



A May Day Celebration for Kingston

By Othor Cain
Editor

The family of Kingston Frazier announced this week that a May Day celebration will take place May 18-20. The schedule of events include a Block Party May 18, a Day in the Park May 19 and Family and Friends Day May 20.

As part of The Mississippi Link's continuing coverage, we decided to re-print one of our many stories covering this case.

Re-Print
According to authorities, six year old Frazier, was shot to death in the backseat of his mother's car and the car was found abandoned on a dead-end road in Madison County. The car was 15 miles from the Kroger parking lot in Jackson where it was stolen while Fraizer was asleep in the backseat.

Upon learning the news that her child had been found dead, Ebony Archie collapsed and was escorted down the stairs of the Hinds County District Attorney's Office.

"She couldn't take that news, said David Archie, Ebony's uncle. "But, I want to be very clear...this should put to rest the rumors of fam-



Frazier

ily members not being notified before law enforcement officials conducted a press conference. I was called and asked to go downtown. After pressing for information,

I was informed about Kingston's death and Ebony was told after she was finished with questioning."

Three teenage suspects are in police custody in Madison

County and are facing capital murder charges with one potentially facing the death penalty.

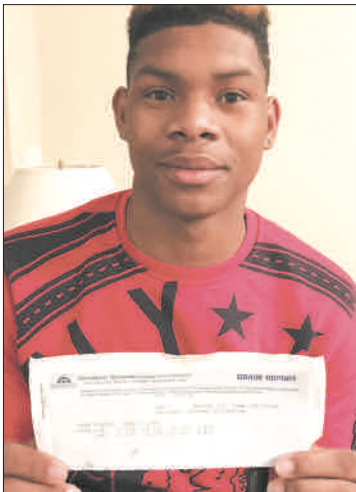
Dwan Diondro Wakefield, 17, of Ridgeland, was taken into custody by the Madison Sheriff's Department Thursday morning. DeAllen Washington, 17, turned himself in to the Hinds County Sheriff's Office Thursday afternoon. Bryon McBride Jr., 19, was taken into custody and transported to the Madison County Sheriff's Department by the U.S. Marshals late Thursday.

Hinds County District Attorney Robert Smith announced this week that the suspects would face additional charges in Hinds County including auto theft.

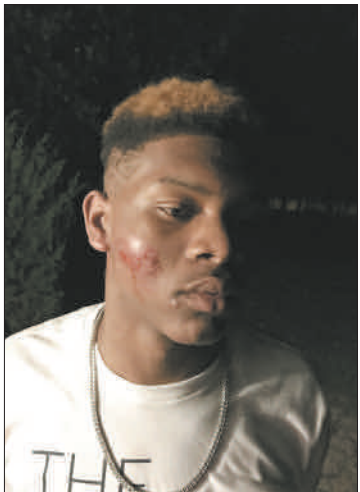
Archie said there's a lesson in this tragedy. "We need to reach out and help save the young men in our community," he said. "It's a job for all of us and if we don't do it, we will see this type of behavior continue."

Update
McBride is awaiting a mental evaluation and is charged with capital murder. Washington pled guilty and has agreed to testify against McBride and Wakefield.

Is the culture of the Jackson Police Department changing?



John Knight III holding honors report card (left) and Knight with injuries (right).



8-officer involved shootings since July 2017

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The latest changing of the guard in Jackson happened in July 2017, when the admnistrtrion of Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba moved into city hall. Five months later, Lumumba and former Jackson Police Chief Lee Vance had a parting to the ways. Vance, a 30-year veteran with the police department, retired in December 2017. Lumumba named Anthony Moore

as interim police chief in January 2018.

Since Lumumba's historic election where he defeated nine viable candidates in the democratic primary for mayor with a total of 55 percent of the vote and went on to win the city's general election by 93 percent June 6, 2017, there have been eight-officer involved shootings and four of them have been fatal.

One death, two victims and three officers are on administrative leave after being involved in a supposedly dangerous civilian encounter.

Saturday, Jan. 27, Jackson Police Department responded to a

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Take Flight – 2018 Aviation Industry Day



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By Jackie Hampton
Publisher

"It was beyond my expectations," said Jack Thomas when asked to give his assessment of the 2018 Aviation Industry Day, which was held at the Jackson Hilton, May 9. Thomas is director of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises at the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (JMAA). He said, "I am so delighted to have received so much positive feedback from those that attended."

The Take Flight event, with a focus on providing perspective, passion and innovation, was kicked off by Carl D. Newman, chief executive officer of JMAA. He extended a hearty welcome to those attending the event. Newman said, "This is a day of professional development, business networking and opportunities to develop strategic partnerships." Newman emphasized that Mississippi's airports are a critical part of the nation's multi-billion-dollar aviation industry with an economic impact of over 2.5 billion dollars.

Thomas, in describing how successful he felt the event was, said, "The quality of information

provided by the speakers and the reception from the business community was really good."

Those leading sessions included Sue Pettit of Avis Budget Group and Lee Lewis Jr. of Supply Chain Management, 'Doing Business With Car Rental Companies'; Maurice Evans, risk advisor for SouthGroup Insurance, 'How to fulfill Bonding and Insurance Requirements'; 'Pamela Confer, presentation guru, 'Mastering Your Presentation'; Sharon Carter of JMAA, 'DBE Certification'; Kenny McKine of Johnson Controls on Workplace Safety; Anthony Thompson of Kwame Building Group, 'Strategic Alliances'; L. Sherie Dean of JMAA, 'Using Social Media'; Mike Barket of MS Construction, 'Training Tomorrow's Workforce, and Elliot Marsh of The Elson Group, 'Estimating and Project Management. Each of these individuals discussed various topics of interest geared toward enabling businesses to function more efficiently.

Aletha Washington, director of the Small Business Development

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U.S. Senate candidate Baria awakens quiet race with confident plans to transform Mississippi

By Cianna Hope Reeves
Student Intern

With primary elections underway, democratic candidate David Baria plans to shift the state of Mississippi in a new direction if elected to the U.S. Senate – a seat held by Republican Roger Wicker since 2007.

For the first time in decades, citizens of the magnolia state will elect two senators in the same calendar year and Baria is indeed confident.

"I am the only one of the six people who can beat Roger Wicker in November," declared Baria.

Baria is no stranger to holding government positions. Since 2012 he has served as state representative for House District 122. Prior to becoming a representative for the state, in 2007, the democrat was elected to



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serve four years in the senate.

With 11 years of serving as the public's advocate and two of his bills being passed – making classrooms across the state en-

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Joyner asks Utica Campus grads to ‘keep on pushin’ to goals, rewarding careers

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The man who’s known as the “Hardest Working Man in Radio” and “The Fly Jock” asked this year’s graduates of Hinds Community College Utica Campus to take a page from his own book and never rest on their laurels.

“You’ve all worked hard to get here today,” nationally syndicated radio and television show host Tom Joyner told about 130 who earned credentials inside J.D. Boyd Gymnasium Sunday.

“So, turn to your neighbor and say, ‘the struggle is real.’ Some of you had financial issues. Some of you had academic issues. Some of you had problems at home. Some of you had school and jobs. Some had presentation issues – you name it. Some of you had all these issues at once. But, like the old song by The Impressions, you kept on pushin.”

The Utica Campus, which is designated an HBCU (historically black college and universities), was selected by the Tom Joyner Foundation as its June 2018 School of the Month. The program is the signature such effort of his foundation in its support of HBCUs through fundraising efforts, scholarships, endowments and capacity-building enhancements.

The Utica Campus is one of two, two-year HBCUs selected for the honor, which is traditionally reserved for four-year institutions. Annually, the Tom Joyner Foundation selects 11

HBCUs with which to partner. During the partnership, funds are raised in support of student scholarships and other initiatives to help sustain the HBCU.

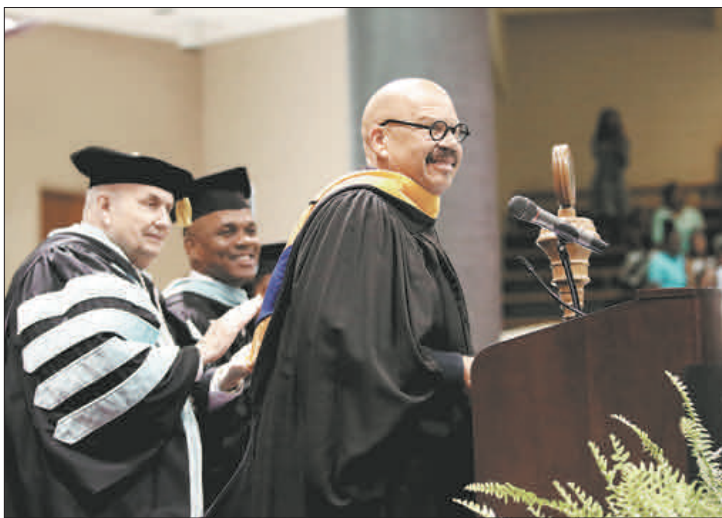
Joyner asked students to stay focused on the next step in their education and added a twist uncommon to most graduation ceremonies but common indeed for times when he delivers a keynote address at one – he gave \$5 to each graduate with a tacit pledge from each that they’d make it grow as they continued their education.

“I’ll put it in your hand, and you’ll make it grow – with your good ideas,” he said. “I want to see you add to that \$5, with some more zeroes and some commas. When I see you again, I want you to tell me you made your idea work, and how you helped someone else.”

On Saturday, Joyner visited the Mississippi Job Corps Center in Crystal Springs and attended a special program on campus recognizing his foundation’s work to support HBCUs.

“I heard so many stories there of overcoming adversity,” Joyner said of the visit, adding he was impressed by his tour of the campus. Joyner shares a hometown – Tuskegee, Ala. – with that of William H. Holtzclaw, who founded the Utica Normal and Industrial Institute in 1903, which is the Utica Campus today.

“What I love most about Hinds Community College in Utica, is that it offers something



Tom Joyner keynote speaker



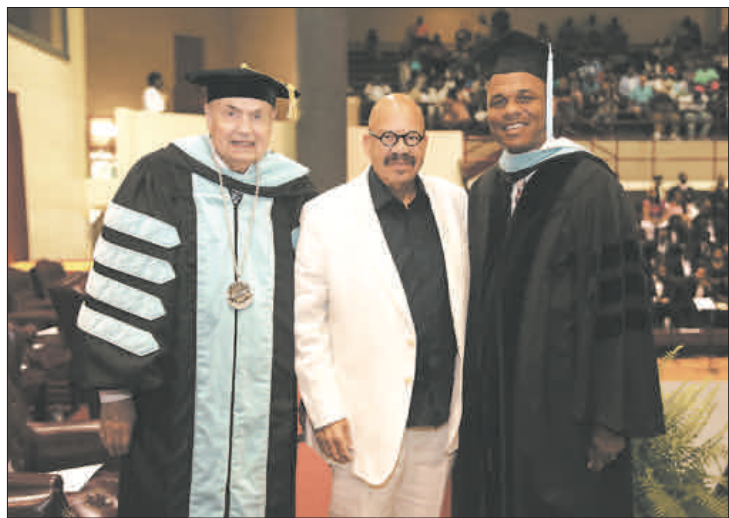
Students with \$5 bills from Joyner.

for everyone,” he said. “There’s traditional students who come straight from high school who intend on changing their direction. Whatever the situation, whatever your goals, God brought you to Hinds at the right time. Take it from me, HBCUs are the right

place to be.”

Joyner also urged students to participate in civic life to make sure their voices are heard.

“We can tweet about social injustice, we can even march about it, but nothing will happen until we vote out elected officials we



HCC Pres. Clyde Muse, Joyner, Utica Campus V.P. Tyrone Jackson



Students with \$5 bills from Joyner.

don’t believe in. It won’t happen at all unless you go vote.”

Traditional students with honors credentials walked in the grand processional into the gym side-by-side with those who took a more circuitous route to starting college.

One, Antonio Green, beamed with happiness outside the gym with his mother, Leah.

“I wanted to play football coming out of high school in New Orleans, but I’ve gone into electronics technology to start a career there,” Green said.



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Center for JSU led an informative session regarding ‘Being Credit Smart.’ Also there was a Contractors and Consultants Roundtable titled “Good Faith Efforts – are they good enough?” The discussion leaders were Barry Artz of Gregory Construction, Gennie Jones of Minority Contractors Association, Jeanne Simmons of Simmons Erosion Control and Leigh Jaunsep, managing partner of Dale Partners.

Prior to breaking for lunch there was a panel discussion on Doing Business with the State’s Airports. The panel included Robin Byrd, procurement manager of JMAA, Mike Hainsey, executive director, Golden Triangle Regional Airport and Don Shepley, director of Planning and Business Development, Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport.

This event was free to the public. Attendees included airport directors, government officials, architects, engineers, construction professionals, attorneys, real-estate professionals, insurance professionals, professional services providers, vendors and others.

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call around 7:30 a.m. that a car had been forcing another motorist off the road. As a result, 21-year-old Crystalline Barnes, was stopped by an officer on Fernwood Road.

According to multiple media reports, after the officer stopped the suspect’s vehicle and requested an additional unit for assistance, Barnes attempted to flee by driving forward almost hitting the officer and drove into the officer’s vehicle.

She then made a u-turn as the second-officer stepped out of his patrol car, while still attempting to escape from the traffic stop. As a result, the officer fired multiple rounds at the car – one hitting Barnes in the head from behind and the other bullet hitting her in the back.

Colliding with a utility pole, Barnes died at the scene, leaving two children behind, ages 2 and 5. According to family members, she was a student attending Jackson State University.

The Jackson Police Department Interim Chief Anthony Moore announced at a press conference in January, further examination of the incident would occur in a nondiscriminatory manner.

“This investigation will be fair, unbiased, and it will be thorough and complete for everyone involved,” said Moore.

Nearly four months later, the family of the victim

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ergy efficient and increasing the alcohol content of beer from 0.05 percent to 0.08 percent – the candidate is prepared to take on the challenge in Washington.

“If you are not willing to take risks, then you shouldn’t be an elected official,” said Baria.

While in the house, Baria was successful at overturning initiatives that would have completely changed the public education funding formula known as the Mississippi Adequate Education Program (MAEP) – a law that provides a formula to ensure an adequate donation for every Mississippi child.

In order to provide a better environment and resources for youth, repairing education in Mississippi continues to remain his top priority.

“We have got to have a good solid foundation through education, and for too long in Mississippi, we have not properly funded our educational system,” stated Baria.

He added, “We want [our children] to be the best, we want our teachers to be the best, we want our administrators to be the best, we want our school buildings to be the best... all of these things are critical to move Mississippi forward.”

The Democratic candidate also plans to work

with Republicans, including President Trump, to obtain financial assistance to repair 83 roads and bridges Gov. Phil Bryant ordered closed last month due to poor foundations; the state currently ranks “D+”, according to the Infrastructure Report Card.

“If [President Trump] really wants to do something about infrastructure I will work with him because there isn’t a republican pothole and a democrat pothole, everybody has to use these important facilities,” Baria admitted.

With many Mississippians suffering without healthcare coverage, hospitals selling off to conglomerates and fewer emergency room doors open, the strive to expand improved healthcare assistance is also an item on Baria’s agenda to propose if elected.

“We need healthy people, so they can go to work, so they can take their kids to school, so they can teach their children to be healthy, and we’re just doing a damn poor job in Mississippi,” expressed Baria.

The vocal contender believes not only does his experience and qualifications separate him from his rivals but also the connection he has built with Mississippians while residing his lifetime in the

state – a feature at least one of his democratic opponents doe not shares.

“I’ve spent my entire life in Mississippi... I know Mississippi people because I’ve lived with Mississippi people, and I want to help Mississippi people when I go to Washington,” declared Baria.

Having a cross-over appeal is an additional tactic he believes will land him a position on the national level.

In previous races, Baria succeeded over republican rivalries endorsed by Bryant and Lieutenant Governor Tate Reeves. With a district where majority party identifiers are republicans, 77 percent voted for the democrat, and he claims he can take that statewide.

“I have republicans who will vote for me when they might not vote for other democrats. Besides that, I have had the experience in the legislature, I am a business person and I have the endorsement of several key people like Congressman Thompson and other folks on various communities who are going to support me because they know what I am saying is true,” stated Baria.

Primary voting polls for U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives will open June 5 from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

says the Jackson Police Dept. has not been forthcoming about the external and internal affairs’ investigation that was declared.

Monday, May 14, at a news conference outside City Hall, the family’s attorney, Jason Downs, announced some of the findings of an independent investigation and that led to the discovery of the officer responsible for Barnes’ death. Downs said his investigation contradicts what the city had previously shared.

“The Jackson Police Department has utterly ignored the United States Department of Justice, so we conducted our own independent investigation,” expressed Downs.

From the lawyer’s examination, it has been concluded that JPD Officer Rakasa Adams was “directly involved in the shooting of Crystalline.”

“We have an officer who has admitted to being easily angered walking the streets of Jackson armed with a gun and a badge, and we believe these factors played a role in Adams’ unjustified decision to shoot at Crystalline,” stated Downs.

Downs also mentioned another officer by name that possibly played a role and could also be held liable for the fatal shooting but did not confirm it during the news conference. “We are continuing our investigation and we believe these factors played a

role in Adams’ unjustified decision to shoot at Crystalline,” Downs said.

The second Jackson Police confrontation has another family in an uproar about officers’ treatment against civilians.

Monday morning, John Knight posted to Facebook a graphic photo of his son, John Knight III, with a bruised face and scraped knee, along with the JPD officer evidently responsible for the attack.

After leaving a local daiquiri and bistro bar, The Skybox, Knight III was stopped by an officer on County Line Road near Olive Garden and immediately pulled over.

The policeman – whom John Knight identified as Vincent Lampkin – then yanked him out of the vehicle, slammed him face down on the pavement, and allegedly put a gun to his head without reasoning.

Knight believes his son was wrongfully assaulted by Lampkin and is sadden his son had to experience such a tragic incident.

“It’s a shame on Jackson, as a whole, to have these types of individuals that are supposed to protect and serve man-handling good young aspiring kids.”

A dean’s list scholar at Southwestern Community College and a graduate of Calloway High School, the student-athlete is headed to Utah State after receiving a basketball scholarship to further his educa-

tion and play in Division I.

Recalling the incident, Knight III said he will never forget the confrontation but will not allow it to hinder him from accomplishing his future endeavors.

He also encourages other young men who have faced similar situations to vocalize it.

“Share your story. Let everybody know and don’t be scared,” expressed Knight III.

With over 4,000 shares and counting on Facebook and after multiple broadcasted interviews with local news stations, JPD Interim Chief Anthony Moore acknowledged the alleged assault in a press conference Tuesday morning.

“The incident is now being investigated by a task force and as soon as that happens, we will have resolutions to it,” declared Moore.


Knight’s father said he does not want this to be swept under the rug and will continue to advocate until appropriate actions are made.

“What I do want is his job; apologies aren’t going to work because it’s not going to take those bruises back and the pain my son is having. Too often in Jackson, no one is held accountable, it’s always a loop hole.”

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TSU site of meeting, reunion for Waffle House families with James Shaw Jr.

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The mood was somber as expected, as family members, many visiting TSU for the first time, were greeted Tuesday by President Glenda Glover along with James Shaw Jr. and his family. The seven families were here to meet Shaw, the young man hailed as a hero following the deadly mass shooting April 22 at a Waffle House in Antioch, Tennessee.

“I truly wish I was welcoming you to our university under different circumstances, but please know you have all been in our thoughts and prayers since the horrific events of April 22 unfolded,” said Glover. “The Shaws are a part of the TSU family as alumni, and we reached out to them immediately as a show of support because that’s what families do. On behalf of our university, we welcome you as family, and are here for you as well.”

Following a brief meeting with the families, the small group shared lunch and got an opportunity to thank Shaw, for his heroism and actions following the shootings. Emotions after emotions were displayed as mothers, brothers and others representing those still hospitalized thanked Shaw. All consumed by tears.



“I would have lost two sons if it weren’t for you,” said a tearful Shaundelle Brooks. Her sons Akilah and Abede Dasilva were both there. Akilah didn’t survive.

“If it wasn’t for you, I wouldn’t be here,” said Abede. “I’m able to be here for my mother because of you.”

The group walked to the campus amphitheater to release balloons to honor their loved ones. The eight families, representing those killed or injured, held hands and bowed heads as they were lead in prayer. Four black balloons were released for those who died.


Shaw has repeatedly said he doesn’t consider himself a hero. However, following the shoot-

ing he immediately began helping the families of those killed or injured by creating a GoFundMe account to help with expenses.

As a show of support and to highlight his act of bravery, TSU set up a scholarship in Shaw’s name. Donations to the James Shaw Jr. Scholarship Fund can be paid through the link below or by mail. Please send to: The James Shaw Jr. Scholarship Fund at Tennessee State University, Tennessee State University Foundation, 3500 John A. Merritt Blvd. Box 9542, Nashville, TN 37209.


The pictures below highlight the activities of the day at TSU with President Glover, Shaw and grateful families.





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Mississippi Sickle Cell Foundation Booth



Mississippi Sickle Cell Foundation Red Cell Run First, Second and Third Place Finishers with LaShaunda Davenport, MSCF ABOut A Cause Chair



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Wingfield chess player to represent Miss. in national championships



Camden Graham (left) plots a move against his opponent at the Mississippi Scholastic Chess Championships held in May 2018.

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Camden Graham of Wingfield High School is headed to the High School National Chess Tournament to take place in Middleton, Wisconsin, in July. Graham will represent the state of Mississippi at nationals. The event is known as the GM Arnold Denker Tournament of High School Champions. Only the high school winners of U.S. Chess State Affiliate championships are invited to participate.

Graham qualified for the national tournament at the Mississippi Scholastic Chess Association Championships held in early May. He won third place among the top-rated players in the state in the individual category. More than 100 players from all over the state competed in the tournament. Graham advanced to nationals because his only loss at the event was to an underage student.

“Wingfield High School can officially boast that it has the best high school chess player in the state,” said proud coach Beth Thrasher.

Wingfield’s chess booster club is raising funds to advance its players and program. It still needs \$300 to send Graham and teammate Rodney Thomas to attend a week-long professional chess camp in Memphis. Since Graham has advanced to nationals, the booster program is also raising funds to help with those expenses.

If you want to help, donations can be made in two ways. Send money via PayPal to WingfieldChess@Yahoo.com. Make checks payable to the Blue and Gold Booster Club and mail to the school at 1985 Scanlon Drive, Jackson, MS 39204. All donations are tax-deductible. The Blue and Gold Booster Club is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

Jim Hill HS JROTC cadet accepted to Air Force Academy

Mississippi Link Newswire

JROTC Cadet Michael Lawrence has been accepted into the prestigious Air Force Academy. While there, he plans to major in systems engineering. His career plans include becoming a U.S. Air Force fighter pilot.

Lawrence is the Battalion S3 Training Officer for the Jim Hill High School JROTC. He is the school’s 2018 recipient of the JROTC Scholastic Excellence Award. A student in the International Baccalaureate program, he holds a 4.46 GPA.

In 2017, he was a State Science Fair winner in the category of physics. Lawrence is No. 12 in his class of 246 graduating seniors. To date, he has received more than \$1.7 million in scholarship offers.

Last year, two cadets from the Jim Hill unit were accepted to the West Point Preparatory School. Like Lawrence, 2017 graduates Jaquan Byrd and De-



Lawrence

vario Marzittie received significant scholarship offers, including full scholarships to attend West Point Prep.

One of the objectives of the JROTC program is to help students prepare for college and careers after high school. The program has a proven track record of success in this area. Ninety-three percent of the cadets get accepted into postsecondary institutions.

The 246 cadets that graduated in 2017 reported more than \$6.7 million in scholarship offers.

JPS announces revised bell schedule for 2018-2019

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The Office of Accountability presented a revised bell schedule at the May 1, 2018, regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. The change is for the 2018–2019 school year and will only impact start and end times for the District’s secondary schools. Elementary

bell schedules will not change.

This change provides the District with options in scheduling makeup days in the event of emergency closures. The District will be able to waive two school days in either semester if the governor declares a state of emer-

gency and the Board has the authority to do so in policy. If the governor does not declare a state of emergency, the District will not be forced to make up days. That is, as long as the closure does not exceed two days. The District’s secondary schools will meet the state’s requirement for one-

half Carnegie unit at day 43 of the A/B schedule versus day 45. It will meet the state’s requirement for one Carnegie unit at day 86 of the A/B schedule versus day 90.

The revised schedules for high schools and middle schools add six minutes of instructional time per block.

High Schools

Block	Begin Time (2017-18)	End Time (2017-18)	Instructional Minutes (2017-18)	Begin Time (2018-19)	End Time (2018-19)	Instructional Minutes (2018-19)
1st Block	8:25 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	94	8:40 a.m.	10:20 a.m.	100
2nd Block	10:05 a.m.	11:45 a.m.	94	10:25 a.m.	12:05 p.m.	100
3rd Block	11:50 a.m.	1:45 p.m.	94	12:10 p.m.	2:15 p.m.	100
4th Block	1:50 p.m.	3:30 p.m.	94	2:20 p.m.	4:00 p.m.	100

Middle School

Block	Begin Time (2017-18)	End Time (2017-18)	Instructional Minutes (2017-18)	Begin Time (2018-19)	End Time (2018-19)	Instructional Minutes (2018-19)
1st Block	8:05 a.m.	9:39 a.m.	94	8:00 a.m.	9:40 a.m.	100
2nd Block	9:42 a.m.	11:16 a.m.	94	9:45 a.m.	11:25 a.m.	100
3rd Block	11:19 a.m.	1:23 p.m.	94	11:30 a.m.	1:35 p.m.	100
4th Block	1:26 p.m.	3:00 p.m.	94	1:40 p.m.	3:20 p.m.	100

Required Instructional Time for Carnegie Units

Each one-half Carnegie unit course requires 70 hours of instructional time. It used to take 45 days per semester to meet this minimum. For every one-unit course 140 instructional hours per year is required. It would take 90 days on the traditional schedule to reach this minimum. The new schedule saves two days each semester.

Units Awarded	Traditional Bell Schedule	Revised Bell Scheduled
.5 Carnegie Units	45 days a semester	43 days a semester
70 Hours of Instruction	94 min. x 45 days = 4230 min. = 70.5 hours	100 min. x 43 days = 4300 min. = 71.67 hours
1 Carnegie Units	90 days a year	86 days a year
140 Hours of Instruction	94 min. x 90 days = 8460 min. = 141 hours	100 min. x 86 days = 8600 min. = 143 hours

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Hinds Community College graduates 170 in first of three May 11 ceremonies

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With 24-hour cable news and social media, it can be a negative world out there. But Hinds County Board of Supervisors President Mike Morgan told Hinds Community College graduates that they don’t have to fall prey to all the negativity.

There are ways to combat the negativity by, instead, being positive. “Say thank you. You’re acknowledging something good. People need to hear that. Get in the habit,” Morgan told about 170 students graduating with career or technical certificates and associate degrees in academic or career-technical programs.

He asked them to do begin the habit as soon as the graduation ceremony was over.

“Stay connected to the unconnected world. It’s a beautiful day outside. Did you notice it? You couldn’t have ordered a better day. There is bad stuff out there but there has never been a better time to be alive. It’s the best it’s ever been right now,” he told graduates.

Hinds President Clyde Muse reminded graduates that they are part of a long tradition that began when the college was founded in 1917 as an agricultural high school.

“The power of education drives our vision for a better life. And, while the graduates today represent a diverse set of circumstances, they are connected by their belief that a community college education is a step up to



Norman Session, left, vice president for the Rankin Campus and Jackson Campus-Academic/Technical Center, and Marvin Moak, vice president for the Vicksburg-Warren Campus, help hand out honor cords for the May 11 graduation ceremony at Hinds Community College’s Rankin Campus. APRIL GARON/HINDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

a broader opportunity to build a better life and to contribute to the communities we live in,” Muse said.

Among those graduating at the Friday 8 a.m. ceremony was London Duke of Vicksburg, who also earned a High School Equivalency certificate a few weeks ago through the MIBEST program at Hinds Community College’s Vicksburg-Warren Campus. She was also recently inducted into the Alpha Iota Kappa chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society for two-year colleges.

“I had dropped out of school

in the eighth grade, got pregnant and didn’t finish,” said Duke, 26. “I had first taken my GED ages ago and also didn’t finish.”

MIBEST is Mississippi’s version of the nationally recognized Integrating Basic Education and Skills Training program. The program allows adult students to train for a job skill while earning their high school equivalency certificate at the same time. Students are prepared to be job-ready in six months to a year, train in high-demand areas and earn national certifications.

“They push you to continue

and do your best,” Duke said. “It’s especially true, because here I am. I’m excited about the career opportunities no matter where I go after Hinds.”

Hinds Community College has five graduation ceremonies spanning May 10, 11 and 13. Over the five ceremonies, Hinds is awarding 1,839 degrees and certificates to 1,319 people, with some people receiving multiple credentials in academic, career or technical programs. This is the largest number of credentials Hinds has ever awarded for one graduation season.



Colleen Hartfield of Raymond, executive assistant to the president, reads the names of the graduates at the May 11 graduation ceremony at Hinds Community College.

Over the academic year including summer 2017 and fall 2017 ceremonies, the college will have awarded more than 3,900 credentials, a 12 percent increase over last year and an 85 percent increase over five years ago.

Of the 1,319 spring graduates, 265 achieved cum laude, 3.2 to 3.59 grade point average; 204 achieved magna cum laude, 3.6 to 3.99 GPA and 137 achieved summa cum laude, 4.0 grade point average. Nearly 900 are expected to participate in one of the five ceremonies.

On Thursday, May 10, Phyllis

Polk Johnson, executive director for the Mississippi Board of Nursing, spoke to nursing and allied health graduates.

Other speakers at the Muse Center at the Rankin Campus on Friday, May 11 were state Sen. Josh Harkins, of Flowood, at 11 a.m. and Andrea Mayfield, executive director of the Mississippi Community College Board, at 3 p.m.

Tom Joyner, a nationally syndicated radio and television show host, will speak to graduates at the Utica Campus during a ceremony 2 p.m. Sunday, May 13.

Hinds CC awards record number of credentials in spring ceremonies



From left, Alexis Williamson, Jeffery Fairley, both of Jackson, and Brianna Watkins, of Summit, each of whom graduated from Hinds Community College with honors at ceremonies held at the Utica Campus May 13, 2018.

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

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

National Economic Development Week presents good time to recognize year-round efforts of university system

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National Economic Development Week presents a good time to recognize the ongoing efforts of Mississippi public universities to support economic development initiatives across the state. National Economic Development Week was created and is coordinated by The International Economic Development Council, the largest professional membership organization for economic developers. It is being held during the week of the organization’s 92nd anniversary as the largest professional membership organization for economic developers.

“Our universities serve as strategic partners in economic development efforts,” said Glenn Boyce, commissioner of Higher Education. “We work closely with local and state economic developers to convey the capabilities of the university system to the businesses they are working to attract. From offering the academic programs that will provide the graduates they need to conducting research that will provide the insights they need, our university system plays a key role in ensuring that Mississippi provides businesses an excellent environment in which to thrive.”

The university system supports economic development on several fronts, including:

The Mississippi Business Engagement Network (MBEN) is an initiative to connect business and industry to the wealth of university assets housed within Mississippi Public Universities. The Mississippi Business Engagement Network is designed to connect business leaders and economic developers with all of the resources, experts and research capabilities within Mississippi Public Universities and help develop, grow and sustain collaborative relationships between the business community and the university system. The initiative has a website, <http://msben.com>, to facilitate these

connections.

Alcorn State University’s Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers Policy Research Center specializes in policy research impacting socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers. Through collaboration with universities and organizations inside and outside the land grant community, Alcorn State University leverages Alcorn State University employees’ expertise and increases personnel capacity with contractual partnerships with other universities and agencies.

Established in 1994, Delta State University’s Center for Community and Economic Development (CCED) provides a platform for the university to address major development issues facing the region. The CCED builds and empowers relationships that strengthen the Delta communities. Their highly-credentialed teams of academic personnel and successful practitioner assist with the resource management, evaluation and support of grants and contracted services.

Designated the state’s urban university, Jackson State University houses the Center for University-Based Development, a collaborative community development partnership to revitalize the social, economic, and physical conditions of the surrounding neighborhoods in partnership with residents, business owners, and faith-based and community organizations.

Mississippi State University researchers are partnering with utility leader Entergy Corporation to develop software programs that make the nation’s electric grid more reliable and help determine a site’s ability to power current and future economic development needs.

Mississippi University for Women contributes to the creative economy through arts outreach, a particular strength of the university. The arts contribute significantly to the quality of life for the region and The W is a

vital part of the offerings in the arts.

The Delta Research and Cultural Institute (DRCI) at Mississippi Valley State University engages faculty, students and community leaders in action-focused research and reflection to explore concerns confronting Delta residents. Their work informs public discourse, leading to progressive public policies that promote sustained political, social and economic development.

In April, the University of Mississippi’s Insight Park and the Oxford Conference Center hosted the fourth Annual Rural Entrepreneurship Forum, which brought together over 100 business owners, economic development professionals, students and universities and community members together to discuss economic development opportunities in Mississippi. Sponsored by UM’s McLean Institute for Public Service and Community Engagement, the event is part of the Catalyzing Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Initiative. The annual forum has been in Clarksdale (2015), Tupelo (2016), Greenwood (2017), and Oxford (2018). Two of the speakers at the forum in Oxford are featured in the Mississippi Business Journal, Mississippi’s Top Entrepreneurs in 2018 – Karen Kurr and Janet McCarty.

The University of Southern Mississippi was the first in the nation to offer a masters level program in economic development. Since 1979, Southern Miss has continuously produced quality economic development professionals. Through its Trent Lott National Center for Excellence in Economic Development and Entrepreneurship, Southern Miss serves public entities, nonprofit organizations, businesses, and individuals by providing economic development training and research and offering expertise in strategic planning, leadership development, and community analysis.

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One-time community college dropout, graduates from JSU with honors

By Rachel James-Terry
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Cameron Lemon silently rejoiced as he strolled across the Jackson State University stage during undergraduate commencement exercises last month. He was finally receiving his degree in journalism and media studies and doing so with honors. But it was a moment that almost did not reach fruition.

“My mother was livid. She was hurt. She was mad. She was upset. She was disappointed. She was everything I did not want my mom to be with me,” said Lemon as he discussed flunking out of Hinds Community College in 2013 after ending his first semester with a 1.9 GPA.

The Terry High School graduate lost three scholarships and was unable to continue his education due to, what he calls, a lack of discipline and too much procrastination.

“I was doing more partying than I was doing schoolwork...but the reason my GPA was so low is that I slept through most of my classes,” said Lemon, who soon discovered that without his scholarships, he was unable to afford classes the following semester.

He admits that being a young man with freedom was fun, but he struggled to find a balance between work and play.

“In high school, you have your limitations on what you can and cannot do in your parents’ household. But going to college and staying on campus, you’re in charge of yourself, and you have control of everything that you do,” he explained.

Angela Glass did not learn of her son’s academic and financial woes until she came to pick him up for the Christmas holiday.

“When I went inside the dorm, he had everything he owned in the lobby. I asked him why he was bringing all of his things home for a two-week break,” she said.

When Lemon informed his mother why he would not be returning to school, Glass said the news did not register until they were on the road. Disappointed, she began to cry uncontrollably. “I literally cried all the way home.”

A mom with traditional morals and values, Glass expressed that she was raised with the understanding that education equated to power and freedom and had imbued the same in her son.

Still, she reveals that she was slightly apprehensive about him leaving for college pointing out that his immaturity and uncertainty about a major was conspicuous.

Concerned, Glass asked him to take a year off to contemplate his future before starting at Hinds. But the eager Lemon assured his mother that he was ready and would be fine.

Despite his confidence, Glass confessed that she knew her son was ill-prepared for his next phase in life. She reminded him that college was going to be different from high school and that there would be no one keeping him on track and “ahead of the game.”

Mom also told her son that “if you start off right, you’ll end up alright, but if you start off slow, it’s hard to play catch up.”

Unfortunately, in this case, mom was right, and Lemon found himself ousted from school with no funds to pay for the spring semester. Initially, Glass planned to pay his tuition but instead, decided that Lemon was on his own.

“I explained to him, if he is really serious about school, he will work to earn his own way back,” she



Lemon PHOTO BY CHARLES A. SMITH/JSU

stated.

Lemon does not recall the conversation quite the same, explaining that his mother told him if he didn’t make anything of himself then she would be done with him. He laughed then said, “I was too young for my mother to be done with me. So I had to do what I had to do. I couldn’t have that.”

He then began working not one, not two, but three jobs during the spring and summer of 2014 and raised enough money to pay for his fall semester at Hinds.

“As a mom, you always want to cushion your child’s fall but sometimes feeling the hard ground is a reality check. Bought lessons are usually never forgotten,” Glass said.

While back at Hinds, Lemon continued to work and attend class and was able to graduate in spring 2016 with a 2.9 GPA. Echoing his mother’s sentiments, he acknowledged that a GPA is easy to drop but extremely difficult to bring back up. Nonetheless, he had proven to his family and himself that he was more than capable of successful matriculation.

At the behest of Paul Scott, community college recruiter for JSU, Lemon enrolled at the HBCU the following fall. He readily became a transfer ambassador and encouraged other students to attend the University. Not only did he participate on the pre-alumni council and SGA street team, but Lemon also became director of media for the campus activity board.

“I tried to get involved in everything possible to make sure I had a lot of good things on my resume.” He said, “And when you’re active on campus it really boosts your college experience.”

Last month, Lemon, who had been on the dean’s list since starting at JSU, graduated with a 3.8 GPA and his mother could not have been more proud. She also realized that her hard work and dedication had not been in vain. “It was challenging, but he stayed the course,” she raved.

The second time around made all the difference for Lemon who said that he was able to focus at Jackson State and that he enjoyed the students, professors and classes. He adds that “if you like what you’re doing, and you like where you’re at you have no choice but to do good and be good at what you’re doing.”

His advice to incoming first-year students is, “Get out, experience things, join organizations, have fun but also do your work.”

Environmental extraordinaire aims to shed light on availability of quality water

By L.aToya Hentz-Moore
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In 2010, Bennetta Robinson began her tenure at JSU as an environmental planning doctoral student in the Urban and Regional Planning program.

“I took an environmental science course during my undergraduate studies at Mississippi State that gave me a true understanding as to why I should love nature.”

The Port Gibson, Mississippi native managed to maintain a 4.0 grade-point average in the program.

Robinson’s dissertation focused on water quality and availability. Her study examines basic water parameters and assesses how these elements alter over time because of seasonal changes around different monitoring sites.

“The bulk of my work focuses on everything correlating with the environment, including petrochemicals, natural disasters and water quality – and how it is impacted. My research specifies the impact of water-related issues like water quality and water availability, focusing on how water is impacted from human behavior and landing patterns.”

As a current full-time employee at One Voice, the environmental extraordinaire says her dissertation research is connected to the work she does on a daily basis.

“Right now I’m connecting my dissertation research with the work that I am doing now. From my results of the dissertation, I see that while water quality may not be an issue, water availability will continuously be an issue. So, when we talk about water being available, we need to focus on infrastructure, which is how water gets from its source to



Robinson

your home. I’m looking at how different cities can apply for financing to create water infrastructure projects so water can be available at acceptable levels for usage in all communities.

One Voice is a local nonprofit organization that lifts the voice for silenced communities by democratizing through public policy, research, organizational and leadership development.

“I’ve always felt, especially being from a small town, that

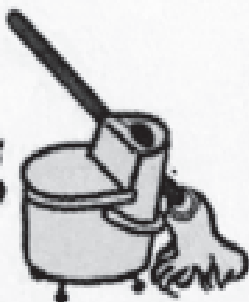
we have to nurture our community. ... If we don’t nurture our community, then how can we expect any positive results from our current or future situations,” Robinson said.

The researcher says Jackson State provided a strong support system that she will always treasure.

“My takeaway from this program at JSU is feeling like I’m among a community, so that network will take me into my next phase,” Robinson said.



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Trump and the lies that lead to war

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"In theory, the so-called 'Iran Deal' was supposed to protect the United States and our allies from the lunacy of an Iranian nuclear bomb... In fact, the deal allowed Iran to continue enriching uranium and over time – reach the brink of a nuclear breakout..." – President Donald Trump, "Speech on the Iran Nuclear Deal," May 8, 2018.

On May 8 Trump announced he is withdrawing America from the Iran nuclear deal. His stated rationale for this action is illogical and fraught with inaccuracies and lies.

Just a little background. The Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action or (JCPOA) or Iran Nuclear Deal was struck between Iran and six world powers – the U.S., UK, Russia, France, China and Germany in 2015. It was the signature foreign policy achievement of Barack Obama's presidency. According to MSNBC's Andrea Mitchell, who interviewed Trump on the day that it was signed, he was opposed to the deal as soon as he received word that Obama had signed it.

His opposition to the Iran Deal had nothing to do with its content. According to Mitchell, he (Trump) had not even seen the deal, let alone read its text before he expressed his opposition to it.

As stated above, Trump said during the speech, "In theory, the so-called Iran Deal was supposed to protect the United States and our allies from the lunacy of an Iranian nuclear bomb..." Every respected intelligence apparatus, both U.S., UN and foreign, stated that Iran is adhering to the conditions of the agreement. Even former CIA Director Mike Pompeo told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, April 12, during his confirmation hearing for secretary of state, "With the information I've been provided, I've seen no evidence that they are not in compliance today..."

Captain Nativ, the chief of an intelligence section in the central command of the Israeli army has stated, "We see a fundamental change in the nuclear challenge from Iran. In the next few years we understand that we don't really have any threat from Iran because of the deal, I will say from this period to five years from now... So in the long run we can't really say that it is a good deal or a bad deal. But we can say for the next few years, for the near future we won't have any nuclear challenge, so for that, that's is good." This is a direct contradiction to the lies being spread by Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu.

As part of his rational for backing out of the Iran deal, Trump said he has proof that Iran has lied, "...We have definitive proof that this Iranian promise was a lie. Last week, Israel published intelligence documents – long concealed by Iran – conclusively showing the Iranian regime and its history of pursuing nuclear weapons."

According to NBC News, Netanyahu's presentation on Iran's defunct nuclear program was high on drama and short on current data. He claimed that tens of thousands of files prove there was an effort to build and test weapons; unfortunately, the pre-



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sentation did not contain any big surprises for the U.S. intelligence community. There was nothing in the documents, which Netanyahu said were smuggled out of Tehran, to change the American intelligence assessment that Iran is living up to its agreement and is not attempting to restart a nuclear weapons program. All of this was told to the Senate Intelligence Committee by American intelligence officials Feb. 13, 2018.

Trump continued his fiction by stating, "Over the past few months, we have engaged extensively with our allies and partners around the world, including France, Germany and the United Kingdom...We are unified in our understanding of the threat and in our conviction that Iran must never acquire a nuclear weapon." This is a subtle misrepresentation of the facts. Both French president Emmanuel Macron and German Chancellor Angela Merkel, visited Washington last month in last ditch efforts to get Trump to stay in the deal. Boris Johnson, the UK Foreign Secretary, has been in the U.S. this week and appealed to Trump through an interview on Fox & Friends, telling Trump he is wrong.

Why would Trump site Israeli intelligence when his own intelligence agencies said months ago that Iran was in compliance with the agreement? Like his predecessor President George W. Bush did by creating the Office of Special Plans in the Pentagon, Trump is using bad data, misinformation, disinformation and/or lies to put America in the precarious position of backing Israel in a war with Iran for no rational reason.

One of the links between Bush's war in Iraq and Trump's aggressiveness towards Iran is John Bolton. Bolton served as United States ambassador to the United Nations from August 2005 to December 2006 under the Bush Administration and is currently Trump's national security advisor.

Bolton was one of the signatories to the infamous PNAC letter to President Bill Clinton wherein Clinton was asked to overthrow Saddam Hussein. "The policy of "containment" of Saddam Hussein has been steadily eroding over the past several months...Our ability to ensure that Saddam Hussein is not producing weapons of mass destruction, therefore, has substantially diminished... The only acceptable strategy is one that eliminates the possibility that Iraq will be able to use or threaten to use weapons of mass destruction. In

the near term, this means a willingness to undertake military action as diplomacy is clearly failing. In the long term, it means removing Saddam Hussein and his regime from power. That now needs to become the aim of American foreign policy."

Clinton did not fall for the 1998 lie. Bush fell for the 2003 lie, helped perpetuate it and invaded Iraq.

In December of 2017 Trump made the unilateral decision to defy over 20 years of precedence from previous administrations, "...to move the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem or to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital city." Contradicting well established rationale and policy Trump, "...determined that it is time to officially recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. While previous presidents have made this a major campaign promise, they failed to deliver. Today, I am delivering."

Campaign promises are made by candidates to express a desire to take the country in a particular direction. Once elected, presidents are usually swayed by daily security briefings, consultation with policy experts and meetings with allies. The Washington Post reports, even the simplest version of the presidential brief has proven too challenging. Now, Trump gets his briefing verbally.

Trump said, "I've judged this course of action to be in the best interests of the United States of America and the pursuit of peace between Israel and the Palestinians."

First, how can he make such judgments when he does not understand the intricacies of the relationships and issues. Second, rarely do campaign promises unilaterally become U.S. foreign policy.

Dr. Bandy Lee, assistant professor in forensic psychiatry at the Yale School of Medicine said, "The Special Counsel's indictments started a crisis – a mental health crisis in a president who is not able to cope well with ordinary stresses such as basic criticism or unflattering news." In her edited volume "The Dangerous Case of Donald Trump: 27 Psychiatrists and Mental Health Experts Assess a President" it was stated, "Trump is an extreme present hedonist. He may also be a sociopath, a malignant narcissist, borderline on the bipolar spectrum, a hypomanic, suffering from delusional disorder, or cognitively impaired."

Trump has been unable to make the shift from campaign to governance and unilateral decision maker to leader of the free world. His ill-informed rants and decisions are moving this country closer and closer to the brink of international isolation and disaster. The fact that Trump nominated Pompeo as Secretary of State and appointed Bolton as National Security Adviser – both Iran hawks – does not bode well for peace and stability. I think the U.S. is being positioned to back Israel's play and attack Iran.

We've seen this movie before, it was called Iraq and its sequel is called Libya.

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State of Black America: while old struggles continue, the new fight for justice is in the digital arena

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Amidst this historic year of 2018 – marked by 50th anniversaries and landmarks of the civil rights movement – one thing remains clear:

"While a lot has changed for African Americans and other people of color in this country since 1968, many things have not. Even after the historic two-term election of the first African-American president of the United States, full racial equality remains a distant goal. Secondly, Progress toward this goal must currently be pursued under the national leadership of a president whose rhetoric and actions have done more to fan the flames of racism and divisiveness rather than inspire greater equality."

Those conclusions are among the sobering realities expressed by the Economic Policy Institute's Valerie Rawlston Wilson, a guest essayist in the National Urban League's 2018 State of Black America (SOBA) report.

Wilson continues "The Civil Rights Act of 1968, outlawing housing discrimination, was signed into law...And the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders, better known as the Kerner Commission, delivered a bold and profound report to President Lyndon B. Johnson. After spending several months gathering data and directly witnessing conditions in urban America, the report concluded that 'white racism' was to blame for the 'pervasive discrimination in employment, education and housing.' These conditions, together with widespread mistreatment and abuse of black citizens at the hands of the police, were cited as causes of poverty and civil unrest in segregated black communities."

Wilson, director of the Economic Policy Institute's Program on Race, Ethnicity and the Economy, gives a stark conclusion: "While a lot has changed for African Americans and other people of color in this country since 1968, many things have not."

The 24-page executive summary of the hefty study, led by NUL President/CEO Marc Morial, goes on to release the data undergirding Wilson's conclusion. Among the findings:

"Income disparities remain a distressing hallmark of our economy with African Americans earning a median household income of \$38,555 compared to a white median household income of \$63,155. Despite the painful saga of black enslavement in America, the median household income of Hispanics – at \$46,882 – has well-surpassed that of African Americans. People of color are persistently under or unemployed. Nationally, African Americans have the highest unemployment rate at 7.5 percent, followed by Hispanics at 5.1 percent."

Despite employment gains, the African-American unemployment rate remains consistently double that of white Americans and consistently well above the national average.

The 2018 SOBA, titled "Save Our Cities: Powering the Digital Revolution," zooms in on the technology industry, which it calls the "third revolution." In a close look at African Americans in technology, the report reveals a somewhat new category where African Americans are woefully lacking, but where the potential is great.

The findings include:

"African Americans have proven to be eager, early adopters of technology, leading influencers and content creators in social media – as evidenced by the power of 'Black Twitter.' Yet, nearly one-third of low-income families with school-aged children have no access to broadband at home. Lacking this vital tool of broadband, many students are left with few realistic options to access the internet, leaving them digitally undeveloped and vulnerable to low earning outcomes. While blacks and Hispanics are avid consumers of digital technology, they are grossly underrepresented in the digital workforce. Young, black entrepreneurs tap into technology to solve everyday challenges – and become wealthy in the process. But the latest Equal Employment Opportunity reports filed by Google, Facebook and Twitter showed that out of a combined workforce of 41,000 employees, only 758, or 1.8 percent were black. C-suite executives of tech firms publicly espouse the gospel of racial and gender diversity and inclusion,



Morial



Wilson

but these spaces do not reflect our nation's demographic diversity."

In the majority of tech companies, fewer than five percent of the workforce is African-American, while at least half of the workforce is white. The tech sector is a fast growing one in which people with high school degrees are averaging annual salaries in excess of \$80,000. This represents an opportunity for advancing the workforce participation of women and people of color and reducing the income inequality gap.

Some of the most popular brands in the tech industry are among the worst offenders, Morial points out in his SOBA message, "From the President's Desk." "Only increased representation from top to bottom will drive corporate change that prioritizes equity," Morial writes.

He compares the modern-day tech industry to the historic "great migration" during the industrial revolution, which was highlighted by the rapid development of railroads, steel mills and advanced manufacturing.

He said, "Despite the period's economic opportunity, African Americans – once again – found themselves on the outside looking in. As the Great Migration relocated blacks from the rural South to the North's bustling cities with no housing, access to jobs and little more than the clothes on their backs, the National Urban League and its mission of economic empowerment was born."

Morial continued, "Struggling to establish their place in the burgeoning economy, black migrants encountered the exclusionary effect of racial segregation laws and codes in the North. To make matters worse, as the growing black community began to establish a toehold into America's robust industrial economy, manufacturers abandoned the cities for suburbs and shed jobs through automation, initiating the shift to today's digital revolution."

He concludes, "Fortunately, this third revolution is still in its youth – and ripe with potential for black Americans."

He says the NUL will continue championing equality by "taking our calls to action to the worldwide web and streaming our priorities with 'For the Movement,' a weekly podcast that discusses policy, civil rights and social issues relevant to African Americans and communities of color."

He adds, "NUL's growing affiliate network is plugged in, providing constituents with tech-oriented programming, workforce training and business incubation."

He warns that the time is now to move for justice. "This ain't your grandparents' industrial-revolution-era civil rights organization. The stakes are high. If we do not strategically leverage this moment for the broader goals of justice, equity and economic opportunity for all, new technology will widen the cavernous opportunity gap still faced by African Americans and communities of color."

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Heart recipient celebrates two year anniversary of transplant with donor family

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Doris Arnold dealt with heart issues for the better part of two decades before a transplant gave her renewed life in May of 2016. “When they told me I was getting a heart, I said, Hallelujah, praise Jesus.”

Two years later, Arnold celebrated that gift with over 100 family and friends as well as four very special guests, family members of her heart donor, Daphne Williams.

“I am so glad they came because I said if they didn’t come, I was going to them because they are a blessing to me,” said Arnold.

Melissa Colorigh, the eldest

of Williams’ three children, came from Texarkana, Texas with her new husband of two weeks, Morgan. Accompanying them for the celebration were Williams’ sister Nani and her husband Jeffery. “It is overwhelming but it is overwhelming in such a joyful way,” said Colorigh. “You do carry a lot of hurt and you feel empty but seeing (Doris) and being around her, fills in that gap a little bit.”

In what Colorigh termed an ‘on the fly conversation,’ Williams had told her daughter that she wanted to be an organ donor if anything ever happened to her after she renewed her driver’s license years ago. “She

said it very proudly. That was something that she knew she wanted to do very, very specifically,” said Melissa.

In 2016, Williams and her husband John were in a motorcycle accident just outside of Monroe, Louisiana. John was dead on the scene, while Williams was airlifted to Shreveport. She ultimately died and became a multiple organ and tissue donor.

Colorigh said that being at the celebration today helps with some of the healing process. “You try to find different coping mechanisms and just knowing that Doris is here with my mom’s heart gives us a sense of

peace almost.”

After going through the proper channels, the two families originally connected in the fall of 2017 over the internet, but this was the first face-to-face meeting.

Prior to the beginning of the celebration, aptly themed ‘Two Families Became One,’ they shared a private moment. Colorigh held a stethoscope to Arnold’s chest to hear her mother’s heart beating. It was emotional for both. “I definitely broke down,” said Colorigh. “I couldn’t say anything,” said Arnold. “It’s just a miracle.” Colorigh added that it was “like being with my mom in a way.”



Melissa Colorigh listens to heart of her mother Daphne Williams in heart recipient Doris Arnold. Doris received Williams' heart in 2016.

Forrest General honors Nurses of the Year!

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Forrest General honored its outstanding nurses during National Nurses Week celebrations, including Clinical and Non-Clinical Nurses of the Year and Nurse Leader of the Year.

At a reception held May 11 for nurses hospital-wide, Clinical Nurse of the Year was awarded to Joyce Rogers, RN, radiation oncology.

Kenneth David Dees, RN, Epic, was honored as the hospital’s Non-Clinical Nurse of the Year.

Leigh Ann Leonard, RN, patient care manager of NICU and Pediatrics, was honored as this year’s Nurse Leader of the Year.

“Our theme for National Nurses Week is Inspire, Innovate and Influence. Nurses inspire each other, their patients, families and physicians on a daily basis. As a nurse, there is always an opportunity to inspire someone. Some of the most innovative people I have ever met have been nurses, who



Pictured from left to right are: Leigh Ann Leonard, RN, patient care manager of NICU and Pediatrics, Nurse Leader of the Year; Joyce Rogers, RN, radiation oncology, Clinical Nurse of the Year; and Kenneth David Dees, RN, Epic, Non-Clinical Nurse of the Year

will do whatever it takes to care for their patients. And lastly, with approximately four million registered nurses in the United States, nurses have tremendous influence as patient advocates within our community and within the hospi-

tal itself,” said Ora Shaheed, vice president and chief nursing officer, Forrest Health.

For more information on how to become a nurse at Forrest General, visit forrestgeneral.com.

48th Commemoration of the lives of Phillip Gibbs and James Green



(L-R): Eddie Jean Carr, Angela Stewart, Lee Bernard, Aeneas Bridges, James Lap Baker, C. Liegh McInnis

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On May 15, 2018, outside Alexander Hall, the Margaret Walker Center and members of the Jackson State family hosted a wreath-laying for the 48th commemoration of the Gibbs-Green tragedy, which left two young men dead and a host of others injured.

In 2012, a Mississippi Freedom Trail Marker was installed at the site to memorialize the shootings, which took place May 15, 1970, when Jackson police and Mississippi Highway Patrol officers suppressed student unrest with intense gunfire.

Philip Lafayette Gibbs, 21, a junior pre-law major and James Earl Green, 17, a Jim Hill High School senior, were killed. Many students

were injured, 12 by gunfire. Alexander Hall, a women’s dormitory, was riddled by 460 rounds, some holes still visible today.

Law enforcement had amassed at the college to subdue students protesting harassment from whites driving through campus, police intimidation and the recent killing of four student demonstrators at Kent State University by the Ohio National Guard.

James Lap Baker (Class of 1970) shared his memories and a poem he wrote in honor of that day.

The Margaret Walker Center and Jackson State will soon announce the establishment of a Gibbs-Green Commission looking toward plans for events for the 50th Commemoration in 2020.

Delta Leadership Institute now accepting applications for 2018-2019 Executive Academy

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Delta Regional Authority (DRA) today opened its application cycle for the 2018-2019 Delta Leadership Institute Executive Academy. Since 2005, the Delta Leadership Institute (DLI) has trained a diverse group of community leaders dedicated to improving their communities.

“DLI works with leaders in Delta communities to improve economic opportunities and enhance workforce competitiveness across our region,” DRA Chairman Chris Caldwell said. “The Executive Academy trains local leaders to share best practices and implement successful ideas in the Delta region and collaborate with public and private partners to address local and regional challenges. Building A Better Delta starts on the local level and our agency is committed to developing leadership for generations to come.”

DLI was created to support and educate leaders committed to helping create jobs, build their communities and improve the lives of their neighbors. DLI

provides professional leadership and policy training on issues that advance the economic and workforce competitiveness of Delta communities.

DLI fellows attend seven sessions over 10 months, traveling to communities in each of DRA’s eight states. Fellows explore existing programs and community models in the Delta, including discussions that enhance community engagement. Field experiences focus on improving the region, with an emphasis on economic development, infrastructure, workforce training and education, entrepreneurship and public health.

Upon graduation, DLI fellows become members of the Delta Leadership Network (DLN), which provides opportunities to engage in continued learning, information sharing and collaboration within their states and across the Delta region.

2018-2019 Schedule

Session I: Orientation
Memphis, Tennessee | Week of October 29-November 2, 2018

Session II: Improving Workforce Competitiveness

Vicksburg, Mississippi | Week of December 3-7, 2018

Session III: Delta Leadership Network Conference

Little Rock, Arkansas | Week of February 4-8, 2019

Session IV: Strengthening Modern Infrastructure

New Orleans, Louisiana | Week of March 25-29, 2019

Session V: Increasing Community Capacity

Alabama Black Belt | Week of May 13-17, 2019

Session VI: Organizing for Community Success

Cape Girardeau, Missouri | Week of June 17-21, 2019

Session VII: Graduation

Lake Barkley, Kentucky | Week of August 5-9, 2019

All dates represent the week the session will be held, but the class will only meet for 3-4 days during that week.

Delta residents interested in the 2018-2019 Executive Academy can apply through July 16 at <http://www.dra.gov/leadership>.

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Be Not Slothful

PART 2

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



When one is slothful concerning material things, he is usually slothful with spiritual things.

Judges 18:9-10 reads: “9 So they said, “Arise, let us go up against them. For we have seen the land, and indeed it is very good. Would you do nothing? Do not hesitate to go, and enter to possess the land. 10 When you go, you will come to a secure people and a large land. For God has given it into your hands, a place where there is no lack of anything that is on the earth.”

We are living in a time when people are slothful, which means they are idle or lazy. The Scripture says to “be not slothful to go, and to enter to possess the land.”

I want to look at this from a spiritual standpoint. God has shown us the church, if you get into the church, all your needs will be supplied. If you

get into the kingdom of God, He would heal your body and work out your problems. He promised you that He would be God to you if you will be His child and that He would be everything you need. God has shown us what He will do for His people.

In Judges, Chapter 18, the Lord encouraged the people not to stand and be idle but to go and possess the land so that they could have all the benefits that God had for them. I want you to see that God’s people are a blessed people.

God has given us everything we need. Child of God, should you awaken in the middle of the night in pain, you can get hold of God and He will move on the scene. It pays to serve Jesus. When we have problems and burdens, we can go to God in prayer when no one else can help us. The time will come when the preacher cannot help you and the doctors cannot help. However, you can lay your burden down before God. He can do

what no one else can do.

My friend, it is not always going to be easy. When you serve God, you must battle the devil. People will want you to join a man-made religious organization where the Spirit of God does not dwell. If you get where the Spirit of God is, it is going to be a battle but it will be worth it, because you are coming to a land that has everything to offer you that can possibly be offered.

The Bible tells us that Moses was a sheeptender and God used him in a great way to deliver His people from Egyptian bondage. We read in Exodus 3:1-4 these words: “Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 2 And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was

not consumed. 3 Then Moses said, “I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn.” 4 So when the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” When God got Moses’ attention, Moses went to inquire about what was going on, and God used him in a great way.

David also tended sheep and God used him in a great way to deliver Israel. My friend, I want you to realize that when one labors for God, he will be rewarded. If you work for God, a reward is coming to you. Peter, Andrew and James were fishermen and God used them.

Next week “Be Not Slothful” Part III.

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Salsa for the Soul

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



“The key to salsa dancing is knowing how to lead and knowing how to follow. Ladies, even if you don’t

know where your partner is going. Don’t watch his feet. just follow his movements...even if you don’t know where he is going.” When I heard this phrase during Salsa dancing lessons at a restaurant in my hometown of San Antonio a few years ago, I was both scared and excited. Having only tried salsa dancing in Zumba classes, I was eager to try “real” salsa dancing.

“Five. Six. Seven. Eight.” The voice of the salsa dance instructor boomed across the crowded dance floor as the group of at least 50 Salsa dancing hopefuls (including myself) clumsily practiced our basic salsa dancing steps. By the end of the 1 ½ hour lesson, I’d learned the basics and realized that I had more rhythm than I gave myself credit for. Next, the instructor announced that the lesson was over and that the live band was getting ready to start. It was our chance to show what we’d learned. Nervously, I looked over at my sister Mia who encouraged me that the key was following the man’s lead. She’d been salsa dancing for over nearly 13 years and had invited me to the lessons while I was on vacation. Despite her meek and understated demeanor, she was considered one of the best Salsa dancers in the area.


As the live band played a variety of salsa music, I was amazed watching her dance. Whoever

she danced with, they looked as though they’d been dancing together for years. When she came back to the table after one particularly smooth dance, I asked her if she’d danced with the guy before. She replied that she hadn’t; she just followed his lead.

Then a scary thing happened. One of her more experienced male dance partners asked me to dance. I was too afraid to say no and found myself anxiously making my way to the dance floor. As the band played, we moved backwards and forward...then left...and right...in sync. It was hard not to look at my feet but I did my best to focus on following him. The few times I did look down, he’d remind me in a gentle whisper to stop looking at my feet, just relax and follow him. After we finished, my sister said that we looked smooth. She added since he knew what he was doing, he also knew how to lead me so we both looked our best.

Not only did I learn how to salsa, I also learned that dancing salsa can be like learning to trust God even if we don’t know (or like) where he is leading us. Sometimes we don’t follow God because we first want to know (and in some cases control) where is taking us. Jesus reminded us Matthew 16:24 that to be disciples, we have to deny ourselves (wanting to know everything) and simply follow God.

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Graduation is just the first hurdle

By Julianne Malveaux
NNPA News Wire Columnist



The Black Panther, Chadwick Bozeman, graduated from Howard University with a Bachelor's degree in Fine Arts (BFA) in 2000. His writing partner is also a HU graduate. Bozeman came back to his alma mater to address the Class of 2018, and to reportedly receive an honorary degree.

The Howard University graduation is one of more than 100 HBCU graduations, and more than 4000 graduations around the country. April Ryan brought down the house at Bennett College May 5. Sophia Nelson spoke at the Philander Smith (Arkansas) graduation. All over the country, families are gathering, people are celebrating, and graduations are occasions of joy.

If you are African-American and graduated from the University of Florida, however, your achievement might be marred by the horrible memory of a faculty graduation marshal physically pushing you off the stage simply because you stopped to flash a frat sign or to execute a couple of steps. More than 20 students were assaulted by the unidentified faculty member (although some say he is a chemistry lecturer), who is now on paid leave.

Why would the university continue to pay someone who seems to have differentially attacked black students (apparently no white students were assaulted or pushed off the stage)? This lecturer is a menace to society and college students who should not be exposed to his racism, either on a stage or in a classroom.

University of Florida President W. Kent Fuchs has apologized to the affected students and reached out to at least some of them. The New York Times reported that Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity member Oliver Telusma '21 got a call from Fuchs, but as of May 8, had not called him back.

From where I sit, Telusma should not call Fuchs, instead the president needs to track that student (and the others) down and visit them personally, if necessary.

The University of Florida incident reminds black students that graduation is but one of the hurdles they must clear. Every single day, they face the possibility of pernicious racism, differential treatment and the threat of law enforcement to compel compliance with the most foolish of laws and norms, spoken or unspoken.

That's why Holly Hylton, the white woman who managed a Philadelphia Starbucks, felt free to call the police on two black men after they had been seated for a scant two minutes without ordering anything. That's why a hysterical white female bigot called the police on a black man who was barbecuing in a public park in Oakland, California, where barbecuing is customary.

That's why the police were called on three black women (and a white man) because they failed to wave or smile when they exited an Airbnb in Rialto, California, and detained for 45 minutes even though they had proof that they had reserved the Airbnb. That's why the police wrestled a black woman to the ground (exposing her bare breasts) in an Alabama Waffle House after she asked for plastic cutlery, and an ignorant employee reportedly said she did not know her place. And the beat goes on and on and on. Law enforcement officers, whose mission is to "serve and protect" are frequently questioned by black people and have now become the tools of racist white people who want black people to "know their place."

The police are too often called to put black people in their place, to force them to comply, to reinforce the tenet of white supremacy; the notion that when we see a white person we must shuck and jive and smile. So-called law enforcement officers become servants of racists who want us in our place.

I want the graduates to know that their place is everywhere. Class of 2018, your place is in that Starbucks at the table, order or not. Your place is in that Waffle House, getting the utensils you requested. Your place is at the lake in Oakland, burning those bones on your grill. Your place is on that stage at the University of Florida. As a matter of fact, your place is everywhere!

Resistance, though, now has a high price. Who wants to go to jail and end up, maybe, like Sandra Bland, whose mysterious death in Texas still has not been solved. Who wants to be handcuffed, humiliated, exposed and maligned, just because you asked a simple question?

Starbucks will close thousands of stores to the tune of millions of dollars for unconscious bias training. But who will train these biased police officers and the racists who call them because their feelings are bruised because no one waved at them?

The Class of 2018 will learn, as have millions of other African Americans, that racism is alive and well.

They've cleared a hurdle with graduation, but even as some cross the stage they are being reminded that there are many more hurdles to clear to survive in our unfortunately racist nation.

Perhaps, though, the Class of 2018 will be among those to dismantle the racist hurdles. Perhaps in the process of clearing other hurdles (graduate and professional school, marriage and children, artificial intelligence and gentrification), they will also find the wherewithal to eliminate racial barriers to success.

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Let's stop kidding ourselves

By E. Faye Williams
Trice Edney Newswire



Every day we get alarming news about #45 and the damage he's causing our country. I'm sure the average person has grown weary of waiting for this chaos to end. The 1/3 of those still supporting #45 must be called out as traitors to our nation. They're actually promoting the fact that truth no longer matters, that confusion is the order of the day, that ordinary people don't matter and that hate is what's happening.

Speaking of hate, one of the people #45 was speaking of as having two sides to a story was found guilty for firing a gun at that Charlottesville rally near a school. He was the leader of the Ku Klux Klan – the imperial wizard no less. I guess the judge didn't think so highly of one of those sides because KKK leader Richard W. Preston was found guilty recently. Preston had planned to go to trail on the

possible thought that he could convince a jury he did nothing wrong. At the last minute, he changed his tune and pleaded no contest.

#45's claim that there was blame on both sides didn't seem to work in this case.

Judge Richard E. Moore immediately pronounced Preston guilty after his plea. The judge didn't seem to buy the president's proclamation that there was hatred and violence on both sides – just on Preston's when it came to firing a gun in the crowd near a school. We don't get to find out what his punishment is until August but isn't it good to know a klansman can be convicted. It wasn't always that way.

Senator John McCain said, "There's no moral equivalency between racists and Americans standing up to defy hate and bigotry. The President of the United States should say so." It's easy to see why McCain informed us that he does not want #45 to attend his funeral whenever it happens.

Well, let's check in on another

act of hate in #45's administration. During the past few days, HUD Secretary Ben Carson suspended a President Obama era fair-housing rule. The rule required communities to examine and address barriers to racial integration. It stated that over 1200 communities receiving billions of federal housing dollars had to draw up plans to desegregate their communities or be subject to losing federal funds. Carson basically said to local and state governments they can ignore that Obama era rule because Carson's mission statement does not require anti-discrimination language. Will somebody tell Kanye that this administration has no concern for the needs of poor and marginalized people?

Moving on through the week, #45 kept on proving that the Storm is coming for him as Stormy Daniels promised on Saturday Night Live. His relationship with Michael Cohen keeps on getting hotter. Rudy Giuliani's antics sure haven't helped #45's case.

There was damage on the world stage, too. #45 pulled the U.S. out of the nuclear weapons deal with Iran as he attempts to talk with North Korea's leader about making deals. If you were the North Korean leader, would you trust #45 for honoring any deal they might make? I'm not suggesting the North Korean leader can be trusted either, but I'm sure all Americans are praying that something good will come out of the proposed summit.

Our wanting our country to succeed at something good is a far cry from what we've been getting from #45 and his followers. We must stop kidding ourselves that #45 is doing anything for the good of our country. He does it for his own glory. Let us pray that he doesn't do further damage to our nation.

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Congressional Black Caucus introduces bill based on Main Street Marshall Plan

By Marc H. Morial
President and CEO
National Urban League



"Every man is our brother, and every man's burden is our own. Where poverty exists, all are poorer. Where hate flourishes, all are corrupted. Where injustice reigns, all are unequal." – Whitney M. Young

The Main Street Marshall Plan, the National Urban League's comprehensive blueprint for addressing lack of opportunity and economic inequality in America's urban communities, has been introduced as federal legislation by members of the Congressional Black Caucus.

The National Urban League long has advocated for a major national commitment to alleviate poverty and expand economic opportunities in America's most neglected communities, modeled on the Marshall Plan that eliminated widespread poverty in Western Europe following World War II. Then-Executive Director Whitney M. Young first proposed a

"Domestic Marshall Plan" in the 1960s; elements of that proposal were incorporated into President Lyndon Johnson's War on Poverty.

In 1990, National Urban League President John E. Jacob urged Congress to shift \$50 billion in defense spending – part of the so-called "peace dividend" resulting from the end of the Cold War – into an "Urban Marshall Plan."

The Congressional Black Caucus' Jobs and Justice Act, unveiled recently at a news conference at the U.S. Capitol, represents the most inclusive legislation of the Main Street Marshall Plan, first proposed as part of the 2016 State of Black America and finalized in detailed form last year.

Among the provisions of the bill based on the Main Street Marshall Plan, the Jobs and Justice Act:

- Increases funding for programs that promote minority-owned businesses (MBDA and SBA)
- Creates incentives for infrastructure spending bills to include development programs that recruit and train individuals from communities with high unemployment rates

- Authorizes states to establish local hiring bid specifications or consider the hiring of local workers in the evaluation of bids and proposals for federal-aid highway projects.

- Invests in transportation infrastructure through the successful "TIGER" program, which provides competitive grants to local governments and transit agencies to fund innovative highway, bridge, and transit projects

- Funds the creation of more than 1.9 million jobs by addressing critical physical and digital infrastructure needs in schools.

- Establishes new programs or amends existing programs for job skills training for older individuals and for workers in highly-skilled industries; and scholarships for students pursuing degrees in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) and teaching certifications.

- Makes the work opportunity tax credit permanent
- Allows states to assist, through Title XX Block Grants, low-income and long-term unemployed individuals with developing their own businesses and self-employment opportunities

ment opportunities

- Incentivizes businesses to create apprenticeship programs

- Creates a grant program to subsidize summer jobs for in- and out-of-school youth ages 14 to 24 and year-round jobs for youth ages 16 to 24 who are out of school and work.

- Raises the federal minimum wage to \$15.

- Urges businesses contracted to rebuild infrastructure, to actively recruit, hire and provide on-the-job training to African-American men ages 18 to 39 through existing jobs, apprenticeships and "earn while you learn" programs.

As I said when we introduced the detailed Main Street Marshall plan a year ago, it is time for the nation to treat its urban communities and cities as the jewels that they are. This comprehensive plan to rebuild and accelerate the growth of America's urban communities will accelerate the growth and progress of the nation as a whole.

I urge you to contact your member of Congress and urge him or her to support the Jobs & Justice Act.

The reasons why the U.S. has never achieved greatness

By A. Peter Bailey
TriceEdneyWire.com



A recent column by a black Republican activist in the Washington Informer included the following: "But to my liberal

friends who constantly ask 'When was America great?' I simply say that America was great when Lincoln freed the slaves. America was great when we passed the Civil Rights Act of 1964. America was great when we passed the Voting Rights Act of 1965. America was great when we passed the Fair Housing Act of 1968. America was great when we elected the first black president in 2008."

It takes a willful denial of American history to make such a statement in 2018. The historical truth is that the federal government of the United States has never in its entire history voluntarily promoted or protected the civil and human rights of black people. It has done

so only when forced by compelling, strategic circumstances. The real deal is that the false history he so ardently and inaccurately declares is exactly what is being taught in most elementary schools, high schools and colleges in this country. And those teaching it are well aware of what they are teaching.

The columnist, who insisted that Lincoln freed our enslaved ancestors, should read Lerone Bennett Jr.'s must-read book, "Forced into Glory: Abraham Lincoln's White Dream!" The late brilliant journalist/historian includes the following Lincoln quote in his book: "I will say then that I am not, nor ever have been in favor of bringing about in any way the social and political equality of the White and Black races. That I am not nor ever have been in favor of making voters or jurors of Negroes, nor of qualifying them to hold office, nor to intermarry with White people; and I will say in addition to this that there is a physical difference

between the White and Black races which I believe will forever forbid the two races living together on terms of social and political equality. And inasmuch as they cannot so live, while they do remain together there must be the position of superior and inferior, and I as much as any other man am in favor of having the superior position assigned to the White race."

As for the Emancipation Proclamation, Bennett noted that "Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation was a tactical move designed not to emancipate the slaves but to keep as many slaves as possible in slavery until Lincoln could mobilize support for his conservative plan to free Blacks gradually and to ship them out of the country..." Bennett adds that "What Lincoln did...was to 'free' slaves in the Confederate held territory where he couldn't free them and leave them in slavery in Union-held territory where he could have freed them."

Just as Lincoln was forced into glory regarding the enslavement

of African people, the U.S. federal government was forced into glory to pass the civil rights legislation of the 1960s. It was forced by the courageness of the warriors against white supremacy and by the country's propaganda needs of the so-called Cold War with the Soviet Union. The white Russians are just as much white supremacist as their American counterparts. However, they took advantage of racism in the United States for their own propaganda purposes.

Between 1955 and 1968 numerous black warriors, including Medgar Evers, James Chaney, George Lee, Samuel Younge, Jr., Louis Allen, Samuel Hammond, Delano Middleton, Henry Smith, Phillip L. Gibbs, James Green, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. were killed by white supremacist terrorists. Many black people lost jobs, had their homes firebombed and were otherwise brutalized by the racist terrorists.

Read more online at www.themississippilink.com

Government agency hits Wells Fargo with \$500 million penalty

By Dr. John E. Warren
San Diego Voice and Viewpoint

As federal agencies expand their investigation into the business practices of Wells Fargo & Company, the fines and penalties for the financial services institution, with \$1.9 trillion in assets, continue to rise.

While many saw the news about the \$1 billion fine against Wells Fargo, the real story was not in the amount of the fine, but rather who fined the bank and why.

The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) assessed a \$500 million penalty against Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. “and ordered the bank to make restitution to customers harmed by its unsafe or unsound practices, and develop and implement an effective enterprise-wide compliance risk management program,” according to a press release about the fine.

The press release continued: “The OCC’s action was closely coordinated with an action by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), which through a separate and collaborative approach assessed a \$1 billion penalty against the bank and credited the amount collected by the OCC toward the satisfaction of its fine.”

The press release said that,



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“The OCC took these actions given the severity of the deficiencies and violations of law, the financial harm to consumers and the bank’s failure to correct the deficiencies and violations in a timely manner.”

The OCC found that the bank had violated Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) Act.

The OCC also reported that Wells Fargo, “engaged in unsafe and unsound practices relating to improper placement and maintenance of collateral

protection insurance policies on auto loan accounts and improper fees associated with interest rate lock extensions,” the press release said. “The OCC penalty will be paid to the U.S. Treasury.”

The order also modifies restrictions placed on the bank in November 2016 relating to the approval of severance payments to employees and the appointment of senior executive officers or board members, the press release said.

The press release continued:

“The original restrictions related to severance payments applied to all employees, which unnecessarily delayed severance payments to employees who were not responsible for the bank’s deficiencies or violations.”

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Trump talks impeachment, criticizes Maxine Waters in Michigan speech



President Donald Trump (left) recently said that Rep. Maxine Waters (D-Calif.) had a “very low IQ.” WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

By Lauren Victoria Burke
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President Donald Trump continued his attacks on Congresswoman Maxine Waters (D-Calif.) during a campaign-style rally in Michigan.

The rally in Washington Township, Michigan was scheduled to counter the White House Correspondents’ Dinner, which Trump skipped for the second year in a row.

During his speech, Trump addressed the upcoming November 6 midterm elections less than 180 days away.

“We have to keep the House, because if you listen to Maxine Waters – she goes around saying, ‘We will impeach him. We will impeach him,’” Trump said at the rally. “Then people said, ‘But he hasn’t done anything wrong.’”

Trump continued, mimicking Waters: “Oh, that doesn’t matter, we will impeach the president...”

A sitting president bringing up the possibility of his own impeachment, as a way of igniting political support, may be a first in U.S. history.

The Republican Party is slowly turning away from marketing the tax cut deal Trump signed months ago. Many political insiders say the tax cut has not been the bonanza Republicans hoped for and that the tax cuts won’t be enough to drive voters to the polls.

Trump urged the Washington Township audience to go out and vote during the midterms.

“We cannot be complacent.

We have got to go out, right? We have got to go out...we’ve got to fight like hell and we have got to win the House and we’ve got to win the Senate,” Trump said. “I think we are going to do great in the Senate and I think we’re going to do great in the House, because the economy is so good.”

Trump attacked Waters (D-Calif.), in March saying that she had “a very low IQ.”

In the past, Republicans have used negative marketing around the views and image of former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, as a way to get their base excited. Now, Trump is turning Waters into a routing object of criticism.

But will it work?

What are the chances that a voter in Michigan will be thinking about a member of Congress from California as they cast their ballot in a local, state or congressional race?

Waters, who has been in Congress since 1991, was recently named to the TIME 100 list as a top influencer. In the age of Trump, the longtime member of Congress has witnessed a resurgence in the interest in her work on Capitol Hill, especially among millennials.

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Starbucks: From boycott to victory

Phillip Jackson
Founder, The Black Star Project

If Howard Shultz wasn’t the founder of Starbucks, he would have been one of the boycott protesters with us. He said he was “embarrassed” and “ashamed” by the arrest of two black men in a Starbucks store in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania who were taken away by police and subsequently held for nine hours in a Philadelphia jail for the crime of sitting in a Starbucks store and not ordering coffee.

Starbucks is widely known as a good operator and an overall good guy in American business circles with its clean stores, open meeting spaces, free Wi-Fi; strong community relations and its great business model consisting of good jobs with fair benefits.

But the Starbucks decision to fix this public relations problem with “diversity training” is not the Howard Schultz or even the Starbucks way. Rather than work with the black community towards a solution to this potentially international issue, Starbucks turned to themselves and created a program for diversity training that includes closing their stores for one day and hiring the highest-priced diversity trainers money can buy.

The black community wanted to know, “How will we, the black community – aggrieved by this incident and aggrieved every day – how will we be better because of your “diversity training”?

The only answer Starbucks could give was, after the training “You will be better because we will be better.” Sorry. Not good enough!

Numerous studies by Harvard

University, MIT, Tel Aviv University and others show that diversity training doesn’t work and can produce the opposite of intended outcomes. These studies conclude that decades of cultural, racial and environmental bias and prejudice cannot be eradicated with one or 50 or 100 “diversity trainings.” In fact, such “trainings” can cause those hard-wired feelings to become more deeply entrenched thus resulting in the opposite of the sought-after effect.

The Chicago Boycott – case study

In Chicago, The Black Star Project organized a 12-store boycott of Starbucks. During the boycott, no anger was displayed. No one was arrested. No windows were broken. No stores were firebombed. Instead, there was plenty of dialogue. Dialogue is the Starbucks way. There were reports of Starbucks’ employees offering the boycotters free coffee and standing with the protesters. Protesters held doors open for elderly customers who did not honor the boycott. One protester even offered to buy a Starbucks coffee for the sick father of a man who expressed guilt about violating the boycott, but explained that his dad could only drink one kind of coffee – only available at Starbucks. It seemed as though boycotters and boycottees had reached a human accord, The Starbucks Way.

The Chicago boycott organizers are now planning community forums at more than 300 black-owned or managed coffee houses, as well as at faith-based and community-based organizations across

the U.S., especially near the 12 Starbucks stores previously boycotted. These community forums will serve as “Black Economic Empowerment Forums,” where attendees will develop plans to improve the economic vitality of their communities.

We wanted Starbucks to be part of this initiative. So far, they have said no. Starbucks is really one of the “good guys” in corporate America but working with the community will only make them better. It’s important to understand that even with over 9,000 stores throughout America, Starbucks shops are really only guests in these communities.

Meet Howard Schultz, executive chairman of The Board of Directors

Howard Schultz, founder and executive chairman of the Starbucks Board of Directors does understand the Starbucks culture and he understands America. He knows that Starbucks’ success is tied to communities’ success. He is unafraid to try new ideas even though those ideas might fail. However, this seems not to be the Starbucks way today. In 2015, Starbucks tried to convene a ‘Race Together’ dialogue through its stores. America was not ready then. In 2018, America is coming apart racially, socially and religiously. America is now ready for Howard Schultz’ ideas. But this effort cannot be owned by Starbucks alone. Other corporations, government agencies at all levels, foundations, faith-based and civic organizations along with social institutions and others must partner with Starbucks to make America and

the world better.

Schultz’ leadership style has been described as transformational. He does not think like a business person. He thinks like a person wanting to make the world a better place. But even he, super-rich, powerful and well-intentioned, needs the help of the world to achieve this transformational vision and reality. Starbucks, well established in business history, now has a chance to establish itself in human history.

In the words of Schultz: “... if we think about the country today – and I’m not talking about politics – I think the country needs to become more compassionate, more empathic. And we can’t speak about the promise of America and the American Dream and leave millions of people behind. And it’s my view that – leave Washington aside and all the politics aside – businesses and business leaders need to do a lot more for the people we employ, the communities we serve and we can make a significant difference.”

So where does Starbucks go from here?

Schultz says that he knows the Starbucks chain “won’t bridge the racial divide on its own” and that a coffee company “can only do so much.” However, he hopes to keep pushing forward and pursue initiatives that matter to him with the “same vigor he pursues corporate profits.”

The Montgomery Bus Boycott that changed America forever lasted 381 days. The Starbucks Boycott is only 33 days old. Only 348 days to go.

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MAY 9, 2018

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (“JMAA”) will receive sealed bids at the Jackson- Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport (“JAN”), Main Terminal Building, Suite 300, in the City of Jackson, Rankin County, Mississippi, until 2:00 p.m. Central Standard Time on June 15, 2018 (the “Bid Deadline”), for services in connection with the Solid Waste and Recycling Services, Project No. 6000-007-18, at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport (the “Work”).

JMAA will publicly open and read aloud all bids at 2:05 p.m. Central Standard Time on June 15, 2018 (the “Bid Opening”), in the Staff Conference Room, Third Floor of the Main Terminal Building, Suite 300 at JAN. JMAA invites Bidders and their authorized representatives to attend the Bid Opening.

The outside or exterior of each bid envelope or container of the bid must be marked with the wording: “Solid Waste and Recycling Services, JMAA PROJECT NO. 6000-007-18.” Bid proposals, amendments to bids, or requests for withdrawal of bids received by JMAA after the Bid Deadline will not be considered for any cause whatsoever.

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

The Information for Bidders is on file and open for public inspection at JAN at the following address:

Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport
100 International Drive, Suite 300
Jackson, Mississippi 39208
Telephone: (601) 939-5631
Email Address: dherndon@jmaa.com
Attention: Deuntagus Herndon,
Procurement Specialist

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

JMAA will hold a Pre-Bid Conference at 2:00 p.m. Central Standard Time on May 23, 2018, in the Community Room, 3rd Floor Mezzanine Level, at the Main Terminal Building at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, MS 39208. Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference is highly recommended for all those interested in submitting bids as a Prime Contractor for the Work and persons seeking opportunities to provide work as a Sub-Contractor. The benefits of attendance include networking opportunities between Prime Contractors and Sub-Contractors, as well as the opportunity to be on a list of contacts that will be published to interested parties as part of the minutes from the Pre-Bid Conference; review of the plans and specifications; and a site visit of the area covered in the scope of work. No site visits will be scheduled other than the one provided during the Pre-Bid conference.

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

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

JMAA has established a DBE participation goal of 20% for the Work solicited by this RFB.

JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
DATE: May 9, 2018 /s/ Carl D. Newman, A.A. E.
Carl D. Newman, A.A. E., Chief Executive Officer

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REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS
AND EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT—TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE)
CHEMICAL MONITORING
BY THE JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
JMAA PROJECT NUMBER: 7000-006-18

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (“JMAA”) requests Statements of Qualifications and Expressions of Interest (each, a “Statement of Qualifications”) to provide Environmental Consulting Services at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport (“JAN”) related to a Trichloroethylene (TCE) Chemical Monitoring Project.

JMAA will receive Statement of Qualifications to perform the Services at JMAA’s Administrative Offices, Suite 300, Main Terminal Building, Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39208, until 2:00 p.m. central time on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 (the “Deadline”).

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

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

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

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

JMAA will hold a Pre-Submission Conference at 2:00 p.m. central time on Tuesday, May 22, 2018, in the Staff Conference Room, 3rd Floor, 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 received 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 10% for the Services solicited by this RFQ.

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FONDREN HOSPITALITY PROJECT
CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI,

Notice is hereby given that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Jackson, Mississippi (the "Governing Body" of the "City"), will hold a public hearing on May 22, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. at the regular meeting place of the Governing Body at the City Hall of the City of Jackson, 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, on the Tax Increment Financing Plan: Fondren Hospitality Project, City of Jackson, Mississippi, May 2018 (the "TIF Plan"), for consideration by the Governing Body and requesting that the TIF Plan be approved in compliance with The City of Jackson, Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan, and further, to designate the project described in the TIF Plan as appropriate for development and tax increment financing.

The general scope of the TIF Plan is a proposal that the City will issue tax increment financing bonds (the "Bonds"), in one or more series in an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000), in order to provide funds necessary to pay for the cost of acquiring and constructing various infrastructure improvements in connection with the Project (as defined in the TIF Plan), which may include, but are not necessarily limited to, installation, rehabilitation and/or relocation of utilities such as water, gas and sanitary sewer; construction, renovation, or rehabilitation of drainage improvements, roadways, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, site improvements, structured and surface parking; relocation of electrical lines; lighting and signalization; landscaping of rights-of-way; related architectural/engineering fees, attorney's fees, TIF Plan preparation fees, issuance costs, capitalized interest, and other related soft costs (collectively "Infrastructure Improvements").

The Bonds shall be secured solely by a pledge by the City of the incremental increase in sales tax rebates and real and personal property ad valorem tax revenues generated within the TIF District, as described in the TIF Plan, and will never be a general obligation of the City, and will not be secured by the full faith, credit, and taxing power of the City, and will not create any other pecuniary liability on the part of the City other than the pledge of the incremental increase in the ad valorem taxes and sales tax rebates set forth above. If deemed necessary and appropriate, the City may require additional security from the developers of the Project.

Construction of the Infrastructure Improvements and payment of the Bonds issued pursuant to the TIF Plan will be paid as hereinabove set forth and will not require an increase in any kind or type of taxes within the City. Copies of the TIF Plan and the Redevelopment Plan are available for examination in the office of the City Clerk in Jackson, Mississippi.

The City may exercise its authority under Chapter 45 of Title 21, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended (the "Act"), as authorized by Sections 21-45-1, et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended.

This hearing is being called and conducted, and the TIF Plan has been prepared as authorized and required the Act.
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KRISTI MOORE, City Clerk

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FILM REVIEW: “POPE FRANCIS: A MAN OF HIS WORD”

PAPAL PROFILE PAINTS INTIMATE PORTRAIT OF THE PEOPLE’S PONTIFF

By Kam Williams
Columnist

Who is Pope Francis? Baptized Jorge Mario Bergoglio, he was born in Argentina December 17, 1936. He would follow his calling at an early age by entering the seminary while still in his teens.

After being ordained, he began his career teaching theology. He was appointed Archbishop of Buenos Aires in 1998, and

subsequently named a cardinal three years later by John Paul II.

When he became pope in March of 2013, he made history by being the first Jesuit, the first from the Americas, and the first Francis. He took that name in honor of Francis of Assisi, the saint generally regarded as the one most closely mirroring Christ’s compassion for the poor.

Directed by three-time, Oscar-nominee Wim Wenders (for Buena Vista Social Club, The Salt of the Earth and Pina), Pope Francis: A Man of His Word is a poignant profile which follows the peripatetic pontiff around the planet as he executes his papal duties. You get the sense that this is a humble person who prefers to downplay pomp and circumstance in favor of making himself as available

as possible to the masses that compose his flock.

Driving around in a modest sedan instead of a stretch limo or ornate Popemobile, his high priority points-of-call include children’s wards in hospitals, prison yards of correctional facilities and Auschwitz concentration camp. It is clear that he feels compelled to literally heed Jesus’ plea to minister to “the least of my brethren.”

Again and again, Pope Francis’ sermons, touching on timely themes ranging from poverty to pollution, exhibit a sincere concern for the underclass and the disenfranchised. During an address to a joint session of Congress, tears can be seen welling up in the eyes of members on both sides of the aisle.

A fitting portrait of the People’s Pope.
Excellent (4 stars)

Rated PG for mature themes and images of suffering

In Italian, Spanish, German and English with subtitles

Running time: 96 minutes

Production Studio: The Palindrome / Centro Televisivo Vaticano / Decia Films

Distributor: Focus Features

To see a trailer for Pope Francis: A Man of His Word, visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MOmY8i-uBcY>



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Wide Releases

Book Club (PG-13 for profanity and pervasive sex-related material) Romantic comedy revolving around four lifelong friends (Diane Keaton, Jane Fonda, Mary Steenburgen and Candice Bergen) whose sex lives are turned upside-down after their monthly book club discussion of “Fifty Shades of Grey.” Support cast includes Craig T. Nelson, Alicia Fierstone, Don Johnson, Andy Garcia, Richard Dreyfuss and Ed Begley Jr.

Deadpool 2 (R for sexual references, graphic violence, brief drug use and pervasive profanity) 11th installment in Marvel Comics’ X-Men franchise finds the wisecracking title charac-

ter (Ryan Reynolds) forming a ragtag team of superheroes to protect a young mutant (Julian Dennison) being hunted by a time-traveling, cybernetic soldier (Josh Brolin). With Morena Baccarin, Zazie Beetz and T.J. Miller.

Show Dogs (PG for suggestive and rude humor, action and mild epithets) Crime comedy about a police K-9 (Ludacris) who goes undercover as a pampered pooch with the help of his detective partner (Will Arnett) to prevent a looming disaster at the world’s most exclusive dog show. With Natasha Lyonne, Omar Chaparro and Andy Beckwith, and featuring voice-work by Shaquille O’Neal, RuPaul, Alan Cumming and Jordin Sparks.

Independent & Foreign

Carter & June (Unrated) Michael Raymond-James and Samaira Armstrong play the title characters in this mob comedy as ex-lovers who reunite to pull a bank heist which goes horribly wrong. With Timothy Omundson, Paul Rae and James Landry Hebert.

First Reformed (R for some disturbing violent images) Suspense thriller, set in upstate New York, revolving around a grieving pastor (Ethan Hawke) whose counseling the depressed husband (Philip Ettinger) of a pregnant parishioner (Amanda Seyfried) fails in tragic fashion. Supporting cast includes Cedric the Entertainer, Michael Gaston and Victoria Hill.

The Most Unknown (Unrated) Frontier documentary following visionary scientists on



the cutting edge as they explore new fields and seek answers to an array of unanswered questions.

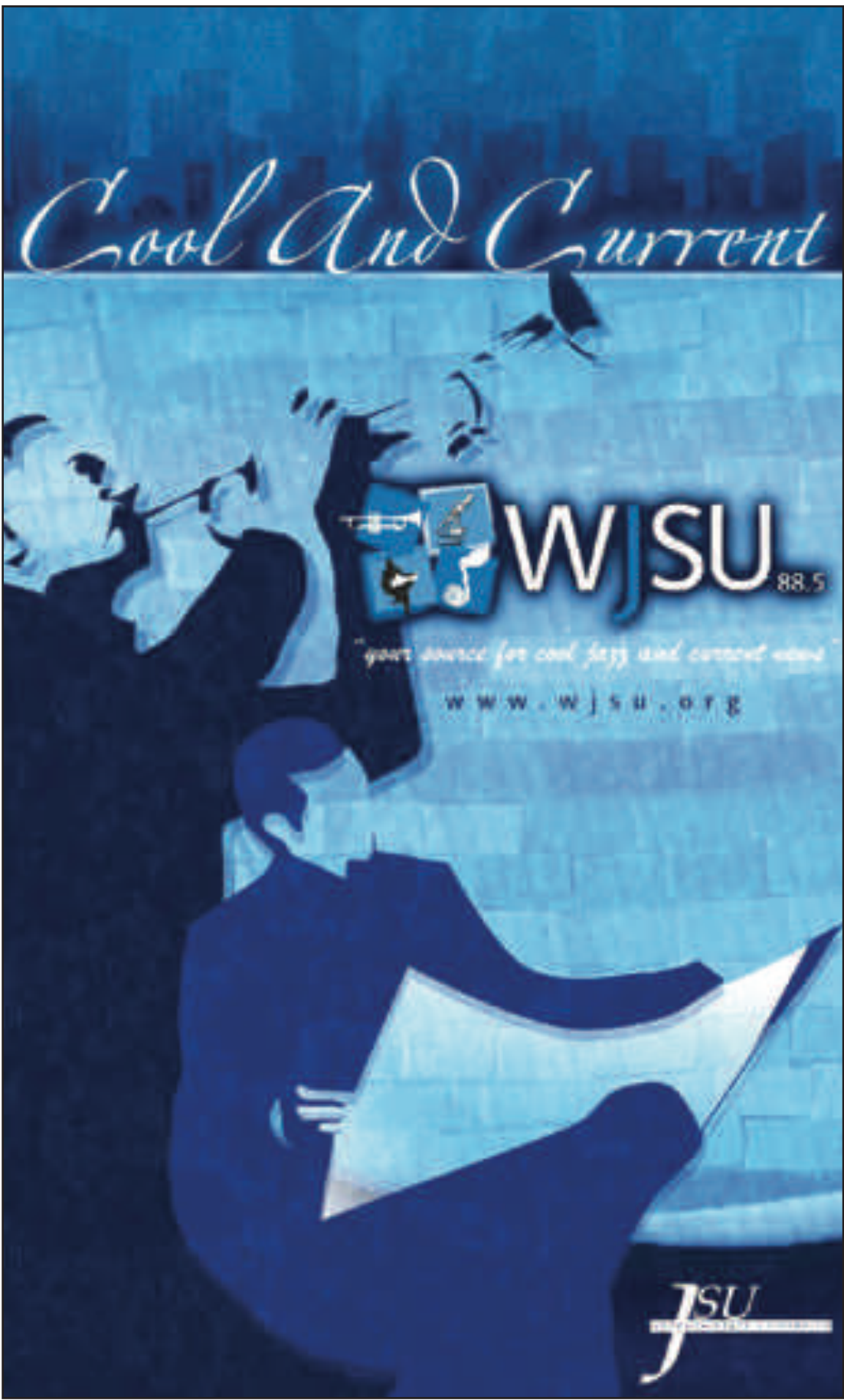
On Chesil Beach (R for nudity and sexuality) Adaptation of Ian McEwan’s best-selling novel of the same name, set in Dorset in the summer of ‘62, chronicling the courtship of a young couple (Saoirse Ronan and Billy Howie) that culminates in a bedroom crisis on their wedding night. With Emily Watson, Bebe Cave and Samuel West.

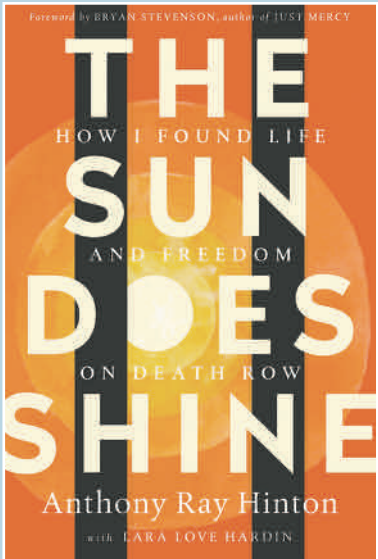
Pope Francis: A Man of His Word (PG for mature themes and images of suffering) Papal profile taking the audience on an intimate, cinematic journey with Pope Francis as he pontificates about poverty, pollution and social justice. (In Italian, Spanish, German and English with subtitles)

Sollers Point (R for sexuality, drug use and pervasive profanity) Tale of redemption revolving around a just-paroled ex-con’s (McCaul Lombardi) attempt to readjust to society while living

under house arrest in Baltimore at the home of his father (Jim Belushi). With Imani Hakim, Zazie Beetz and Tom Guiry.

That Summer (Unrated) Leisure class documentary, set during the summer of ‘72, chronicling the comings and goings of pop icons and jet setters at Grey Gardens, the sprawling Long Island estate of socialites “Big Edith” and “Little Edith” Bouvier Beale. Featuring file footage of Andy Warhol, Lee Radziwill, Peter Beard and Paul Morrissey.





BOOK REVIEW: “THE SUN DOES SHINE: HOW I FOUND LIFE AND FREEDOM ON DEATH ROW”

BY ANTHONY RAY HARDIN WITH LARA LOVE HARDIN
C.2018, ST. MARTIN’S PRESS
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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

You always keep your eyes on the prize.

You’ve given yourself no other options and your steadfastness is your compass. What you believe will happen. What you know is truth. Say it enough, and everybody else will know, too – especially when, as in the new book “The Sun Does Shine” by Anthony Ray Hinton with Lara Love Hardin, the truth is one of innocence.

On a night in the summer of 1985, twenty-nine-year-old Ray

Hinton checked in with the security guard at his workplace, just as he’d been told to always do. He hadn’t been at the job long, but that had become his routine every night before getting assignments for his shift, doing work he liked.

Reaching that point hadn’t been easy.

The youngest of ten children, Hinton was his mother’s “baby” and he continued to live with her after high school; though he’d thought about college, there was no money or scholarship for it. Instead, he found

work at an Alabama coal mine, hating the work, loving the paycheck, still wanting what he couldn’t afford.

He took a car he never paid for, and it cost him a few months in jail.

By that evening in the summer of 1985, though, Hinton had resolved to make his Mama proud. He was again employed, sober, living on the straight-and-narrow, had checked in with the guard as he was told, and worked until it was time to go home.

And that was where he was

arrested five days later, accused of a robbery and murder committed while he was at work, miles from the crime scene. His trial was short. The jury was all-white, as were the judge, prosecutor, defense attorney and a ballistics “expert” that was no expert. During the trial, Hinton knew he’d be convicted, knew it in his heart, even though he clearly had an alibi.

He was innocent. And he was sent to Death Row.

Because there’s a book about this, you’ve probably already figured out that author Anthony

Ray Hardin is a free man now. You already know of his innocence. The shocker is that that took thirty years for exoneration, and when you read “The Sun Does Shine” (with Lara Love Hardin), be prepared to be shocked some more.

Or maybe you won’t be: at times, Hardin himself seems to expect many of the things that happened to him, which leads to a whole host of emotions for a reader. You shouldn’t, in fact, be at all surprised to feel frustration, sadness, white-hot anger, and crushing despair – some-

times, from the same page. And yet, despite that you’ll cringe inside, Hardin also makes readers’ souls soar with words that reveal small beauties between horrors, and kindness where you don’t expect it. That’s like taking an amusement-park ride with no seat belts: hang on tight, because it might hurt.

What’s left to say, then, about this book? Nothing, except that you’ll like it for everything it wrings from you. “The Sun Does Shine” could be the most impressive book you’ll lay eyes on.

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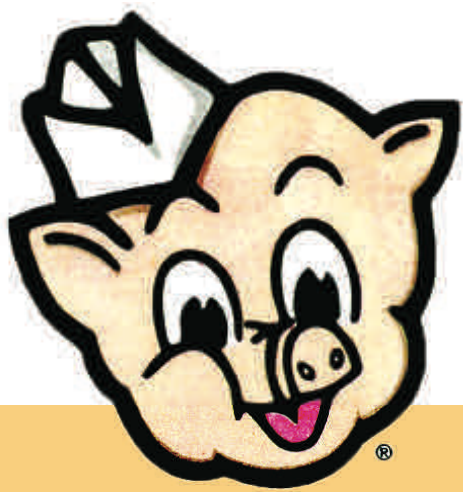
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