

COJ addresses technical violations found in water treatment process



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Wednesday, Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba held a press briefing to publicly announce technical violations that have been found in the techniques used to treat water at the O.B Curtis Water Treatment Plant as it relates to the Optimized Control Plan for the City of Jackson.

Lumumba told reporters, “We are here to acknowledge that the city has failed one of the process standards for maintaining the proper pH within our system.”

While the city’s drinking water supply does not test positive for lead, Lumumba explained that the technical violation stems from a decision to retrofit the water treatment system which was originally designed to only process liquid lime, not soda ash.

“The City of Jackson under my father’s administration, learned that there were troubles or issues with the water treatment facility being able to maintain a proper pH through what we had as a liquid lime system at that time. Former Mayor Chokwe Lumumba at that time took action to incorporate that in the budget to purchase a new system. Before he had the opportunity for that new system to be purchased, he asked if it was an emergency such that it required immediate action and he discovered that it was something that the system would hold out until the next budget incorporated a new

system. At that time he placed it in the budget.

“The Yarber administration later took that item out of the budget. You may recall, at that time there were a few lead tests that came up in a few homes somewhere around 2014, 2015 and there were efforts made at that time to retrofit the liquid lime system into a system which uses soda ash. What we have recently discovered is that the retrofitted system is not an adequate solution to the process. Because we are dealing with a machine that was not intended for the use of soda ash, there has been trouble in terms of soda ash clumping as it leads into the distribution system. And so that has led to a process violation.”

In December 2017, the Mississippi State Department of Health issued an Optimized Corrosion Control Plan for the City of Jackson drinking water system which requires the city to maintain a minimum pH of 9.0 for drinking water as it enters the water distribution system from both of its water treatment plants.

The Plan further requires that the pH in the water distribution system remain at 8.6 and above.

The purpose of the plan and the minimum pH requirements is to help prevent lead and copper from dissolving into the drinking water.

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Local sorority member named international president

Celebratory events to be held in the Capitol City

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The Beta Delta Omega Chapter is proud to announce that Glenda Baskin Glover, Ph.D., JD, CPA, has been named the international president of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. Glover, a life member of the sororit, was installed July 11, during the 68th annual convention in Houston, Texas.

Glover will lead the prestigious 110 year old organization for four years, 2018-2022 under the theme, “Exemplifying Excellence Through Sustainable Service.” Glover has served in several capacities, including international vice-president, international treasurer and treasurer to the Educational Advancement Foundation (EAF). She has also served as president, vice-president and treasurer of Beta Delta Omega Chapter in Jackson, Mississippi.

“Our chapter has at its core a legacy of cultivating leaders for service. On behalf of Beta Delta Omega, we are overwhelmed with pride and joy that Dr. Glover has excelled to the highest position within Alpha Kappa Alpha. Moreover, we look forward to bringing impactful community outreach throughout the Jackson Metro-area as we implement the supreme vision of Dr. Glenda Baskin Glover,” said Rose J. Franklin, president of Beta Delta Omega Chapter.

To celebrate this historic moment, the Jackson chapter is hosting a reception and brunch to honor Glover August 3-4.

Friday, August 3 at 6 p.m., there will be a reception held at the Jackson Hilton Hotel. The attire is dressy/cocktail and is invitation only for the community and all Alpha Kappa Alpha ladies are invited. Saturday, August 4 at 10 a.m., there will be a brunch held at the Jackson Convention Complex. The attire is dressy.

“The response from the special invitations, has been overwhelming for Dr. Glover even though it was an invitation only invite to the community,



Glover

said Maggie Terry Harper, reception/brunch chairman.

Those invited from the community and all AKA’s throughout the United States will not need to present the invitation because a check list for all RSVPs will be in place at the reception. Everyone is encouraged to RSVP no later than July 23.

“Dr. Glover has always strived towards exemplary excellence in education and the sorority. I take personal privilege to wish my dearest friend Godspeed. I pray that at least one an-

gel will watch over her daily,” said Harper.

Sorority members throughout the United States are expected to paint the City of Jackson, Mississippi pink and green to honor Glover.

Professionally, Glover serves as president of Tennessee State University and is the institution’s eighth and first woman president. Prior to serving as TSU’s president, Glover served as dean of the College of Business at

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Jonathan Freed, director of Corporate Communications for Frontier Airlines, introduces flight deals after announcing the company’s move to Jackson. PHOTO BY CIANNA HOPE REEVES

New Jackson airline announces two low-cost destinations

By Cianna Hope Reeves
JSU Student Intern

Wanting to travel by plane, but too expensive? No worries, with a ticket from Jackson’s newest air carrier, Frontier Airlines, you can.

Beginning in a few months, families across Mississippi will be able to travel by plane for as low as \$39 from the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport (JAN).

In a press conference Monday, Frontier Airlines introduced their new low-fare and non-stop flights to Orlando and Denver with affordable rates and a high-quality experience for customers wishing to vacation on a budget.

JAN is home to three major carriers, American Airlines, Delta Airlines and United Airlines, and two fairly new aviation companies, Via Airlines

which joined in March 2018 and Frontier Airlines, its newest competition.

With the slogan “low fares done right,” Frontier Airline is a Denver-based aircraft corporation whose goal is to offer travelers the ability to fly at reasonable prices incomparable to veteran aircraft companies housed in the city’s airport.

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Hinds CC announces speaker for summer graduation ceremony

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Summer graduation ceremonies are set for July 27 at the Muse Center on the Rankin Campus as students earn career or technical certificates and associate's degrees from Hinds Community College.

The college will confer 389 credentials to 591 students in two ceremonies. All nursing and allied health graduates will receive their credentials at 8 a.m., with commencement for academic and career-tech graduates to follow at 11 a.m.

Peggy Hobson Calhoun, who represents District 3 on the Hinds County Board of Supervisors, is the speaker at both ceremonies.

Calhoun, of Jackson, was first elected in 1992 and has championed issues of economic development, public health and safety. Over the years, she has received numerous awards and recognitions for services rendered to promote the development of women, as well as small and minority-owned businesses.

In 2017, Calhoun was selected by fellow county supervisors on the Mississippi Association of Supervisors to be the organization's president for the 2017-18 term.

She is a member of Mount Nebo Missionary Baptist Church and has two adult children with her husband, State Rep. Credell Calhoun.



Calhoun

Free school supplies to be distributed at JMMF's 3rd Annual JumpStart: The Back to School Jam

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The Jackson Medical Mall Foundation will host its 3rd Annual JumpStart: The Back to School Jam Saturday, July 21 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

A variety of activities are scheduled for that day to include: a school supply giveaway, free health screenings and talent showcase in which students will compete for cash prizes.

The Drs. Aaron and Ollye Shirley Scholarship recipients will also be announced during JumpStart, along with the winners of the Dorm Room Giveaway.

There is no cover charge to attend this event.

For more details, contact Mahalia Wright or Dana Gandy at (601) 982-8467.



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Glover is married to Charles Glover and they are the parents of two adult children, Attorney Candace Glover and Dr. Charles Glover III.

Philip Calhoun, VP Manufacturing, Nissan Canton
Last week we incorrectly identified this photo.

The Trotter family home dedication sponsored by Nissan

WHEN: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 10 a.m.

WHERE: 2857 Greenview Dr., Jackson, MS

WHO: Nissan staff and volunteers; 2018 Nissan build homeowner; and HFHMCA

About Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area:
Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area is a faith-based organization founded in 1986. We have built or renovated simple and sustainable homes for over 600 families in Hinds, Madison, and Rankin counties. Habitat homes are sold at no profit with an interest-free mortgage to families who cannot qualify for traditional bank loans. Homeownership combined with Habitat’s required financial education allows these families to invest in our community and their future simultaneously.

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Nissan is a global full-line vehicle manufacturer that sells more than 60 models under the Nissan, INFINITI and Datsun brands. In fiscal year 2017, the company sold 5.77 million vehicles globally, generating revenue of 11.9 trillion yen. On April 1, 2017, the company embarked on Nissan M.O.V.E. to 2022, a six-year plan targeting a 30 percent increase in annualized revenues to 16.5 trillion yen by the end of fiscal 2022, along with cumulative free cash flow of 2.5 trillion yen. As part of Nissan M.O.V.E. to 2022, the company plans to extend its leadership in electric vehicles, symbolized by the world’s best- selling all-electric vehicle in history, the Nissan LEAF.

Nissan’s global headquarters in Yokohama, Japan, manages operations in six regions: Asia & Oceania; Africa, the Middle East and India; China; Europe; Latin America; and North America. Nissan has partnered with French manufacturer Renault since 1999 and acquired a 34 percent stake in Mitsubishi Motors in 2016. Renault-Nissan-Mitsubishi is today the world’s largest automotive partnership, with combined sales of more than 10.6 million vehicles in calendar year 2017.



L to R - Philip Calhoun, senior director of Manufacturing Operations at Nissan; Merrill McKewen, executive director at HFHMCA; and Tyran Trotter, new homeowner



Trotter



JPS BACK-TO-SCHOOL Q & A

Q1. What's New for 2018-2019?

Let's Talk!

We've made it even easier for you to share questions, comments, suggestions, concerns, and kudos with District leaders 24/7. Simply click [Contact Us](#) on our website, or download the Let's Talk! app and enter our ID (JP1359) on your mobile device. You can remain anonymous or leave your contact information to continue the conversation.

Revised Bell Schedules

The regular bell schedules for middle and high schools were changed for the 2018-2019 school year. The revisions are included in the table below. Check these links for details:

- [All Middle Schools and High Schools](#)
- [APAC Programs at Power Elementary, Bailey Middle, and Murrah High](#)

School Event	Elementary	Middle	High
School Opens	7 a.m.	7:25 a.m.	7:30 a.m.
Instruction Begins	7:45 a.m.	8 a.m.	8:40 a.m.
Instruction Ends	2:15 p.m.	3:20 p.m.	4 p.m.
School Closes	3:30 p.m.	3:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.

New Early College High School Established for 2018-2019

Jackson Public Schools, in a partnership with Tougaloo College, will start the Early College High School program in 2018-2019. The inaugural class will consist of 49 ninth graders. New ninth graders will be added each year until the program includes grades 9-12. In an ECHS is a small, independent high school located on a partnering college campus or a location other than a traditional high school campus. Students enter as high school freshmen, with a goal of earning both a high school diploma and an associate degree.

Jackson Public School District's Early College High School is located on the campus of Tougaloo College.

Visit the [Early College High School](#) webpage to learn more about the program and the application timeline.

Q2. How do I find contact information for my child's school?

For a complete list of JPS schools with contact information, go to the [School Directory](#) on our website.

Q3. How do I find out what school my child will attend?

To determine your attendance zone school, contact [Enrollment Services](#) at (601) 960-8852 or the Transportation Department at (601) 960-8919.

Q4. What if my child was going to Brown, French, George or Woodville Heights?

If your child attended Brown, French, George, or Woodville Heights last year, here's where they may be going to school this year:

Brown Elementary:

- Galloway Elementary, 186 Idlewild Street, Jackson, MS 39203

French Elementary:

- Lake Elementary, 472 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Jackson, MS 39209
- Raines Elementary, 156 Flag Chapel Road, Jackson, MS 39209

George Elementary:

- Isable Elementary, 1716 Isable Street, Jackson, MS 39204
- Casey Elementary, 2101 Lake Circle, Jackson, MS 39211

Woodville Heights Elementary:

- Bates Elementary, 3180 McDowell Road Ext., Jackson, MS 39204
- Oak Forest Elementary, 1831 Smallwood Drive, Jackson, MS 39212
- Timberlawn Elementary, 1980 North Siwell Road, Jackson, MS 39209

Q5. How do I register my child for school?

This school year you must schedule an appointment to initiate the registration process. Completing online registration requires access to a computer with a connection to the internet. Computer labs are set up at each school for parents who do not have access to a computer. Labs are open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Schools will be closed from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. each day. Hours will be extended until 6 p.m. on Thursdays to accommodate parents. For more information, contact [Enrollment Services](#) at (601) 960-8852.

Miss Hospitality contestants visit Forrest General Hospital

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A group of 32 young women from across the state who are competing in the 2018 Mississippi Miss Hospitality pageant took time out of their busy pageant week to visit Forrest General July 17.

During their visit, the contestants received a welcome from Breanne Gaubert, assistant director, Forrest General Market-

ing and Communications.

The contestants enjoyed an encouraging presentation by Representative Missy McGee of Mississippi House District 102.

Addressing the contestants, McGee said, “I was chosen by the people of my city to represent them, and so were you. You were chosen to represent your city or your county because the people there saw some-

thing special in you. For me, that has been the privilege of a lifetime. All of you are leaders, and no matter what happens this week, you have done an incredible thing by stepping out and representing the people of your hometown and your county.”

For more information on Forrest General and its available services, visit forrestgeneral.com.



Miss Hospitality contestants at Forrest General



Representative Missy McGee addresses the group.

Hinds County School District Weekly Update

Gary Road Elementary School Registration



Kindergarten registration and re-enrollment for Gary Road Elementary students is open for the summer. Parents and guardians will be able to register children for kindergarten at Gary Road Elementary (7241 Gary Road, Byram, Miss.) from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday–Thursday. Returning first and second grade students can be registered online with a Snap Code. If parents do not have a code, they can call Gary Road Elementary at 601 373-1319 to speak with a counselor and/or principal.

Parents and guardians will need to bring the following to complete enrollment:

- A driver’s license or other state identification card
- Child’s birth certificate (long-form), immunization records (Form 121), social security card and discipline record for each child being enrolled
- Current utility bill from the previous 30 days, AND filed Homestead Exemption from the previous year, mortgage payment documentation or property deed of trust, apartment or home lease OR two (2) business or government correspondence

We encourage you to go ahead and register as soon as possible!



Word and Worship Church hosts Back to School Blast

Word and Worship Church will hosts its third annual Back to School Blast Saturday, July 28, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Word and Worship Church is located at 6286 Hanging Moss Road, Jackson, MS

Free school supplies will be available while they last. School age students must be present in order to receive the school supplies. In addition to the school supplies, the Back to School Blast will also feature information regarding mental health, wellness, charter schools and financial planning. Refreshments will be provided. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information contact: wordandworship6286@gmail.com



Walmart to kick off back-to-school season with immunizations and free health screenings in Jackson

Jackson Walmart stores will be helping families get a healthy start to the new school year with America’s largest single day health fair event. Walmart Wellness Day will kick off the retailer’s busy back-to-school season in Jackson Saturday, July 21. This free event provides students and their families access to health services including immunizations, health screenings and in select locations, free vision screenings. Parents will also be able to speak one-on-one with a Walmart pharmacist about any health concerns they have for their children going into the school year.

Since its first Walmart Wellness Day event, the company has provided more than 2.2million free screenings to people across the country. Hundreds of thousands of Americans turn out for each Walmart Wellness Day, making it America’s largest single day health fair event. Customers will also have access to blood glucose and blood pressure screenings, both of which have helped countless customers uncover existing health problems in previous wellness day events.

Where: Jackson Walmart Stores

When: Saturday, July 21, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Contact: Monique Smith



JPS 2018 BOND QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q1. How did the District come to the amount of \$65 million for the Bond?
The District determined the amount based on the needs of the schools.

Q2. Explain the fee structure associated with the Bond.
The fees were budgeted at the highest amount allowed in order to plan for the total amount of the transaction. Actual costs will be less than the budgeted amount.

Q3. How are the projects chosen?
The projects were chosen in order of priority to first address the items noted in the MDE audit and then those projects that will have direct impact on instruction.

Q4. Why should the citizens support a bond for JPS when it is an F rated District?
The repairs for schools are required regardless of the rating of the District. The MDE requirements to provide safe schools is not dependent on the outcome of state tests. Students in JPS deserve quality and modern facilities without any consideration of performance on tests.

Q5. What will the election cost the City of Jackson and how will it be paid?
We are working with the City of Jackson to determine the actual costs of the election and right now do not have any actual amounts. However the District will reimburse the City of Jackson for those costs by September 30.

Q6. Were all projects from the 2006 bond completed? If not, explain why?
There were over \$300 million in projects that were listed in the plans for the 2006 bond issue. As required by state law, the District must bid and/or receive quotes on projects and costs for some projects exceeding the amount that was initially anticipated. The District determined the priority projects at that time and completed as many of those as funds would allow. The district will continue to follow the law and address its priority projects when funds are received from this bond issue.

Q7. Why was Mosely Mullen Elementary School never constructed?
Mosley Mullen Elementary school was never proposed in the initial bond referendum. Funds were allocated to do work at Barr Elementary. The administration determined that those renovations would not be sufficient. In 2009 the JPS Board of Trustees authorized the issuance of additional bonds (Qualified School Construction Bonds) to support the building of a new school. However, after numerous bids, the cost of the school exceeded the amount that was available to build the school. The funds for the school were returned, and the remaining funds were allocated to other projects.

Q8. What would happen to JPS if the Bond does not pass on August 7?
The school district will not be able to make the needed repairs and renovations. No new science labs will be built. The District will not be able to pass the state accreditation requirements.

Q9. If the Bond passes on August 7, when will projects begin?
Projects will be bid out as soon as possible and once the funds are received in the District (anticipated by December 2018), they will begin as soon as they can feasibly be done without interruption of schools.

Q10. Why did JPS close or consolidate schools prior to the upcoming bond election when the \$65 million could have gone toward repairing those schools?
The District made and will continue to make responsible decisions when it comes to the number of schools that it can support. The District has experienced a continuous decline in enrollment which will have to be addressed with the number of schools it maintains. Growth in the city will continue to be monitored so that the District will be able to meet the needs of students and their families, which may also guide future decisions of school locations.

Q11. Why should citizens support a bond without a permanent superintendent in JPS?
The repairs for schools are required regardless of who is superintendent of the District. Students in JPS deserve quality and modern facilities without any consideration of who is in leadership.

JPS superintendent search

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Statement from JPS School Board President Jeanne Middleton Hairston regarding the status of the Superintendent Search:
“We are currently waiting for an Attorney General Opinion to confirm that the credentials of our candidates align

with the state superintendent law. This process typically takes up to 30 days and was initiated June 12. Interim Superintendent Murray remains in his position until a permanent superintendent is hired, at which time he will move into the position of deputy superintendent.”



JPS ITS featured in national magazine for expanding ed tech in schools

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Executive Director Stephan George and his staff in the Information Technology Department were featured in a national publication for advancing an ambitious plan to boost educational technology in JPS schools. Part of that plan included making the district 100 percent wireless by 2019. He also came up with a “power bank” solution to overcome the city’s unreliable power grid. Consisting of battery-powered devices, the solution keeps systems running in case of outages.

George acknowledged in the article that there is more work to be done, making the point that his motivation is teachers and students and their success in the district’s classrooms. He is also careful to give credit to his relatively small team of only 20 employees for their innovative problem solving that stretches scarce budgets.



Executive Director Stephan George and the Information Technology staff were featured in the national trade magazine Toggle for innovative approaches to expand education technology in JPS schools. PHOTO CREDIT: TOGGLE MAGAZINE

You can read the full article online, “Stephan George, Jackson Public Schools: Boosting Educational Bandwidth.” The six-page spread starts on page 26.

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Environmental passion honed through Hinds' CC Honors program

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Christopher Lockhart is as plugged into the “connected” world as any self-respecting millennial. But, he hasn’t forgotten his love of the outdoors since graduating from Hinds just a few years ago.

“Growing up, I was one of those kids playing outside – digging in the dirt, bringing bugs in the house,” Lockhart said. “I caught a lot of stuff. Right now, even, I have a pet snapping turtle.”

That passion for enjoying a beautiful day on land or sea fuels both his jobs these days, teaching biology at Clinton High School and owning Capital City Kayaks, which offers tours of local waterways including the Pearl River and the reservoir.

“It’s a way to get people accustomed to the water,” he said of his business, started three years ago as an extension of his many outdoor hobbies as a kid. “There are pockets of hidden gems around here to see in a kayak where you feel like you’re not even in the city.”

Lockhart graduated from Murrah High School in 2008, then honed his aptitude for math and science at Hinds before earning a bachelor’s degree in biology education from Mississippi State University in 2012.

“It was a wonderful transition,” he said of his Hinds experience.



Lockhart

He credits his experiences in the Honors Institute and the Gamma Lambda chapter of Phi Theta Kappa on the Raymond Campus for becoming a well-rounded student – in particular the community service projects that open Honors students’ eyes

to the world.

“I love all those instructors,” he said. “They gave me the opportunity to go to Costa Rica and study environmental science for free. And I got to kayak there, which was the highlight of my trip right there. We saw a

sloth coming down a tree, which was a rare sight.

“We did a lot of team and character-building activities. It was definitely an experience being able to learn from those people, the kinds of people where you’re definitely not the smart-

est person in the room.”

Retired biology instructor and Honors dean Kristi Sather-Smith remembers the trip with Lockhart to Costa Rica well.

“That’s when I learned about how passionate he is about all things living,” Sather-Smith

said. “Chris always took every opportunity to learn and ran with it. He never wasted time, but never seemed to be in a hurry.”

Starting his education at Hinds eased him into his higher education and offered a multitude of perspectives from peers.

“Hinds offered a four-year feel but in a more intimate space,” he said. “You still meet people from all around, even though it’s a community college. I met people in the dorm from Jamaica, from Russia, from all kinds of different places.”

His connection with Hinds has continued in the past few years, as he’s giving an assist to the same Honors program he enjoyed as a student.

“I was approached by the college’s Office of Sustainability and the Honors program to help out on community service projects geared toward preserving the environment, mainly donating some boats and time to work with Hinds’ Honors students,” he said. “I said ‘I most certainly would.’

“I saw some of my recent former students at Clinton High in the program. It was a heart-touching moment seeing them there, since it hadn’t been that long since I was in it. A lot of them hadn’t been in a kayak before. Before you knew it, they were paddling around picking up trash like professionals.”

Self-made businesswoman credits Hinds CC for ‘major role’ in life, career

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Born into a family of 10 children in agrarian Lake Providence, La., Jeanette Felton was a breadwinner before she even learned to read at grade level.

She had very little choice, she recalls.

“I missed a lot of classes in school since I was the oldest of 10,” Felton said. “I had to keep the children so my mother could work. A lot of basic things most people would have in school, I didn’t have. And I think I was the only black student in the class. I felt unprepared.”

Felton dropped out of high school in the 10th grade and, by 1973, had left her hometown. She and her husband landed in the Valley Park community in Issaquena County with her husband to work the vast tracts of farmland that blanket the South Delta.

It was the start of a long journey that continued at Hinds’ doorstep as one of the many success stories of the college’s Adult Basic Education program through the years. Now 67 and head of a company that’s among Mississippi’s largest home healthcare businesses, Felton continues to be awestruck by how big a role Hinds played in her personal and professional development.

“Hinds is absolutely the best,” Felton said. “They did things so well and so organized. People were always so encouraging. Hinds played a major role in my life and career.”

A mother of five by age 23, Felton felt a desire to work and make her own money in life despite not having completed her high school education. “After a while, I really wanted to start work,” she said. “But, if you don’t have a GED, you can’t get a job.”

In 1977, she aced her high school equivalency test on the second try, then worked at Roll-



Felton

ing Fork Elementary in a variety of positions over the next several years. “I was a bus driver, then a cook,” she said. “The following year, I was able to work as a teacher’s assistant. Doing those jobs, I wasn’t even earning what the teachers were, but I liked the profession.”

Being around educated people made her want that level of achievement that much more, she said.

I knew nothing about college. I was out of my comfort zone. But, I just knew I wanted to do something. Working in the school system, these people had educations. And I wanted to prove myself.

“Elementary education was the early drawing point for me, but coming to Hinds and being exposed to other people taking classes in different things showed me nursing was a field where you could also earn a good living and go further in life.”

With that in mind, Felton went for broke on her education. She quit her jobs and set her sights on her first healthcare credential, in practical nursing, in 1985 at the Vicksburg-Warren Campus and passed a licensure test. “You know the pressure was on, then. Failing was not an option. Back then, it took about three months to get the results back, but when I

got them it gave me such a sense of accomplishment.”

The desire to keep helping people and the earnings potential of doing so propelled her to her next degree three years later. “Back then, you really weren’t supposed to be working while going to nursing school, but I did because I had to. And like today, nursing school isn’t easy. In LPN school, we started with a hundred people and graduated with about 17. But, when I finished, I was happy I’d be able to provide better for my children.”

In 1998, she earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Alcorn State University. Shortly thereafter, she began At Home Care, in Port Gibson.

The business has grown mightily in just 20 years – now employing about 450 people in its 11 offices statewide, including the main office along Church Street in Port Gibson. Its caregivers work in 48 Mississippi counties offering in-home care to those dealing with chronic medical conditions that might otherwise result in permanent residency in nursing homes.

“We try to help people in those situations stay at home longer,” she said. “As people age and if they’ve been self-sufficient all their lives, they prefer staying

in their own homes. They can do that with the help our service provides, which include running errands, cooking, assisting them with a bath. It definitely has an important place in these people’s lives.”

Felton credits several instructors and counselors at the Vicksburg campus and in the ADN program for providing just the right helping hand at all the right times. “John Thomas, at the Vicksburg campus, was a counselor there and talking to him was always very encouraging. Becky Tustain taught some of my classes in the RN program, and, of course, Bobbie Anderson was the dean.”

In February, Hinds President Clyde Muse spoke at this year’s Industry Appreciation Banquet in Claiborne County, organized by the county’s Economic Development District. There, Felton was recognized as an outstanding business leader.

“If you’re an economist and want to look at from here to here,” Muse said, holding his hands apart to demonstrate distance, “Look what we were able to help her do – not only for herself but her family and her community in economic development. That’s the kind of story you love to hear and tell people about.”

Her best advice to any young person in a similar situation to hers, particularly single mothers, is that there’s no substitute for persistence. It’s advice that, nowadays, she and her current husband, the Rev. Columbus Felton, impart to their 12 children, 17 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

“You have to stick to it and not give up,” she said. “You’ve got to lock your mind around that. You can’t do anything else but keep moving. I’ve never been a lazy person. If you’re lazy, you can forget it. God will allow you to do whatever you want to do.”

William Carey University opens School of Pharmacy

William Carey University has received approval from the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education to admit the first class to its new pharmacy school at the Tradition campus in Biloxi. The WCU School of Pharmacy will open July 23 with a class of 60 students. “We are so pleased to be approved as the second school of pharmacy in the State of Mississippi,” said WCU President Dr. Tommy King. “This is another step in our efforts to meet the healthcare needs of Mississippi and the Gulf South.” More details soon.



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Mississippi Corvette Classic benefits Diabetes Foundation

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Love cars? Love the classics? Then come see timeless Corvette beauties at the 2018 Mississippi Corvette Classic. This all-Corvette indoor car show will be held at the Jackson Convention Complex July 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The 8th annual Mississippi Corvette Classic is hosted by the Mississippi Corvette Club, Inc.

Major sponsors of the event include the Jackson Convention Complex and the Central Mississippi Chevy dealers. Seven generations of Corvettes will be on display.

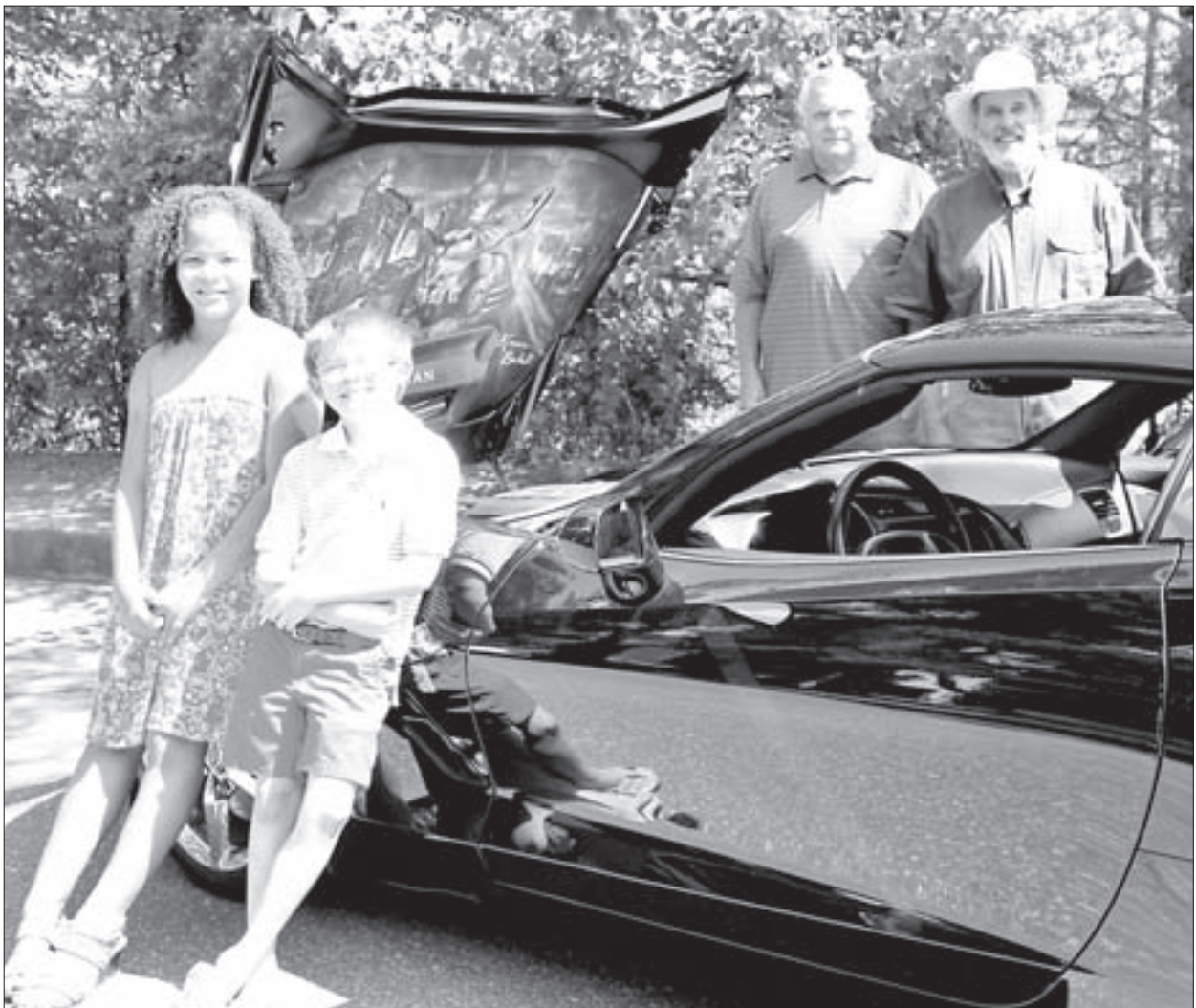
Net proceeds from this exciting event will benefit the Diabetes Foundation of Mississippi. The DFM is Mississippi’s premier nonprofit health organization working to prevent diabetes and associ-

ated complications as well as working to improve the lives of every child, adult and family touched by type 1 or type 2 diabetes.

To raise money for the DFM, the Mississippi Corvette Club, Inc. asks that everyone over the age of 13 donate \$5 toward admission to the show.

There will also be a silent auction where you can bid on a signed football by Alabama Head Coach Nick Saban; a football signed by Saban and his 2017 championship team and a basketball signed by the outstanding 2017 MSU Ladies basketball team.

For more information call the Mississippi Corvette Club at 601 668-0553 or the DFM at 601 957-7878.



Fans of all ages check out the “Bat Mobile” Corvette at a Diabetes Foundation benefit hosted by the Mississippi Corvette Club.

Millsaps College-Chism Strategies State of the State Survey: Voters Back Early Voting, Automatic Registration

Survey finds mixed support for electoral reforms, state elected leaders

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Mississippians support several potential policy changes to help improve the state’s electoral process, including the expansion of early voting and automatically registering eligible voters upon turning 18 years of age. According to the newly released July 2018 Millsaps College-Chism Strategies State of the State Survey, voters strongly favor the state’s existing Voter ID law and are evenly split on whether state and municipal elections should be moved to weekends instead of Tuesdays. Meanwhile, the survey finds that voters are skeptical of treating Election Day as a holiday for Mississippi workers, using a vote-by-mail system, and allowing for online voter registration.

Voters ranked repairing the state’s roads and bridges as their top policy priority, making this the fourth consecutive quarter in which the electorate indicates that they want Mississippi’s leaders to address this problem above all else.

According to the survey, 35 percent of respondents believe that the state is on the right track as opposed to 29 percent who sense that it is on the wrong track. The survey also includes approval ratings of numerous elected officials and finds that Secretary of State Delbert Hosemann remains among the most popular elected leaders in the Magnolia State. Nearly 50 percent of Mississippi voters approve of the job being done by Hosemann as opposed to just 14 percent who disapprove of his work.

“Mississippi is entering a three-year period of perhaps the most important consecutive election cycles that the state has seen in decades,” said Nathan Shrader, assistant professor of political science and director of American Studies at Millsaps College. “The 2018, 2019 and 2020 elections will be vitally important to the state and her citizens, yet voter participation in the 2018 primary and primary runoff elections was

distressingly low. Our objective with this survey was to explore the extent to which Mississippians are open to modernizing or adjusting our current electoral system to perhaps improve our weak voter participation rates. Among our most consequential findings is that Mississippi voters have identified fixing roads and bridges and increasing funding for public schools as their top policy priorities for the fourth consecutive quarter. This demonstrates stability among the public’s policy preferences in these areas.”

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

Election Laws

- 57 percent favor allowing for early voting while just 25 percent are opposed.
- 49 percent support and 37 percent oppose automatically registering eligible Mississippians to vote when they turn 18 years of age.
- 39 percent oppose moving all Mississippi elections to weekends while 38 percent support the move.
- 49 percent oppose making Election Day a holiday for workers in Mississippi and 42 percent are in favor.
- 56 percent support continuing with in-person voting while only 6 percent back using mail-in-voting. Another 37 percent favor utilizing a mixture of in-person and vote-by-mail elections.
- 81 percent favor maintaining Mississippi’s Voter ID law.
- 47 percent oppose online voter registration while 38 percent support such a change.

Elected Official Ratings

- 48 percent approve of Secretary of State Delbert Hosemann’s job performance while 15 percent disapprove.
- 37 percent approve of State Treasurer Lynn Fitch’s job performance while 17 percent disapprove.
- Insurance Commissioner Mike Chaney has a job approval rating of 31 percent and a disap-

proval rating of 14 percent.

- 29 percent of Mississippi voters approve of Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson’s work while 11 percent disapprove.
- Public Service Commissioner Brandon Presley has a job approval rating of 29 percent and a disapproval rating of 13 percent.
- State Representative Mark Baker (a declared candidate for Attorney General in 2019) has an overall approval rating of 14 percent and a disapproval rating also of 14 percent.
- Only 22 percent approve of the work being done by the State Legislature with 35 percent disapproving. The difference between those who approve and disapprove of the legislature’s performance is consistent with the previous two State of the State Surveys.

Policy Priorities

- 25 percent of respondents say that fixing roads and bridges is their most important priority. This is the fourth consecutive quarter where it has topped the list of concerns expressed by the voters.
- More funding for public schools (22 percent) and making healthcare more affordable and accessible (18 percent) were the second and third highest ranking policy priorities.

Chism Strategies is pleased to team with Millsaps College to measure public sentiment on different ways to make voting easier in our state,” said company president Brad Chism. “We look forward to the legislature’s consideration of all the options for increasing voter participation in Mississippi and this data should make for an informed debate.”

The survey was conducted June 28-29. The sample size of 623 with 67 percent of interviews conducted via landline and 34 percent via cell phone. The survey has a Margin of Error of +/- 4.0 percent.

Results were weighted to reflect likely 2018 general election turnout for age, race, gender and partisanship.

Guy E. “Butch” Evans settles with state in Epps scandal

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Guy E. “Butch” Evans, an insurance agent licensed to do business with the state of Mississippi, settled with the state for \$100,000 for his involvement in the Epps prison bribery scandal, announced Attorney General Jim Hood.

In 2012, then-Mississippi Department of Corrections Commissioner Christopher Epps, through official actions, designated Evans as the “Broker of Record” for MDOC, allowing him to sell supplemen-

tal insurance policies to MDOC employees. Knowing that Epps could rescind this designation, Evans collected more than \$73,000 in profits and then made a total of \$19,200 in cash payments to Epps, beginning in January 2013 and lasting for at least one year. Evans was sentenced Tuesday in federal court to six months in prison and a \$5,000 fine after pleading guilty to one count of aiding and abetting tax fraud.

“We were able to disgorge him of his profit and then

some. Crime still does not pay.” said Hood. “I appreciate all of the hard work by the FBI in investigating these crimes. We will continue to pursue money owed the state in civil cases and continue our investigation into newly discovered matters.”

To date, Hood has announced the recovery of \$6,650,000 on behalf of Mississippi taxpayers related to his office’s investigations and ensuing litigation in the Epps prison bribery scandal.



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Obama still a hit in Kenya during a ‘private citizen’ trip

TriceEdneyWire.com

Former President Barack Obama turned up in Kenya this week at the Sauti Kuu Resource Centre – a community center to fight poverty launched by his sister, Dr. Rita Auma Obama.

It was a quick detour from a week spent in Tanzania where Obama and his wife Michelle toured the Serengeti National Park.

After a brief stop at the State House to meet with President Uhuru Kenyatta, and later with opposition leader Raila Odinga, Obama headed to K’Ogelo, his father’s birthplace and home of Sauti Kuu – Kiswahili for “Strong Voices.” As conceived by his sister, the center will engage young people through a sports facility, a library, a computer center and a vocational training center.

It was the former president’s follow up trip since visiting his ancestral K’Ogelo and his first since his trip as president three years ago.

News of his impending 2-day visit spread like wildfire and a week before his arrival,



Former President Barack Obama and his sister, Dr. Rita Auma Obama, in Kenya.

top hotels in Kisumu were flooded with international visitors. Flights into Kisumu International Airport were fully booked and the streets teamed with traders selling caps, calendars, t-shirts and other items bearing Obama’s image.

Security was tight at the Sauti Kuu affair and some of

the invited dignitaries, including the local governor, chafed at having to be searched at the door. After giving a greeting in Swahili to much applause, Obama was generous in his praise for the crowd’s warm welcome. “It’s a joy to be back,” he said, “with so many people who are family to

me and so many people who claim to be family to me. Everybody’s a cousin,” he said to laughter.

While he and Dr. Obama hadn’t grown up together, they met later in Nairobi, when he was 27 years old and they traveled together to his family’s home town. “We traveled by train and it wasn’t a bullet train,” he recalled. “Then there was a bus and some chickens in my lap and some potatoes digging into my side,” he said to more laughter. Visiting his “home square” and his father’s grave, he said he found a sense of satisfaction “that no five-star hotel could ever provide.”

“I tell you that story because I could not be more proud of what my sister has accomplished.”

Completing his trip will be a stop in South Africa where the country celebrates the 100th anniversary of Nelson Mandela’s birth. Obama will deliver the Mandela Day lecture, reputed to be his most important public address since leaving the White House.

Trump’s failure to defend our Democracy is a dereliction of duty



President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin

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



Russian President Vladimir Putin came late to the Helsinki Summit with Donald Trump Monday and

spoke first at the news conference afterward.

He handed Trump a soccer ball from the World Cup, but he clearly walked away with the trophy for the World Cup of politics, largely because Trump, in a bizarre and unprecedented performance, kept scoring his own goals on Putin’s behalf.

I have always supported dialogue and negotiations over conflict and isolation. I believe that good relations with the Russians, a nuclear power, are as Trump would say, “a good thing.” But Trump made it embarrassingly clear that he is more concerned about defending his own besmirched election campaign than he is about protecting American democracy.

The president apparently doesn’t understand that it isn’t all about him. Russian interference in our elections – which Trump’s own intelligence appointees warn is ongoing – isn’t just about the “collusion” that the president rushed to deny. It is about subverting our democracy. Trump can howl at the moon denying collusion, but it is simply grotesque that he could not bring himself to warn Putin publicly that continued interference with our elections is unacceptable and would be met with an immediate response.

Trump is outraged at the Mueller investigation of possible collusion of his campaign with the Russians, but he seems unmoved by the clear evidence of the subversion of our elections. He didn’t give Putin a red light or even a yellow warning one about future interference; he essentially gave him a free pass. The reality is that a core of our democracy – free elections – is under assault.

Given the administration’s failures, foreign interference is likely to spread. The home-grown systematic efforts by right-wing politicians and activ-

ists to suppress the vote, to make it harder to register and harder to vote, to purge voters from the lists, to gerrymander election districts to distort the outcome and to open the gates to a flood of unaccountable, secret corporate and private money continue to get more sophisticated.

Already experts suggest that Democrats will have to win the national vote by 6 to 8 percent in order to take the majority of the House, largely due to Republican partisan redistricting. Trump is so focused on his own election campaign, so defensive about the legitimacy of his own victory that he has utterly failed to protect our democracy from subversion from abroad or at home.

It will be up to the states to make the reforms that are long overdue: automatic voter registration, longer early voting days, voting day holidays, an end to voter purges, nonpartisan redistricting, matching public funds for small donations, mandatory disclosure of all funding sources, returning the right to vote to felons that have served their time and more.

The states should be taking measures to protect voting systems from outside interference, including moving back to paper ballots to eliminate the threat of cyber intrusions. What is clear from Trump’s performance in Helsinki is that he won’t lead this effort. He is so fixated on defending himself that he is failing to defend our democracy and our elections.

The president should be applauded for meeting with Putin. Hopefully reduced tensions and new impetus for reducing nuclear arsenals will follow. But his failure to defend our democracy both against Russian interference and against domestic subversion is a dangerous dereliction of duty.

Republicans in Congress won’t act because they seem to believe that their majorities may depend on suppressing the vote. So, it is up to the states, and to an aroused citizenry, to insist that our election be open, free and fair. The shocking display that Trump put on in Helsinki makes that all the more imperative.

California prosecutor insults Maxine Waters in racist, online posts

By Lauren Victoria Burke
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Michael Selyem, a deputy district attorney in San Bernardino County, California, is in hot water for attacking Rep. Maxine Waters (D-Calif.) in a series of unhinged social media posts.

The San Bernardino Sun reported, that Selyem, a top gang prosecutor, “has been placed on paid leave pending the outcome of an administrative investigation.”

Media reports indicate that Selyem has a history of controversial social media posts. Now there are calls for him to resign after his focus turned to Waters. Selyem also used his social media post to disparage former First Lady Michelle Obama.

During an online discussion on Facebook regarding a police shooting, Selyem wrote, “That s—bag got exactly what he deserved. You reap what you sow. And by the way go f— yourself you liberal s—bag.”

That was only part of the conversation.

Regarding Waters, Selyem wrote: “Being a loud-mouthed c—t in the ghetto you would think someone would have shot this b—ch by now...” Se-



Waters

lyem was commenting on a June video featuring Waters. The longtime House member has been in the news for challenging President Donald Trump and calling for his impeachment.

As the controversy spurred by Selyem’s posts exploded online, many residents called for his resignation.

According to The Sun, Earl Ofari Hutchinson, a civil rights activist and the president of the Los Angeles Urban Policy Roundtable, issued a statement that said, “The public call for violence to a federal official is a serious crime.”

Hutchinson’s statement continued: “In this volatile climate, such a threat poses a grave danger to Waters. The

shooting of an Arizona congresswoman and the recent physical confrontations with government officials in public places underscore that grave threat...The U.S. Attorney must take action against Selyem.”

Several public officials have found themselves in hot water for posting controversial views on social media. Some legal analysts have argued that racist, sexist and other hateful views expressed by employees of governmental agencies place those offices in legal jeopardy, especially if those views meet the definition of hate speech.

Selyem has worked with the San Bernardino County District Attorney’s office for 12 years.

“It is disgusting that a public official sworn to protect the public would have these ugly viewpoints,” said Zeke Hernandez, the president of the Santa Ana League of United Latin American Citizens. “The district attorney needs to take any and all appropriate action to let the public know that it does not agree with Selyem’s hateful rhetoric.”

During a press conference, Ramos said that he was offended by Selyem’s com-

ments, not just as the district attorney but as a prosecutor.

“I was really concerned with comments regarding officer-involved shootings,” Ramos added. He said such comments affect “the ability for us to ensure the integrity of this office and making sure the public knows that we are doing these cases and investigating these cases in an unbiased fashion.”

The Sun reported that Selyem attacked immigrants in a comment left on a Breitbart News story.

“I am all for white males immigrating here legally and starting a business,” Selyem wrote. “It is the terrorist a—holes sneaking in here wanting to kill me and my family that I am opposed to...”

An investigation of Selyem’s social media posts is underway. Some of the posts have already been deleted.

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Federal ad spending with black-owned firms dismal; NNPA demands action

By Stacy M. Brown
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Over the past five fiscal years from 2013 to 2017, federal government agencies have spent approximately \$5 billion in advertising, but a minute share – \$327 million – went to minority-owned businesses, according to a long-awaited report from the Government Accountability Office (GAO).

The federal government serves as the largest advertiser in the country.

While non-minority-owned businesses continue to rake in billions of dollars in federal advertising money, Hispanic-owned businesses received just \$192

million over five years – or about \$38.4 million per year.

Black-owned businesses netted just \$51 million – or roughly \$10 million per year over the five years covered in the new report, which was prepared over a nine-month period beginning last October. Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-D.C.) and other members of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) requested the report.

Native American-owned businesses were the recipients of \$50 million in advertising spending over the past five fiscal years while Asian American-owned enterprises received \$31 million over the same period, according



NNPA President and CEO Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., speaks outside of the U.S. Capitol during a joint press conference with the NNPA and the National Association Hispanic Publications on Capitol Hill in March.

to the report.

Ethnicities classified as “other” received \$3 million.

“Today, the National News-

paper Publishers Association (NNPA) and the National Association of Hispanic Publications (NAHP) received the long-await-

ed report from the United States GAO, a study that was triggered by the NNPA and NAHP, working with Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton’s office, members of the Congressional Black Caucus, and the Congressional Hispanic Caucus,” said NNPA President and CEO Benjamin F. Chavis Jr. “This factual report exposes gross, racial discrimination and the refusal of the federal agencies cited in the report to be serious about diversity and inclusion with respect to annual federal spending on advertising.”

Chavis continued: “For the government to admit, on the record, that in the last five fiscal

years, nearly \$5 billion was spent on advertising and yet only a total of \$327 million was actually spent on minority-owned businesses.”

The Department of Defense (DOD), the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) were responsible for 73 percent of federal advertising contract obligations that went to specified businesses over fiscal years 2013 through 2017.

Thirty-four other agencies were responsible for the remaining 27 percent of such obligations.

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The judgment is coming

PART 1

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



Revelation 20:11-15 says, “And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: And another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: And they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the Lake of Fire.” This is the second

death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the Lake of Fire. Hebrews 9:27 says, “And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.”

What if you were to die this year or this month? What if you were to die this week or even tonight? The Scripture says that after death comes the judgment. We read in these passages of Scripture that God predicted there is going to be a final Judgment Day.

God made other predictions of judgments throughout His Word. If you study God’s Word, you will find that in every era of time in the past, every prediction that God made came to pass exactly as He said He would. The flood came just as God warned. God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah just as He said He would. I could mention many

other prophesies that have happened exactly the way God said they would.

John said in Revelation 20:11, “And I saw a great white throne...” He said this throne was great; He was referring to the power of it. This is the highest court in the universe. When judgment is rendered from God’s throne, there is no court to which you can appeal because there is not a higher court than the one that we read about in the Word of God. Friend, this is the place of the highest authority and final judgment.

Notice what else John said in verse 11. It is not only great but also white. This speaks of the purity of this court. All human courts are stained by sin, prejudice and viability. On the other hand, this court is absolutely perfect and the judgment rendered from this court will always be fair and righteous.

Friend, if you are a sinner, there will be no place to hide on Judgment Day. You will not be able to evade it. The judgment is coming and every sinner is going to be there. No one will be able to hide behind excuses. People have lots of excuses concerning why they are not saved and why they do not attend church

On that day, no one will be able to hide behind any excuse whatsoever. You will not be able to hide behind ignorance or a false profession. You will not be able to hide behind your parents, your companion or your pastor.

Next week, The judgment is coming, Part II

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Witness without regrets

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



It was my habit to take notes of my former pastor’s sermons (late Dr. Jerome McNeil Jr.) as a way for me to remember his inspiring thoughts. I remember once struggling to keep up with the rapid pace of his words then he said three words that made me stop writing mid-sentence. He said that we should be “witnesses without regrets.” I underlined the phrase in my notes but found myself later that same day looking at them and wondering if there was more to those three simple words.

Scriptures mention the importance of being a truthful witness is Proverbs 12:17, “A truthful witness gives honest testimony, but a false witness tells lies” and Proverbs 21:28.

I was talking to a friend about the idea of witness without regrets and he pointed me to Romans 1:16-17: “I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. In the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”

Being a witness without regrets doesn’t necessarily mean that you act like you don’t make mistakes. For me, it means that I faithfully trust God, believe in his word and submit to his power and authority. It’s not always easy, but it’s always best.


Lately, I’ve been thinking

more about those three words. I haven’t whipped out my bible and quoted verses as I was waiting in line at the movies or at the grocery store, but I just had a greater sense that as a witness without regrets, what I said and how I acted mattered...and not just for me.

While on vacation a few years ago, I was led by the Holy Spirit to pray with a friend about a family situation. In the middle of the prayer, she burst out laughing. After about 30 seconds, she apologized for finding it funny that I prayed for God “to peel back the layers of deception in the situation like an onion.” She said it reminded her of Shrek and his love of onions. I chuckled and then resumed praying. Ironically, a few days later she admitted that like we prayed, “layers of the onion were being peeled back.”

The Greek word for witness is martyr, one who sacrifices something of great value for a strong belief. Thinking about the idea of witnessing without regret, the focus should be living with sacrificial integrity. In the past, I have said “I’m a Christian, but...” as a way to excuse my poor behavior but I realize now that it didn’t do much for my Christian witness. Witnessing without regret isn’t necessarily what happens in church on Sunday morning but is what definitely happens after the church service ends.

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As long as I can remember, women have been complaining about gender discrimination. What surprises me is seeing so many women in the street protesting one thing or the other. Yet, we have no Equal Rights Amendment. We complain about sex discrimination. Many women spend their early married years supporting men in medical school, law school and in other areas of higher education.

For too many years, women have talked about passing an Equal Rights Amendment. We've complained about a lack of equal pay for equal work. We've complained about having to work, to clean the house, to take the lead role in the lives of children, often having to be the breadwinner in our families while men move ahead in their careers. We often rely on men to make changes for us. A lot of women don't understand their worth. We must begin to exercise our power. We can't come out in the street in overwhelming numbers, then return home and forget what is keeping us in a state of inequality.

Sisters, we must exercise our power in all that we do. Just recently, I've been reading about women athletes who don't get paid as much as male athletes. One thing we can do to remedy that is attend games where women are playing, coaching or refereeing. We should buy as many tee-shirts and other sports paraphernalia for women as we do for males. We must purchase products from companies that support female players. I don't care how much male athletes earn so long as equally talented women are being paid fairly.

We must be supportive of women's rights to fair play. If companies are not offering women advertising opportunities as they do men, find other products to buy. Let's not limit fair wages to women in sports. Let's support women's rights in all aspects of life. When we have jobs to hire someone, make it a woman as often as possible. Pay them what you would have paid

a man.

According to Caroline Alcorn, a USA junior championship medalist, the biggest piece of legislation against gender discrimination was Title IX. It states, "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."

Alcorn said that after Title IX was enacted, women athletes outnumbered men in the 1972 Olympic Games and more events became available to women like the marathon.

Participation in women's athletics has grown to over 2.6 million for high school girls, and to more than 150,000 women college athletes. Title IX is credited with decreasing the dropout rate of girls from high school and increasing the number of women who pursue higher education and complete college degrees. This direct correlation between sports participation and education stressed the importance of equal opportunities for women. Women were not only able to compete in sports but doors are not open for women pursuing new careers. The act shaped society on more than just an athletic level, but also on educational and economic levels.

Equal access to sports, academics and careers challenged gender stereotypes. This met some opposition. Those who opposed Title IX argued that male athletics would suffer by receiving less budgeting and lead to cut programs when attempting to meet the equality standards. Title IX far outweighed the fears of imagined consequences.

Women have a right to be treated with respect and equality no matter what field in which we find ourselves, and we have the power to make that happen. We just have to coalesce around ways to use our power.

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Passing of Civil Rights legend John Mack is deeply-felt loss to Urban League movement

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"John understood that to truly change hearts and minds in the LAPD, he had to go to work on the inside. And because he was not someone who just shouted in anger and tore things down for the sake of tearing them down, the LAPD saw they could trust him. That's rare leadership." – Civil rights attorney Connie Rice, on John Mack's appointment as Los Angeles Police Commission president

When Los Angeles was devastated by unrest in the aftermath of the Rodney King trial, the person to whom President George H.W. Bush reached out was Los Angeles Urban League President John Mack. It was Mack who guided the redevelopment of the neighborhoods shattered by the riots.

It was a familiar role for Mack, who first arrived in Los Angeles in 1969 just a few years after the infamous Watts riots.

The death of John Mack last month, at age 81, was a tremendous loss to the city, to the Urban League movement, and to me, personally.

While Mack's service to the Urban League goes back more than half a century, his association with the leaders of the movement goes back even further. While he was studying for his master of social work degree at Atlanta University (now Clark Atlanta), he became a protégé of Whitney M. Young, then dean of the School of Social Work. Just a few short years later, Young would take the helm of the National Urban League and ask Mack to lead the affiliate in Flint, Michigan.



Mack

He was the obvious choice to lead the Los Angeles Urban League in 1969, at the height of the Black Power movement. He called himself a "sane militant" and was unmatched in his ability to channel the city's passion and fury into positive change. He could negotiate as skillfully with street gang members as with mayors and Congress members.

His life was an emblem of the African-American journey itself. He was born into the segregated South in 1937 and spent his summers picking cotton. While he spoke often of the indignities of Jim Crow, his feelings may best be represented by what happened when white construction workers building a dormitory at North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University set up separate "white" and "colored" out-houses. Mack – a founder of the student chapter of the NAACP – and his friends burned them down.

The list of honors and awards Mack earned during his many years of service is long and includes the very first National Urban League Whitney M. Young Jr. Award for Leadership in Race Relations and League's "Legend of the Century" Award in 2000.

In 2005, the Los Angeles Unified School District recognized his commitment to equal opportunity in education by christening the "John W. Mack Elementary School."

The Whitney M. Young, Jr., Award – which John and the Los Angeles affiliate won in 1993, carried with it a \$10,000 grant, which the affiliate used to support sensitivity training among African-American and Latino student leaders in middle school, and to support the African-American-Jewish Leadership Connection. At the time, the group was fighting California's Proposition 209, and anti-affirmative action initiative. Though the ballot initiative passed statewide, it was rejected by a majority of voters in Los Angeles County, where Mack and the Connection were active.

We had planned to honor Mack during the 2018 Conference next month in Columbus, Ohio, and now will pay tribute to his memory. A scholarship fund has been established in his honor through the California Community Foundation.

John wasn't just an affiliate president and CEO; he was a leader among leaders, helming the Association of Executives. He was a member of the Academy of Fellows, a group of affiliate leaders with 15 years or more of experience, who served as mentors to new affiliate CEOs. And he served as vice chair of the National Urban League Board of Trustees.

By the time I was appointed president and CEO of the National Urban League in 2003, Mack was a long-time veteran. His mentorship over the years has been invaluable, and I knew I could rely on his steady guidance. It is a loss deeply felt throughout our movement and we join his children and grandchildren in mourning him.

The audacity of Ida B. Wells

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The crusading journalist, Ida B. Wells was born July 16, 1862. Although she made her mark as a journalist, she was also a social worker, advocate, feminist and organization leader. She too often gets short shrift in history, mainly because she did not go along to get along with the men of her era, crossing swords with the likes of WEB DuBois and Booker T. Washington.

The same fierceness that pushed her to organize against lynching was the fierceness that propelled her to confront injustice within African-American organizations and in women's organizations.

Indeed, the historic 1913 Women's Suffrage March intended to either exclude black women or to segregate them at the end of the march. Wells and Mary Church Terrell were among the black women who marched with the women of their state, refusing to march at the rear.

Wells' pen was so sharp that it got her banned from the



Wells

state of Tennessee after she besmirched white women's morality in a treatise about lynching. No matter. She kept writing and kept it moving, constantly speaking truth to power. Now, Rev. Jesse Jackson is among those clamoring for an anti-lynching law, since

none was ever passed, despite several efforts. Even though anti-lynching legislation passed the House of Representatives in 1922, Senate Democrats prevented the passage of the law by filibuster.

In any case, Wells spent her life championing the cause of ra-

cial justice. Unfortunately, there are too few today who have her passion, her focus and her energy. In these troubled times, investigative journalists like her are far too rare. In an era when there is so much "drive-by" reporting done by anyone with a cell phone and access to the internet, too few are willing to put in the kind of work that Wells put in, even though we have more tools than she had. Thus we get momentary Internet outrage when out-of-control whites attack black people. Where is the follow-up?

Wells had nerve, audacity. She was on fire for justice and it showed in her writing. Her mantra is best summarized in her quote, "The way to right wrongs is to turn the light of truth upon them." In her book, Southern Horrors, she detailed the horrors of lynching and the fact that so many lynchings were the result of rumor, not fact. Any black man who looked sideways at the wrong white woman was subject to lynching, so much so that even in the rare case where black men were acquitted of rape, rabid crowds lynched them.

At least 3,436 people were lynched between 1889 and

1922. In just the four years between 1918 and 1921, twenty-eight people were publicly burned to death. And while black men were the primary victims of lynching, black women, union organizers and others were also lynched. Because of Wells, we have more detail than we might have had about these horrors.

Few have the audacity of Wells, but Bryan Stevenson surely does. His National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, Alabama lifts up the name of the more than four thousand African Americans who were lynched in the South between 1877 and 1950. Stevenson, through his work to save African Americans from death row, makes the connection between historical lynching and modern-day criminal injustice. He is as eloquent as Wells and as purposeful. Would that we had hundreds more of him, hundreds more of Wells.

It is shameful that there is no statue of Wells anywhere in this nation. There should be one at Rust College in Holly Springs, Mississippi, where she once matriculated. There should be one in Chicago, where she lived from 1893 until her death

in 1931. There should be one somewhere in Washington, D.C., perhaps along the route of the 1913 Women's Suffrage March. She should be lifted up to remind us of the power of audacity.

Her great-granddaughter, Michelle Duster, has been raising money to build a statue in Chicago, but she is still about \$100,000 short of her goal. You can donate to the cause through <http://www.idabwellsmonument.org/>. We need to have more black women, and especially women like Wells, represented in our nation's statuary.

We need to be reminded of Wells and her audacity, especially now, when so many seem to have been silenced by 45's trickery. Our African-American leaders need to stop with the complicity of go along to get along. We need an Ida B. Wells now. (Congresswoman Maxine Waters comes close). We need unfiltered audacity.

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Lupus and autoimmune diseases

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More and more, we are all hearing about friends, family and even celebrities who are “victims” of autoimmune diseases – especially lupus.

The ultimate autoimmune disease – systemic lupus erythematosus (or lupus) – is more common in blacks than non-black persons but many other autoimmune diseases do not show any racial preferences.

Lupus is a systemic autoimmune disease driven by inflammation in which the immune system indiscriminately attacks “self-tissues” throughout the body.

Parts of the body frequently affected by lupus include the skin, kidneys, heart and vascular system, nervous system, connective tissues, musculoskeletal system and other organ systems.

Your immune system is the network of cells and tissues throughout your body that work together to defend you from invasion and infection.

The more primitive innate (or inborn) immune system activates white blood cells to destroy invaders. The innate system alerts the body to danger when it senses the presence of parts that are often found in many viruses or bacteria. The acquired (or adaptive) immune system develops as a person grows. It “remembers” different invaders so that it can fight them better if they come back. When the immune system is working properly, foreign invaders (antigens) provoke the body to produce proteins called antibodies and specific types of white blood cells that help in defense. The antibodies attach to the invaders so that they can be recognized and destroyed.

Autoimmune diseases arise from an overactive immune response of the body against substances and tissues normally present in the body. In other words, the body actually attacks its own cells.

Normally the immune system’s white blood cells help protect the body from harmful substances, called antigens. Examples of antigens include bacteria, viruses, toxins, cancer cells and blood or tissues from another person or species. The immune system produces antibodies that destroy these harmful substances.

What causes the immune system to no longer tell the difference between healthy body tissues and antigens is unknown. One theory is that some microorganisms (such as bacteria or viruses) or drugs may trigger some of these changes, especially in people who have genes that make them more likely to get autoimmune disorders.

These diseases tend to run in families. Women – particularly African-American, Hispanic-American, and Native-American women – have a higher risk for some autoimmune diseases.

There are more than 80 types of autoimmune diseases and some have similar symptoms. This makes it hard for your health care provider to know if you really have one of these diseases, and if so, which one. Getting diagnosed can be frustrating and stressful. In many people, the first

symptoms are being tired, muscle aches and low fever.

The diseases may also have flare-ups, when they get worse, and remissions, when they all but disappear. The diseases do not usually go away, but symptoms can be treated.

Autoimmune diseases can affect almost any part of the body, including the heart, brain, nerves, muscles, skin, eyes, joints, lungs, kidneys, glands, the digestive tract and blood vessels.

The classic sign of an autoimmune disease is inflammation, which can cause redness, heat, pain and swelling. How an autoimmune disease affects you depends on what part of the body is targeted. If the disease affects the joints, as in rheumatoid arthritis and psoriatic arthritis, you might have joint pain, stiffness, and loss of function. If it affects the thyroid, as in Graves’ disease and thyroiditis, it might cause tiredness, weight gain, and muscle aches. If it attacks the skin, as it does in scleroderma/systemic sclerosis, vitiligo, and systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), it can cause rashes, blisters and color changes.

It may take months or even years for doctors to piece together the symptoms to diagnose this complex disease accurately. Making a correct diagnosis of lupus requires knowledge and awareness on the part of the doctor and good communication on the part of the patient. Giving the doctor a complete, accurate medical history (for example, what health problems you have had and for how long) is critical to the process of diagnosis. This information, along with a physical examination and the results of laboratory tests, helps the doctor consider other diseases that may mimic lupus, or determine if you truly have the disease. Reaching a diagnosis may take time as new symptoms appear.

If you or someone you love is living with an autoimmune disorder, it’s important to get all the facts on the condition. Though researchers don’t know exactly what causes autoimmunity, much has been learned about the risk factors involved..

Remember, I’m not a doctor. I just sound like one. Take good care of yourself and live the best life possible.

The information included in this column is for educational purposes only. It is not intended nor implied to be a substitute for professional medical advice. The reader should always consult his or her healthcare provider to determine the appropriateness of the information for their own situation or if they have any questions regarding a medical condition or treatment plan.

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AirCare, blood clotting drug save man from death by donkey bite

The day Bobo the donkey bit his owner’s calf so hard he almost bled to death, Bobo probably thought he had it worse.

The two of them on July 8 marked the one-year anniversary of an experience that left a berserk Bobo acting like his world had ended. That could have been the fate of Bobo’s then-owner, Ray Gustafson of Eupora, if AirCare, Mississippi’s most advanced medical helicopter transport owned and operated by the University of Mississippi Medical Center, hadn’t responded with a powerful drug in its arsenal used to put the brakes on profuse bleeding.

Gustafson thought he was a goner.

“They put me in the helicopter,” Gustafson remembered about that afternoon. “Subconsciously, I was waiting to see the bright light at the end of the tunnel. What I do remember vividly is that all of a sudden, I got overwhelmed with a sensation of extremely hot air. I thought I was in hell.

“I started yelling, ‘Hey! I’m not supposed to be here! I’ve been a good boy. I’m supposed to be in heaven!’”

The day should have been a fun one. Gustafson a couple of hours earlier had taken ownership of Bobo from his neighbor, Dale Wilson, so that he could hook him to a cart and give rides to his granddaughter Haley, then an 11-year-old. “He is a big donkey, and a little dude,” 73-year-old Gustafson said of Bobo.

“I had put him in a stall in my barn, and I was taking nails out of a door so that I could open it and let him out into the pasture,” Gustafson said. “Unbeknown to me, there was a yellow jacket nest in the ground inside the stall. They starting stinging him and me both.”

Making matters worse were Gustafson’s dogs patrolling around Bobo’s stall. Donkeys despise dogs, and Bobo was still getting used to them being part of the landscape.

Bobo “grabbed my right ankle and chomped down on it. I had the hammer in my hand and slapped him over the neck so that he would let go, and he sat down on the ground on his rear end,” Gustafson said. “I had one more nail left. I tried to get him out the door and into the pasture, and he grabbed me higher up, right above my Achilles tendon and just below the calf muscle. He bit half my leg, and then pulled back.”

The donkey’s bite was bad enough, but made much more serious because Gustafson, a diabetic, takes anticoagulant drugs to keep his blood from easily clotting.

Haley was in the barn with him. “Bobo was rolling around. I turned around to keep working on that door to get him out of there, and Haley told me I was bleeding. I looked down, and the lower half of my leg was gone. You could see the bone and the tendons and all,” Gustafson said. “I said, ‘Haley, go get your grandmother. I’m not going to make it.’”

Betty, his wife of 52 years, came running. “About that time, I’d sat down on a bench from the bee stings and the loss of blood,” Gustafson said. “I passed out.”

Betty later filled him in on what happened next. She called Dale Wilson, the neighbor who’d given them Bobo that morning. “She called my son Jason, who’s done military medical training. He told her to get a cargo strap in the barn and put it above my knee and make a tourniquet out of it,” Ray Gustafson said.

“We thought he was gone. He’d turned gray,” Betty Gustafson said. Working together, she and Wilson



Ray Gustafson, left, his neighbor, Dale Wilson and Gustafson’s granddaughter, Haley Blount, pet Bobo.

wrapped the Army-green strap around Ray’s leg. “It was perfect. He almost went, but it wasn’t his time to go,” Betty said.

“I pulled it tight. He didn’t feel nothing,” Wilson said. “I said, ‘Betty, we’d better call 911. Ray ain’t looking too good.’ I thought, Ray ain’t going to make it.”

Scott Dean, a medic with North Mississippi Medical Center’s ambulance service, was the first responder on the scene, said Don Moore, who with fellow paramedic Brad Harper manned the AirCare flight summoned by Dean. That in itself was a game-changer for Ray.

Dean “knew what we had to offer,” Moore said. “One of the first things we thought was: How bad could it be? We weren’t expecting to walk into as serious a situation as we did.”

Moore and Harper traveled to Eupora from AirCare’s Columbus base. AirCare also flies from bases in Jackson, Meridian and Greenwood. After a 10-minute flight, they were met with a grisly scene. Gustafson “didn’t have the top third of his calf muscle. (Bobo) bit it through his pants and pulled it off,” Moore said.

Dean “leaned forward and was on the progressive side of medicine,” Moore said. “He had been able to talk to us early via radio, and to paint a picture of how sick Mr. Gustafson was and that he was on blood thinners. He knew what to tell us, and how to tell us.”

“He was a deadweight,” Betty said of her 250-pound husband. “It took four of us to load him on the stretcher.”

The ambulance met AirCare at the Eupora hospital, a campus of North Mississippi Medical Center. Moore and Harper quickly tested the level of anticoagulants in Gustafson’s system. It was high. “We started blood and liquid plasma,” Harper said. AirCare, unlike many air medical transports, always carries blood and blood products.

At the same time, the AirCare team gave Gustafson two medications to stop, or significantly slow, the loss of what blood he had left, and to keep him from losing what was being transfused. One drug was tranexamic acid, or TXA, commonly used to reduce bleeding by stabilizing the body’s response to trauma and blood clotting.

The other, however, was a medication carried onboard very few medical air transports nationally: prothrombin complex concentrate, often referred to by the trade name Kcentra, used in urgent situations to reverse anticoagulant drugs in a patient’s system. It’s reserved for acute major bleeding that occurs during trauma or urgent surgery on those traumatically injured.

AirCare is the only medical helicopter transport operating in the state that stocks and administers prothrombin complex concentrate, or PCC. It and TXA “both have the same goal, but they work differently in the body to stop bleeding,”

Harper said.

AirCare has given PCC more than 120 times since it began stocking it in 2014. “We were the first to carry this medication in the country, and we are one of the few (transports) in the country that has a protocol to deliver it,” said Dr. Damon Darsey, UMMC assistant professor of emergency medicine and a former AirCare paramedic. Academic Emergency Medicine Journal in October 2017 published an article written by a team of UMMC emergency physicians, a pharmacist and a toxicologist detailing the Medical Center’s program.

“By giving it in the field, we are saving a significant amount of time,” Darsey said. “Not all hospitals in the state have it. Some call us to give it, because we can give it so much faster.”

“If we had not had those two drugs, and the blood and plasma, I don’t think he would still be here,” Harper said of Gustafson.

The AirCare team also gave Gustafson IV antibiotics. “Farm animals are dirty,” Moore said. “Bites can be highly infectious. Antibiotics, started early, can have a significant impact. We were able to do all of that in 25-26 minutes.”

AirCare’s goal is to transport injured or sick patients to the nearest level of care they need. In this case, it was NMMC’s main hospital in Tupelo. Gustafson said he believes the rush of hot air that met him when he was unloaded there after a 25-minute flight made him believe he’d arrived at the doors of hell, rather than the pearly gates of heaven.

“It was a good one,” Gustafson said of the AirCare flight. “It took me from Eupora, to hell, then to heaven. They tell me I lost five and a half pints of blood.”

Gustafson believes Bobo’s bites brought him nearer to death than any of his former ills. “I’ve had two strokes, a quadruple heart bypass, three heart attacks, a spinal operation, a double knee replacement and 35 laser eye surgeries,” he said.

Bobo is a “Biblical donkey” because he has a cross marking on his back, Gustafson and Wilson say. “I blame myself for it,” Wilson said of his friend’s injury. “He is a good donkey. He don’t have a mean bone in his body.”

His calf and ankle have just about healed, save a small spot of scab, Gustafson said. “My neighbor came down and took Bobo back,” he said. “My granddaughter and I go down there and pet him. But, I stand farther back than I used to, and we make sure that Dale stands in between us.”

“Because of the training we do at UMMC, everything went very smoothly,” Moore said. “I can count on one hand the times each year that we can say, hands down, that we saved the person’s life.

“This was one that we snatched back from the jaws of death.”

Courtney Phillips appointed to Board of Mental Health

MS Department of Mental Health

Courtney Phillips of Indianola has been named to the Board of Mental Health for a seven-year term beginning July 1, 2018. Phillips is the CEO of South Sunflower County Hospital, which includes Indianola Family Medical Group, Delta Primary Care and Delta Surgical Care.

Prior to South Sunflower County Hospital, Phillips served as the chief financial officer at Delta Regional Medical Center in Greenville, Mississippi. He has 20 years of experience in healthcare, government and not-for-profit organizations. He currently serves as a member of the Mississippi Hospital Association, Rural Hospital Solutions and Delta Council. He is president of the Rural Hospital Alliance, Treasurer of the Delta Trauma Board and secretary/treasurer for the Mississippi Healthcare Executives, an independent chapter of the American College Healthcare Executives.

He is actively involved in several community organizations, including the Rotary Club of Indianola, Indianola Chamber of Com-



Phillips

merce and has been active in the American Cancer Society’s “Relay for Life of Sunflower County” event.

Phillips holds a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from Delta State University.

He is married to the former Katherine Robinson and they are the proud parents of Carlie Koestler (Rob) of Greenville, Mississippi and Galen Phillips of Indianola, Mississippi.



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NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION

JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the Jackson Public School District of Jackson, Mississippi (the "District"), that a special election will be held in said District on

Tuesday, the 7th day of August, 2018

for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of said District the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION

Shall the Jackson Public School District issue its general obligation bond and/or bonds, in one or more taxable or tax-exempt series, all in the maximum principal amount of not to exceed \$65,000,000, to raise money to pay the costs of, including the costs of such borrowing, or to fund a leveraged loan or other financing arrangement including designating a nonprofit corporation in connection with the construction of a project, if applicable, for the purpose of purchasing, erecting, repairing, equipping, remodeling and enlarging school buildings and related facilities, and purchasing land therefor; establishing and equipping school athletic fields and necessary facilities connected therewith, and purchasing land therefor, and providing necessary water, light, heating, air conditioning and sewerage facilities for school buildings and purchasing land therefor, all for the purpose of extending the useful life of many District owned facilities, eliminating overcrowding and potentially dangerous conditions, and improving, repairing and upgrading school safety, including but not limited to, the following generally described projects: (a) making various site improvements, constructing, erecting, repairing, equipping, remodeling and enlarging school buildings, science labs, libraries, performing arts facilities, classrooms, restrooms, school athletic fields and related facilities, constructing a new baseball/softball complex and a JROTC building, and (b) making other building additions, repairs, renovations and remodeling and providing and upgrading necessary water, light, heating, air conditioning and sewerage facilities for school buildings and related facilities throughout the District.

The said election will be held at the following polling places within the Jackson Public School District, which polling places at the present are as indicated, to-wit:

JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI		
POLLING PLACES		
Precinct	Ward	Locations
1	7	Eudora Welty Library — 309 N State Street
2	7	Peoples Funeral Home — 886 N Farish Street
4	7	Rowan Middle School — 136 East Ash Street
6	7	Good Samaritan Center Inc. — 114 Millsaps Avenue
8	7	Fire Station #5 — 1810 N State Street
9	7	Belhaven College (Library) — 1500 Peachtree Street
10	7	Galloway Elementary School — 186 Idlewild Street
11	3	Jackson Medical Mall Lobby — 300 W Woodrow Wilson Avenue
12	3	Bonner Institutional AME Church — 3032 Bishop Avenue
13	7	Walton Elementary School — 3200 Bailey Avenue Ext.
14	7	Fondren Presbyterian Church — 3220 Old Canton Road
16	7	Woodland Hills Baptist Church — 3327 Old Canton Road
18	3	Wells Memorial United Methodist Church — 2019 Bailey Avenue
19	3	Cherry Grove Baptist Church — 1296 Martin Luther King Jr Drive
20	3	Lanier High School — 833 W Maple Street
21	3	George Kurts Fieldhouse — 125 Gymnasium Drive
22A	4W	Fire Station #20 — 4445 Medgar Evers Boulevard Fire
22B	3W	Station #20 — 4445 Medgar Evers Boulevard
23	3	Medgar Evers Municipal Library — 4215 Medgar Evers Blvd
44	4	French Elementary School — 311 Joel Avenue
45	4	Raines Elementary School — 156 Flag Chapel Road
26	4	True Worship Ministry — 5019 Clinton Boulevard
27	4	Grove Park Community Center — 4126 Parkway Avenue
28	3	Golden Key Activities Center — 3450 Albemarle Road
29	3	Powell Middle School — 3655 Livingston Road
30	3	Faith Presbyterian Church — 3255 Bailey Avenue
31	3	Johnson Elementary School — 1339 Oak Park Drive
32	7	Fire Station #16 1400 Lakeland Drive
33	1	Casey Elementary School — 2101 Lake Circle
34	1	Willie Morris Public Library — 4912 Old Canton Road
35	1	Sparrn Elementary School — 1615 Brecon Drive
36	1	McLeod Elementary School — 1616 Sandalwood Drive
37	1	Boyd Elementary School — 4531 Broadmeadow Drive
38	3	Chastain Middle School — 4650 Manhattan Road
39	3	Fire Station #7 — 4625 N State Street
40	3	Collins Northside Chapel — 461 W Northside Drive
41	2	Green Elementary School — 610 Forest Avenue
42	3	McWillie Elementary School — 4851 McWillie Circle
43	2	Fresh Start Christian Church — 5210 Manhattan Road
44	1	New Jerusalem Church — 5708 Old Canton Road
45	1	St. Phillips Episcopal Church — 5400 Old Canton Road
46	1	Christ United Methodist Church — 6000 Old Canton Road
47	7	Battlefield Park Recreation Center — 953 W Porter Street
49	5	Jackson State University Student Center — 1400 J R Lynch
50	3	St. Luther Baptist Church — 1040 Banks Street
51	5	Blackburn Middle School — 1311 W Pearl Street
54	5	Hardy Middle School — 545 Ellis Avenue
55	5	Police Training Center -3200 St. Charles Street
56	5	Fire Station #6 — 101 Livingston Park Drive
57	5	Pecan Park Elementary School — 415 Claiborne Avenue
58	5	Pearl St AME Church (Activity Bldg) — 2519 Robinson Road
59	5	Fire Station #14 - 3208 Lynch Street
62	5	Black's Chapel M B Church — 3425 Robinson Street
63	5	Davis Temple Church of God — 1700 Dalton Street
64	5	St. James Baptist Church — 1301 Jones Avenue
68	6	Wilkins Elementary School — 1970 Castle Hill Drive
69	6	Apostolic Restoration Ministry — 1020 W McDowell Road
70	5	New Horizon Church — Ellis Avenue at Raymond Road
71	5	Lester Elementary School — 2350 Oakhurst Drive
72	7	Baker Elementary School — 300 E Santa Clair Street
73	6	Key Elementary School — 699 McDowell Road
74	6	Marshall Elementary School — 2909 Oak Forest Drive
76A	6W	Sykes Park Community Center — 520 Sykes Road Sykes Park
77	7	Whitten Middle School — 210 Daniel Lake Boulevard
78	1	Ascension Lutheran Church — 6481 Old Canton Road
79	1	Virginia College — 5841 Ridgewood Road
80	2	Tougaloo Community Center — 318 Vine Street
81	2	Aldersgate United Methodist Church — 655 Beasley Road
82	2	Hanging Moss Church of Christ — 5225 Hanging Moss Road
83	2	New Hope Baptist Church — 5202 Watkins Drive
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Jackson 1	6	Griffith Memorial Baptist Church — 5275 Terry Road, Byram

The said polling places will be open from the hour of 7:00 a.m. until the hour of 7:00 p.m. on the day of said election.

Said election shall be held and conducted, as far as practicable, in the same manner as other elections are held in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, in accordance with the laws of the State of Mississippi.

All qualified electors of the Jackson Public School District will be entitled to vote in said election.

Said bond and/or bonds shall be issued if, and only if, at least three-fifths (3/5) of those qualified electors who vote in the election shall vote in favor of the issuance of said bond and/or bonds for the purposes set forth in the proposition. Done by order of the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, Jackson, Mississippi, this the 7th day of June, 2018.

/s/Dr. Jeanne Middleton Hairston, President, Board of Trustees
Jackson Public School District

7/19/2018, 7/26/2018, 8/2/2018

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A deposit of \$100.00 is required. Bid preparation will be in accordance with Instructions to Bidders bound in the project manual. The Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject any or all bids. NOTE: Telephones and desks will not be available for bidders use at the bid site.

Calvin R. Sibley, Bureau Director
Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management
.
7/19/2018, 7/26/2018

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED SOLE SOURCE

GS# 109-223
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University Medical Center

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The Department of Finance and Administration, Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management intends to purchase the item listed below as a sole-source purchase within the project referenced above:

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Persons or entities objecting to such procurement must do so no later than August 14, 2018 and are directed to the procurement portal website (https://www.ms.gov/dfa/contract_bid_search) for further information. Procurement subject to the approval of the Public Procurement Review Board.

Calvin Sibley, Bureau Director
Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI FIRST
JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN RE: CUSTODY OF JAQUAVIAN MARTEZ PENDLETON
CAUSE NO P2018-234771

TO: THE UNKNOWN FATHER OF A
African-America male child born on
August 21, 2012 at Central Mississippi Medical Center
to a Twenty-one (21) year old African-American female,
An adult resident citizen of Utica, Mississippi

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Margaret Brown who is seeking Petition for Guardianship.

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

You are summoned to appear and defend against said complaint or petition at 9:00 O'clock A.M. on the 25th day of September 2018, in the courtroom of the Hinds County Chancery Courthouse at Jackson, Mississippi, before Honorable Dewayne Thomas. In case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment may be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

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

ISSUED under my hand and seal of said Court, this the 3rd day of July, 2018.

Eddie Jean Carr, Clerk of Hinds County, Mississippi

By K. Howard, D.C.
7/12/2018 7/19/2018 7/26/2018

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF RANKIN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIE JOE STEEL DECEASED
NAMED HEREIN

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted by the Chancery Court of Rankin County, Mississippi to the undersigned Executor upon the Estate of Willie Joe Steel, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probation and registration according to the law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

This the 2nd day of July, 2018.

Melissa Renee Steele Jackson

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HINDS

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the jurisdiction aforesaid, the within named, Melissa Renee Steele Jackson, Executor for the Estate of Willie Joe Steele, deceased, who having been by me first duly sworn, states that the above Notice to Creditors is true and correct as therein stated.

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LaQuanda Smith, Notary Public

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Date of Sale: August 3, 2018
Place of Sale: Archie Towing Services;
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Sellers reserve the right to bid on the above property and to reject any and all bids.

Time: 10:00 A.M. 7/12/2018, 7/19/2018, 7/26/2018

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2018 Hyundai Kona

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It's real simple. As sport utilities and crossover vehicles become ever more popular, automakers are developing new models to meet the demand. Enter the 2018 Hyundai Kona, an all-new small crossover.

They dubbed the design theme urban smart armor. In a phrase the Kona is meant to be an urban run-about. But don't get it twisted. I have no doubt that it can gobble up Interstate Highways on long drives.

Still, the truth is how often do people take long trips? We drove about 100 miles during the course of the day and the majority of it was on surface streets throughout the metropolitan area.

Several traits were apparent about the Kona. It was awfully easy to drive. Sight lines were great, although it was a small crossover, that doesn't mean it was small or that it drove small. And it was quiet.

Of course, its summer, this is certainly urban America and that means road construction. At one spot, a jackhammer was pounding away but the noise was subdued. We could tell just how subdued when we let down the window.

Another positive trait of the Kona was its suspension. We were impressed with how the CUV smoothed out the bumps and lumps in the roads. It was really impressive.

The McPherson strut front suspension used a sub-frame bushing design for enhanced comfort and reduced NVH. It had gas-filled shock absorbers and a hollow stabilizer bar for



lower weight and enhanced responsiveness.

The rear suspension design was developed for 2WD and AWD models. The former had a rigid torsion beam design for overall stability and control. The AWD model, which is what we test drove, had an independent, dual-arm multi-link design, optimizing ride comfort and stability in the wider ranges of off-road suspension articulation. Its geometry was specially designed for refined body movement on rough roads and off-road terrain.

The Kona had plenty of oomph. We had the Kona Ultimate AWD. It was powered by a 1.6-liter turbocharged four cylinder engine that was tuned to make 175 horsepower and 197 pound-feet of torque. It was mated to a seven-speed dual clutch transmission.

There is also a 2.0-liter four cylinder that makes 147 horsepower and 132 pound-feet of torque. It is mated to a six-speed automatic with manual shift capability.

I thought the 1.6-liter engine sounded a little weak but that was when I wasn't driving. From under the wheel, I felt the turbo's power and that engine didn't seem wimpy.

There was what Hyundai called motor-driven (read electric) power steering which the automaker said was more efficient and quieter than traditional hydraulic systems by reducing parasitic losses from ancillary belts and their continual drag on the powertrain. Further, the steering system was engineered and tuned specifically for Kona's precise and rapid adjustments in steering feel with changing driving conditions. That may

be. All I know is that the Kona handled with rifle shot accuracy.

Hyundai said the "Kona was developed with a focus on enhanced driving dynamics and responsive performance for a variety of urban and multi-surface driving conditions. The long wheelbase, short overhangs and wide track create a planted stance that results in exceptional agility in urban environments with enhanced linear stability and ride comfort." As corny as that sounds, it is true. We made several U-turns in a gas station and the Kona accounted itself well.

There was also drive mode select which we didn't bother with. However, in sport mode, there is a greater emphasis on acceleration with earlier downshifts, while in normal mode fuel economy is prioritized over performance with a more

conservative, lower-rpm shift schedule.

All the capability came in an eye-pleasing package. The Kona had a low and wide stance with a long wheelbase and short overhangs. It had LED daytime running lights over the LED headlights. It incorporated Hyundai's new family identity, the cascading grille, featuring a sporty mesh pattern, flanked by flared, wing-like fenders.

Hyundai said the side-profile design elements reinforce the Kona's tough and functional qualities. Contrasting black armor provides a protective skin and visually connects the front to the rear.

As with the front LED arrangement, the rear light configuration also creates a truly unique, signature appearance. The slim brake lights, turn indicators and reverse lamps are in a separate configuration, surrounded by protective skin that begins at the C-pillar garnish.

I thought the interior was minimalist without looking barren. There was a circular motif—speakers, vents and dials. There was some soft-touch material on the dash and on the doors, especially the arm rest. That's the place that comes in contact with driver and passenger the most.

There was a seven-inch touch screen atop the dash. We could connect to Android Auto™ and Apple CarPlay™ capability. What's called the floating display design adds to the sense of space, at least that's what the automaker said.

The climate controls were beneath the central vents. And beneath that were the USB and

auxiliary jacks. What I thought was particularly nifty was an adapter plugged into the second 12V socket; it held two more USB jacks.

Depending on the model trim the Kona could be equipped with forward collision-avoidance assist with pedestrian detection, driver attention warning, lane keeping assist, blind-spot collision warning, rear cross-traffic collision warning and automatic high beams.

There is also Premium technology availability: an eight-inch navigation system, standard Android Auto™, Apple CarPlay™, next generation Blue Link® which can remotely unlock car doors and remotely start the engine, monitor the Kona's mechanical health, send collision notifications, as well as communicate with Amazon Echo or Google Home and much more. It also had a heads-up display with an active pop-up display screen, rain-sensing wipers and wireless device charging.

There are four trim lines. The SE starts at \$19,500; the SEL starts at \$21,150, the Limited starts at \$24,700 and the Ultimate starts at \$27,400. Add a \$985 freight charge to all base prices.

Now that Hyundai has spun off the Genesis nameplate to form a new luxury brand, Hyundai once again has to move beyond its original identity as a value brand. The company wants to be known for offering a lot more than a great value. The 2018 Hyundai Kona is a good start.

Frank S. Washington is editor of AboutThatCar.com

Alcorn wins FCS Academic Progress Rate (APR) Most Improved Award



The Mississippi Link Newswire

Student-athletes at Alcorn State University remain persistent in being dedicated to their academic progress.

The Football Championship Subdivision Athletics Directors Association recently named Alcorn the 2016-2017 recipient of the Academic Progress Rate (APR) Most Improved Award for the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC).

The Braves averaged a single-year APR score of 984 during the 2016-2017 academic year, and for the first time in school history, nine Braves teams earned a perfect score of 1,000.

The teams are Baseball, Men's Basketball, Men's Cross Country, Men's Tennis, Men's Track, Women's Basketball, Women's Golf, Women's Tennis, and Women's Track.

The consistent improvement speaks volumes to the hard work put in by Alcorn's Office of Athletic Academic Enhancement and Department of Athletics. Jason Cable, assistant vice president for Athletic Compliance and Academic Services, recognizes the University's commitment to building scholar-athletes.

"The continuous improvement of both single year and multi-year APR scores speaks to the

commitment and effort of our student-athletes, coaches, support staff and institutional leadership," said Cable. "We will continue to trend upward as we make a conscious effort to prepare champions for life."

The APR is an annual scorecard of academic achievement of Division I sports teams. The APR measures eligibility, graduation and retention, and provides a clear picture of the academic performance of each team in every sport. All teams must meet an academic threshold of 930 to qualify for the postseason and can face penalties for continued low academic performance.

Jackson, Mississippi selected as a finalist in the running to receive up to \$1 million from Bloomberg Philanthropies

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Bloomberg Philanthropies recently announced that Jackson, Mississippi has been selected as a finalist in the running to receive up to \$1 million as part of the Bloomberg Philanthropies Public Art Challenge, a program that aims to foster creative collaboration, address civic issues and support local economies through public art. More than 200 cities applied, and Jackson, along with 13 other cities, has been invited to submit a full proposal.

In February, Bloomberg Philanthropies invited mayors of U.S. cities with 30,000 residents or more to submit proposals for temporary public art projects that address important civic issues and demonstrate an ability to generate public-private collaborations, celebrate creativity and urban identity, and strengthen local economies.

Department of Planning and Develop Director Kumar stated, "After housing and transportation food access and public art are two of the most important equity concerns of our time. In this project our goal is to bring awareness and engage the community in solving it."

Proposals received from cities across the country address a range of pressing issues and social themes such as environmental sustainability, immigration, national disaster recovery and cultural identity.

Additionally, the proposals reflect a diverse use of artistic mediums including augmented reality, light installations, murals and performances.

Jackson, MS – Inspiring Dialogue about Food Access: "Fertile Ground"

The City of Jackson proposes a city-wide exhibition with installations and performances to promote dialogue around and inform policy related to food access. Exhibitions will deploy tactical art and strategies across areas experiencing food access issues with installations and performances that explore food sovereignty, nutrition, domestic hunger, and the agrarian landscape.

Bloomberg Philanthropies will select at least three winners from among these 14 finalists in the fall to execute their projects over a maximum of 24 months. The grant is intended to provide catalytic funds as part of a strong, committed consortium of supporters.

As such, the Bloomberg Philanthropies grants will cover project-related expenditures including development, execution and marketing, but will not fund 100 percent of the total project costs.

The Public Art Challenge is a part of Mike Bloomberg's American Cities Initiative, an effort to help U.S. cities generate innovation and advance policy. The Public Art Challenge allows mayors and artists to join forces to elevate the value of including the creative sector when developing solutions to significant urban issues.

Bloomberg Philanthropies has a proven track record of supporting creative and innovative public art. Over 400 cities have submitted proposals for consideration in the Public Art Challenge since 2014. The foundation's inaugural Public Art Challenge catalyzed \$13 million for local economies across the four winning regions and illuminated civic issues including economic decline, vacancy, water conservation and police-community relations.

More information about the Public Art Challenge can be found on <http://publicartchallenge.bloomberg.org>.



By Kam Williams
Columnist

The first two installments of this popular animated franchise were set at a hotel dedicated to creating a safe space for monsters to unwind. But what about when the resort owners themselves need a break?

That’s the question posed at the outset of Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation, an entertaining animated adventure revolving

around proprietor Count Dracula (Adam Sandler) and company’s getaway on a luxury cruise for ghouls.

At the point of departure, we find Drac’s daughter Mavis (Selena Gomez) making reservations for the family aboard the Legacy, a boat headed for the infamous Bermuda Triangle in search of the mythical island of Atlantis.

En route, however, the plot thickens when the widowed

Count finds himself being charmed by the ship’s seductive captain (Kathryn Hahn). What Drac doesn’t know is that Ericka is the great-granddaughter of his archenemy, the legendary monster hunter, Abraham Van Helsing (Jim Gaffigan).

In fact, he’s already under her spell by the time Mavis and her hubby (Andy Samberg) finally figure out that the attractive captain’s up to no good. Can the

hopelessly-smitten Count be saved from the temptress’ plan to spike his guacamole with garlic oil? Or might her mind be changed about the need to subdue the reformed, blood-sucking vampire.

Thus unfolds HT3, a kid-friendly comedy directed by Genndy Tartakovsky who also helmed HT1 and HT2. The principal cast members all reprise their roles, including Adam Sandler,

Selena Gomez, Andy Samberg, Mel Brooks, Fran Drescher, Kevin James, Steve Buscemi, Molly Shannon and David Spade.

While the humor-driven cartoon is laced with lots of side-splitting slapstick and sight gags that are fun for the whole family, what really makes this blockbuster morality play memorable is its timely universal message about tolerance. Hey, it’s okay to be different, and please pass the

popcorn!
Excellent (4 stars)
Rated PG for action and rude humor
Running time: 97 minutes
Production Studios: Columbia Pictures / Sony Pictures Animation / Media Rights Capital
Distributor: Columbia Pictures
To see a trailer for Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation, visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ku52zNnft8k>

OPENING THIS WEEK

Kam’s Kapsules: Weekly previews that make choosing a film fun

By Kam Williams
Columnist

For movies opening July 20, 2018

Wide Releases
Blindspotting (R for sexual references, drug use, brutal violence and pervasive profanity) Buddy dramedy set in a rapidly-gentrifying, San Francisco Bay Area where a couple of lifelong BFFs’, one black (Daveed Diggs), one white (Rafael Casal), friendship is tested after the former sees a Caucasian cop (Ethan Embry) gun down an unarmed African-American on the street. Cast includes Nyambi Nyambi, Tisha Campbell-Martin and Wayne

Knight.

The Equalizer 2 (R for profanity, drug use and pervasive graphic violence) Denzel Washington reprises the title role in this revenge thriller as a retired CIA Agent-turned-vigilante tracking down the rogue spies responsible for a colleague’s (Melissa Leo) murder. With Bill Pulman, Pedro Pascal and Orson Bean.

Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again (PG-13 for suggestive material) Long-awaited sequel, set five years after the events of the original and inspired by the jukebox musical featuring the songs of ABBA, finds a pregnant Sophie (Amanda Seyfried)

on the Greek isle of Kalokairi where she’s forced to take risks like her mother (Meryl Streep) did around the same age. With Lily James, Pierce Brosnan, Colin Firth and Cher.

Unfriended: Dark Web (R for profanity, sexual references and disturbing violence) Stand-alone horror sequel revolving around a young man (Colin Woodell) terrorized online by the mysterious owner of a laptop he took from a lost-and-found. Rebecca Rittenhouse, Betty Gabriel, Chelsea Alden and Andrew Lees.

Independent & Foreign
Damascus Cover (R for profanity and violence) Espio-

nage thriller, based on Howard Kaplan’s best seller of the same name, about an Israeli spy (Jonathan Rhys Meyers) sent on a dangerous mission to smuggle a chemical weapons scientist and his family out of Syria. With Olivia Thirlby, Jürgen Prochnow and the late John Hurt.

Generation Wealth (R for nudity, graphic sexuality, disturbing images and drug use) Spoiled rotten documentary indicting the children of the rich and famous for their unchecked greed, materialism and conspicuous consumption. Featuring Limo Bob, Florian Homm and Tiffany Masters.

McQueen (R for nudity and profanity) Reverential retrospective chronicling the rise and untimely demise of British fashion designer Alexander McQueen (1969-2010), a revealing rags-to-riches story recounted by his close friends and relatives.

The Rise of Eve (Unrated) Feminist documentary chronicling the oppression of women around the world over the ages, touching on issues ranging from sexual harassment to misogyny in music to honor killings.

Teefa in Trouble (Unrated) Ali Zafar plays the title character in this romantic comedy as a

mob enforcer who travels from Pakistan to Poland to kidnap a crime boss’ (Javed Sheikh) daughter (Maya Ali) for another gangster (Mehmood Aslam) only to fall head-over-heels in love with her. With Nayyar Ejaz, Asma Abbas and Tom Coulston. (In Urdu with subtitles.)

The Third Murder (Unrated) Courtroom drama revolving around a prominent lawyer’s (Masaharu Fukuyama) defense of a convicted murderer (Koji Yakusho) accused of another homicide. Cast includes Suzu Hirose, Mikako Ichikawa and Izumi Matsuoka. (In Japanese with subtitles.)

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Sudoku

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(For puzzle answer keys, see page 14)

Cryptogram

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

Hint: Quote by Ann Landers

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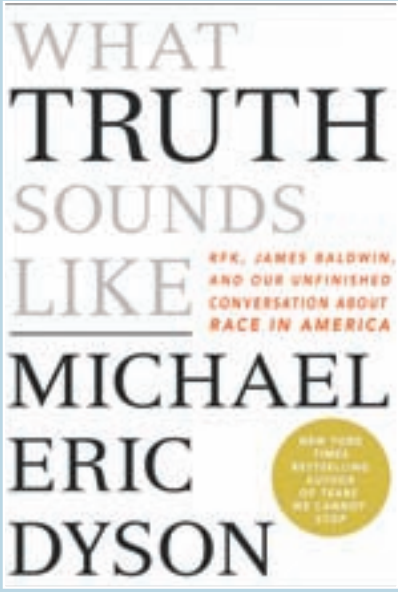
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“WHAT TRUTH SOUNDS LIKE”
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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

“We have to talk.”

It’s never good when someone tells you that. Even if it’s said with a smile and a pat on the back, you can feel doom in those words. “We have to talk” never helps anyone except when, as in “What Truth Sounds Like” by Michael Eric Dyson, it does.

In late May of 1963, Robert “Bobby” Kennedy, Attorney General for President John Kennedy, did something remarkable enough to make the front page of The New York Times: he had

a “secret” meeting with a group of black leaders to discuss “an ‘explosive situation’” that could impact the nation.

For many reasons, Civil Rights among them, 1963 was a “landmark.” Since taking the oath of office, Jack Kennedy had walked a fine line between politics and social justice. He and Bobby were “villains in the eyes of... white bigots” for their support for African Americans and Martin Luther King Jr., in particular, though Jack really only “tiptoed around the prospect of equal rights for Negroes.” Still, in Dyson’s telling, Bobby al-

most seemed smug in what he thought he knew about 1963’s simmering atmosphere when he met with James Baldwin, Harry Belafonte, Lena Horne, playwright Lorraine Hansberry and activist Jerome Smith.

He wanted acknowledgment and gratitude for what was being done on behalf of black Americans. Instead, the “Negroes” gave Kennedy a verbal trouncing.

Smith said Kennedy “... don’t have no idea what trouble is...”

Hansberry threatened to give guns to people on the street (“poetic license,” Dyson mus-

es). Baldwin fanned the flames, Smith dismissed the meeting as “cocktail-party patter,” and Kennedy fumed before Hansberry dropped a final bombshell and Kennedy’s guests stalked out.

In the days after this seminal meeting, Kennedy had chance to ruminate. He’d heard “unvarnished truths in ways white ears... were unaccustomed to.” It changed his life and altered his political career with a lesson that still resonates, especially for liberals and those who are trying this year to capture Congressional seats.

“It’s a lesson we must learn today,” says Dyson, “if we are to overcome our differences and embrace a future as bright as our dreams allow.”

“What Truth Sounds Like” is both the first book you should want this summer – and the last.

Absolutely no one would ever mistake this for a beach read; it’s too serious and thought-provoking for vacation frivolity and it’s absolutely not skimmable like a novel.

Conversely, considering what’s going on in the nation and in the world, this may be the most important book of the

season.

Author Michael Eric Dyson shows how a meeting held so long ago actually offers a sort of blueprint for anyone concerned about current issues of race. That includes “artists” and entertainers who seem to oppose what Baldwin would’ve advocated, and activists who need to know their history.

Give yourself plenty of time with this book. Pick it up, put it down, read anew, and it may help you to change minds. For sure, “What Truth Sounds Like” holds ideas you’ll want to talk about.

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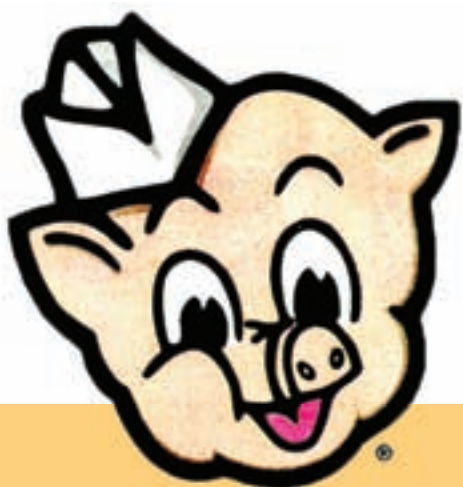
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