

Starbucks to close more than 8,000 stores for racial-bias training



By Frederick H. Lowe
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Starbucks will close more than 8,000 company-owned stores affecting 175,000 employees in the United States May 29 to address implicit racial bias, following arrests of two black-male customers last week at its Center City store in Philadelphia.

“I’ve spent the last few days in Philadelphia with my leadership team listening to the community, learning what we did wrong and the steps we need to fix it,” said Kevin Johnson, CEO of Starbucks.”

All Starbucks company-owned retail stores and corporate offices will be closed in the afternoon of Tuesday, May 29. During that time, partners (employees) will go through a training program designed to address implicit bias, promote conscious inclusion, prevent discrimination and ensure everyone inside a Starbucks store feels safe and welcome.”

Bryan Stevenson, founder and executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative; Sherrilyn Ifill, president and director counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund; Eric Holder, former U.S. Attorney General;

Jonathan Greenblatt, CEO of the Anti-Defamation League and Heather McGhee, president of Demos, a think tank and research policy center, are assisting in developing Starbucks’ curriculum.

Johnson made his announcement after he met with two black men police arrested when the manager of a Center City, Philadelphia, Starbucks complained they wouldn’t leave the coffee shop after they weren’t allowed to use the restroom because they hadn’t purchased anything.

Spokespersons for Seattle-based Starbucks did not disclose what was discussed between the two men, who were not identified. Earlier, Johnson called the incident “reprehensible” and publicly apologized to the men involved.

Six Philadelphia police officers arrested the men Thursday afternoon for trespassing. The men were waiting to meet another man, who is white and who had scheduled a meeting with them in the Starbucks.

The arrests, which were captured on cell phone video,

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Faith and Medicine

Local doctor leading through inspiration

By Othor Cain
Editor

For many people going to see a doctor can be a terrifying experience, even if its just a routine checkup. Medical experts say some people find that their blood pressure is normal at home, but rises slightly when they’re at the doctor. This is known as the white coat syndrome, or the white coat effect. The syndrome gets its name from doctors and medical staff who sometimes wear white coats in a professional setting.

One local doctor is determined to help her patients not only have a different experience when visiting her, but to faithfully, journey to better health.

Kimberly McCullough Smash, MD, a native Jacksonian and a board certified family medicine physician, understands and embraces the intersection of faith and medicine. “I believe that doctors are consultants,” Smash proclaimed. “I can prescribe medication, I can help chart a professional medical journey

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Actions taken this week by the Jackson City Council

By Othor Cain
Editor

In an ongoing battle since 2012, the city reached a settlement with the company Retro Metro, headed by businessmen Socrates Garrett, Howard Catchings and Leroy Walker. The council voted to go into closed session and then executive session where the discussion, decision and vote took place.

In a 4-3 vote that was publicly announced in an open meeting, the council agreed to settle the Retro Metro litigation.



Garrett



Catchings



Walker

Prior to going into closed session Councilmen Stamps and Banks who represent Wards 4 and 6 respectfully thanked Mayor Lumumba for participating in the negotiations process and getting the city to this point. “Mayor I just want to thank you for your leadership and helping us reach this settle-

ment. This was the right thing to do,” Banks said.

Retro Metro owns a portion of the Metro Center Mall, specifically, the old Belk store which was converted into office space for the City of Jackson. For a while now, Retro Metro has claimed it exceeded a budgeted amount for the renovations and wanted the city to pay the excess. The city had been waiting on various audits to prove this and the situation had been stalled for years. It

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NNPA National Black Voter Registration Drive begins in N.C.

By Cash Michaels
NNPA Newswire Contributor

Ten member newspapers of the North Carolina Black Publishers Association (NCBPA) and Benjamin Chavis Jr., the president and CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), have agreed to mount a statewide campaign to maximize the African-American vote for the 2018 midterm elections.

The NNPA is a trade group that represents over 200 black-owned media companies that reach more than 20 million readers, combined, in print and online, every week.

The campaign will focus on an aggressive voter registration drive, community-level education on important issues, and a mobilization effort – all designed to reach young, black eligible voters.



Thatch

North Carolina, Texas and Florida are considered to be important states that could change the makeup of the United States Congress, if the black vote flexes its muscle. The Black Press is considered essential in those states to mobilize that electoral strength.



Chavis

Primaries in North Carolina are scheduled for May 8.

The Black Press in North Carolina and in other states will play a powerful role in educating black voters about political candidates across the country and mobilizing those black voters to go to the polls.

As the power of the black vote continues to rise, and with billions – not millions – of dollars projected to be spent on advertising, during the 2018 midterm elections, Chavis said that Democrats and Republicans must advertise in the Black Press to reach that crucial voting bloc.

Unfortunately, both the Democratic and Republican parties have traditionally proven to be sorely lacking when it comes to advertising in the Black Press.

Despite clear evidence that African Americans are their most loyal voters, the Democrats, have been accused of taking the black vote for granted. Meanwhile, others have said that Republican candidates seem to ignore the black community entirely.

NCBPA publishers agree that the political parties must be challenged, immediately, while advertising budget decisions are being made.

Chavis, a North Carolina native, said that the get-out-the-vote (GOTV) strategy should be “data driven” for all of the state’s 100 counties. He noted that each of North Carolina’s African-American newspapers

should, together, cover the entire state, and once the pertinent voting data is obtained, a campaign should be developed around it. The campaign should be featured prominently across social media platforms and black celebrities should also be enlisted to spread the word.

“In our plan, we should have coverage of the whole state – all 100 counties,” Chavis said, adding that the effort should, “especially target African Americans, who are eligible to vote, but are not registered...in 2018.”

Chavis said that he’s seen figures from 2012 that the number of eligible, unregistered blacks in North Carolina was between 400,000–500,000. He said that figure is most likely higher now, because of voter suppression and

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AARP Mississippi announces 2018 community challenge grants to help make communities better places to live for all ages

Mississippi Link Newswire

AARP is now accepting applications for the 2018 Community Challenge grant program to fund “quick-action” projects that spark change in local communities. The grant program, which is now in its second year, is part of AARP’s nationwide Livable Communities initiative, which aims to make communities great places to live for everyone.

The Community Challenge is open to 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4) and 501(c)(6) nonprofits and government entities. Other types of organizations will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Projects may range in scale from small, short-term activities costing hundreds of dollars to larger projects with budgets of a few thousand dollars. The program will accept applications in the following categories for 2018:

- Delivering a range of transportation and connectivity options in the community through permanent or temporary solutions that increase walkability, bikeability, way-finding, access to transportation options and roadway improvements
- Creating vibrant public places in the community through permanent or temporary solutions that activate open spaces, improve parks and improve access to amenities
- Supporting the availability of a range of housing in the community through permanent or temporary solutions that increase accessible and



affordable housing options

- Other innovative projects to improve the community.

“The AARP Community Challenge Program is aimed to catalyze change and improve the quality of life for people of all ages in communities nationwide,” said AARP Mississippi State Director Kimberly L. Campbell, Esq. “There are tremendous opportunities for positive change in communities across Mississippi and we encourage eligible entities to apply for these quick-action grants to make their communities more livable for all.”

In 2017, AARP awarded 88 grants through the Community Challenge to nonprofit organizations and government entities representing every state. Please visit <http://bit.ly/2017GrantWinners> to see some of the 2017 winners in action, helping to revitalize alleyways, build dog parks, enliven underutilized public spaces and improve unsafe intersections.

AARP Mississippi works in collaboration with communities across the state, bringing people together and providing resources and expertise to help make Mississippi’s counties, towns and cities great places to live for Mississippi people of all ages.

The application deadline is

4 p.m. CT, May 16, 2018, and all projects must be completed by November 5, 2018. Applications must be submitted through AARP.org/CommunityChallenge.

About AARP

AARP is a nonprofit, non-partisan organization with a membership of nearly 38 million. It helps people turn their goals and dreams into Real Possibilities by changing the way America defines aging. With staffed offices in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, AARP works to strengthen communities and promote the issues that matter most to families, such as health-care security, financial security and personal fulfillment. AARP also advocates for individuals in the marketplace by selecting products and services of high quality and value to carry the AARP name. As a trusted source for news and information, AARP produces the world’s largest circulation magazine, AARP The Magazine and AARP Bulletin. AARP does not endorse candidates for public office or make contributions to political campaigns or candidates.

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Chavis, who is recognized as the leader of the “Wilmington Ten” – 10 civil rights activists falsely convicted of arson and imprisoned in the 1971 for the destruction of a white-owned grocery store during the height of racial unrest in the city – would accompany the film to speak with audiences about

Facebook released a video showing a black man being ordered to leave a Starbucks in Torrance, California, after complaining employees

It's only fitting that Smash practices family medicine because the newly renovated building that houses Prolific Health & Wellness is a family affair. Smash's husband for nearly 20 years, Jerriot, operates Prolific LLC, an engineering consulting firm, her sister Karla, owns

Helping the community to understand that “empowerment through voting” is the key, Chavis said. Directing young people to register online via “Rock the Vote,” in part to eliminate the normal complications to voter registration, is also another strategy that should be implemented.

“The arrest of two black men at a Philadelphia Starbucks represents another ominous signal on the increasingly dangerous environment for African Americans,” wrote Derrick Johnson, president and CEO of the NAACP. “Every day, people of color find themselves at the mercy of stereotypes and embedded fears of others. Racism and biases that make simply breathing while black so dangerous will not just go away without our society committing more resources to discussion, education and training on implicit bias and racism.”

Your Health in Abundance is the mantra that Smash operates under. Call 601.718.0308 to schedule your appointment today.

In the meantime, the Black Press should continue to report about the value of the African-American vote in their papers.

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JSU alum, actor Tonea Stewart talks growing up in ‘The Sip’ and role in new Netflix biopic

Mississippi Link Newswire

Mississippi-born film and television actor Tommie Tonea Stewart speaks with a voice that personifies wisdom burgeoned through time and experience. So when Stewart talks about her latest project the Netflix biopic “Come Sunday,” it’s best to listen.

A Greenwood native and Jackson State University alumna, Stewart is best known for her recurring role as Miss Etta Kibbee in the television series “In the Heat of the Night.” Her other credits include “A Time to Kill,” “Matlock” and “Girl’s Trip.”

“Come Sunday,” streaming now, stars Oscar-nominated Chiwetel Ejiofor (“12 Years a Slave”) as Bishop Carlton Pearson, the one-time charismatic star of a Pentecostal church with a congregation over 5,000 strong. When he veers from his usual Bible teachings and begins spouting the gospel of universal reconciliation, Pearson is ousted by his religious peers and condemned as a heretic sending him on a journey rife with hardships.

“I think it’s a meaningful movie. I think it’s a timely movie that addresses the questions: ‘What are we doing today? Where are we today?’ How do we survive?” she said.

Stewart plays Pearson’s mother, who serves as a source of advice and encouragement in the midst of the storms he encounters. Calling his journey compelling and interesting, she agrees that it is a story that needs to be told and “audiences will walk away wanting to know and inquiring more about the Word of God and what is waiting for us on the other side.”

Stewart characterizes actor Ejiofor as a classic man, committed, focused and “definitely British,” she says with a laugh, referring to his United Kingdom upbringing.

Life lessons in an Emmett Till era

Growing up in a very religious and spiritual community, attending church was routine for Stewart and her sister, but education was also paramount. “Everyone wanted to make sure we were motivated to learn and everybody was our teacher. The community definitely raised us,” she said.

Her mother was an educator who taught in the town of Money for 19 years. Stewart discloses that her father’s lack of education was problematic for her grandmother. “She wanted my mother to marry a doctor or a principal or something, you know.”

Despite her father being unable to write his name, she said he was a talented man who worked as an electrician and a plumber. Her parents divorced when she was 4 years old, but her mother made sure she and her sister maintained a relationship with him.

Stewart said life in the Mississippi Delta had its balances and imbalances. She recalls playing with Emmett Till outside a store one summer in Money before learning of his brutal death a week or so later.

“I loved my years in Mississippi even though there were turbulent years. We had one blow after another from (the deaths of) Emmett Till to (the murders of civil rights workers) Goodman, Chaney and Schwerner, the integration of the schools and the Klan,” she said.

“And even with all of that, we felt like we had a sense of realness. ... We were able to know who hated us and who didn’t like us and we gave them their space.”

Stewart explains that losing so many people and understanding when the world does not love you, you must first learn to love and protect yourself and your family.

A grandmother’s grief

At the age of 16, Stewart lost her mother to sudden complications stemming from high blood pressure. It was a heartbreaking blow for the aspiring doctor and her sister, but their grandmother proved to have a more difficult time coping with the tragedy.

Stewart was a member of a singing group that had auditioned to appear on the Ted Mack Amateur Hour in Memphis. They received a call-back and were set to compete against Patti LaBelle & the Bells for a chance at the finals.

“My grandmother, at the time, had become extremely protective after losing her only daughter. My schoolmate’s parent came to pick me up and (my grandmother) stood in the door and blocked me from going,” said Stewart. “We were all very hurt. But we didn’t know that she had taken her daughter’s death so seriously that it caused her to have a breakdown.”

Pattie & the Bells won the competition, and the rest is history said Stewart with a chuckle. She acknowledges her group would not have gotten any leverage on Patti Labelle, but they could’ve possibly received a record deal. It’s a story she and Labelle laugh about today.

Thee I Love

In middle school and junior high school, Stewart was successful in the sciences, which is what prompted her desire to be a doctor.



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However, it wasn’t until her sophomore year at Jackson State University, where she garnered success as a student-actor that she decided to change her major from biology to theater.

Prior to attending JSU, the Delta girl had also received scholarships from Mississippi Valley State University and Ohio State University. Deeming Mississippi Valley too close to home and Ohio State too far, she settled on Jackson State, declaring that, “it turned out to be the best fit for me and I also believe it was God’s work.”

However, what was turning out not to be the best fit was her choice of major. She discovered she was very uncomfortable with dissecting hairy animals.

The sophomore found herself in the classroom of her introduction to theater Professor E.J. Fischer. On campus, Fischer had been a familiar face that remembered Stewart from her participation, as a youth, in the many dramatic arts and singing competitions he hosted and judged.

“He said, ‘I need you to audition tomorrow night.’ I got the lead role in a play called ‘High Ground’ where I played a nun,” she said. And with that, Stewart became a speech and theater major.

The actress says her memorable moments at JSU are numerous and describes the school as a carryover from her community in the Delta. She said the professors made her feel as if she had reached another level and needed to be pushed higher.

“I looked forward to getting up in the morning and going to my classes because I knew I was going to learn something new. I knew I was going to be exposed to something challenging and that I had to step up to the plate. There was no time to lollygag. We had to do it today,” she said.

While at JSU, Stewart won countless awards and was nominated best actress by the National Association of Speech and Dramatic Arts Conference three of the four years she attended the HBCU.

In 1968, Stewart won NASDA’s Best Actress award in addition to being crowned queen of her HBCU. “I received the announcement that I had won (Miss JSU) while we competed in South Carolina at the conference,” she said. Unbeknownst to Stewart, NASDA’s Best Actor winner that year, Samuel L. Jackson, would one day play her husband in the thought-provoking drama “A Time to Kill.”

After graduating from JSU and receiving a master’s degree in theater arts from the University of California at Santa Barbara, she returned to JSU as a professor. Later, she became the first African-American woman to receive a doctorate in theater from Florida State University.

“I was shocked,” said Stewart, when asked about this achievement. “It just hadn’t dawned on me. But I should’ve realized it because in all my classes I was the only African American, period.” She chuckles.

She now lives in Alabama, where she serves as dean of the College of Visual & Performing Arts at Alabama State University.

As an actor, Stewart said her biggest accomplishment is being able to gain the opportunities she has sought out. She defines her greatest hurdle as attempting to do and be so many things at one time.

“I’ve had to be wife, mother, educator, performer, motivational speaker, nurse; we’ve raised about seven children outside of our own. In doing it all, I found joy,” she said.

Her advice to aspiring actors is “Don’t wait for someone else to validate you. You know what you have as your talent. You know who you are. You give it your best and then let it go.”

On the horizon for Stewart is a new film she began shooting last week. But what she is most looking forward to, she said, is her 50th golden class reunion at JSU. “My year is 2019. I’m looking to coming back and standing there with my golden diploma. I love that school.



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- 4) **Child's Social Security number**
- 5) **Medical insurance of child (if applicable)**
- 6) **IEP or IFSP (if applicable)**
- 7) **Legal guardianship (if applicable)**
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For more information about Head Start, call (601) 923-3940. To apply, call HCHRA's 24-hour automated appointment line at (601) 962-5935.

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Mississippi State Hospital honors Butler for 25 years of service

Mississippi Link Newswire

Mississippi State Hospital recently honored employees with April anniversary dates for their years of service. Linda Butler of Jackson was recognized for providing 25 years of service to the hospital.

Butler, a Vicksburg native, is a staffing coordinator in Substance Use Services.

Service awards are given to employees in the month of their date of hire, beginning with one year and followed by every fifth anniversary year. Employees receive a Certificate of Appreciation and a Service Award Pin. The program is sponsored by Friends of Mississippi State Hospital Inc.

MSH, a program of the Mississippi Department of Mental



Butler

Health, was founded in 1855 and helps the individuals it serves achieve mental wellness by encouraging hope,

promoting safety, and supporting recovery. The hospital is accredited by the Joint Commission.

Jackson’s 1962-63 footsoldiers to gather in May

Mississippi Link Newswire

Mindful that civil rights gains were made by the efforts of thousands of people, footsoldiers from the picketing, boycotting, sit-ins, church visits, marches and walkouts in Jackson from fall of 1962 through spring of 1963 are planning to gather in late May to recall, reflect and share with today’s activists.

Organizers want to hear from Jackson Movement veterans about the best date(s), time(s) and place(s) to get together, as well as preferred activities.

Most black Mississippians boycotted the segregated State Fair in October 1962. Over the next months, led by Medgar Evers, NAACP Youth Council and adult members and students

distributed tens of thousands of fliers and newsletters in Jackson’s black neighborhoods and churches. Thousands of people young and old attended mass meetings in churches and boycotted Capitol Street and other merchants, demanding an end to the many forms of discrimination and injustice imposed on them.

Large numbers of students at Lanier, Brinkley and Jim Hill High Schools walked out May 30-31, 1963, following the May 28 Woolworth sit-in, and were taken in garbage trucks to the Fairgrounds jail. Numerous participants were beaten by police at protests. In his book, “Jackson, Mississippi: An American Chronicle of Struggle and

Schism,” activist John Salter described “the blood and the betrayals and the high courage in Jackson” during those months 55 years ago.

All 1962-63 veterans, as well as families of those deceased, are urged to make your interest and contact information known so large enough spaces can be chosen and news can be spread.

The May gathering also needs community offers of food, meeting places, travel costs, use of digitization, photocopying and video documentation equipment.

Contact information, offers of support, ideas, and date/time preferences should be sent to newmsian@hotmail.com or call 601-352-3398 if no email.

Secretary of State’s Office launches information campaign for active military voters

Mississippi Link Newswire

With thousands of Mississippi soldiers already deployed or deploying to the Middle East and other areas of the world this year, the Secretary of State’s Office is launching an information campaign on active service members’ voting rights.

The Uniformed Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) provides citizens who are active members of the U.S. Armed Forces and National Guard, among other individuals and entities, special

absentee voting rights when stationed outside of their county of residence.

The Secretary of State’s Office is shipping about 4,000 wallet-sized cards providing UOCAVA information and election deadlines to Ft. Bliss, Texas, and other locations. More than 3,200 Mississippi National Guard men and women are currently training and awaiting deployment at Ft. Bliss.

The agency is also sending training packets for officers in charge of distributing election-

related information on bases and overseas.

“Our deployed military men and women have to be away from their homes and families while serving overseas and fighting to protect our freedoms. The least we can do for them is make sure they aren’t away from the ballot box,” Secretary of State Delbert Hosemann said.

Under UOCAVA, eligible citizens may fill out a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to simultaneously register to vote for the first time and request an

absentee ballot for an upcoming election. State law allows UOCAVA applicants to return the FPCA form via mail, e-mail or fax. Electronic signatures are permitted.

Circuit Clerks must begin sending absentee ballots for UOCAVA citizens who have requested a ballot April 21, or at least 45 days before the June 5 Primary Election. The registration deadline for UOCAVA voters is May 26.

A new voter’s FPCA form must be received by this date in

order for the registration to be effective for Primary Election Day. Ballots cast by mail, e-mail or fax must be received by 7 p.m. CST on Primary Election Day, June 5.

The FPCA form, ballot and step-by-step instructions on how to complete both are available on Y’all Vote at www.yall-vote.sos.ms.gov.

Other upcoming election deadlines include:

- Saturday, April 21: absentee balloting begins;
- Monday, May 7: voter reg-

istration deadline to vote in the June 5 Primary Election for Mississippians other than UOCAVA citizens; and

• Tuesday, June 5: Primary Election Day/party primary candidates only – polling places open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For more election information, visit Y’all Vote, www.yall-vote.sos.ms.gov, Mississippi’s online voter information center.

For more information about UOCAVA or the Federal Voting Assistance Program, visit www.fvap.gov.

Hinds County School District Weekly Update

HINDS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for its 2018-2019 FOUR YEAR OLD PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM from April 9, 2018 through April 27, 2018



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For more information call 1-866-554-5382 or visit aarp.org/ms. The event is sponsored by AARP Mississippi.



For more information visit aarp.org/ms

JPS educators named 2018 Metro Teachers of the Year

Mississippi Link Newswire

Two outstanding JPS educators were recognized as 2018 Metro Teachers of the Year. Christopher Evans of Callaway High School and Richard Jones of Spann Elementary were among the 12 honorees from the tri-county area. They were celebrated during a luncheon held in their honor April 12 at the Old Capitol Inn in Jackson. The event is held to exalt excellence in teaching as represented by the honorees. Jackson restaurateur Jeff Good presented awards.

About the JPS Metro Teachers of the Year

Below is a snapshot of the JPS honorees taken from their profiles in the Metro Teacher Recognition booklet. Christopher Evans is a product of Jackson Public Schools and a graduate of Callaway High School where he now teaches. He also attend Jackson State University. He accepted his first teaching position in the fall of 1999 at his high school alma mater. Evans has worked for Microsoft’s Power to Teach, which helps teachers use technology in classroom lessons. He works with the District’s professional development and curriculum teams to share quality lessons with other teachers in the District. Evans is a member of the Mississippi Association of Educators. He is also a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. He and his wife, Toni, have two children.



Evans



Jones

Since moving to Spann, he has received many awards for his accomplishments. In his spare time, Jones likes to exercise, play Japanese anime, play the guitar and read children’s literature.

About the Metro Teacher Recognition Program

The Greater Jackson Chamber Partnership has held the Metro Teacher Recognition program for the past 23 years. The event honors teachers throughout Hinds, Rankin, and Madison counties for outstanding achievements in the classroom. It is designed to elevate the teaching profession and promotes quality and excellence in education. The event also shows the business community’s appreciation for the contributions teachers bring to the workforce.

ROTC 31st Annual Cadet Review Ceremony

Mississippi Link Newswire

The 31st Annual JROTC Cadet Review Ceremony was held March 28, at Provine High School. About 1,000 cadets from all seven JPS high schools and the Powell Military Academy participated in the ceremony. The purpose of the ceremony is to increase confidence, build teamwork and develop leadership skills. The event gives cadets an occasion to express pride in their schools and the JPS Corps of Cadets.

The ceremony is a time each year to honor cadets who have maintained high levels of academic achievement at their schools. One cadet from each high school and the Powell Military academy were recognized with the Scholastic Excellence Award. The award is presented to the LET2 (Leadership, Education, Training) or higher cadet who exhibits the highest degree of excellence in academic areas.

The 2017-2018 honorees are:

- C/MAJ Willie Day, Callaway High School
- C/MAJ Shalonda Watts, Forest Hill High School
- C/CPT Michael Lawrence, Jim Hill High School
- C/MAJ Sebastian A. Robinson, Lanier High School
- C/CPT Reshuanna Shelby, Murrah High School
- C/MAJ LaDarian Carter, Provine High School
- C/MAJ Shamia Thompson, Wingfield High School
- C/PFC Ralecia Robertson, Powell Academy of Military Science



Scholastic Excellence Award winners and program participants. Col. Michael Stinnett and JPS Interim Superintendent Dr. Fredrick Murray presented Scholastic Excellence medals.

Science

JPS Interim Superintendent Fredrick Murray and Col. Michael Stinnett, Director, JROTC U.S. Army Cadet Command presented the Scholastic Excellence Awards.

As keynote speaker of the 2018 Cadet Review Ceremony, Stinnett urged cadets to make the most of their JROTC preparation and to be earnest in their future endeavors.

“The end result of your time in JROTC is you’re postured for success,” said Stinnett. “You’re going to go off and do all kinds of great things in your communities, for your country and things that most of your peers have never even thought of doing. You’re going to be eager and ready to take the reins and get after it.”

Before his current assignment, Stinnett served as the division engineer for the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, New York. He managed

all engineering and infrastructure planning and projects for the division. During this time, he also deployed to Afghanistan where he served as the joint engineer deputy director and plans officer.

In his remarks, Murray issued a challenge to cadets to make the most of the training they received in the JROTC Program.

“This is a very important program within our system because it helps our students become more committed to their success and leadership,” said Murray. “I want to challenge you to use the leadership, character and the gifts that you learned from the JROTC to invest in the lives of each other – yourselves and your fellow cadets. You never know what kind of impact you will have and whose life you will influence as you travel.”

Col. Paul Willis, director of JPS JROTC Programs, gave closing remarks.

“This is the caliber of potential that we have in Jackson, Mississippi, and in Jackson Public Schools,” said Willis. “Cadets, we are extremely proud of each and every one of you. We are counting on you to be our future leaders. We know that you have everything it takes. We want to continue to encourage you and we ask that you continue to encourage each other.”

The JPS JROTC Program is the largest in the state of Mississippi, and among the largest in the region, consisting of Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Louisiana. The Army JROTC Program in JPS has been developed against a historical background of almost 81 years of experience. The first JROTC Program in Jackson was started at Central High School in 1936. Since then, thousands of students have been exposed to the ideals of leadership, character development and citizenship training provided by JROTC.

Spring Registration Begins

Registration for the 2018-2019 school year begins April 11, 2018. This begins the enrollment period for new kindergarten and first-grade students and students admitted to Advanced Learning Programs (International Baccalaureate, Academic and Performing Arts, Montessori, and Arts Access.)

Parents/legal guardians must schedule an appointment to complete registration using the Appointment Management System. Once the appointment has been scheduled, they should report to the Office of Enrollment Services and Records at their scheduled time to complete registration. Visit the Online Registration page to schedule an appointment.

Registration Information

The following documents are required at the time of registration for all students:

Valid photo ID. (No copies will be accepted.)

Certified copy of student’s long form birth certificate.

State of Mississippi Certificate of Immunization Compliance (Form 121) or Certificate of Medical Exemption (Form 122).

Two Proofs of Residency documents. For a list of acceptable documents, visit the Registration Requirements page.

For more information, call the Office of Enrollment Services at (601) 960-8852.



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Hinds Heroes at Hinds CC for Spring 2018

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The Spring 2018 group of honorees in the Hinds Heroes employee recognition program have been named. Hinds Heroes are chosen because they represent the college well, provide exceptional customer service to all its customers and consistently promote the Hinds mission of service. Heroes selected receive a lapel pin, a token of appreciation and one free day off work.

In alphabetical order, this semester's honorees are:

- Christy Bokros, of Pearl, assistant dean for Allied Health at the Jackson Campus-Nursing/Allied Health Center. Her duties include administrative responsibilities for the division of Allied Health, which includes budget management, accreditation facilitating, annual reporting for career and technical education for the Department of Education and Mississippi Community College Board, inventory and evaluation processes. She has been with Hinds for 19 years.

- Oscar Branch, of Brandon, instructor for air traffic control at the Rankin Campus. His duties include instructing the course for the Aviation Technology Program and coordinating the curriculum. He has been with Hinds for nine years.

- Karen Gamble, of Vicksburg, instructor for public speaking and developmental education courses at the Vicksburg-Warren Campus. Her duties include being the lead instructor for public speaking, serving on various committees on campus and lining up speakers for college-sponsored community events. She has been with Hinds full-time for five years and 21 overall, including as an adjunct instructor.

- Tiffany Jefferson, of Terry, dance director at the Raymond Campus. Her duties include directing the Montage Theatre of Dance program, which involves being artistic director, choreographer and an instructor of the tap, ballet, jazz, hip-hop and modern styles of dance. She also instructs dance history, improvisation and composition. She has been at Hinds for 12 years.



- Martha McInnis, of Raymond, associate chief information officer in the Information Technology Department based at the Raymond Campus. Her duties include managing IT operations that power many of the college's systems that deliver student and operations success. She has been at Hinds for 27 years.

- Jovonna Parker, of Ridgeland, assistant director of Counseling and district coordinator of Disability Services, based at the Raymond Campus. Her duties include coordinating district-wide services for students with disabilities, advising with registration and courses, instructing orientation courses and serving as an advisory board member for the college's Quality Enhancement Plan. She has been at Hinds for 12 years.

- Russell Shaw, of Raymond, vice president for Business Services, based at the Raymond Campus. His duties include presiding over the business services functions of the college, which involves the accounting and accounts receivable and payable functions, human resources, pur-

chasing and information technology. He has been at Hinds for 14 years.

- Kirby Sills, of Ridgeland, director of the Veterinary Technology program on the Raymond Campus. His duties include teaching and directing all aspects of the program, including the curriculum and evaluation processes. He has been at Hinds for nine years.

- LaCheryl Taylor, of Richland, assistant registrar in the Advancement/Admissions department at the Raymond Campus. Her duties include assisting the registrar troubleshooting and maintaining accurate student records, assisting campus deans in maintaining accurate class rosters, implementing beginning and end-of-term processes, maintaining the system students use to track their education plan, maintaining all aspects of the process of graduation and determining and submitting athletic eligibility and awards. She has been at Hinds for five years.

- Dennis Thompson, of Madison, lead instructor in the Logistics program at the Jackson Campus-Academic/Technical Center. His duties include managing all aspects of the department. He has been at Hinds full-time for two years and 10 overall, including as an adjunct instructor.

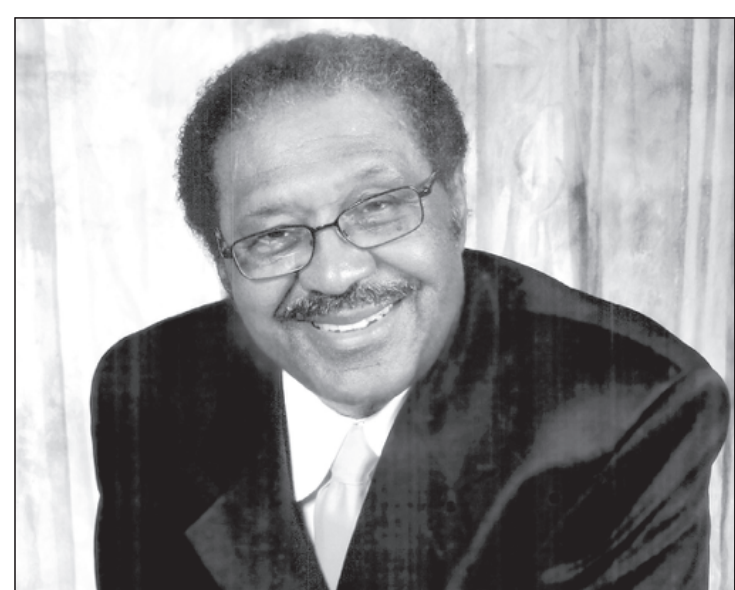
- Beverly Trimble, of Utica, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and Individual Training Account coordinator based at the Utica Campus. Her duties include coordinating services funded by the federal WIOA ITA program for Hinds students, educating students on what the program is and how it helps pay for their education, preparing cost sheets for students in the program and issuing check requests for other colleges served through the program. She has been at Hinds for 13 years.

- Felicia Williams-Winston, of Utica, instructor for the online Paralegal Technology program based at the Raymond Campus. Her duties include instructing courses in the program, revising the curriculum when needed, advising and mentoring online students in the program and scheduling online courses. She has been at Hinds for 10 years.

Former Rhode Island chief justice, noted historian to address MSU graduates



Williams



Clark

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Former Rhode Island Supreme Court Chief Justice Frank J. Williams will be the commencement speaker for Mississippi State's three graduation ceremonies taking place May 3 and 4 at Humphrey Coliseum.

Williams, a noted historian and current president of the Ulysses S. Grant Association, has played key roles in making MSU one of the nation's leading centers for study of the American Civil War.

Last year, Williams and his wife, Virginia, donated their collection of Abraham Lincoln and Civil War memorabilia, valued at nearly \$3 million, to the university. Williams also was instrumental in locating the Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Library at MSU in 2009.

Approximately 3,200 Mississippi State students are candidates for spring semester degrees.

The first graduation ceremony will take place at 3:30 p.m. May 3 and will include graduates from the university's College of Education and College of Business, as well as its Adkerson School of Accountancy. At 9:30 a.m. May 4, the ceremony will include the College of Arts and Sciences, College of Architecture, Art and Design and its School of Architecture, and the College of Veterinary Medicine. The final ceremony will take place at 3:30 p.m. May 4, and includes the Bagley College of Engineering and its Swalm School of Chemical Engineering, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, College of Forest Resources and general studies graduates.

In addition to serving as commencement speaker, Williams will receive a Doctor of Public Service honorary degree. Also receiving a Doctor of Public Service honorary degree at the spring graduation ceremony is Robert G. Clark Jr., former Speaker Pro Tempore of the Mississippi House of Representatives and a longtime supporter

of education in Mississippi.

Clark will receive his honorary degree during the May 3 ceremony. Williams will receive his honorary degree during the 3:30 p.m. ceremony on May 4.

Williams is a graduate of Boston University and Boston University Law School, and earned a Master of Taxation degree from Bryant University. A longtime jurist in the Rhode Island court system, he served on the state's Superior Court beginning in 1995 before ascending to the Supreme Court bench in 2001, serving as chief justice until his retirement in 2009.

Williams has a long and acclaimed career in Lincoln studies and organizational leadership – serving as president of the Lincoln Group of Boston, the Abraham Lincoln Association, and for the past 21 years, as founding chairman of The Lincoln Forum, a national organization that hosts an annual November symposium at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Clark grew up in Holmes County, graduated from Jackson State University in 1953 and earned a master's degree in administration and educational services from Michigan State University in 1959.

Clark then returned to Mississippi, where he was elected to the state House of Representatives in 1967, becoming the first African American elected to the Legislature since Reconstruction.

As a legislator, Clark worked effectively with members of both political parties and gained the respect of his colleagues, garnering several influential committee appointments. In 1992, he was elected Speaker Pro Tempore. He was re-elected to that prestigious leadership position again in 1996 and 2000 before his retirement in 2004, after nearly four decades of service in the Legislature.

For additional information about spring commencement, contact the Registrar's Office at 662-325-2022 or visit www.registrar.msstate.edu.

Several MSU distance programs ranked among top 10 for educational value

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Distance education programs at Mississippi State are once again being recognized for providing exceptional value to students.

In the Best Online Colleges rankings recently released by SR Education Group, Mississippi State is ranked No. 3 in the country for schools offering online doctoral programs and No. 13 nationally for schools offering online master's degree programs.

Additionally, nine programs are ranked in the top 10 of their respective fields. MSU's distance MBA program is ranked No. 2 in the country, with online programs in project management, computational engineering and secondary education also earning top five rankings.

"This recognition is a credit

to our MSU faculty and staff who are dedicated to providing students with exceptional academic programs in a format that best meets their needs," said Susan Seal, executive director of the MSU Center for Distance Education. "Our online programs provide the flexibility and outstanding value that is of particular interest to adult learners, while maintaining the high-quality standards that are expected from an MSU program."

The SR Education group rankings include distance programs in MSU's James Worth Bagley College of Engineering, College of Education and College of Business. The programs ranked include:

- Master of Business Administration, ranked No. 2

- Master of Business Administration – Project Management, ranked No. 3

- Master of Science in Computational Engineering, ranked No. 4

- Master of Science in Secondary Education, ranked No. 5

- Master of Science in Civil Engineering, ranked No. 6

- Master of Science in Electrical Engineering, ranked No. 6

- Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering, ranked No. 6

- Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, ranked No. 7

- Master of Science in Industrial Engineering, ranked No. 7

- Master of Arts in Teaching – Special Education, ranked No. 12

Several programs also were highly ranked for their afford-

ability. MSU is No. 10 in the rankings for most affordable online doctoral degrees.

SR Education Group, an education research publisher founded in 2004, used data on tuition rates and academic programs to determine which schools offer the best value. For complete ranking details, see <https://www.guidetoonlineschools.com/best-online-colleges>.

MSU's distance education programs are consistently ranked among the best in the country by U.S. News & World Report, among other outlets. For more on the MSU Center for Distance Education's online degree and certificate programs, visit www.distance.msstate.edu.

MSU is Mississippi's leading university, available online at www.msstate.edu.

JSU Facilities and Construction Management makes its presence, services known

Jackson State University

Many people are not aware of what Facilities and Construction Management (FCM) does. La’Kitha B. Hughes, associate director of FCM, described a recent hotspot event as “a good opportunity for faculty, staff and students to learn more about our operations. Today, they have a much better idea. The hotspot was a good interaction between all of us, and it allows Facilities to inform our faculty, staff and students on what we do a daily basis.”

Indeed, FCM does so much more, including responding to gas leaks and heating and cooling issues.

If that’s a surprise, then you might be unaware that FCM also performs the following:

- Defensive driving courses
- Reserve-a-vehicle workshops
- Golf cart training
- Planning and construction
- Shuttle service throughout the main campus and to the Mississippi e-Center@JSU, Jackson Medical Mall and Metro Center
- Property Management
- Central Receiving: deliveries, receiving, removal of undesired equipment and furniture
- Fire safety instructions
- Energy conservation tips.

Hughes said she anticipates that Facilities will continue the hotspot during freshmen Welcome Week events and homecoming.

“I’m so excited that Facilities was able to interact and answer everyone’s questions,” Hughes said.



Although JSU’s Department of Facilities and Construction Management (FCM) constantly makes sure the campus runs smoothly, staff finds time to unwind with the campus community during a recent hotspot on the Gibbs-Green Memorial Plaza.



Facilities displays the wide range of services it provides throughout the campus.



Facilities’ executive director Robert D. Watts keeps a watchful eye on everything that happens on campus. His chief responsibility is to make sure the well-maintained campus is safe, energy-efficient and clean.



Free hotdogs were provided during the hotspot, along with chips, sodas and other giveaways. PHOTO BY CHARLES A. SMITH/JSU

JSU designated a military-friendly school



Jackson State University

Jackson State University has been named a military-friendly school for 2018-2019, according to the recent list from Victory Media. Now in its 17th year, the Military Friendly® Schools list has come to set the standard for higher education institutions to provide the best opportunities for veterans and their spouses. This prestigious list offers a comprehensive guide for veterans and their families using data sources from federal agencies, veteran students and proprietary survey information from participating organizations.

“We are pleased that Victory Media has recognized our efforts. We are extremely honored to be among other colleges and universities receiving the 2018- 2019 Military Friendly designation,” said LaToya Reed, director of the JSU Veteran & Military Student Support Center.

“Our office takes great pride in serving our military affiliated students, as well as their families.”

Institutions earning the Military Friendly® School designation were evaluated using both public data sources and responses from a proprietary survey completed by the school. Student survey data was also taken into consideration for the designation. More than 1,400 schools participated

in the 2018-2019 survey, with 941 schools earning the designation.

Associate Vice President of Student Affairs Susan Powell expressed her excitement over the recognition.

“The Division of Student Affairs is committed to providing a high caliber of student support service and outreach.” She said, “The staff in our military student support office does an exceptional job assisting soldiers and their dependents from admission to completion, and this is truly a reflection of their hard work and dedication.”

The 2018-2019 Military Friendly® Schools list will be published in the May issue of G.I. Jobs magazine. The list can also be found at www.militaryfriendly.com.

Methodology, criteria and weightings were determined by Victory Media with input from the Military Friendly® Advisory Council of independent leaders in the higher education and military recruitment community. Final ratings were determined by combining the institution’s survey scores with the assessment of the institution’s ability to meet thresholds for Student Retention, Graduation, Job Placement, Loan Repayment, Persistence (Degree Advancement or Transfer) and Loan Default rates for all students and, specifically, for student veterans.



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Young black professionals, HBCU students join movement for homeownership, financial education

By Hazel Trice Edney
TriceEdneyWire.com

The housing crisis that caused more than nine million people to suffer foreclosure and even homelessness due to the economic slump across the U. S. 10 years ago, has now fully recovered for everyone – except people of color – especially African Americans.

“Black people are moving into homeownership at a much slower rate than anything we have seen in the past,” says Laurie Goodman, co-author of an Urban Institute report titled, “Are Gains in Black Home Ownership History?”

The report, released last year, continues, “Gains in black homeownership have been hard won, which amplifies our concern that in the last 15 years, black homeownership rates have declined to levels not seen since the 1960s, when private race-based discrimination was legal.”

This is the reason that homeownership advocates and advisers believe new and innovative ways must be attempted to bring about equality in homeownership in 2018 and beyond. In part, that means a targeted effort to bring young black professionals, namely new college graduates, into the financial education arena and the home buying job market – ideas whose times have come, according to HomeFree-USA, a non-profit organization that specializes in mortgage and homeownership advice.

“Most people, when they think about working in a financial institution; they think about the branch or being a teller. But, there’s a whole machine, one in which you can really build a good career. So they are interested,” says Gwendolyn Garnett, program director for the new Center for Financial Advancement (CFA) that HomeFree-USA launched on the campus of Fisk University in Nashville last September. “Awareness and education afford them opportunities whether they are jobs or internships. So they can learn more about the industry and choose to become a part of it,” says Garnett, former Neighbor-



hood Lending executive for the Consumer Real Estate division of Bank of America.

People may simply not know the benefits and tremendous value of preparing for mortgage approval, says Marcia Griffin, president/CEO of HomeFree-USA.

“It is critical for us. Yet, more African Americans are becoming renters than they are homeowners. Homeownership is our primary wealth building tool. But it’s also a personal tool. It’s a life tool that enables us to provide something to leave for our children, to have a life in which you are paying yourself instead of paying the landlord,” Griffin says. “I often use this as an example: If you’re paying a thousand dollars a month rent and you rent for 10 years, conservatively you’re talking about a hundred and twenty thousand dollars that you’ve paid to somebody else. No benefit at all.”

She also pointed out that rents often go up whereas a fixed rate mortgage stays the same. “This is just a wealth building tool that must be promoted,” Griffin said.

In the three decades after the Fair Housing Act, signed into law in 1968, America’s black homeownership grew nearly 6 percentage points, the Urban Institute report said. But, according to Forbes, “from 2000 to 2015, that gain dropped to about 41 percent, compared to white homeownership of 71 percent.”

The National Association of Real Estate Brokers (NAREB)

sees a glimmer of hope as NAREB has detected a slight upward movement in black homeownership rates. HomeFree-USA is pushing to increase that trend by empowering students with the financial education that they will then spread among each other as well as to parents and ultimately into the community.

A core principal of the CFA is that the more African Americans are involved in the lending and mortgage business, the more buyers they will attract. They hope this will result in a significant spike in the housing industry as it relates to African Americans in general; including African-American youth.

“I agree that yes, whether you’re African American or Hispanic, those ethnic groups are comfortable dealing with people who look like them. And I think that’s the case not only for homeownership but a host of other experiences and consumer decisions that we make,” says Jeffrey Hicks, NAREB president/CEO.

Prospective salaries may serve as enticements for young professionals. The annual salaries can range from an average of \$75,900-\$93,000 as a senior underwriter to \$41,725-\$135,000 as a loan officer and multiple opportunities in between according to mortgage industry salary listings.

There are opportunities for even higher salaries when sales are involved.

“Mortgage loan officer jobs are usually commission based. I know some who have made mil-

lions in this industry,” says Garnett, who worked for Bank of America for more than 24 years in various positions. “When you sell a home, when that person gets a home loan through you, you get a big commission from that...So you can make a good income, but a lot of young folks are not even aware of the industry.”

The Center for Financial Advancement has launched on the heels of a recent study that says although more African Americans than ever are going to college, black students are still over-represented in majors that result in the lowest paying jobs.

“Access to college for African Americans has increased, but African Americans are highly concentrated in lower-paying majors,” says the 2016 study by Georgetown University’s Center on Education and the Workforce.

The report says “only 7 percent of finance and marketing majors are African-American.” It also says that only 7 percent of those who receive STEM-related bachelor’s degrees – which includes information technology (IT) and who earn a median annual salary of \$84,000 – are black. IT, finance and marketing are favored concentrations in real estate, mortgage and banking. On the other hand, the report says African Americans are highly represented in majors associated with serving the community, which tend to be lower-earning – “human services and community organization (20 percent) and social work (19 percent).”

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Milan Griffin, vice president of Marketing and Outreach for HomeFree-USA believes mortgage industry jobs – which are a combination of earning higher salaries while serving the community – will attract black college graduates, most of whom tend to be socially conscious trend setters among their peers.

“People of this generation are much more social advocacy focused,” she says. “The importance of students from HBCUs entering into the mortgage industry is this is an opportunity for them to really fuse and really live through their work the essence of doing well and doing good by helping to impact lives while also doing well for themselves financially.”

Milan Griffin added that the Center movement will not only increase the number of African Americans in the mortgage business, but the young people will likely also see the value in getting prepared earlier and purchasing homes at younger ages.

“This program is having them to rethink success: ‘I was told that going to grad school was the only option for me to boost my income. But now I see that instead of amassing a whole other pound of debt; I need to build wealth first and build my assets by managing the debt that I do have and then go into home ownership right after college.’”

Despite new opportunities in the mortgage industry, obstacles for homeownership in the black community are still major. Among those hindrances:

- Affordability. Housing prices

are increasing; especially in urban areas.

- Insufficient income. Although the mortgage lending industry is financially lucrative, it takes time to nurture and develop a strong six or high five figure earning.

- Poor preparation. Money management, credit reparation, budgeting and savings – keys to wealth – are areas that must be strengthened in the black community.

- Education. There can be a long learning curve for some people pursuing the homeownership industry as a profession; therefore, mentors are needed in this field.

- Loan denials. According to the Pew Research Center, “throughout the boom, bust and recovery phases of the housing cycle, blacks have been denied home loans at higher rates than most other racial groups (the exception being Native Americans, and even then only in the last few years).”

The Urban Institute study predicts that “inequality will get worse with inaction.”

It continues, “The period since the housing crisis began has been a tragic chapter in the history of the black community’s access to the wealth building, security, and the sense of belonging offered by homeownership.”

The study concludes, “We must take action to avoid further decline. Reforms are needed that provide more affordable rental housing and more plentiful and secure access to homeownership.”

Judge denies two defense mistrial motions in Cosby case

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Contributor

Judge Steven O’Neill allowed one witness for the prosecution to call Bill Cosby a “serial rapist” in open court,

while another mocked the 80 year-old, blind comedian.

“You remember, Mr. Cosby?” Chelan Lasha yelled. “What you did to me?”

Lasha claimed the man, who

earned the nickname “America’s Dad” as Dr. Heathcliff Huxtable, drugged and raped her more than 30 years ago. Heidi Thomas said that Cosby drugged and sexually assaulted

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team to use a 2005 press release that Castor issued explaining why he didn’t bring charges against Cosby.

Current District Attorney Kevin Steele moved to charge Cosby, just two days before the statute of limitations were set to expire in 2015.

Cosby faces three counts of aggravated indecent assault that stem from an incident with Constand at his Philadelphia-

area home more than 14 years ago.


He could face up to 30 years in prison if convicted.

Famed attorney and CNN analyst Joey Jackson said that the case has the appearance of being unfair.

“[Lasha and Thomas] should not have been allowed to testify,” Jackson told the NNPA Newswire. “It’s highly-prejudicial.”



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Madison County Flood Risk Open House

Energy-efficient solutions and billing options can help customers manage energy bills

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The Mississippi/FEMA Risk MAP Team will host a Flood Risk Open House from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. Thursday, April 26, 2018, in the Board of Directors room, Ridgeland City Hall, 304 Highway 51, Ridgeland, 39157.

The open house will provide the public with an opportunity to review the recently completed preliminary Flood Insurance Study and its accompanying preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) that include base flood information and identification of areas subject to flood hazards for the following communities: portions of the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District,

the Cities of Canton, Flora, Madison, Ridgeland and unincorporated areas of Madison County.

The new preliminary maps covering the above listed communities will also be available for viewing on the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) Flood Mapping website at:

Madison County: <http://geology.deq.ms.gov/floodmaps/Projects/RiskMAP/?county=Madison>

The team, which includes representatives from the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, MDEQ, Mississippi Geographic Information LLC and the Federal Emergency Management Agency

(FEMA), will be available to address questions from the public. Local and state officials will also be present to provide information about flood risk, flood insurance, floodplain development requirements and the process used for floodplain mapping.

Once the preliminary FIRMs become effective, these maps will be used by floodplain permit officials, builders and developers, lenders, realtors, insurance agents and the general public to determine flood risk.

Property owners, realtors, lenders, and insurance agents are encouraged to attend and take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about flood risk and hazard mitigation.

Congressman Thompson announces and welcomes MS-02 Congressional App Challenge winners

The Mississippi Link Newswire

U.S. Representative Bennie G. Thompson (MS-02) welcomed Gerald Aldridge, Zion Blount and D'Anthony Thompson, the winners of the 2017 Congressional App Challenge, to present their application "STEM Adventures" on Capitol Hill.

"I am pleased so many students across the Second Congressional District are engaged in technology of the future," Thompson said. "I would personally like to congratulate Gerald, Zion and D'Anthony for developing a platform for young students to learn more about STEM courses. Thank you to all of our bright students who submitted applications and to the professors of Alcorn State University, Jackson State University and Mississippi Valley State University who took



Left to Right: Gerald Aldridge, Congressman Bennie G. Thompson, D'Anthony Thompson and Zion Blount.

part in the judging process."

Aldridge, Blount and Thompson are students at Jackson Public Schools' Career Development Center. The three created

the app, "STEM Adventures," geared to provide students in grades three through fifth critical thinking skills in STEM subjects.

Congressman Thompson announces Naval Academy offer of appointment to Scribner

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United States Representative Bennie G. Thompson (D-MS) announces an offer of appointment to the United States Naval Academy for the Second Congressional District.

Trevor Scribner, has been nominated by United States Congressman Bennie G. Thompson and has received an offer of appointment to the United States Naval Academy. He will graduate from Warren Central High School in May 2018. He is a member of NJROTC where he is the executive officer. He is a member of The 25 Club, students who have made a 25 or higher on the ACT.

Trevor is an active member



Scribner

of his community belonging to the local youth group at Crossway Church in Vicksburg, Miss. He's currently a member of the Mu Alpha Theta, the school's math honor society. He has re-

ceived numerous awards for his achievements such as the Order of the Daedalians Junior ROTC Achievement Award and the Surface Navy Association Stephen Decatur Award for leadership. Trevor is the son of Jon and Kelly Scribner residing in Vicksburg.

Scribner received a "Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition" in recognition of his offer of appointment to the United States Naval Academy and for outstanding academic achievement.

If you are interested in attending a Military Academy, you may contact Cedric Watkins, academy representative at (662) 741-9003 or via e-mail at cedric.watkins@mail.house.gov

Gov. Bryant sets special election date for House District 77

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Gov. Phil Bryant has set July 10 as the special election date for House District 77.


The seat recently became va-

cant when Gov. Bryant appointed former Rep. Andy Gipson commissioner of agriculture and commerce. The qualifying deadline is May 21.

If no candidate receives a majority of votes on July 10, a runoff will be held July 31. District 77 encompasses parts of Rankin and Simpson counties.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



WRIT OF ELECTION

TO THE ELECTION COMMISSIONERS
OF RANKIN AND SIMPSON COUNTIES, MISSISSIPPI:

A vacancy exists in District 77 of the Mississippi House of Representatives due to the resignation of J. Andrew Gipson on April 1, 2018.

Therefore, pursuant to Article 4, Section 77 of the Mississippi Constitution of 1890 and Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-851, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby issue this Writ of Election, and hereby declare that the special election to fill the vacancy in House of Representatives District 77, as such district existed for the 2015 legislative elections, shall be held on July 10, 2018. This special election shall be held and notice thereof shall be given in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §§ 23-15-851 and 23-15-833.

Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-851, the qualifying deadline shall be May 21, 2018. Candidates shall qualify pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-339(8).


If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast in the special election, then a runoff election shall be held on July 31, 2018, in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-833.

All other relevant state laws not in conflict with the terms of this Writ of Election shall further apply.

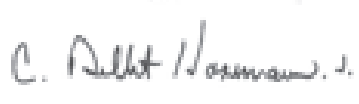
The Election Commissioners of Rankin and Simpson Counties shall govern themselves accordingly.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE at the Capitol, in the City of Jackson, this the 12th day of April, in the year of our Lord, two thousand eighteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-second.


PHIL BRYANT
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR


C. DELBERT HOSEMAN, JR.
SECRETARY OF STATE

MDWFP and MSU to host Pond Management Workshop in Harrison County

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks (MDWFP) Fisheries Bureau and the Mississippi State University Extension Service are hosting a pond management workshop in Harrison County. The workshop will be held in the MSU Coastal Research and Extension Center located at 1815 Popps Ferry Road in Biloxi Thursday, April 26 at 6:30 p.m.

Those interested in attend-

ing this workshop are asked to pre-register by calling the Harrison County Extension Service Office at (228) 865-4227.

An hour-long presentation will include topics on pond design, fish stocking, harvest, vegetation control, liming and fertilization. A question-and-answer period will follow.

"This workshop will provide the information and know-how for private pond owners to get the most out

of their pond," said MDWFP Fisheries Biologist Stephen Brown. "We will cover a wide variety of pond management topics, and this session will be a great way for us to help pond owners achieve their goals."

For more information regarding fishing in Mississippi, visit our website at www.mdwfp.com or call us at (601) 432-2212. Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/mdwfp or on Twitter at www.twitter.com/MDWFPonline.

Hinds County Human Resource Agency meets 100 percent of CSBG management and accountability standards

The Mississippi Link Newswire

On March 19, 2018, Hinds County Human Resource Agency (HCHRA) received notice from the Mississippi Department of Human Services that following a review by the Division of Community Services, HCHRA was found to have met 100 percent of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Program organization standards for 2017.

The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community Services (OCS), a federal entity, requires states to establish a set of organizational standards as part of performance management and accountability for

the CSBG Program. In the case of Hinds County Human Resource Agency, the Mississippi Department of Human Services has both the authority and responsibility for oversight for the agency's CSBG Program.

The standards by which HCHRA's performance was measured were designed to ensure that the agency has a capacity to provide high-quality services to low-income families and communities. During its review, the Division of Community Services looked at HCHRA's consumer input and involvement, community engagement, community assessment, organizational

leadership, board governance, strategic planning, human resource management and financial operations and oversight.

"To go from achieving 95 percent of the standards in 2016, to meeting 100 percent in 2017, is a testament to our commitment to continuous improvement," said Kenn Cockrell, HCHRA president and CEO. "We will continue to work to maintain the high standard of excellence that has been set."

For more information on the organizational standards for CSBG eligible programs, visit www.nascsp.org/Performance-Management/967/Organizational-Standards.aspx.

Passion for the work of God

PART 1

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



A good salesman, if he truly wants to sell the truth, has to have passion. The word passion means, “a strong, earnest feeling or desire.” We must have a strong desire, a love for people and a love to see souls saved. To be a good salesman, we need to have a strong passion for what we sell. A Christian will care about this great salvation that God has entrusted to him, not just so he can be saved, but so he can pass it on to others. To sell the truth we must have a strong passion for it and a longing for more of it. For me, I want more of God and more of the Spirit of God in my life. We need to desire to see other lives changed. A Christian wants to see the world saved.

Have we ever thought what it would be like to live in a world where everybody was saved? That would be like Heaven. To see souls saved from the bondage of sin ought to give us a greater passion for the work of the Lord. The only way we are going to see souls won to the Kingdom of God is to get out into the neighborhoods, communities, malls, families and spread the Gospel.

We need to dig deep into the Word of God, study it and live it as we learn it. Do we look for doors of opportunities to talk with people about God? When we see a door of utterance open, do we move right through it or do we hesitate? We must have the determination to speak when God says to speak. If God impresses us to say something, He has a reason for telling us to say it; that person needs to hear it. Maybe God is dealing

with their heart and that one little thing that we say could bring them to salvation.

My friends, when God tells us to say something to someone; we should say it. We need to be determined, no matter whether it is a little old lady or a big, burly man. We need to be determined and talk to that person no matter who it is. We must not allow fear to get hold of us. We can overcome fear through the help of God.

Do we look for doors of opportunity? Do we have the determination to sell this Gospel? If we truly love this truth, we will have the determination to tell people about it. When we first got saved, we were excited and wanted to tell everyone about it. The sad part is, lots of times that excitement dwindles. We lose the enthusiasm that we had when we first got saved. We need to be reminded of

what God has done for us. He saved our soul!

If it was not for God, we would probably be in hell or in jail. Only the grace of God could save us and help us through difficult situations. Why should we not want to tell others all about what Christ has done for us?

We are determined to sell the truth. We read these words in Proverbs 11:30, “The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that wineth souls is wise.” A wise person is a model of a meaningful life. Leading people to God is important because it keeps us in touch with God while offering others eternal life.

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Scandalized: The Gospel according to Olivia Pope revisited

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



A few years ago, I wrote about the success of Scandal which was then one of the most popular and intriguing shows on network television. It was one of the hit television show from Shonda Rimes, creator of Grey’s Anatomy and one of the few African-American female producers in Hollywood.

As the television show ends its groundbreaking run on ABC this season, I’d like to revisit what I wrote. Some may have grown weary of the “crazy-twisty” drama of the show (for example, the on again off again relationship between Olivia and Pres. Fitz Grant) but the show’s treatment of the ethics of truth will be one of the things that it will be best remembered for.

forgiveness and honoring commitment.

Olivia Pope was played with a complex mix of passion and vulnerability by Kerry Washington. When dealing with her clients, Olivia always encouraged and, in some cases, demanded they tell her the truth about whatever unfortunate situation they are in. If they hesitated, she made it clear that she could not help them if they did not tell her the truth. Despite her many failings, as the show’s last few episodes illustrated, Olivia returned to this ideal of the importance of telling the truth.

Interestingly, one of the most repeated lines from the show was “It’s a dirty little secret and dirty little secrets always come out.” Olivia’s insistence on the truth was similar to Jesus reminding us in John 8:32 that the “truth will make us free.”


Once her clients were set free from the bondage that resulted from their lies, Olivia then developed a usually successful strategy of how to best deal with the situation. Ironically, the show also showed how Olivia’s “dirty little secrets” negatively impacted her life.

Inspired by real life crisis management expert Judy Smith, the show was full of intriguing political and personal relationships. However, despite the positive reviews and high ratings, not everyone liked the show. Some believed the show was an unsavory mixture of lies and betrayal that glorified deception. In other words, it often showed the worst of human behavior. True enough, there were love triangles, extra marital affairs and lots of lies.

What was at the heart of the show wasn’t the graphic love scenes or even the multiple layers of deceit. The heart of the show was how the characters responded to challenging and stressful situations. In some instances, the fictionalized story lines were seen as contemporary examples of the importance of telling the truth,

Is there a biblical truth here? Luke 8:17 says, “For there is nothing hidden that will not be disclosed, and nothing concealed that will not be known or brought out into the open.” In other words, no matter how well you think you may have hidden something or how good the lie, the truth will eventually come out.

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Will the Lame Duck quack?

By Julianne Malveaux
NNPA News Wire Columnist



The rats are leaping off the sinking ship. Paul Ryan says he wants to spend more time with his teenagers, but he likely also doesn't want to be part of the losses Republicans are likely to experience in November (unless the Dems mess up, which is not impossible). By April 13, there were 41 Republicans who said they would not run for re-election, for varying reasons or no reason at all. Ryan's citing of personal reasons seems disingenuous. Most teens aren't clamoring for more daddy time. Many of them hardly speak to their parents.

Ryan says he will serve out his term, and serve out his speakership, but his announcement has caused chaos in his party. And, while he has not used his announcement to criticize his president, many think that he has had about enough of making excuses for the man who wants to grab women by the genitals, threaten North Korea and Syria, build walls, indulge in racist rants and more. Since Ryan is so interested in spending time with his children, how does he explain 45 to his teens, especially to his 16-year-old daughter?

At about the same time Ryan announced that he would not run again, Florida Republican Congressman Dennis Ross made the same announcement to his staff. In a CNN interview shortly afterward, he cited "party polarization and the "lack of civility and respect" as part of his reason for not running. He also exhibits his own intellectually limited pettiness by throwing too much shade on some of the young people who have emerged as activists in Florida. Young people, he says, know how to protest, but they don't know "the process." It seems to me that the Parkland students and others they have joined with have exhibited enough knowledge of "the process" to get Florida legislators to change a few laws. And these young people promise to be an electoral force in 2018. Maybe that's why Republicans are leaping off the Titanic as it is poised to hit an iceberg.

The party that captured the presidency typically loses some Senatorial and Congressional seats in

a mid-term election. Sixty-three Democrats surely did in 2010, partly because of resistance to the Affordable Care Act, and partly because of resistance to President Obama himself. But fewer than 20 Democrats chose not to run for reelection. So far, a record 41 Republican rats are jumping off 45's sinking ship. Some of them are talking openly of impeachment, given continuing developments in the Mueller probe. Others are repulsed by the drip drip revelations of 45's immoral behavior. Still, others are concerned about the ways the Oval Office has become a piggy bank for the president and his family. The Republican family is a fractured one and they are cruising for a bruising.

Ryan says he did what he came to do in Washington – he shepherded through a tax reform bill that "simplified" our taxes. But the man who was known as a deficit hawk also passed out corporate goodies as if they were girl scout cookies, and had a role in increasing the deficit to more than a trillion dollars. If that's what he came to do, he might as well hang his conservative mantle up. These next few months will be interesting as the lame duck speaker attempts to manage legislation and, perhaps, attack social programs like Medicare and Social Security.

But will the lame duck speaker quack? He has little to lose now that he says he will not run for his congressional seat again. He also says he will not run for office, but who believes that? Further, his best qualification to run for office might be the ways, in these next few months, he challenges the president that he is clearly repulsed by. Will he be a champion for true conservatism, not the cronyism that 45 embodies? Will he raise questions about the crooked practices of Cabinet members who have never met a charter plane they could not pass up? The lame duck could provide a service to his party and to our nation if he would simply quack. But he may have been too compromised to open his mouth.

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50 years after the Fair Housing Act, America has a long way to go toward ending segregation

By Marc H. Morial
President and CEO
National Urban League



"The housing problem is particularly acute in the minority ghettos. Nearly two-thirds of all non-white families living in the central cities today live in neighborhoods marked with substandard housing and general urban blight. Two major factors are responsible. First: Many ghetto residents simply cannot pay the rent necessary to support decent housing. In Detroit, for example, over 40 percent of the non-white occupied units in 1960 required rent of over 35 percent of the tenants' income. Second: Discrimination prevents access to many non-slum areas, particularly the suburbs, where good housing exists. In addition, by creating a 'back pressure' in the racial ghettos, it makes it possible for landlords to break up apartments for denser occupancy, and keeps prices and rents of deteriorated ghetto housing higher than they would be in a truly free market." – Report of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders (the Kerner Commission), 1968

Former Vice President Walter Mondale, who co-sponsored the Fair Housing Act along with Edward Brooke, the first popularly elected African-American U.S. Senator, was interviewed this week on the occasion of the Act's 50th anniversary.

"There's been a struggle to get the Fair Housing Act recognized as real law, and enforce it at the state and local

level," he said. "I would say we haven't done very well at it. I think it has made significant progress possible in America, but we're not there yet."

According to Mondale, a significant problem with enforcement of the Fair Housing Act was proving intent. He was encouraged by a 2015 Supreme Court ruling that found that only impact, and not intent, was necessary to prove discrimination. But, he said, he had little faith that the current administration would aggressively enforce the law.

Indeed, just last month, the National Urban League and other civil rights groups reacted with horror to a decision by Housing and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson to strike the words "inclusive" and "free from discrimination" from HUD's mission statement.

Around the same time, news broke that the head of the department's Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Division had ordered a hold on the fair housing investigations given the highest priority by Secretary Carson's predecessor.

In late 2016, HUD opened an investigation into a report that Facebook allowed advertisers to exclude black, Hispanic and Asian-American users from seeing their ads. One of Carson's first actions upon taking office was to kill the investigation. Carson also tried to cancel a program created under President Obama that would make it easier for housing voucher recipients to move to more stable neighborhoods. A federal court blocked the move.

Fair housing has been a top priority of the Urban League Movement since our founding more than a century ago. Among the seven objectives outlined in the founding documents of the Committee on Urban Conditions Among Negroes – later renamed the National Urban League – was a focus on housing conditions, employment opportunities and business development.

Urban League programs have helped millions of Americans prepare for and buy a home, prevent mortgage default and foreclosure, achieve financial literacy and manage credit and learn how to enforce their rights as tenants and borrowers.

It's impossible to extricate economic justice and fair housing. According to a Harvard study, moving from a high-poverty neighborhood to a low-poverty neighborhood raised incomes, improved college attendance and reduced teen-age pregnancy. Zip code can predict life expectancy better than genetic code.

That's why the nation must prioritize fair housing. Fifty years after the passage of Fair Housing Act, it's clear that we are not. As we said in our letter to Secretary Carson:

"You have spoken of the squalid conditions of your childhood neighborhood in Boston; you have experienced first-hand the demoralizing wounds of segregation and racism, and for a time, according to your spokesman, benefited from the safety net of housing subsidy. You must bring these experiences to bear in your responsibility to uphold the duties of your office."

Winnie Mandela bore the scars of battle, helped heal a nation

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



Winnie Madikizela Mandela has been laid to rest and honored at a state funeral in South Africa. To many, she was loved as the "mother of the nation" even in her final days.

When the roll is called of freedom fighters who changed the world and made it better, the name Winnie Mandela will rank near the top of the list.

She was the fourth of eight children born to two teachers in what is now Eastern Cape Province in South Africa. Her Xhosa name was Nomzamo (She who tries).

Despite all the obstacles of apartheid, she graduated from college and moved to Johannesburg as the city's first black social worker. Her research on the high infant mortality rate in a black township was central to her politicization.

At the age of 22, she met and married a young lawyer and anti-apartheid activist, Nelson Mandela. They had two daughters together before he was sentenced to Robben Island, where he was kept for the next 27 years. Even before Mandela was locked away, she was active in the anti-apartheid movement, jailed while pregnant for two weeks for participating in a women's protest against apartheid.

With Mandela in jail and other leaders exiled or jailed, Winnie Mandela became the public face and voice of the anti-apartheid movement. She had children to raise and a nation to help emancipate.

Few outside of South African knew much about the ANC or Nelson Mandela or Robben Island where he was locked away out of sight. This is before cell phones, social media or cable networks. For 27 years, she was his voice, his social media, his Facebook, spread-



Mandela

ing the word, keeping the faith. She faced death threats, house arrest, torture, internal exile, banishment, isolation and government slander. She took the hits within and without. But she never bowed. She never surrendered.

Upon her death, South African President Cyril Ramaphosa paid public tribute to her sacrifice and leadership: "For many years, she bore the brunt of the senseless brutality of the apartheid state with stoicism and fortitude. Despite the hardship, she faced she never doubted that the struggle for freedom and democracy would triumph and succeed." I will never forget the Sunday morning when she left Robben Island with Nelson Mandela, even as he forgave the prison guards that had kept them apart.

"The wife of a freedom fighter is often like a widow, even when her husband is not in prison," Mandela wrote. And he added: "Winnie gave me cause for hope. I felt as though I had a new and second chance at life. My love for her gave me the added strength for the struggles that lay ahead."

Winnie Mandela was always admired and loved by the people she helped to free. She served in parliament from 1994 to 2003, on the National Executive Committee of the African Na-

tional Congress and was the head of its Women's League. Winnie and I talked for many hours about liberation and life, hopes and dreams in South Africa, Europe and the United States. One of the last times I saw her was in Selma, Ala. She had traveled to that small, historic city to join in honoring the struggle against apartheid in America.

The punishment she suffered took a brutal toll physically and psychologically. She and Mandela divorced a few years after his release, and as she later regretted, in the midst of the struggle, "things went terribly wrong." In 2003, after being convicted for her misdeeds, she resigned from the parliament and the ANC Executive Committee.

Her political career seemed finished. But she internalized her pain, paid for her mistakes and kept moving forward. She was knocked down, but she always got up. She knew the ground is no place for a champion. The love and respect of her people never left her. In 2009, the ANC, which had condemned her earlier misdeeds, listed her near the top of their election list, a true testament to her enduring popularity.

South African apartheid was a remorseless system of repression, as a small white minority brutalized an African majority. Standing up to that system took immense courage and required great sacrifice. By her stripes, many are healed and apartheid is behind us. She lived the first 50 years of her life under a violent racial apartheid system and now she goes on to live in eternal peace. Now she stands with the righteous judge of all nations and all people.

For years, Nelson Mandela and the ANC were labeled terrorists by a U.S. government that saw the apartheid government as its ally. Against those odds, Winnie Mandela stood tall. She fought for freedom and demanded respect. I am proud to join with millions across the world in paying her that respect.

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PROJECT NO. 7000-005-18
APRIL 18, 2018

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (“JMAA”) requests Proposals (“Proposal”) for a Real Estate Property Brokerage Service to (i) to provide commercial real estate brokerage and advisory services and (ii) to oversee JMAA’s efforts to secure developers for JAN with emphasis on the East Metro Corridor property and Hawkins Field property.

JMAA will receive Proposals at the offices of JMAA, Suite 300, Main Terminal Building, Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39208, until 3:00 p.m. Central Standard Time on May 30, 2018 (the “Deadline”).

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

for Respondents from JMAA by contacting Ms. Robin Byrd, JMAA’s Procurement Manager, as follows:

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

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

JMAA will hold a Pre-Submission Conference at 10:00 a.m. Central Standard Time on May 2, 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 encouraged for all those interested in submitting Proposals as a Prime Consultant for the Services and persons seeking opportunities to provide work as a Sub-Consultant. The benefits of attendance include networking opportunities between Prime Consultant and Sub-Consultants, as well as the opportunity to be on a list of contacts that will be published to interested parties as part of the minutes from the Pre-Submission Conference, and a detailed review of the scope of work. No additional conferences or meetings will be scheduled.

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

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25035	2004	NISSAN MAXIMA	1N4BA41E54C925875
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25183	2011	DODGE RAM	1D7R81G9P85672775
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25278	2001	BUICK REGAL	2G4WB55K711157618
25332	1995	TOYOTA CAMRY	4T1SK12E8SU575598
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26025	2014	BMW 328I	WBA3A5G58ENN66312
26031	2006	HONDA ACCORD	1HGCMS6776A130283
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27081	2000	TOYOTA CAMRY	4T1B622K7YU635635
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REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS
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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

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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
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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.

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REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS
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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

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FOR ON CALL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES
BY THE JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
JMAA PROJECT NUMBER: 019-17A

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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.

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601-981-1227 – P
601-983-4444 – F
Attn: Preston McKay – Project Manager

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BY THE JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
JMAA PROJECT NUMBER: 020-17B

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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 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

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Dream comes true for Jackson State's new head women's basketball coach

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From 1400 Murrah Drive to 1400 J.R. Lynch Street. Former Murrah Lady Mustang and former Jackson State Lady Tigers graduate assistant coach, Tomekia Reed returns home to lead the Lady Tigers, this time as the head coach.

Reed has been coaching for 14 years. Beginning at the junior college level at South Georgia Technical College, Coach Reed realized she wanted to be involved with women's basketball in some way. She came to Jackson State as a graduate assistant, within 30 days, she was promoted to second assistant coach and the following year, first assistant coach.

From JSU, she moved on to University of Louisiana Lafayette for a season. Reed came back to Mississippi working in Hattiesburg at Southern Mississippi. While there, USM had the number 1 recruiting class in the state, with Reed being an integral part of the recruiting. Reed would have stops at Louisiana Tech and the University of New Orleans before landing the head coaching job at Hinds Community College.

Taking over at Hinds was a challenge. The women's program had not been respected in over 15 seasons. Losing was a part of the norm. During Reed's first season (2015-2016), she finished 10 & 13; first time Hinds' Lady Bulldogs reached double digit victories in a long time.

Pounding the pavement, Reed and her coaching staff, brought in more recruits, instilled work ethics and discipline and went on to have one of the most successful seasons in Hinds' history. They finished the regular season, 18 & 5, and reached the NJCAA Region 23 Title Game.

Hinds did not reach the championship game this past season, but still managed to have a winning season. They won their first 10 games of the season, to reach 10 & 0 for the first time in school history. During her tenure at Hinds, Reed won over 45 games in 3 seasons.

When she left JSU, she knew she wanted to come back one day as the head coach. Described as her "Dream Job," Reed takes over the reigns from Surina Dixon. Dixon went 82-93 overall and 55-53 in the SWAC in 6 seasons.

Reed explained her vision for the program. Some of the goals she outlined include: (1) Graduate all her students on time (2) Provide a quality college experience; wants players and former players to be excited about the program and help recruit (3) Develop women for life after college; character development will be big (4) Culture of discipline (5) Set the bar high again; JSU was on top when she was an assistant coach.

Candidates from all over the country applied for the women's basketball job. Assistant coaches from SEC schools, former head coaches, current head coaches of programs as well. Jackson State University President Bynum commended the committee on their diligent work.

Now the fun begins. One of the first things Reed has to do is recruit players. It's late in the game for next season, but isn't entirely over. Most top players have committed and signed.

Reed said that she wanted to get to know the players currently on roster, learn their strengths and weaknesses.

Tiger fans can expect a high-octane team next season. Up tempo offensive, in your face defense. Reed is an energetic coach who gets after it. She will be able to attract local players to stay home as well as bring players from other parts of the country. Expectations will be high, but if her tenure at Hinds is an indication, success will be high also.



Reed

Mhotsha, Nawa earn all-conference honors at SWAC championships



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A shorthanded Alcorn State University women's golf program finished fourth after two rounds at the 2018 SWAC Championships Monday and Tuesday at Oak Wing Golf Club.

The Lady Braves registered a pair of top-10 finishes. Junior Ouname Mhotsha placed sixth with a 161 (+17) score, while freshman Celestine Nawa ended in eighth after carding a 167 (+23).

As a result, both Mhotsha and Nawa landed on the All-Conference Second-Team. Alcorn was without its No. 1 golfer Jahaanvie Walia who had to withdraw due to injury. The freshman came in with a team-best 78.4 scoring average per round.

"We played in very tough conditions that included high winds, slick greens and tough pin placements. With our No. 1 player Jahaanvie out with a rib injury and only four players it was going to be a long shot for us at best," said head coach Kent Smith.

"Congrats to Ouname and Celestine for earning All-Conference. They have a high ceiling for next year and

can be very good players."

Junior Sammye Schroer showed tremendous improvement over the course of the season and turned in a 194 (+50). Senior Abrea Grant tallied a 198 (+54) in her final appearance as a Lady Brave.

"Sam and Abrea got so much better this year. They worked so hard and gave it their all. That's all a coach can ask for," Smith said.

The men's team is also in action and has one more round to play tomorrow.

Final Women's Team Standings

1. Alabama State, 626 (+50)

2. Texas Southern, 665 (+89)

3. Prairie View A&M, 700 (+144)

4. Alcorn, 720 (+144)

Final Women's Individual Standings

6. Ouname Mhotsha, 80-81—161 (+17)

8. Celestine Nawa, 85-82—167 (+23)

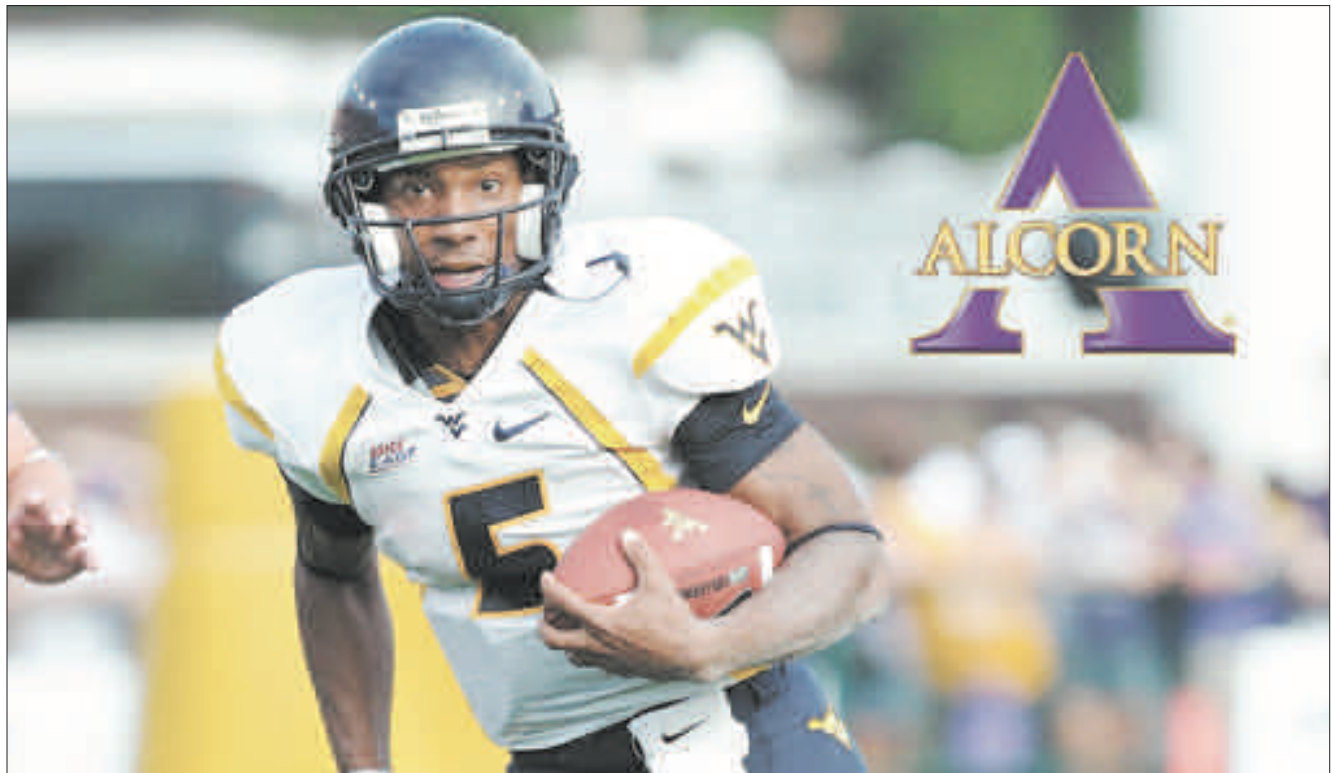
17. Sammye Schroer, 96-98—194 (+50)

19. Abrea Grant, 97-109—198 (+54)

20. Jahaanvie Walia, WD

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College football sensation Pat White joins Alcorn staff as quarterbacks coach



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A dream come true for both sides unites the Alcorn State University football program with its new quarterbacks coach Pat White, head coach Fred McNair announced.

White, a former West Virginia University superstar, quarterbacked the Mountaineers to a 42-9 record in four years. He was second all-time in total yardage from scrimmage with 10,529 yards and rushed for a then collegiate record of 4,480 yards. White rushed for 47 touchdowns and threw for 56 and is the only player in Big East history to ever account for over 100 touchdowns from any position.

"I've always dreamed of being on the sidelines at an HBCU school. I grew up on HBCU sports and both of my parents went to HBCU schools. For me growing up, it was always HBCU all-day, every day," White said. "I went to college with, and graduated with coach [Ryan] Stanchek and we were very successful as teammates at WVU. The goal for me is to come to Alcorn and win championships."

WVNews reported that White is arguably the best quarterback to ever play at WVU. He's a two-time Big East Player of the Year winner and was a Heisman candidate in both 2007 and 2008.

"Pat is going to be a great addition for us. He's been on campus and has gotten a chance to meet some of the student-athletes already and will be a great mentor and coach for them," McNair said. "I know Pat is excited to be here and he'll help us both coaching and recruiting. We're very happy to have him and we know he'll make a big impact for our program."

White and Alcorn's offensive coordinator Ryan Stanchek were teammates at WVU from 2004 to 2008, playing on four winning bowl teams. It included BCS victories in the 2006 Sugar Bowl and the 2008 Fiesta Bowl. Stanchek was an offensive lineman that blocked for White.

"Being a former teammate, Pat's leadership, toughness and competitiveness

were unmatched on the field. Pat White is a winner," Stanchek said. "I'm excited for Pat to share his knowledge with our quarterbacks and our football team. Coach McNair hit a grand slam with this hire."

After graduating from WVU, White was drafted in the second round of the 2009 NFL Draft by the Miami Dolphins. He later played professionally with the Virginia Destroyers in the United Football League, the Washington Redskins and the Edmonton Eskimos in the Canadian Football League from 2011-14.

White played stints in professional baseball as an outfielder with the Anaheim Angels and in the minor leagues with the Kansas City Royals and Miami Marlins.

A native of Daphne, Alabama, White rushed for 1,905 and 31 touchdowns his senior year at Daphne HS while passing for 1,488 yards and 15 touchdowns. He also won two state championships as both a pitcher and outfielder in baseball.

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NAOMIE HARRIS

THE “RAMPAGE” INTERVIEW

By Kam Williams
Columnist

Naomie Harris was recently seen in the Academy Award-winning Best Picture, Moonlight. Naomie was nominated for an Oscar, Golden Globe, Screen Actors Guild and BAFTA Award for her tour de force performance as the protagonist’s mother, Paula.

She is set to appear next in director Andy Serkis’ feature adventure, Mowgli, as a member of a stellar cast that includes Benedict Cumberbatch, Christian Bale and Cate Blanchett. The film is slated to be released in the fall of this year.

Naomie reprised her role as Money Penny in the latest installment of the James Bond franchise, Spectre, opposite Daniel Craig. She was first seen as the iconic character in Skyfall, directed by Sam Mendes, which won the 2013 BAFTA Film Award for Outstanding British Film and went on to be Sony Pictures’ highest-grossing film ever, with a worldwide box office of over \$918 million.

In 2013, she played Winnie Mandela in Mandela: Long Walk To Freedom, opposite Idris Elba. Her other screen credits include: Collateral Beauty, opposite Will Smith; Our Kind Of Traitor, opposite Ewan McGregor; Antoine Fuqua’s Southpaw, opposite Jake Gyllenhaal; The First Grader; Sex & Drugs & Rock & Roll; Pirates Of The Caribbean: At World’s End; Pirates Of The Caribbean: Dead Man’s Chest; Miami Vice; After The Sunset; and 28 Days Later.

Here, she talks about co-starring with Dwayne Johnson in Rampage, an action-oriented monster flick set in Chicago.

Kam Williams: Hi Naomie. I’m honored to have another opportunity to speak with you.

Naomie Harris: Oh, it’s an honor to speak with you, too, Kam.

KW: This is my first interview with you since your Oscar nomination for Moonlight. Congratulations.



NH: Thank you so much. That’s really sweet.

KW: You really did a phenomenal job of disappearing into that role. And because of the picture’s modest budget, you had to cram all your scenes into three days of shooting.

NH: Yes, we only had three days, which actually turned out to be wonderful because instead of waiting around in a trailer, I got to spend all my time working.

KW: All the buzz after the premiere the other night was about your gold dress.

NH: Really?

KW: Yes. It was stunning. Who’s the designer?

NH: Miu Miu.

KW: Who designed your accoutrements?

NH: I wore David Webb jewelry and shoes by Jimmy Choo.

KW: Well, it all blended beautifully.

KW: What interested you in Rampage?

NH: In Moonlight, I had such a dark, harrowing role. Coming off of that film, I wanted to do something relatively lighthearted that would offer me the opportunity to have fun. I also wanted to work with Beau [Flynn] again. He produced my first Hollywood movie [After the Sunset]. I’ve always loved Beau and admired his work. And Brad [Peyton] is a very passionate director who got me so excited by his enthusiasm that I couldn’t wait to start working on the project. It was almost contagious. I knew that working with him was going to be a lot of fun. That turned out to be true, since every day was quite an adventure on the set. He’s an

amazing human being and a fantastic director. And then there was The Rock. I wanted to work with Dwayne [Johnson]. He’s a rarity in how he exudes such charisma and appeals to the entire family: men, women and children alike. So, I was very eager to work with him as well.

KW: He and Brad have a successful track record together, having collaborated on San Andreas and Journey 2.

NH: Yes, I observed a wonderful bond and a great shorthand between them which was very helpful and great to see on set.

KW: I loved those light moments, like when Dwayne’s character moans, “Of course, the wolf flies.”

NH: I know. They’re fantastic!

KW: I enjoyed this monster movie more than The Shape of Water. Rampage went in the direction I was hoping Shape was headed.

NH: That’s funny. That would’ve made it a completely different kind of film.

KW: Did you play the Rampage video game growing up?

NH: No, I didn’t play it as a child. I wasn’t really a gamer. But I love the nods to the game sprinkled throughout the movie. A lot of the computer game’s fans are going to appreciate that.

KW: What was it like acting opposite Jason Liles, the giant albino gorilla?

NH: It was great, because I thought we’d just have a tennis ball or a gorilla head, if we were lucky, to act off of, because that’s what you normally get in this kind of movie. But Brad felt that

we needed something more substantial to react to, so he brought on Jason who gave a fantastic performance. He was so emotive and really gave us a lot to react to.

KW: Despite being classically-trained at the Old Vic [in Bristol], you’re no stranger to the action genre. I first interviewed you for Ninja Assassin and later for the Bond flick Skyfall.

NH: [Giggles] Ninja Assassin! That’s really going back a ways. The stunt work for that film was much more demanding and involved a lot more training. And I also ended up with a lot more bruises. Rampage was much kinder on my body, since most of the acting was against a green screen.

KW: I recently read the announcement that they’re doing Bond 25. You must be excited about that.

NH: Yes, I’m really, really ex-

cited. Kam, you know that most of the time spent as an actor you’re sort of a gypsy, traveling around the world. You don’t really belong anywhere, in a sense. You uproot your life and, in this case, go off to Atlanta, where we shot Rampage. After three or four months there, you come back home for a while before heading somewhere else. There’s very little continuity. What I like about Bond is how it offers me a kind of family that I get to return to. I really love that feeling and everybody involved.

KW: Do the 007 movies involve much travel?

NH: Not for me. The guys flew all over the world for Spectre, but I shot all of my scenes in London.

KW: The Viola Davis question: What’s the biggest difference between who you are at home as opposed to the person we see on the red carpet?

NH: [LOL] There’s a huge difference because the person on the red carpet has had a whole village of people help her get ready with hair and makeup and wonderful clothes. The person I am at home is much, much simpler. I’m a jeans, t-shirt and trainers girl. Yeah, that’s how I roll most days. I’m very, very casual.

KW: Who is your favorite clothes designer?

NH: You’re really into fashion, Kam, aren’t you? I don’t have one particular favorite. I love mixing up designers like Calvin Klein, Peter Pilotto and Mary Katrantzou.

KW: Thanks again for the time, Naomie, and best of luck with the film.

NH: It’s been lovely hearing your voice again, Kam.

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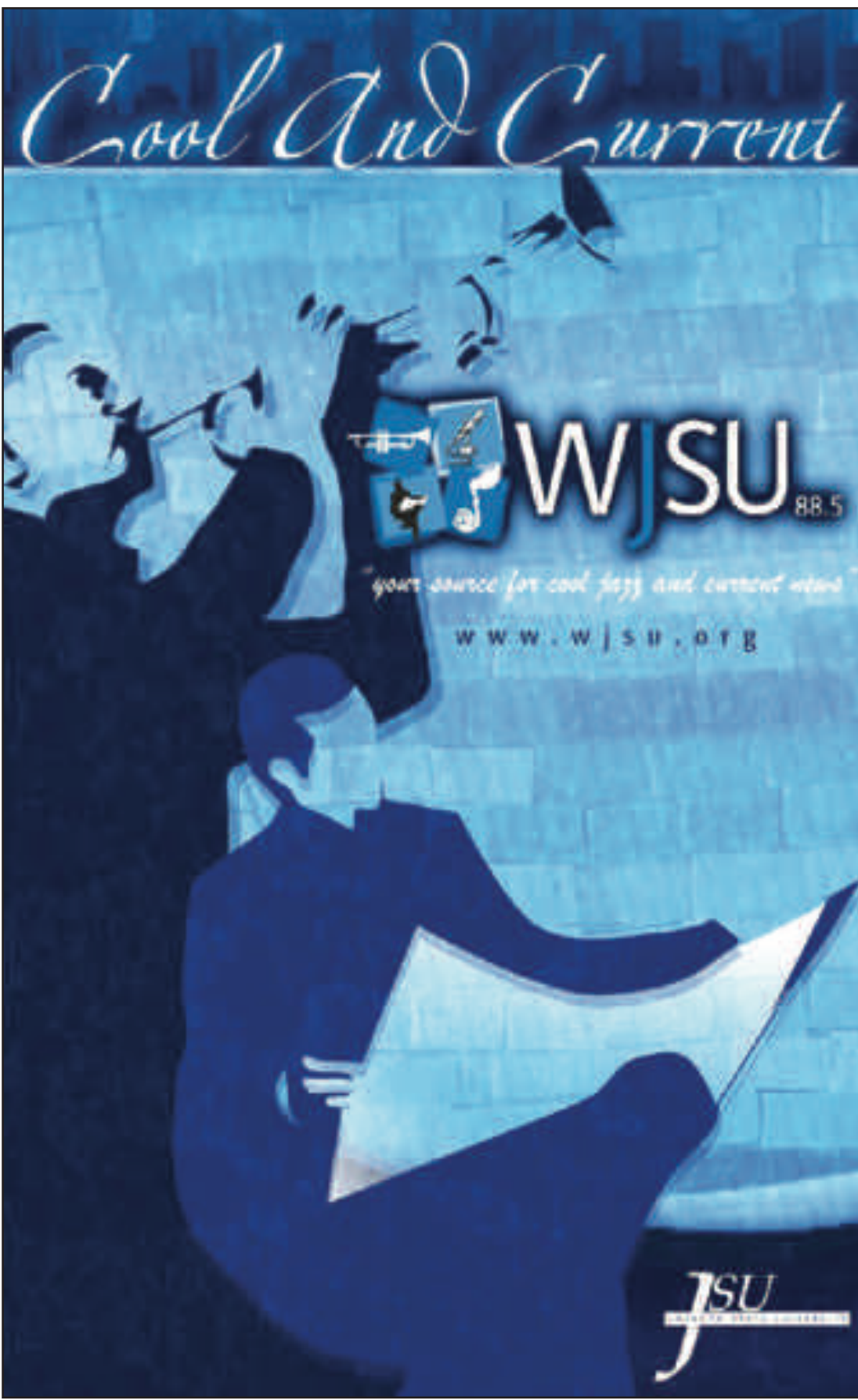
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him. She claimed that it was pay-back for all the years he was absent. She said it was a small price to pay for abandoning her. And then, just in case he had no plans to give her the cash, she uttered a name that he never wanted to hear again.

It was a name that went far into his history, one that tied him to his boss, San Bernardino, who told Swift what to do and where to be. San Bernardino was why Swift put Margaux off: he had business to take care of on the swanky side of town. Richard Garrett owed somebody some

money that he wasn’t paying, and Swift and his best friend, Joe Ellis, were told to take care of the problem.

But a quick visit to Garrett’s mansion opened a world of issues that Swift didn’t need. Joe Ellis, an “instigator” and woman-magnet, flirted with Garrett’s wife, which spun Garrett into a rage. Though Garrett promised to have the money to San Bernardino by that night, Ken Swift sensed that that wasn’t the last they’d see of him.

It wasn’t as if Swift couldn’t use more money himself. With-

out that fifty grand, Margaux was threatening to take the secret name to the police. Margaux’s mother was back in the States from Africa, and Swift realized that he was still in love with Jimi Lee. All this made him forget his girlfriend’s birthday, and Rachel Redman was threatening to return to her Russian lover. Swift was up to his neck in women with problems – a neck that was stuck far enough out to be vulnerable to attack...

One strong indicator of a good book is how eager you are to return to it. “Bad Men and Wicked

Women” surely fills that bill.

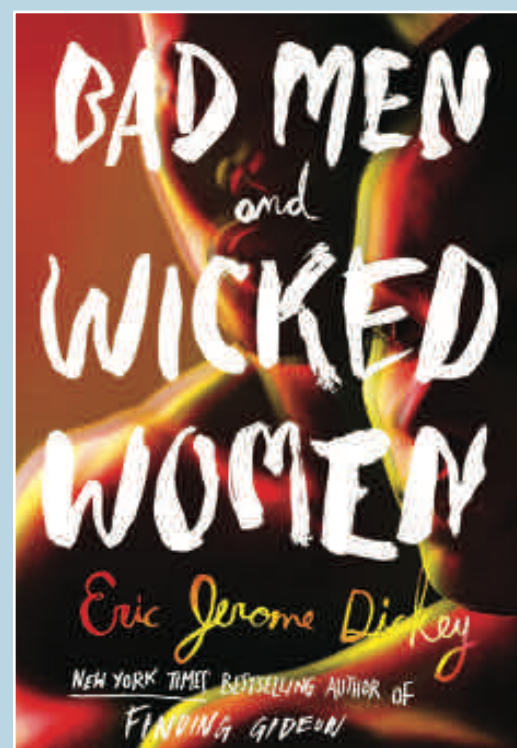
Don’t expect that feeling immediately, though. Author Eric Jerome Dickey takes his time getting to the point here; there’s plenty of fluff-dialogue in this tale that doesn’t do much but fill pages, and some that screams “TMI.”

We don’t, for instance, need several pages on one character’s intestinal problems.

What we do need is action, and it arrives in a page-turning fury that handily douses the su-

perfluosness that precedes it. Its presence is like getting your back scratched: it puts you in a mood and you don’t want it to end. Indeed, larger-than-life scenarios are near-hallmarks in a Dickey novel, and nobody does them better.

Yes, there’s trash, flash and violence in this book but you shouldn’t be surprised. You wouldn’t want it any other way, in fact, because “Bad Men and Wicked Women” is thick with thrills.



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Local young ladies to highlight Jackson (MS) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Scholarship Pageant

Ten lovely young ladies will vie for the titles of Little Miss Jabberwock, Junior Miss Jabberwock and Miss Jabberwock in a May 6 Scholarship Pageant sponsored by the Jackson (MS) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

The pageant, themed: "Destined for Greatness, Princess in the Mirror," will be held Sunday, May 6, at 4 p.m. in the auditorium of the Clyde Muse Center, 515 Country Pl Pkwy, Pearl, MS 39208. Tickets are \$20. They are available now

from sorority members and will be available at the door.

The contestants for Little Miss Jabberwock are: Jacayla Dixon, Kai Keyes, Anna Chambers, and Londyn Reed.

Contestants for Junior Miss Jabberwock are: Laci Buchanan and Karletha Sampson.

Contestants for Miss Jabberwock are: Kiya Martin, Rekiyah Nichols, Ja'Kavlen Phillips and Amani Rucker.

The young ladies, have for the past six months, been engaged in a series of

workshops with a focus on personal development, self-esteem, wardrobe/fashion, etiquette, communications, leadership and academic success in support of their transition into young womanhood as future leaders. In keeping with the sorority's emphasis on public service, the contestants also completed a public service activity in conjunction with sorority members and attended a Father-Daughter Luncheon at College Hill Baptist Church.

This biennial event has a two-fold purpose: it celebrates academic achieve-

ment, poise, grace and beauty as well as good citizenship and the positive character of all contestants; and it serves as a fundraiser to support the programs under Delta Sigma Theta Sorority's Five Point Programmatic Thrust – Arts and Letters, Economic Development, Educational Development, Political Awareness and Involvement and Physical and Mental Health.

The concept of Jabberwock is traced to Lewis Carroll's poem in his famous book, Alice in Wonderland, as the mythi-

cal creature called together members of his kingdom to put on a show at least once a year.

"Jabberwock 2018 "Princess in the Mirror, Destined for Greatness," will be an evening of elegance and entertainment for families, churches and the community.

For tickets and additional information, contact Special Projects Committee Chair Linda Rush at (601) 260-1152 or visit www.jacksonmsalumnae.org. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

Little Miss Jabberwock Contestants



Jacayla A. Dixon

Daughter of Charles and Shaundra Kinnebrew Dixon



Kia Keyes

Daughter of Karen Nelson and Eric Keyes



Anna Chambers

Daughter of Tiffany Carter and Tim Chambers



Londyn Reed

Daughter of James and LaToya Reed

Miss Jabberwock Contestants



Kiya Martin

Daughter of Kwesi and Catina H. Martin



Rekiyah Nichols

Daughter of Kema and Richard Nichols Jr.



Ja'Kavlen Nicole Phillips

Daughter of Calvin and Geannette Phillips



Amani Rucker

Daughter of Yolanda Hayes and T'Juan Rucker



Junior Miss Jabberwock Contestants



Laci Buchanan

Daughter of Jimmy and LaTonia Buchanan

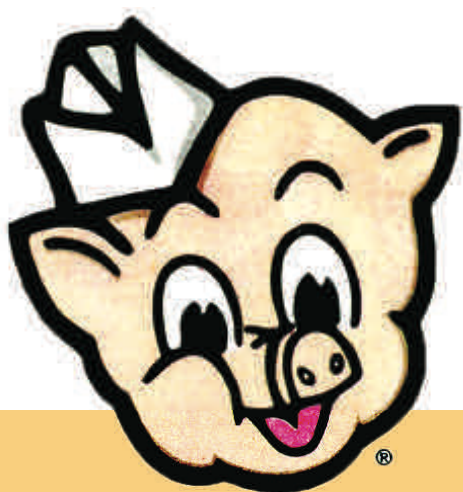


Karletha Sampson

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