and required forms is Bonnie Spears, Procurement Specialist. Ms. Spears can be contacted at bspears@jmaa.com or 601-360-8623.

JMAA will hold a Pre-Bid Conference at 2:00 p.m. Central Standard Time on April 17, 2018, in the Community Room, 3rd Floor Mezzanine Level, at the Main Terminal Building at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, MS 39208. Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference is highly recommended for all those interested in submitting bids as a Prime Contractor and persons seeking opportunities to provide work as a Sub-Contractor. The benefits of attendance include networking opportunities between Prime Contractors and Sub- Contractors, the opportunity to be on a list of contacts that will be published to interested parties as part of the minutes from the Pre-Bid Conference, review of the plans and specifications, and a site visit of the area covered in the scope of work. No site visits will be scheduled other than the one provided during the Pre-Bid Conference.

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

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

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

JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

DATE: April 4, 2018 /s/ Carl D. Newman, A.A. E.,
Chief Executive Officer

4/5/2018, 4/12/2018

LEGAL

REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS
AND EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
FOR ON CALL ENGINEERING SERVICES
BY THE JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
JMAA PROJECT NUMBER: 020-17B

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (“JMAA”) requests Statements of Qualifications and Expressions of Interest (each, a “Statement of Qualifications”) to provide Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) for on-call engineering services (including assessments, design and material recommendations) in support of limited construction projects at the Jackson Medgar-Wiley Evers International Airport (“JAN”) and Hawkins Field Airport (“HKS”); and (ii) approval of a two (2) year contract term for these on- call engineering services

JMAA will receive Statement of Qualifications to perform the Services at JMAA's administrative offices, Suite 300, Main Terminal Building, Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39208, until 3:00 p.m. central time on Friday, May 18, 2018 (the “Deadline”).

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

Interested persons may obtain a copy of the Information for Respondents from JMAA by contacting Deuntagus Herndon, JMAA Procurement Specialist, as follows:

Jackson Municipal Airport Authority
100 International Drive, Suite 300 (39208) Post Office Box 98109
Jackson, Mississippi 39298-8109
Attention: Deuntagus Herndon, Procurement Specialist Telephone No.: (601) 939-5631, ext. 622
Facsimile No.: (601) 939-3713
E-Mail: dherndon@jmaa.com

or from JMAA's website at <https://jmaa.com/corporate/partner-with-us/procurement/>

JMAA will hold a Pre-Submission Conference at 3:00 p.m. central time on Wednesday, April 25, 2018, in the Community Room, 3rd Floor Mezzanine Level, at the Main Terminal Building at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, MS 39208. Attendance at the Pre-Submission Conference is highly recommended

LEGAL

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF THE MINOR CHILD
NAME HEREIN

CAUSE ACTION NO. AD 2018-11147 0/3

TO: THE UNKNOWN FATHER OF A
African-American Female child born on
November 25, 2014 at Central Mississippi Medical
Central in Jackson, Mississippi to a
Twenty-five (25) year old African American female,
An adult resident citizen of Hinds County, Mississippi

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Shuntel and Emmorita G. Sanders who is seeking Petition for Adoption.

THE Petition which has been filed in this matter is important and you must take immediate action to protect your rights, if any.

You are summoned to appear and defend against said complaint or petition at 9:00 O'clock A.M. on the 2nd day of May 2018, in the courtroom of the Hinds County Chancery Courthouse at Jackson, Mississippi, before Honorable Denise Owens. In case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment may be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. If you file an Answer or other pleading, you are required to mail or hand-deliver a copy to the attorney for the Petitioners, Damon R. Stevenson, 1010 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201, 769-251-0207.

Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this the 21st day of March, 2018.

Eddie Jean Carr, Clerk of Hinds County, Mississippi

3/29/2018, 4/5/2018 4/12/2018

LEGAL

Notice of Sale
Abandoned Vehicle

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

2007 Toyota Camry 4T1BE46K38U791991
Registered to Matthew Nelson
Dealer Funding, Lien Holder
Date of Sale: April 13, 2018
Place of Sale: Archie Towing Services;
6700 Medgar Evers Blvd., Jackson, MS 39213

Sellers reserve the right to bid on the above property and to reject any and all bids.

Time: 10:00 A.M.

3/29/2018, 4/5/2018, 4/12/2018

LEGAL

Notice of Sale
Abandoned Vehicle

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

2000 Chevy Imp – 2G1WF55E6Y9125363
Registered to Hargrave, Shanice A.
Pioneer Credit Company, Inc., Lien Holder
Date of Sale: April 13, 2018
Place of Sale: Archie Towing Services;
6700 Medgar Evers Blvd., Jackson, MS 39213

Sellers reserve the right to bid on the above property and to reject any and all bids.

Time: 10:00 A.M.

3/29/2018, 4/5/2018 , 4/12/2018

LEGAL

for all those interested in submitting a Statement of Qualifications as a Prime Consultant for the work and persons seeking opportunities to provide work as a Sub-Consultant. The benefits of attendance include networking opportunities between Prime Consultant and Sub-Consultants, the opportunity to be on a list of contacts that will be published to interested parties as part of the minutes from the

Pre-Submission Conference, and the opportunity to receive detailed scope related information from the project owner.

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

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

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

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

JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

4/12/2018, 4/19/2018

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Advertisement for Bid

Bid 3073 - JPSD Chromebooks and Carts

Electronic reverse auction bids shall be received for the above bid by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, beginning at 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time) April 27, 2018, at which time bidding shall begin and run until such time as suppliers have completed entering bids. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date bids are opened.

A complete bid package which contains bid instructions, specification response sheets, and bid training may be obtained by registering as a supplier at [HYPERLINK “http://tools.southernprocurement.com”](http://tools.southernprocurement.com) <http://tools.southernprocurement.com> (select ‘Register/Login’) and then emailing vaughn@southernprocurement.com to request a complete bid package. Please use the term “JPS CHROMEBOOKS AND CARTS” in the subject line. Vendors must include full contact information, including company name, email address, telephone numbers and contact person in your email request. Email requests will be filled within 24 hours of submission or registration. Registration with Southern Procurement Services and acceptance of the Southern Procurement Services Platform Agreement is not optional and is required in order to participate in this bidding event. No exceptions will be made.

Specification responses must be submitted for this bid event, and are due no later than Thursday 26 April 2018 at 5:00 PM local time in order to be considered for this bidding opportunity. Bid responses should be delivered to:
Vaughn Blaylock
Vaughn@southernprocurement.com

4/12/2018 , 4/19/2018

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Advertisement for Bid 3072

Bid 3072 Upgrades and Improvements at South Jackson Field

Sealed, written formal bid proposals for the above bid will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 2:00 P.M. (Local Prevailing Time) May 08, 2018, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. A Pre-Bid Conference concerning the project will be held at South Jackson Field, 2607 Raymond Road, Jackson, MS 39212 on April 23, 2018, at 11:00 A.M. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is non-mandatory but strongly suggested. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date bids are opened. Bid documents are being made available via electronic copy. Plan holders are required to register for an account at www.m3aarchplans.com to view Bid Documents. Plan holders will be responsible for their own reproduction cost. Questions regarding website registration and online orders, please contact Plan House Printing at (662) 407-0193. Questions regarding plan clarifications or request for information should be directed to the architect as follows:

M3A Architecture PLLC/William L. McElroy AIA, NCARB
4880 McWillie Circle, Jackson, MS 39206
601-981-1227 – P
601-983-4444 – F
Attn: Preston McKay – Project Manager

4/12/2018 , 4/19/2018

LEGAL

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Jackson, MS will conduct Public Hearings and an Application Workshop regarding the development of its 2018 One-Year Action Plan of the 2015–2020 Consolidated Plan. The Annual Action Planning process requires broad public participation by citizens and entities which are interested in, or are providing assistance in, the areas of housing, services for the homeless, public services and other community development activities.

The draft 2018 One Year Action Plan will contain applications for funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The City of Jackson estimates that we will receive \$1,644,796 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds; \$659,902 in Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds; \$153,673 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds; and \$1,452,270 in Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds for a total of \$3,910,641. Due to the Federal budget negotiations, the actual amounts funded may differ.

This notice's amounts originated from last year's allocation; however, the City anticipates adjusting the amounts after final Federal budget negotiations.

The Public Hearings will explain the purpose of the City's Annual Action Plan; discuss the City's goals and accomplishments with HUD funds; and consult with the public by accepting public comments regarding proposed activities for the programs. The Public Hearings will be held at the following locations:

April 26, 2018 6:00 p.m.	City Council Chambers, 219 S. President St.
May 9, 2018 6:00 p.m.	Bolden Moore Library/Westside, 1444 Wiggins Rd.
May 16, 2018 6:00 p.m.	Grove Park Community Center, 4126 Parkway
Ave. May 31, 2018 6:00 p.m.	Warren Hood Building, 200 S. President St.
	(Final Public Hearing)

Further, the City of Jackson will conduct an Application/Proposal Workshop on Thursday, May 31, 2018, beginning at 9:30 a. m., at the Jackson Police Department Training Academy, 3000 St. Charles St. for non-profit organizations interested in applying for CDBG, ESG, HOPWA, and HOME funds. Non-profit organizations may obtain Application/Proposal packets at the workshop.

Public comments and/or Application/Proposal packages for CDBG, ESG, HOPWA, and HOME funds should be delivered to the Development Assistance Division, Richard Porter Building, 218 South President St., 2nd Floor, Jackson, MS 39201, no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, July 2, 2018. No public comments or Application/Proposal packages will be accepted after this deadline.

The draft Annual Action Plan will be available for review at the final public hearing and on the City's website at www.jacksonms.gov by May 31, 2018. Residents with disabilities are encouraged to notify the City at least five (5) days before the public hearing of any needed accommodations. For more details contact the Office of Development Assistance Division at 601-960-2155.

4/12/2018

Sudoku Solution

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

© Feature Exchange

Cryptogram Solution

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

I 'M A N A N G E L C O M P A R E D T O S O M E
V R B Z B Z W T H J C R N B X T U K C S C R T
O F M Y F R I E N D S
C P R L P X V T Z U S

© Feature Exchange

LEGAL

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN RE: CUSTODY OF
KE'NIYAH CHRISTYANA FEAZEL

CAUSE NO. P2018-106T/1

TO: THE UNKNOWN FATHER OF A
African- American Female child born on
December 16, 2007 at ST. Mary Medical
Center in Long Beach, California to a
Nineteen (19) year old African American female,
An adult resident citizen of Long Beach, California

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Kenneth
and Gerald Johnson who is seeking Petition for Guardianship.

THE Petition which has been filed in this matter is important and you must
take immediate action to protect your rights, if any.

You are summoned to appear and defend against said complaint or petition
at 9:00 O'clock A.M. on the 22nd day of May 2018, in the courtroom of the
Hinds County Chancery Courthouse at Jackson, Mississippi, before Honor-
able Dewayne Thomas. In case of your failure to appear and defend a judg-
ment may be entered against you for the money or other things demanded
in the complaint or petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if
you desire. If you file an Answer or other pleading, you are required to mail
or hand-deliver a copy to the attorney for the Petitioners, Damon R. Steven-
son, 1010 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39202, 769-251-0207.

ISSUED under my hand and seal of said Court, this the 21st day of March,
2018.

Eddie Jean Carr, Clerk of Hinds County, Mississippi

4/12/2018 4/19/2018 4/26/2018



Double
YOUR IMPACT
with Print
& Online
ADVERTISING!

75% of Mississippians read a
Newspaper online or in print weekly!

Double your impact with a business ad in
NEWSPAPERS running both in print and online.

Digital Ads Delivered Statewide on Premium Newspaper Web Sites
750,000 Impressions @ \$1.99 cpm = \$1499 for 1 Month

Mississippi Press Services

Contact Sue Hicks: 601-981-3060 or shicks@mspress.org

All attractions, shows, rides and activities are
included in the low admission price!

Four days of affordable
family fun!

Sat & Sun
April
14-15

Sat & Sun
April
21-22

KidFest!

Ridgeland
PRESENTED BY
Mississippi
BlueCross BlueShield
of Mississippi

Freedom Ridge Park
www.kidfestridgeland.com
601-853-2011

Free
Parking!

- Zoppé, an Italian Family Circus
- Hilby: the Skinny German Juggle Boy

- Scales, Tails & Teeth Walk-Thru Reptile Zoo featuring Jimmy Riffle of the Gator Boys
- Disc-Connected K9s
- Amusement Rides, Train Rides and Lots More!

For complete information and admission discount
coupon, please visit kidfestridgeland.com

ANYTIME ONLINE

Breaking News
Streaming Videos
Interactive Blogs

Visit our newly designed website:
www.mississippilink.com



PICK UP
The MISSISSIPPI LINK
AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

JACKSON
BULLY'S RESTAURANT
3118 Livingston Road
CASH & CARRY
Capitol Street and Monument Street
CITY HALL
219 S President St
GARRETT OFFICE COMPLEX
2659 Livingston Road
DOLLAR GENERAL
3957 Northview Dr (North Jackson)
DOLLAR GENERAL
2030 N Siwell Rd
DOLLAR GENERAL
4331 Highway 80W
DOLLAR GENERAL
5990 Medgar Evers Blvd
DOLLAR GENERAL
1214 Capitol St (Downtown Jackson)
DOLLAR GENERAL
304 Briarwood Dr
DOLLAR GENERAL
2855 McDowell Rd
DOLLAR GENERAL
104 Terry Rd
JJ MOBIL
Northside Drive and Flagg Chapel
LIBERTY BANK AND TRUST
2325 Livingston Rd.
MCDADÉ'S MARKET
Northside Drive
MCDADÉ'S MARKET #2
653 Duling Avenue
PICADILLY CAFETERIA
Jackson Medical Mall
350 W Woodrow Wilson Avenue
SHELL FOOD MART
5492 Watkins Drive
SPORTS MEDICINE
Fortification and I-55
TWO SISTERS KITCHEN
707 North Congress - Jackson, MS

UPTON TIRE
Countyline Road and State Street
MURPHY USA
6394 Ridgewood Rd (North Jackson)
REVELL ACE HARDWARE
Terry Rd (South Jackson)
RITE AID
380 W. Woodrow Wilson Ave
RITE AID
114 E. McDowell Rd
RITE AID
6075 Old Canton Rd
CANTON
A & I
716 Roby Street - Canton, MS
B & B
702 West North Street - Canton, MS
BOUTIQUE STORE
3355 North Liberty - Canton, MS
BULLY'S STORE
Church Street - Canton, MS
COMMUNITY MART
743 Ruby Street - Canton, MS
FRYER LANE GROCERY
Martin Luther King Drive - Canton, MS
HAMLIN FLORAL DESIGN
285 Peace Street - Canton, MS
JOE'S SANDWICH & GROCERY
507 Church Street - Canton, MS
K & K ONE STOP
110 West Fulton Street - Canton, MS
LACY'S INSURANCE
421 Peace Street - Canton, MS
SOUL SET BARBER SHOP
257 Peace Street - Canton, MS
TRAILER PARK GROCERY
22 Westside Drive - Canton, MS

BYRAM
DOLLAR GENERAL
125 Swinging Bridge Dr.
HAVIOR'S AUTO CARE

5495 I-55 South Frontage Road
VOWELL'S MARKET PLACE
5777 Terry Road
CITY HALL
Terry Road

CLINTON
DOLLAR GENERAL
807 Berkshire St - Clinton, MS

RIDGELAND
RITE AID
398 Hwy 51

TERRY
SERVICE STATION
at Exit 78
CITY HALL
West Cunningham Avenue

RAYMOND
HINDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
WELCOME CENTER
505 E. Main Street
SUNFLOWER GROCERY
122 Old Port Gibson Street,
Raymond, MS
LOVE FOOD MART
120 E. Main Street,
Raymond, MS
RAYMOND PUBLIC LIBRARY
126 W. Court Street, Raymond, MS
RAYMOND CITY HALL
110 Courtyard Square, Raymond
RAYMOND COURTHOUSE

UTICA
HUBBARD'S TRUCK STOP
Mississippi Hwy 18
PITT STOP
101 Hwy 18 & 27

BOLTON
BOLTON LIBRARY
BOLTON CITY HALL

MCAN

Mississippi Classified Advertising Network

To place your statewide classified ad order, call MS Press Services at 601-981-3060

Classes / Training

AIRLINES ARE HIRING - Get FAA
approved hands on Aviation training.
Financial aid for qualified students.
Career placement assistance. Call
Aviation Institute of Maintenance, 1-866-
367-2510.

Emp. - Trucking

L. E. TUCKER & SON, INC. Team driv-
ers needed to run from S.E. to West
Coast. Late model conventional tractors.
Home weekly. Benefits package. **Pearl,**
MS. 601-939-8088. www.tuckerand-
son.com

For Sale

CHURCH FURNITURE: Does your
church need pews, pulpit set, baptistery,
steeple, windows? **Big Sale** on new
cushioned pews and pew chairs. **1-800-**
231-8360. www.pews1.com

Home Improvement

BATHROOM RENOVATIONS. EASY,
ONE DAY UPDATES! We specialize in
safe bathing. Grab bars, no slip flooring
and seated showers. Call for a free in-
home consultation: 1-855-536-2188

Insurance

DENTAL INSURANCE. Call Physicians
Mutual Insurance Company for details.
NOT just a discount plan, REAL coverage
for 350 procedures. 855-397-7045 or
http://www.dental50plus.com/mspress
Ad# 6118

SAVE ON MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT
INSURANCE! Get a FAST and FREE Rate
Quote from Medicare.com. No Cost! No
Obligation! Compare quotes from major
insurance companies. Operators stand-
ing by. Call 1-844-504-5990

Medical Supplies

LIVING WITH KNEE OR BACK PAIN?
Medicare recipients may qualify to receive
a pain relieving brace at little or no cost.
Call now! 877-863-6359

MEDICAL-GRADE HEARING AIDS for
LESS than \$200! FDA-Registered. Crisp,
clear sound, state of-the-art features and
no audiologist needed. Try it RISK FREE
for 45 Days! Call 1-844-236-3062

VIAGRA and CIALIS USERS! 50 Pills
SPECIAL \$99.00 FREE Shipping! 100%
guaranteed. CALL NOW! 844-821-3242

Miscellaneous

DONATE YOUR CAR TO CHARITY.
Receive maximum value of write off for
your taxes. Running or not! All condi-
tions accepted. Free pickup. Call for
details. 855-400-8263

Services-General

DIRECTV SELECT PACKAGE. Over 150
Channels. ONLY \$35/month (for 12
mos.) Order Now! Get a \$200 AT&T Visa
Rewards Gift Card (some restrictions
apply) CALL 1- 855-978-3110.

DISH TV \$59.99 For 190 Channels
\$14.95 High Speed Internet. Free
Installation, Smart HD DVR Included, Free
Voice Remote. Some restrictions apply.
Call 1-877-628-3143

Services-Financial

OVER \$10K IN DEBT? Be debt free in
24 to 48 months. No upfront fees to
enroll. A+ BBB rated. Call National Debt
Relief 844-719-8928.

SAVE YOUR HOME! Are you behind
paying your MORTGAGE? Denied a
Loan Modification? Is the bank threaten-
ing foreclosure? CALL Homeowner's
Relief Line now for Help, 866-948-7316

Services-Legal

NEED LEGAL REPRESENTATION? We
can help with your new personal injury,
DUI, criminal defense, divorce or bank-
ruptcy case. 888-641-7560

Services-Medical

A PLACE FOR MOM. The nation's
largest senior living referral service.
Contact our trusted, local experts today!
Our service is FREE - no obligation. Call
1-877-224-1236.



Place Your Classified Ad
STATEWIDE
In 100 Newspapers!

To order, call your local
newspaper or
MS Press Services at
601-981-3060.

STATEWIDE RATES:
Up to 25 words.....\$210
1 col. x 2 inch.....\$525
1 col. x 3 inch.....\$785
1 col. x 4 inch.....\$1050

Nationwide Placement
Available
Call MS Press Services
601-981-3060

Alcorn deepens roster with three more 2018 signees



chopsports

More speed and agility was added to the Alcorn State University football roster with the post-signing day additions of Calvontay Key, De'Shawn Waller and Nigel Wood, announced by head coach Fred McNair.

“We’re bringing in guys who we expect will make us better right away,” McNair said. “Not only are they adding depth on the field, but they are the high-character, high-class young men that we’re looking for at Alcorn. They are the right fit for our program.”

Coming in at 6-2, 165 pounds, Key is a defensive back from Gainesville, Florida. He totaled 150 tackles, seven tackles for a loss, a sack, three interceptions, three fumble recoveries and two blocked punts in his varsity career at Eastside High School.

In addition to his defensive duties, Key also played wide receiver and hauled in 37 re-

ceptions in his career.

Key was named to the FloridaHSFootball.com All-State Honorable Mention Team as well as the All-Area First-Team. He comes to Alcorn as a true freshman and will have four years of eligibility.

Waller joins the program as a 5’11, 210 pound running back from Atlanta, Georgia. He played the last two seasons at Hutchinson CC where he tallied 888 rushing yards on 177 carries, averaging 5.0 yards per rush and six touchdowns.

This past season, Waller averaged 18.9 yards per punt return and 20.4 yards per return in his career in kickoffs.

In high school, Waller notched 3,135 rushing yards at Best Academy, averaged 9.9 yards per carry and 149.3 yards per game. He registered 40 touchdowns total including 32 rushing.

Waller has also displayed soft hands and grabbed 27 re-

ceptions in high school for 434 yards and five touchdowns. He averaged 16.1 yards per reception. Waller will have two years of eligibility remaining at Alcorn.

Staying on the offensive side of the ball, Wood is a 6-4, 230 pound tight end from Poplarville, Mississippi. He spent last season at East Central CC where he recorded 12 receptions for 172 yards and four touchdowns. Wood averaged 14.3 yards per reception.

At Petal High School, Wood racked up 44 receptions for 586 yards and eight touchdowns. He averaged 13.3 yards per catch en route to becoming a 2014 Hattiesburg American All-Area Team Honorable Mention. Wood will have two years of eligibility remaining at Alcorn.

Alcorn has now signed a total of 23 student-athletes for 2018 include nine from Mississippi.

#FearTheBrave

Alcorn honors 160 student-athletes as Arceneaux returns to speak at Braves Breakfast of Champions

chopsports

Former standout wide receiver Emmanuel Arceneaux will be the Keynote Speaker for the Braves Breakfast of Champions event Thursday, April 19, on the campus of Alcorn State University.

The event is designed to honor student-athlete scholars who earned at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) through the Fall 2017 semester. This year’s event recognizes 160 student-athletes who accomplished that feat.

Each student-athlete scholar will receive a commemorative Wheaties Breakfast of Champions cereal box featuring a group photo of the honorees.

Arceneaux is a 2009 graduate of Alcorn and a native of Alexandria, Louisiana. He was a two sport scholar student-athlete and four-year letter winner with the Braves in 2005, 06, 07 and 08.

Over four-years, he hauled in 99 receptions for 1,618 yards and 12 touchdowns. He ranks top-10 in career receptions at Alcorn and is one of 15 Braves to ever record over 1,500 receiving yards.

Off the field Arceneaux maintained above a 3.0 GPA and was the president of the student-athlete advisory committee (SAAC).

Upon graduation, Arceneaux signed with the BC Lions in the Canadian Football League (CFL) in 2009. Arceneaux then became the 53rd Brave to play in the NFL in 2011 when he suited up for the Minnesota Vi-



Arceneaux

kings. Arceneaux also spent a season with both the Washington Redskins and New York Jets before returning to the BC Lions in 2013.

Arceneaux now has 524 receptions for 7,616 receiving yards over seven seasons and 120 regular season games with the Lions. His career reception total puts him second all-time to Geroy Simon’s 904 while his 7,616 receiving yards place him third behind Jim Young (9,248) and of course, Geroy Simon (14,756). He’s hit the 100-reception mark the past two seasons (‘16, ‘17) and his 105 receptions in 2016 also equals Simon’s tally in 2006 as the second-most in one season behind Darren Fluties’ 111 grabs in 1994. His 54 career touchdowns are complimented nicely by his 14.5-yard average gain per catch and

24 career 100-yard games. In eight playoff games, he has 34 receptions for another 474 yards and two majors.

Arceneaux is an avid supporter of youth initiatives such as the Shaw Respect Camp, a multimedia event put on by Canadian Red Cross and Shaw Communications to stress the importance of respecting others.

By sharing his personal story with young people, Emmanuel encourages youth to open up about struggles they may have with bullying.

He also founded the Emanuel Arceneaux project, which encourages youth to promote positive visions for positive results and take advantage of opportunities.

Arceneaux and his wife Andria have a six-week old son Deuce Arceneaux.

Mean Green takes doubleheader over Devilettes

chopsports

The Mississippi Valley State University Devilettes and the University of North Texas Mean Green squared off in a doubleheader on the campus of Mississippi Valley State Sunday at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. The Mean Green took game one 9-0 in sixth innings and rallied to secure game two 7-4.

Game 1:

In game one of the scheduled doubleheader, the two teams faced off with cool temperatures and high winds out of the East Northeast.

Alyssa Montes took the loss for MVSU inside the pitcher’s circle for the Devilettes.

Mississippi Valley finished with two hits and one error in the six-inning contest. Relinquishing runs in the first (one), fourth (two), fifth (three) and sixth



(three).

Mean Green scored nine runs on 12 hits and one error.

Game 2:

In game two, the wind slowed from 13 mph of game one to eight. Mississippi Valley started scoring early in the contest, with two runs in the bottom of the first.

In the bottom of the second, the

Devilettes scored an additional two runs. UNT scored once in the second. After two complete, MVSU held a 4-1 advantage.

Mean Green scored twice in the fifth, bringing the score to 4-3. In the sixth, they (North Texas) was able to score four runs to bring the score to 7-4.

Alejandra Salazar received the loss in the circle for the Devilettes. MVSU wrapped the contest with four runs on seven hits and five errors.

UNT tallied seven runs on 11 hits and three errors.

The Devilettes will travel to Huntsville, Alabama, to face the Lady Bulldogs of Alabama A & M University. The two will face off in a three-game series starting April 13 and wrapping up with a doubleheader April 14. Game times are 3 p.m., 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. respectively.

Frigid Conditions Halt Devilettes

chopsports

With a temperature of 39 degrees and rain falling lightly, the Devilettes and the Mean Green of the University of North Texas.

Mississippi Valley 0, North Texas 11

Mississippi Valley’s batters were unable to get an offensive scheme rolling, as the weather

prevented the ladies bats from heating up.


Chandler Ellis took the loss for the Devilettes inside the pitcher’s circle. MVSU tallied six errors in the contest, while allowing 11 runs on 12 hits and one error.

North Texas scored five runs in the first, three in the second,



once in the third and twice in the fifth.

The two teams will face off in a doubleheader starting at 11:00 and 1:00 tomorrow, April 8th.



ZACK WALLACE
Hinds County Circuit Clerk


FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Circuit Clerk's Office
P.O. BOX 327
Jackson, MS 39205
Phone: (601) 968-6628
Fax: (601) 973-5547

Jury Duty Recording:
First Judicial District
(601) 969-0052

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Circuit Clerk's Office
P.O. Box 999
Raymond, MS 39154
Phone: (601) 857-8038
Fax: (601) 857-0535

Jury Duty Recording:
Second Judicial District
(601) 857-8869

Office Hours:
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday
(Except on legal holiday)



Services of the Clerk:

- Civil/Criminal Filings of Circuit and County Court
- Marriage License
- Medical License
- Voter Registration/Absentee Voting

VOTER INFORMATION

- You must be registered to vote thirty (30) days before an election.
- Verify and/or Update your Voter Registration Today

MARRIAGE INFORMATION

- Marriage License: \$22.00 CASH ONLY
 - Both applicants must come to the Circuit Clerk's office together to apply
 - Proof of age must be provided in the form of Driver's License, Birth Certificate or other legal document which contains name and date of birth.

Website: www.hindscountymys.com

FILM REVIEW: “BEIRUT”

GRIEVING DIPLOMAT RETURNS TO KILL ZONE IN RAW-EDGED REVENGE THRILLER

By Kam Williams
Columnist

In 1972, Mason Skiles (Jon Hamm) was a career U.S. diplomat delighted to be serving his country overseas in Lebanon. In fact, he and his wife Nadia (Leila Bekhti) were so comfortable living in the Middle East that they had decided to adopt Karim (Idir Chender), a 13 year-old Palestinian refugee.

This, despite the fact that the destabilized region had a history of easily falling into a state of unrest where warring factions remained on edge for months, if not years. As a seasoned veteran, Mason had become fast on his feet and knew to keep the lines of communication open because the fighting starts once the talking stops.

However, that philosophy proved futile the fateful day that a colleague, Cal Riley (Mark Pellegrino), arrived with some shocking news. He announced that Karim could be a security risk since his older brother was Abu Rajal (Hicham Ouraqa), an infamous terrorist who had just

taken part in the massacre of 11 Jewish athletes participating in the Summer Olympics staged in Munich.

Before Mason had a chance to react, gunmen burst into the house and start taking hostages. By the time the dust settled, Karim had disappeared and Nadia lay dead with a bullet in her head. Therefore, Mason never got a chance to discern whether the orphan they had welcomed into the family with open arms was secretly a radical Islamist.

Fast-forward a decade, and we find the still-grieving Mason addicted to alcohol while pursuing a totally different line of work in Boston. Then, he receives word that his old pal Cal has just been kidnapped in Lebanon. It doesn't take much for the U.S. State Department to coax him out of retirement. But can Mason lay off the booze, and does he still have what it takes to handle such a sensitive assignment.

That is the intriguing premise established at the outset of Beirut, an edge-of-the-seat, political thriller cleverly crafted

by Oscar-nominee Tony Gilroy (for Michael Clayton). The picture was directed by Brad Anderson and features a top flight cast that includes Jon Hamm, Rosamund Pike, Dean Norris and Shea Whigham.

The plot thickens upon Mason's landing in Lebanon when he learns that the mastermind he must deal with is none other than the now-grown Karim, who is willing to exchange Cal for his missing brother, rumored to be languishing in an Israeli prison. A raw, super-realistic tale of revenge, set in a godforsaken kill zone not on this critic's bucket list.

Excellent (4 stars)
Rated R for profanity, violence and a nude image

In English and Arabic with subtitles

Running time: 109 minutes
Production Studios: Radar Pictures / ShivHans Pictures / Kasbah - Film Tanger

Distributor: Bleecker Street Media

To see a trailer for Beirut, visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SagsqxiVStM>

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 Lindsay Lohan

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

V R B Z B Z W H J C N B X T U K C S C R T C P R L P X V I Z U S

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.

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

(For puzzle answer keys, see page 14)



The Mayes Group LLC
Tax • Payroll • Bookkeeping •
QuickBooks Training •
Grants Management •
IT Consultant



The Key to all Your Financial Needs

The Mayes Group LLC is a full-service accounting business located in Jackson, Mississippi. We provide assistance with tax, financial and business affairs—assistance that will improve the total financial well-being of our clients. With our experience and expertise, our clients can rely on us for professional, timely and reliable services year-round. Our commitment to personal service is what keeps our clients coming back.



Contact us Today for more Information:

Physical Address:
2659 Livingston Road
Jackson, MS 39213

www.themayesgroup.com
cmayesgrouppllc@gmail.com

Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 11552
Jackson, MS 39283



SERVICES WE OFFER:

TAX

By keeping you current on new tax laws and legislation, we are in a position to identify key tax planning opportunities that minimize both your current and future tax liabilities.

PAYROLL

We can tailor the payroll services we offer to fit the needs of your business. Our services range from processing direct deposit payments to filing quarterly and annual payroll tax returns.

BOOKKEEPING

We provide online, remote and virtual bookkeeping services. From small to medium size businesses, outsourcing your books to us will be an effective decision compared to hiring in-house.

GRANTS MANAGEMENT


The Mayes Group LLC has the grants and financial management domain and technical expertise necessary to ensure a successful grant.

QUICKBOOKS TRAINING



We offer QuickBooks training that can be tailored to fit your needs. Our experienced team members are well versed in various QuickBooks platforms.

IT CONSULTANT

The Mayes Group LLC can provide you with the help you need at the fraction of the cost of a new employee.



WJSU 88.5
"your source for cool jazz and current news"
www.wjsu.org





Sal & Mookie's
NEW YORK PIZZA & ICE CREAM JOINT



NOW ON



WAITR

— ORDER TODAY —


BOOK REVIEW:

“STRANGE FRUIT VOLUME II”

BY JOEL CHRISTIAN GILL

C.2018, FULCRUM BOOKS

\$19.95 / \$26.95 CANADA • 108 PAGES



By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

Apples, bananas, cherries and oranges.

Tasty things, available from an appropriate tree, perhaps even one in your back yard. But what’s the story about them? Who was the first brave soul to take a chance and take a bite? In the new book “Strange Fruit Volume II” by Joel Christian Gill, you’ll see that some histories remain hidden on the vine.

Throughout history, a lot of untold things happened that deserve to be remembered and

retold. That’s especially true of Black History and in this book, author Joel Christian Gill offers up a few tales of inspiration and amazement.

Take, for instance, the story of Stagecoach Mary Fields.

At a time when the average man was not quite five-and-a-half-feet tall, Mary stood six feet in height and weighed 200 pounds. It’s been said that she never backed down from work nor gunman, she was brave, she loved baseball, and when the Postal Service needed a stagecoach driver for a dangerous

route, Mary literally fought to get the job.

And then there’s the tale of Blind Tom Wiggins.

Born into slavery, Tom was without sight from his very first day. He was also autistic and because of that, his master didn’t think much about him – until the day that Tom sat down at a piano and played beautiful music without having received any lessons at all. Alas, his owner tricked Tom’s mother into signing away his life and though Tom later became famous, he was never given his freedom.

On the other side of the world, Millie and Christine McCoy were perfectly willing to speak up for themselves. Also born into slavery, in 1852, the girls were conjoined at the pelvis and were exhibited in Paris as “freaks” that could sing; their managers, in fact, called them “The Two-Headed Nightingale.” They performed beautifully, and at age 15, they used their voices to announce their decision that their performances would no longer include “embarrassing public medical examinations.” At the height of the Civil War, the en-

slaved girls took complete control of their lives.

Have you ever thought about the parts of history you might have missed? A small story here, a single person there, things you might like to know about? If you’ve wondered, then you can stop now: “Strange Fruit Volume II” helps fill you in.

With a title based on a Billie Holliday song about lynching, you can bet that the tales inside this book – most of which come from the latter 1800s – are inspirational in the courage shown by their subjects.

Author Joel Christian Gill brings eight individuals to light, telling about them with sparse colors, illustrations and few words; despite that the stories begin awfully abruptly, that irresistible artwork makes this book kid-friendly. A bibliography offers a path toward more information.

While adults can (and will) surely enjoy this book and may learn a thing or two, it’s really meant for those 11-and-up. If a quick-to-read curiosity-satisfier is exactly what’s needed for home or school, “Strange Fruit Volume II” is peachy.

U-RENTAL

Van Company



- New fleet of vans
- 12 & 15 passenger vans
- Unbeatable prices
- Unlimited miles
- Church / business trips
- Family vacation & more
- Cash or credit cards



3840 ROBINSON ROAD - JACKSON, MS 39209 - PHONE: 601-398-1162

WRTM

SMOOTH 100.5 FM

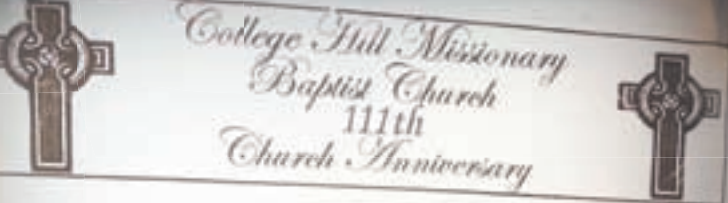
WRTM-FM SMOOTH 100.5 FM, IS JACKSON’S URBAN RHYTHM AND BLUES STATION PLAYING FAMILIAR FAVORITES FROM THE 70’S, 80’S AND 90’S. TUNE IN TO HEAR JUST THE RIGHT MIX OF BLUES AND TODAY’S BIGGEST HITS.

College Hill M.B. Church 111th Anniversary Program

1600 Florence Ave. • Jackson, Miss.

Sunday • April 8, 2018

PHOTOS BY JAY JOHNSON



April 11 - 17, 2018

piggly wiggly



110 East Academy
CANTON, MS

1150 East Peace St.
CANTON, MS

STORE HOURS:

Monday - Saturday / 7 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sunday 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

225 Meadowbrook Rd.
JACKSON, MS

2875 McDowell Rd.
JACKSON, MS

STORE HOURS:

Monday - Saturday / 7 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sunday 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

1574 West Government Blvd.
BRANDON, MS

Crossgates Shopping
Village

Down Home, Down The Street™

the price you see is the price
you pay at the register.
www.pigglywigglyms.com

No Cards Needed To Shop Our Low Prices

USDA CHOICE BEEF

**T-BONE
STEAKS**

PER LB.

\$7⁹⁹

USDA CHOICE BEEF

**CHUCK
ROAST**

PER LB.

\$3⁷⁹

BONELESS FRYER

**BREAST
TENDERS**

PER LB.

\$1⁹⁹

FAMILY PACK BEEF

**CHUCK
STEAK**

PER LB.

\$3⁹⁹

BONELESS

**PORK LOIN
ROAST**

PER LB.

\$1⁵⁹

BONELESS

**PORK
CHOPS**

PER LB.

\$1⁹⁹

FAMILY PACK SPLIT

**FRYER
BREAST**

PER LB.

\$1⁸⁹

ALL MEAT

**BRYAN
HOT DOGS**

12 OZ. PKG.

2/\$3

REGULAR, THICK, GARLIC

**BRYAN SLICED
BOLAGNA**

12 OZ.

2/\$3

FRESH TURKEY

**NECKS OR
WINGS**

PER LB.

79¢

SELECT TROPICANA

**TWISTER
PUNCH**

59 OZ.

\$1⁰⁰

SELECT

**KELLOGG'S
CEREALS**

8.7 - 10.5 OZ.

2/\$5

FRESH PRODUCE

FRESH EXPRESS ICEBERG GARDEN

SALAD MIX

12 OZ.

\$1⁰⁹

FRESH RED RIPE

TOMATOES

4 PACK

\$1⁰⁹

**RUSSET
BAKING POTATOES**

PER LB.

69¢

DAIRY & FROZEN DEPARTMENTS

**COUNTRY BRAND
MARGARINE**

1 LB. PKG.

69¢

BLOCK / SHREDDED

**PIGGLY WIGGLY
CHEESE**

8 OZ.

2/\$3

SELECT

**YOPLAIT
YOGURT**

4 - 6 OZ.

2/\$1

SELECT

**GORTONS
FISH**

18.2 - 24.5 OZ.

\$4⁹⁹

ASSOTED

**MR. P'S
PIZZA**

5.2 OZ.

4/\$3

FAMILY SIZE

HOT POCKETS

54 OZ.

\$9⁹⁹