

Trial of Hinds County District Attorney ends with “NOT GUILTY”

By Othor Cain
Editor

Having gone through two trials in Hinds County, with one ending in a mistrial; the other in a not guilty verdict, Hinds County District Attorney Robert Schuler Smith faced a third trial this week in as many years.

Appearing before an all white jury in Rankin County, Smith was originally facing four charges in Rankin County; one of aggravated stalking, one of robbery and two counts of domestic violence. The two domestic violence charges have been put on hold. Both of these are misdemeanors.

Several African Americans were a part of the initial jury pool, however after three were dismissed by the state, in the initial rounds of the selection process, the all white jury was seated before the other jury panels could be seen.

“Jury members are usually picked from the first two panels,” said Yemi King, one of Smith’s defense lawyers. “For whatever reason, the state struck two of the three in the first round, so we knew our chances of getting a jury of Smith’s peers were slim.”

Two days of testimony from state witnesses that attempted to portray Smith as an officer of the law who seemingly thought he was above the law included Christie Edwards, a former girlfriend who’s at the center of this trial.

“I was afraid that nothing would be done because of who he was,” a tearful Edwards said. “He said, I don’t care who the



Smith

“you call about this situation.”

Edwards failed to file charges or seek help. After three years of doing nothing, the matter has finally reached the courts.

Edwards testified that she discovered Smith was having an affair with Wanda Fears after going through his phone. Edwards told the jury she befriended Fears’ then husband William on FaceBook. “I did my own investigation and discovered who he was,” Edwards said. “We became friends and after 2-3 days of communicating on FB, we had lunch.”

A short time after meeting, Edwards and Fears became lovers.

“Our relationship did become romantic,” Edwards said. The defense team told the jury that Edwards withheld who she was and why she initially reached out to Fears. “Mrs. Edwards befriended Mr. Fears on FaceBook by saying, you’re cute and asking him if he was single?”

Stanley Alexander, an unsuccessful opponent of Smith in 2015, for the office Smith currently occupies (DA of Hinds County) is one of the state’s attorneys for this case.

Patrick Beasley, a former assistant district attorney in Hinds County, who worked for Smith, is also one of the lead attorneys against Smith in this case.

Both Alexander and Beasley offered closing arguments on behalf of the state. Each one hammering to the jury that they should find Smith guilty.

Smith’s team by contrast told the jury that the state did not prove any of the two charges leveled against him. “Mr. Smith is innocent...he isn’t above the law as is evident by him being in court and taking the stand,” the team shared.

After more than four hours of deliberations, the jury found Smith not guilty on the robbery charge and could not reach a consensus on the aggravated stalking charge. Both sides opted not to deliberate any further.

Nia Franklin Miss America 2018



Franklin Twitter Photo courtesy Miss America Pageant

Another Black Girl Rocks

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Contributor

The genius, intelligence, beauty and spirit of black women, which continues to transform the world, shined brightly again Sunday as Nia Franklin became the first Miss America in the post-swimsuit era. “It took a lot of perseverance to get here,” Franklin, the freshly crowned beauty queen, said after her win. “I want to thank my beautiful family, my mom and my dad, who is a cancer survivor.”

An opera singer, Franklin is a native of Winston-Salem, North Carolina and earned her master’s degree in music composition from UNC School of the Arts, according to her biography as reported by CNN.

She moved to New York after being accepted at the Kenan Fellowship program at Lincoln Center Education in Manhattan.

During the competition, Franklin described how music helped her find her identity.

“I grew up at a predominately Caucasian school where there was only five percent minority, and I felt out of place so much because of the color of my skin,” Franklin said. “My love

of arts and music helped me feel positive about myself and about who I was.”

Her win set Twitter and all of social media ablaze.

“Congratulations to our new Miss America,” famed radio and television personality Donnie Simpson said. “Nia Franklin represented New York and won the crown last night. She’s obviously very smart, very talented and absolutely stunning. I’m so proud.”

Another popular radio show host, Michael Lyle Jr., also couldn’t contain his joy for Franklin.

“Huge congratulations. Well-deserved and another reason why Black Girls Rock,” Lyle said.

Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., the president and CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association – the trade organization that represents 220 African American-owned newspapers across the country – said Franklin’s win is just another statement on the outstanding achievements of black women today.

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Black church sends message to Trump White House

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As America prepares to return to the polls for mid-term elections amidst racial tensions, continued economic inequities and a president that appears to embrace racism and shun truth, thousands of black church leaders and parishioners answered a “Call to Conscience/Day of Action” last week, intended to send a message to the White House and beyond.

“Racism is not dead in America. As a matter of fact, it’s not even sick. It doesn’t even have a cold,” said W. Franklyn Richardson, chair of the Conference of National Black Churches, preaching at a worship service the night before a mass rally in Lafayette Park across from the White House Sept. 6.

“We live in one of the most racist times in the history of this country in spite of the fact that we’ve come through slavery. There’s nothing good about slav-



Pastor Jamal-Harrison Bryant; Bishop Reginald T. Jackson; Senior Bishop McKinley Young; Bishop E. Anne Henning-Byfield and Rev. Stephen Green answer questions during a press conference at Metropolitan AME Church. PHOTO: ROY LEWIS/TRICE

ery. But slavery provided a forum wherein our oppressors were visible and we could see them. They were touchable. What makes the difficulties of this time is our oppressors are invisible.”

The worship service, intended to stir up those planning to attend the rally, was held at Reid Temple

AME Church.

“Tomorrow at Lafayette Park, we not only want the occupant of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue – who is living in the hands that black hands built – we not only want him to see us we want him to hear us,” Bishop Reginald T. Jackson told the congregation. Jackson,

president of the Council of AME Bishops, is the visionary who called the “Day of Action.”

The high-spirited two-day event drew hundreds to a day-long issues’ symposium before the worship service that drew more than a thousand. After the rally the next day, bishops and church leaders traveled to Capitol Hill to meet with senators and representatives. The activities recalled a 1960s type movement, an awakening of sorts.

“There’s one thing that’s worse than slavery. That’s to adjust to it. A slave should be maladjusted,” said the Rev. Jesse Jackson at the worship service. “It was hard to wake us up until Trump came along. Trump is nothing but a wakeup call.”

Richardson, the keynote speaker at the worship service, agreed that Trump is only temporary. But he warned, “He speaks for the oppressors. He speaks for the haters. We need to be aware of the nature

of our battle. We will eliminate 45. But there’ll be more young aspiring 45s. They will be inspired by his conduct and want to grow up to be like him. We must watch for those who are on the horizon who must come this way.”

Franklyn pointed out that African Americans are statistically worse off than any other racial group in every social category in America. He then paralleled the current pains of black people to those by the Children of Israel in the Book of Jeremiah as they suffered an economic crisis.

“The spring harvest has past and the summer has ended and though we have planted, there has been no harvest,” he paraphrased the Prophet Jeremiah. “When you do not plant it is unreasonable to expect a harvest, but when you plant you ought to expect a harvest. We, African Americans, have planted. We didn’t just show up here and volunteer. We have been planting,” he said citing how black

people led in building America through fighting in wars and even building the White House and U. S. Capitol buildings.

“Seems like the harvest has come but we didn’t get any of it. It was enough harvest for everybody, but the harvest was inequitably distributed. The folk who got the harvest, took the harvest and passed it on to their children,” he said to the applauding and shouting congregation. “We as pastors, we must focus on what our people are going through. I don’t mean the members of our churches. I mean the collective African-American people!”

The next day, Lafayette Square was filled with prayers, songs of praise and calls for social Justice as the bishops of the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church hosted a rally across from the White House to persuade Trump to change his political ways.

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Tougaloo College President Beverly Wade Hogan announces retirement

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Beverly W. Hogan has served as president of Tougaloo College since May 2002 and will retire June 30, 2019. She is the 13th president and first woman to lead this historic institution.

Hogan says it is indeed a bittersweet decision but one she has made with clarity of thought and purpose.

She believes this is a good time to pass the leadership torch to the next leader who will move the college forward into a bold new frontier of higher education in an exciting, albeit, a challenging and changing environment. She pledges her continued support, adding, “Tougaloo has always been my charity of choice.”

Tougaloo College will celebrate its sesquicentennial anniversary in 2019 and is well-positioned for greater relevance and viability.

An alumna, former member of the board of trustees and college administrator, Hogan has a global understanding of the college’s history, mission and values. She brought unparalleled commitment, leadership experience, knowledge and skills to her role and led Tougaloo through challenging economic times to emerge a stronger and more viable institution today with the support of a strong, committed leadership team, dedicated faculty and



Hogan

staff, unwavering engagement of the Board of Trustees and loyal support of alumni and friends.

Hogan commented, “Together, we have weathered some crisis years to engineer the building and growth of the Tougaloo we see today. The future looks bright for Tougaloo. It is not encumbered by debt. There are tremendous opportunities for the college to diversify its revenue

streams through the development and optimization of its fixed assets, some of which are already in progress. I am confident Tougaloo’s best days are in the future.”

Reflecting on her time at Tougaloo, Hogan said, “It has been my absolute honor to serve Tougaloo College. It has been my privilege to work with some of the most dedicated women and men in the form of trustees, fac-

ulty, staff and alumni one could ever hope to experience. And, thinking of my wonderful students makes my heart smile. Year after year, they have entered our gates in search of truth and knowledge and exited, armed with the academic, social and professional tools to compete in any arena with the undergirding confidence necessary to succeed. It is such a wonderful gift to have played a part in helping to create a better future through producing generations of leaders and productive citizens poised to make their marks in the larger world and effect meaningful change.”

Under her leadership, a solid organizational infrastructure has been established to support a topnotched academic enterprise. New undergraduate degree programs in mass communications, hotel and hospitality management and religious studies, two graduate degree programs in education and an Early College High School in partnership with the Jackson Public School District have been added. An Honors Program, the Center for Undergraduate Research, the Center for International Studies and Global Change and the Institute for the Study of Modern Day Slavery have been established as well as the formation of the Research and Development Foundation. Significant

technological improvements have been made, including campus wide connectivity, smart classrooms, wireless networks and the installation of an integrated information management system. Campus renovations, the repurposing and renovation of the L. Zenobia Coleman Library into a 21st Century Learning Resource Center and the construction of the Bennie G. Thompson Academic and Civil Rights Research Center have transformed the living and learning environment.

When asked about her life after retirement, Hogan smiles and says she looks forward to entering a more relaxing phase of her life, spending more time with her family, writing, gardening, reading and being civically engaged in the life of her community.

Wesley F. Prater, M.D., Chairman of the Board of Trustees, stated “Tougaloo College is blessed to have had President Hogan at its helm since 2002. Her optimistic worldview combined with her administrative skills and innovative mindset has Tougaloo College on a solid foundation. The Tougaloo College Board of Trustees could not have asked for anything more. She will be missed.”

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Modern American Miss Pageant is officially launching in Jackson Mississippi

The Mississippi Link Newswire

What is Modern American Miss Mississippi?

Modern American Miss Mississippi is a state adaption of the Modern American Miss Pageant created by Dominique Dickerson of Long Island, New York.

The Modern American Miss Pageant system was established in 2017 and designed to be a disruptive system in the pageantry industry.

The founder had the innovative vision to focus on the holistic experience a system can bring to those involved in every aspect of pageantry, both on stage and off. MAM serves to provide charismatic and well-rounded young girls and women with a platform to grow in character and confidence and a personalized, diverse and competitive experience tailored to honing in on their individual, unique strengths. Respect for the long-honored traditions of the industry, complemented by an ever-evolving, always timely fusion of modern American cultural trends, sets MAM apart as the new, premiere system on the state and national levels of pageantry.

On Saturday, September 22, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at New Jerusalem Church, Alta Woods location, 168 Colonial Drive, Jackson, MS 39204, Modern American Miss Mississippi will be hosting their third informational.

This informational is for prospective contestants and their mothers to learn about this system and possibly win free \$50 towards their overall contestant fee. Modern American Miss Mississippi Directors are ecstatic to introduce this new system to the capital city.



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“Alpha Class” offered at Kirksey Middle School

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Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. kicked off its new Kirksey Leadership Cohort – “Alpha Class” September 6.

Alpha men, members of the Jackson Alumni Chapter (Alpha Epsilon Lambda) and college chapter members from Jackson State University (Delta Phi) and Tougaloo College (Gamma Upsilon) will meet with selected 20 male students every other week.

In addition to bi-weekly in-school workshops and mentoring sessions, the young men will attend appropriate fratern-

nity programs, conventions, cultural and social activities.

Fraternity members will also attend Kirksey MS athletic activities and sponsor other enrichment events.

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Keynote Speaker:
Maggie Wade
News Anchor/Reporter
WLBT 3 On Your Side
& WDBD Fox40

At Hinds County Human Resource Agency, our goal is to help families and strengthen communities.

The Annual Awards and Recognition Gala is Hinds County Human Resource Agency's signature development event, which helps to provide critical matching funds for several services such as home-delivered meals, congregate meal sites, and Hinds County rural public transportation.

Maggie Wade, News Anchor/Reporter at WLBT 3 On Your Side & WDBD Fox40, will be featured as the keynote speaker for this year's Gala. Enjoy dinner, entertainment, and a fabulous silent auction. Cash and credit cards accepted. Tickets are \$50.

The Gala provides an important opportunity to create awareness about our programs and services; to celebrate our clients who have transitioned out of poverty to self-sufficiency; and to honor our volunteers and community partners who work with us throughout the year to help eradicate poverty and provided a better life for more than 49,000 low-income citizens throughout Hinds County.

Our programs and services would not be available without the invaluable support of our community and corporate partners.

To make a donation or for more information on tickets, ads, and sponsorships, call 601.923.1838.



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Strengthening Communities*

MS Association of Colleges for Teacher Education recognizes three JPS educators



JPS Excellence in Education Awards winners (from left) LaQuanta Nelson of Blackburn Middle, Charles Moore of Forest Hill High and Lorenda Cheeks of Student Services. PHOTO: DAREK ASHLEY

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The Mississippi Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (MACTE) recognized three JPS employees at their Excellence in Education Awards Ceremony held this summer. The 2017-2018 honorees from JPS are Charles Moore, LaQuanta Nelson and Lorenda Cheeks.

Moore is a teacher at Forest Hill High School. He was recognized as an Outstanding Educator by Jackson State University. Nelson is in her second year as principal at Blackburn Middle School. She was recognized as an Outstanding Administrator by Jackson State University. Cheeks is a former school administrator and now the director of the JPS Student Sup-

port Services Office. She was named an Outstanding Administrator by Tougaloo College.

MACTE is an affiliate of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education. Its members represent Mississippi's accredited colleges and universities engaged in teacher preparation. MACTE seeks to support and enhance all aspects of education in Mississippi.

The Excellence in Education recognition is a rewarding experience for educators. Each of the affiliated state institutions of higher learning selected one recipient for each award. Awards were presented for Outstanding Intern, Educator and Administra-

Congratulations to the 2018 Coaches of the Year



Harold Stanfield
Blackburn Middle
Boys Track



Willie Jones
Brinkley Middle
Football



Bettie Parker
Brinkley Middle
Tennis



Juan Smith
Northwest Middle
Girls Basketball



Manuel Stringer
Siwell Middle
Boys Basketball



Jerry Currie
Forest Hill High
Boys Basketball



Demetri Jones
Forest Hill High
Soccer



William Rutland
Forest Hill High
Boys Track



Taneka Morris
Jon Hill High
Girls Track



Jonas James
Lanier High
Volleyball



Tangelia Banks
Murrah High
Girls Basketball



Derrick Chapman
Murrah High
Tennis



Precious Malembeka
Provine High
Golf



Fred Champion
Wingfield High
Cross Country

Jackson Public Schools presents the 2017-2018 Coaches of the Year. The JPS Athletics Department honored these coaches for exemplary leadership as head coaches of student sports teams.

Honorees not pictured include coaches Christine Okeke, Bailey Middle School, volleyball; Catherine Hayes, Bailey Middle School, soccer; Stanley Spell, Jim Hill girls and boys powerlifting; Michael Ashford, Lanier High School, football; Eric Murphy, Murrah High School, basketball; and Yolanda Ellis, Murrah High School, softball.

Fall Parent and Family Engagement Conference

Join Jackson Public Schools for its Fall Parent and Family Engagement Conference, Thursday, September 27, 2018, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Jackson Convention Complex located at 105 E. Pascagoula Street.

The conference is free for JPS Parents.

Childcare will be provided.

The keynote speaker will be John Robinson Sr., director of Education and Youth Development of the Houston Area Urban

League. More conference highlights include parent sessions, exhibitors, food and door prizes. Attendees will also get information about JPS student services.


Parent Pre-Registration

The deadline to pre-register is Friday, September 14. Make your reservation today by completing the online Fall Parent Conference Registration Form.

Pre-registration forms are available at the JPS Family Resource Center, 101 Dr. Dennis Holloway Drive, 601 960-8945 or your child's school. Locate contact information for schools on our School Directory page.

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• Former Hinds County Asst. District Attorney

• Former Hinds County District Attorney

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• Owner of FC & H Realty

• Family Master Hinds County Chancery Court

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• Former Board Member Hinds County Human Resource Agency

• Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc, Alpha Delta Zeta Chapter

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Alcorn ranked sixth on College Consensus' Best Colleges and Universities

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Alcorn State University continues to receive recognition for its positive impact on college students. The university was again the highest ranked Mississippi HBCU and placed sixth on College Consensus' Best Colleges and Universities in Mississippi 2018 list.

To identify the Best Colleges in Mississippi for 2018, College Consensus averaged the latest results from the most respected college ranking systems with thousands of real student review scores from around the web to produce a unique rating for each school.

Interim President Donzell Lee is proud of Alcorn's acknowledgment and looks forward to the successes of the future.

"Alcorn is a campus filled with quality instructors that stress the importance of commitment to excellence to our students," said Lee. "That message resonates with our students, which is why the university remains consistent in national rankings. We take pride in being recognized for hard work."

Alcorn State University is a premier comprehensive land-grant university that develops diverse students into globally competitive leaders and applies scientific research through collaborative partnerships that benefit the surrounding communities, state, nation and world.

To view Alcorn's ranking visit <https://www.collegeconsensus.com/rankings/best-colleges-ms/>.



USM Veterans Center makes significant strides in four years

The Mississippi Link Newswire

What began four years ago as a promising idea in the imagination of Maj. Gen. Jeff Hammond has sprouted into a vibrant, prestigious and heralded Center for Military Veterans, Service Members and Families at The University of Southern Mississippi.

Housed on USM's Hattiesburg campus, the Veterans Center provides a comprehensive "military-friendly" education support program (application, admission, matriculation, graduation and professional placement) that successfully attracts military veterans, service members, dependents (family members) and survivors to pursue academic and professional development interests.

When the center officially opened October, 2014, less than 600 military students were enrolled at USM. Last year saw a little more than 1,200 enrolled and the number is expected to go even higher when Fall 2018 numbers are finalized.

Hammond, who retired after serving 32 years in the U.S. Army, has been the center's director since its inception. Much like a proud father, he has watched the USM Veterans Center's growth with admiration and appreciation.

"In a short period of time, we have established one of the finest student-veteran centers across the nation and without any doubt the tops throughout the State of Mississippi," said Hammond. "In slightly more than four years, we progressed from a non-existent program to one that is nationally recognized by Military Times as being among the Top-20 'Best for Vets' programs across the United States in providing caring support to military veterans, service members and their families."

In fact, the USM center has been selected as a Top-20 "Best for Vets" school by Military Times for the past two years.

In addition to receiving full support from university administrators, Hammond credits a hard-working and conscientious staff for the center's enormous success.

"I am most proud of our staff who continue to amaze me with their heartfelt commitment



USM Center for Military Veterans, Service Members and Families under the leadership of Maj. Gen. Jeff Hammond PHOTO BY KELLY DUNN

to supporting our mission in meeting the needs of military students," he said. "The USM Veterans Center staff is absolutely remarkable, just ask any of the student-veterans. Their creative thought has resulted in the emergence of numerous new programs designed to support the students in promoting their academic and professional interests."

One of the more innovative initiatives launched by the center is the "Textbooks for Troops" program, designed to make available (at no cost on a loan basis) a variety of classroom textbooks and professional development books for student-veterans, service members and military family members.

The program works and sustains itself by having qualified students check out their textbooks for an entire semester. The students must return the books to the center so that books can continue to be loaned out to other students for the following semester. These textbooks are available for military students taking courses at any of the university's teaching sites.

Kerri Parker, a junior majoring in social work, notes that the center has been invaluable in helping shape her academic career. Parker served four years in the U.S. Army as a supply specialist. She currently serves as president of USM's Student Veterans of America Organization.

"The center has improved and enhanced my success on and off campus as a student-veteran and leader," said Parker. "It has

offered resumé building, job search opportunities, as well as providing wonderful programs such as 'Textbooks for Troops.' Through the center, I have been introduced to the student organization for veterans, landing me a vital role with that group."

Kennedy Branton, a sophomore majoring in elementary education and son of retired Master Sgt. John Branton (29 years Army National Guard), echoed Parker's sentiments.

"The 'Textbooks for Troops' program and simply having a peaceful area in which to study are what make my time at the Veterans Center so beneficial," said Branton. "I also was lucky enough to earn a job there as a work-study in 2017 and I just love it."

Earlier this year the center welcomed a vocational rehabilitation counselor through the Department of Veterans Administration (VA). Steven Welch joined the USM center as part of the VA's "VetSuccess on Campus" program. USM is one of 94 universities/colleges across the nation to be included in this prestigious program and Mississippi's only designee.

The new VA counselor provides a "one-stop liaison" for all student-veterans in the South Mississippi region. The program aims to help student-veterans and their qualified dependents succeed and thrive through a coordinated delivery of on-campus benefits assistance and counseling leading to completion of their education and preparing them to enter the labor market in viable careers.

Hammond considers it not

only an obligation but an esteemed honor to assist military students. He consistently touts the voluntary service and sacrifice members of the armed forces make to keep America safe.

"We must never forget that our sacred freedoms have been well protected on the broad shoulders of those who serve in our military," said Hammond. "We love the humble opportunity to serve those who have so well served each of us. The joy and special honor of arriving to the USM campus each day for the expressed purpose of supporting student-veterans and military family members is nearly beyond explanation."

To learn more about supporting Student-Veterans and Military Family Members please contact the USM Veterans Center at 601-264-4629 or email jeff.hammond@usm.edu.

About The University of Southern Mississippi

Founded in 1910, The University of Southern Mississippi is a comprehensive doctoral and research-driven university with a proud history and an eye on the future. A dual-campus university, Southern Miss serves students on campuses in Hattiesburg and Long Beach, in addition to five teaching and research sites in Mississippi and through Online at Southern Miss. Since 2006, our students have collected three Truman Scholarships and 18 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships. USM students also lead Mississippi with 21 Goldwater Scholarships, an honor that recognizes the next generation of great research scientists. Our Drapeau Center for Undergraduate Research affords our students meaningful research opportunities, and as a proven leader in innovation, we conduct transformative research that translates into real-world solutions. As one of only 36 institutions in the nation accredited in theatre, art and design, dance and music, we are a haven for creativity and artistic expression. In the classroom or lab, on the playing field, or in the performance hall, we strive to have a positive impact not only on our students, but also the world around us. Further information is found at usm.edu.

Complete 2 Compete program graduates 108 in first year at MSU



Kelvin Gibson, director of transportation for the Starkville Oktibbeha School District, is among 108 students who have graduated from Mississippi State University this past year through the state's Complete 2 Compete program. PHOTO BY BETH WYNN

The Mississippi Link Newswire

In just its first year, Mississippi State's Complete 2 Compete program has changed lives by helping 108 students earn their college degrees.

For Brooksville native and Starkville resident Kelvin Gibson, the reality of an MSU diploma was a dream 30 years in the making.

"I had been chipping away at getting my degree over the years and I always wanted to finish, but along the way, I got married and was busy working to provide for my wife and three kids," said Gibson, who now is in his seventh year as director of transportation for the Starkville Oktibbeha School District. He previously worked for 15 years in transportation at MSU.

"Going through the Complete 2 Compete program expedited the process better than if I had continued chipping away," he said. "It was like a godsend for me, and I have shared information about the program with as many people as I can because I'm proud of that status of finishing college."

Created by the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning and Mississippi Community College Board, Complete 2 Compete helps adults age 21 and older who have been out of college at least 24 consecutive months to finish a postsecondary degree at a Mississippi institution of higher learning. At MSU, students can either complete a degree in their original major or pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in university studies with up to three emphasis areas.

The program provides a C2C coach, who will review past credits with the student. Adults with credits satisfying requirements for an associate's or bachelor's degree will receive the appropriate degree without additional coursework. Those who need additional credits will work with their coach to identify the best pathway for completing a degree program.

Lynda Moore, director of the University Academic Advising Center (UAAC), is one of MSU's four C2C coaches. Joining her are Kali Dunlap, Center for Distance Education academic outreach coordinator; Kristi Dearing, Academic Advising Center coordinator for MSU-Meridian; and Jaiki Shumpert, UAAC graduate service assistant who is pursuing an MSU master's degree in public policy and administration. "I work with a talented

group of C2C coaches that made it possible," Moore said of the program's success. "The stories and the feedback that we get from the program participants let us know how much it is impacting their lives."

With help from Moore and Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning Project Coordinator Stephanie Bullock, Gibson reviewed his transcript and determined that he only needed to complete College Algebra to earn his degree. Gibson chose to take the algebra class at East Mississippi Community College's Mayhew campus and transfer the earned credits back to MSU, where he graduated in December 2017 with a Bachelor of Science degree in university studies.

"I'm glad Gov. Bryant adopted this program for our state," he said. "Although I have had good jobs over the years, obtaining my degree puts me in a position to have so many more options, like if I decide to get advanced degrees or pursue a second career. This is a very, very big program that I see benefiting a lot of people."

MSU Provost and Executive Vice President Judy Bonner said, "We're so proud and excited for all of this year's graduates who completed their degrees through the Complete 2 Compete program. We look forward to guiding more working adults on their journey to achieving the college degree they started years ago."

Peter Ryan, MSU associate provost for academic affairs who also is serving as interim dean of the university's Graduate School, said more than 1,500 inquiries have been submitted to www.msstate.edu/mssc2c.org, the C2C dashboard managed by the IHL.

"It's absolutely amazing to hear the touching stories of former student-athletes, septuagenarians, military personnel and others who have come back to MSU to finish their degrees. It gives them a feeling of accomplishment and an avenue to better their communities," Ryan said. "To see the genuine impact this program is making on peoples' lives and on their families...that's powerful."

Learn more about the Complete 2 Compete initiative at www.c2c.msstate.edu; MSU's Academic Advising Center; www.uaac.msstate.edu.

Moore can be contacted at 662-325-4052 or lmoore@uaac.msstate.edu.

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Entergy named a national leader in economic development

Mississippi Link Newswire

For the 11th straight year, Site Selection magazine has named Entergy a Top 10 utility in economic development nationally. The accolade is for Entergy’s role in projects that resulted in some \$4.25 billion of capital investment and the creation of more than 4,688 jobs in its service territory in 2017.

“We are honored to be included on this list of top utilities in economic development,” said Rod West, utility group president for Entergy Corporation.

“For more than 100 years, Entergy has proudly served our communities and the regions our 13,000 employees call home. We’re also doing our part to support these communities by pursuing meaningful economic and business development opportunities across our four-state service area. At Entergy, We Power Life by continuing to invest in the local workforce and grow the communities we serve to help them remain strong and thriving.”

Over the 11 year stretch, Entergy has been directly involved in projects that resulted in more than \$125 billion of capital investment and more than 96,000 jobs within Entergy’s four-state service territory.

Criteria used by Site Selection for its rankings include:

- the use of innovative programs and incentives for business,
- website tools and data, and
- each utility’s job-creating infrastructure and facility investment trends.

The ranking is in the September 2018 print edition and on Site Selection’s website.

“Being a partner in growth in our communities is paramount,” said Ed Gardner, Entergy Mississippi director of business and economic development. “It’s great to know that Entergy’s objectives and actions around economic development are fully aligned with our communities’ goals. For us to repeatedly earn this title says a lot about the character of our company, our employees and our communities.”

Entergy provides companies essential information needed to locate, expand and promote their company within the region. Entergy also provides companies with services in site selection, project management, large projects and contracts.

Entergy Mississippi, Inc. provides electricity to approximately 449,000 customers in 45 counties. Entergy Corporation is an integrated energy company engaged primarily in electric power production and retail distribution operations.

Entergy owns and operates power plants with approximately 30,000 megawatts of electric generating capacity, including nearly 9,000 megawatts of nuclear power.

Entergy delivers electricity to 2.9 million utility customers in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. Entergy has annual revenues of approximately \$11 billion and more than 13,000 employees.

To learn more about Entergy Mississippi’s economic development efforts, visit goentergy.com.

Red Cross release phone number for people following TS Gordon

Mississippi Link Newswire

People left with immediate disaster-caused needs following Tropical Storm Gordon can call the American Red Cross for assistance and referrals. For help, dial 601-353-5442 extension 4559. Residents may get an answering service, but they should leave a message to have someone return their call.

Red Cross teams are working with government and non-government partners to assess damage in areas impacted by Gordon which made landfall on September 5 in Mississippi.

Before the storm, Red Cross opened eight evacuation centers for people who needed a safe place to stay. A total of 329 people lodged overnight in Red Cross centers and 2,542 meals and snacks were served. All Red Cross disaster assistance is free thanks to the generosity of donors.

About the American Red Cross

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation’s blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission.

For more information, please visit redcross.org or cruzrojaamericana.org, or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.

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Hope Spring M.B. Church is celebrating it’s 153rd church anniversary, Sunday, September 23, 2018 at 1 p.m. Guest Speaker: Dr. R.K. Moore, pastor Stronger Hope Baptist Church. We look forward to your presence and sharing this very special day with us. Thanking you in advance for your participation.

Black Economic Alliance endorses Mike Espy

First-of-its-kind PAC made up of African-American business executives

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Black Economic Alliance, a new political organization launched by African-American business executives seeking to push black economic issues to the forefront of November’s midterm elections, is putting its financial clout and connections behind U.S. Senate Candidate Mike Espy in the Mississippi Special Election for the U.S. Senate.

Espy said the mission of the alliance makes this endorsement that much more important.

“All Mississippians deserve access to good-paying jobs,” said Espy, “and with the support of the Black Economic Alliance, I’m excited to fight for an economy that works for all of us. The time is now for policies which increase access to the American Dream and level the playing field for black communities across the country.”

Over the past few weeks, the Black Economic Alliance has endorsed candidates in nationally-watched races that will define



Espy

the 2018 election cycle and who are committed to advancing economic opportunity for black Americans. These champions of black economic progress, when elected, will have the power to make meaningful change in the halls of Congress and at the state level on a host of critical issues for black Americans – such as workforce de-

velopment and job training, securing equal access to finance and credit and ensuring equal opportunity for home ownership.

“Now more than ever, it’s critical to have champions of black economic progress in the halls of Congress and in our states,” said Akunna Cook, executive director of the Black Economic Alliance. “The statistics are startling. With 22 percent of black Americans living below the poverty line, homeownership amongst black families stagnant for the past 50 years, and only 6 percent of blacks holding the high wage tech jobs of the future, it’s time for policies that will even the playing field and give black Americans the opportunities we need. The candidates we’ve endorsed will do just that.”

The board of directors for the alliance includes Charles Phillips, the CEO of software firm Infor and former president of Oracle; Marva Smalls, global head of inclusion strategy at Viacom; MSNBC Political and Legal Analyst Maya Harris and Fred Terrell, a senior advisor at Credit Suisse.

Longest-running forestry equipment show in the woods set for Sept. 21-22

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The newest timber harvesting and production equipment will be booming at the biennial Mid-South Forestry Equipment Show in Starkville September 21-22.

The show, which is the longest-running, live, in-woods demonstration of forestry equipment in the nation, is in its 34th year. The family-friendly event features continuing education opportunities for foresters and loggers. Landowners also can benefit from workshops held during the show.

In addition to the 91 vendors, Bobby Goodson of the Discovery Channel’s Swamp Loggers series will be on hand.

Competitions include skidder, loader and guess-the-weight contests, which will allow participants to test their skills. A children’s area will feature games and activities. Concessions also will be available.

The equipment show is located at the Mississippi State University John W. Starr Memorial Forest approximately eight miles south of Starkville on Highway 25.

The public event is sponsored by the university’s College of Forest Resources and Forest and Wildlife Research Center;



Pictured is a demonstration of a knuckleboom loader pulling logs out of a delimber during the 2016 Mid-South Forestry Equipment Show. PHOTO BY KAREN BRASHER

Montgomery, Alabama-based Hatton-Brown Publishers, Inc.; Mississippi Forestry Association and the Mississippi Loggers Association.

Admission is \$25 per family at the gate.

For more information and the full schedule of activities, visit www.midsouthforestry.org.

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

ARC to discuss regional economic growth strategies at business meeting and annual conference in Tupelo

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), an economic development agency of the federal government and 13 state governments focusing on 420 counties across the Appalachian Region, will hold its annual conference in Tupelo, Mississippi, September 12-14, 2018.

Titled Appalachia Works: Expanding Opportunities for Our Region’s Future, the conference will be hosted by Governor Phil Bryant and the State of Mississippi.

Over 350 economic developers, community leaders and practitioners from ARC’s 13-state footprint are expected to attend.

Keynote discussions will focus on economic development and business recruitment. Other sessions will cover entrepreneurship, workforce development, manufacturing and asset development.

Preceding the conference, ARC will

hold its formal business meeting with representatives from each of the commission’s 13 states to discuss investment priorities and strategies for the coming year.

Jointly chaired by Bryant and ARC Federal Co-Chair Tim Thomas, the commission discussion will also include presentations from the CREATE Foundation and from students and teachers participating in the ARC/ORNL 2018 Summer STEM program.

A full Conference agenda is available at: https://www.arc.gov/noindex/newsroom/events/2018_Fall_Conf/AppalachiaWorksPreliminaryAgenda062718.pdf

What:

ARC Business Meeting: Wednesday, September 12, 2018, 2:30 p.m.–4:30 pm.

ARC Annual Conference: 9:00 a.m., Thursday, September 13–12:45 p.m., Friday, September 14, 2018

Who:

ARC Business Meeting: Governor Phil Bryant and ARC Federal Co-Chair Tim Thomas

ARC Annual Conference:

Governor Phil Bryant; ARC Federal Co-Chair Tim Thomas; U.S. Department of Labor Deputy Chief of Staff, Molly Conway; Mississippi Development Authority Executive Director, Glenn McCullough, Jr.; Tupelo Mayor Jason Shelton; Toyota Motor Manufacturing Mississippi President, Sean Suggs; SSOE Group International Senior Account Executive, Alexandra Segers; and more than 350 other economic development experts.

Where:

BancorpSouth Arena and Conference Center, 375 East Main Street, Tupelo, MS.

Three African Americans running for governor in three states



Mr. Gillum



Ms. Abrams



Mr. Jealous

By Reginald Stuart
TriceEdneyWire.com

President Trump has angered and mobilized voters across the nation to the point that many have been challenged to turn out en masse this fall to register and vote for candidates who reject his oft time bitter rhetoric. For sure, black Americans have clinched historic roles in the battle to halt and reverse Trump’s agenda, with a record three African-American candidates running for governor this November in three states – Florida, Georgia and Maryland. Each is trying to return their state’s governorship to Democratic control.

In the process, political analysts said, the three contenders represent a new chapter for the Democratic Party. They reflect the emerging leadership that is younger, more female, broadly diverse and socially progressive, according to analysts. With the exception of Maryland, their Republican opponents are hard-line Trump supporters, dissenting from his agenda quietly when they do.

“All of these candidates are pragmatic progressives,” said Emory University political science professor Andra Gillespie, a Richmond area native who earned her degree at the University of Virginia. “They are hoping to present plans to address the economic anxieties of the average working family.”

All three gubernatorial contests present distinct challenges to the contenders, regardless of party, based on the views of political analysts.

In Florida, where Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum scored

a surprise win in last week’s Democratic Party primary, the challenge is stitching together party leaders who all endorsed him after the primary contest, then raising interest among others. Gillum won only 34 percent of the vote to clinch the party nomination. He has to build from there.

In Georgia, where Spelman College graduate and tax lawyer Stacey Abrams swept the Democratic primary decisively, winning 70 percent of the votes, the challenge is to continue her impressive campaign to register more historically unregistered voters and to get out the vote by knocking on doors house by house.

As for champions backing her cause, Abrams, a former Georgia state legislator, has the support of former President Obama and civil rights icon and Georgia Congressman John Lewis.

The Maryland contest, pitting former national NAACP chief Ben Jealous against current GOP Gov. Larry Hogan, presents a different set of tough challenges, analysts said.

Not only did Jealous divide the Democratic vote to win the primary, he defeated Rushern Baker, chief executive of heavily Democratic Prince George’s County and one of Maryland’s most respected Democrats with a history in state government.

Hogan had marginal competition in the Republican primary despite his repeated criticism of Trump and solid opposition to most of Trump’s agenda. Hogan, a former Howard County executive, has enjoyed high bipartisan ratings during his

four years of working with a Democratic-controlled state legislature.

Jealous lacks strong broad-based Democratic support and trails Hogan by a long distance in fundraising.

“They have a governor who is really popular in the state,” said Bowie State University government professor William Lewis. Hogan has been “very cautious” not to disrupt the civil, bipartisan relationship between leaders of the two political parties.

All three gubernatorial candidates have plugged into the national network of African-American sororities, fraternities and other civic and social organizations to raise money for campaigns that could land them in the history books of their states.

Former Virginia Gov. L. Douglas Wilder, who in November 1989 became the first elected African-American governor in the nation, could not be reached to discuss the three new candidates.

But political scientists who have followed Wilder’s career and public service offered some comparisons. Wilder, a longtime state senator who was elected Virginia’s lieutenant governor in 1985, was a seasoned politician who learned and earned political footing with years of public service, political scientists said.

The record of service and his high profile in the state’s capital city made him easier to accept as the state’s leader, they said. Before his bid for governor, he had proven leadership skills and was a fiscal conservative,

much like his Republican predecessors, analysts said. Also, the political climate in Virginia was more tolerant then than it is today, they said, attributing the souring climate to Trump.

“The younger generation of blacks are beginning to percolate,” said historian Alvin Thornell, a veteran political scientist who spent decades at Howard University. “The older whites have become inactive as illustrated in the recent political contests in New York and Massachusetts. They just were aging and dropping out.”

The Democratic effort this election season will hinge on “New Deal” Democrats returning to the ranks as they did in the 1960, and the candidates’ and party’s success in recruiting and getting new voters to the polls, Thornell and other analysts said.

They estimated nearly one-third of traditional Democrats have become conservative Republicans or dropped from political participation. This loss must be made up with new registration and participation efforts, like that launched in Georgia by Abrams.

“All of these candidates see whites as part of their coalition,” said Gillespie, noting that Democrats need to build from the ancestors of traditional Democrats, continue court-ing Latino voters and register and get to the polls people who have not voted in the past.

For Republicans, the formula is to keep the Trump wire sparked, they said. For sure, analysts said, Republicans are loading up for a political rhetoric battle.

Cosby recording could prove comedian innocent



Bill Cosby walks to the courtroom during his sexual assault trial at the Montgomery County Courthouse in Norristown, Pa., June 6, 2017. POOL PHOTO

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Contributor

A source whom can only be identified as a ‘neutral’ Montgomery County Court official, claims a tape played in court that helped convict Bill Cosby was either doctored or partly erased and the original recording contained information that would exonerate the comedian.

“No one in the media, no one on the defense really, have either asked me or pressed me, or, to my knowledge, anyone else about the tape,” said the individual, who has requested anonymity because identification could lead to employment loss and other sanctions.

The recording in question aired during Cosby’s trial in April before a jury found him guilty of three counts of aggravated indecent assault for providing Benadryl tablets to former Temple University employee Andrea Constand and then engaging in foreplay where he touched her under her pants and she touched his penis.

“What did you give my daughter? I know my daughter ..,” Gianna Constand, Andrea’s mother, said in a decades-old conversation with Cosby.

However, a source said what’s been omitted from the tape could prove Cosby’s innocence. “What’s not on the tape are two things. It was not what’s been reported that this is some angry person,” the source said.

“She said, ‘Look Bill, I know my daughter and something is wrong with my daughter. Bill, I have to tell you something, what did you give my daughter?’”

While that might sound consistent to the recording played inside the Montgomery County Courthouse in Pennsylvania, the source said here’s where the change or omission occurred.

“Mr. Cosby said to her, asked her point blank, ‘Are you accusing me of date rape?’ Cosby was incredulous because he knew and Gianna knew that he and Andrea’s relationship was consensual,” the source said.

Gianna Constand continued, according to the source:

“She said no, she wasn’t accusing him of date rape, but then you get to see her real motivation which was money because she said to him, ‘Bill, things are tough, I don’t know how I’m going to make it’ – and this is a married woman saying this. So Cosby just goes on to apologize for having the relationship with her daughter and she told him that his apology was enough and that she didn’t want anything else.”

When Cosby overheard a noise on the phone, he asked Constand whether he was being recorded and she denied she was recording saying that the sound was her pet parrot.

Testimony revealed that even while Constand surreptitiously recorded Cosby, she had already first searched for a civil lawyer and then called police.

“They ran out of money and this was a way of them getting

money and Gianna Constand hated blacks,” said Robert Russell, a former friend of the Constand family whose potential bombshell testimony was not allowed by Judge Steven T. O’Neill.

Russell said he was prepared to testify that Andrea Constand, at her mother’s direction, plotted to extort Cosby, who eventually settled a civil suit with Constand for \$3.4 million.

Throughout the trial, those not in the courtroom were provided the mainstream media’s version of the tape, which many neutral observers said included so much bias that they believed the media worked in concert with prosecutors to convict Cosby and decimate his legacy.

For instance, it was widely reported in headlines and leads that “Cosby admits to being a dirty old man.”

However, the tape clearly reveals Cosby saying, “I don’t want you to think that I’m a dirty old man.”

“That’s a huge difference,” said Jonathan Burwell, a Philadelphia resident.

Another gentlemen at the Panera Bread on 12th and Arch Street agreed.

“I’m not sure what to make of the reporting by [mainstream media] but I do know something was amiss. It just sounded prosecution from the beginning and, as it turned out, they were intent on destroying Cosby and his legacy and it’s another shot at black people in this era of Donald Trump,” said Archie Crenshaw of Delaware County.

Famed forensic psychiatrist Carole Lieberman, who has years of experience in hundreds of civil and criminal trials, said it’s appalling to discover – after Cosby’s conviction – that Gianna Constand may have doctored or left out parts of the recording that could have changed the face of the trial.

“To be honest, I always suspected that there was something off with his accuser and her story. The defense obviously did not do a good enough job for Cosby despite the hundreds of thousands they were paid,” Lieberman said.

“They should have sent this tape to a forensic analyst who would have been able to tell that it was doctored. This is done on a routine basis in cases where tapes are involved,” she said.

Lieberman said even though Cosby is set to be sentenced Sept. 25, it’s still not too late to right the wrong.

“First, the court should order that the tape be analyzed. If it is doctored, then a mistrial should be declared and his conviction should be thrown out,” Lieberman said.

“The prosecutors should be reprimanded and the defense attorneys should return the fees Cosby paid them. Otherwise, they should be sued for malpractice. If his conviction isn’t thrown out, he can appeal on the basis of ineffective representation by counsel,” she said.

Dallas cop shoots, kills man in his own home

By Frederick H. Lowe
TriceEdneyWire.com



The off-duty Dallas police officer who mistakenly walked into the wrong apartment, believing that was where she lived before shooting and killing Botham Shem Jean, the tenant, has been identified as Amber Guyger, the Dallas Morning News and social media are reporting.

The Dallas Police Department has not officially identified Guyger, arrested or charged her with Jean’s murder, which occurred Thursday night.

Dallas Police Chief U. Renee Hall said the Texas Rangers are in charge of the investigation, and they have asked the DPD to refrain from charging Guyger until they finish questioning her. The Dallas Police Department wants to charge her with manslaughter.

Guyger, a four-year veteran of the police department, was wearing her police uniform after having completed her shift. She went to the wrong apartment and attempted to open the door, which would not open. The 26-year-old Jean heard the commotion and opened the door.

Guyger, believing he was a burglar, shot



Jean

him. It is not known if any words were exchanged between the two or if Guyger just had a visceral reaction when she saw a black-male face staring back at her.

Allison Jean, Botham’s mother, wondered if race played a role in the deadly shooting. “If he had been a white man, would things have turned out differently?” she asked.

It was only after emergency medical technicians arrived that Guyger realized she was in the wrong apartment. Jean was pronounced dead at Baylor Medical Center.

Social media said Guyger and Jean knew each other. A photograph of Jean with several women is posted on Facebook, but Jean’s family lawyer said that none of the women is Guyger. The two did not know each other, he said. Police also confirmed the two weren’t acquainted.

The Dallas Morning News reported that Guyger was involved in an earlier on-duty shooting incident when she shot Uvaldo Perez, 47, in 2017 after he wrestled away her taser. He was shot in the stomach and survived.

Jean, a native of St. Lucia, had been working as an intern in risk assurance for accounting at Pricewaterhouse Coopers, an international accounting and consulting firm with offices in Dallas. He was a 2016 graduate of Harding University, a private Christian liberal arts university in Searcy, Arkansas. He earned degrees in accounting and business systems. Jean was also a member of the school’s campus ministry.

Dallas West Church of Christ will hold funeral services for Jean Thursday.

Why people give up serving God?

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



Often people give up serving God because they feel they can get along as long as they feel well, have a good job, have money in the bank and things go well for them.

The only time they need God is when they have sickness, financial ruin or marital problems; then they want God to come to their rescue. They want Him to heal them, put their home back together or give them a good job.

What do you do with God when you suffer adversities? How did you treat God when you had a good home, when you had money in your pocket, or when you were feeling well?

The Apostles were willing to lay down their lives rather than to give up their salvation. Consider the martyrs: they were ready to go to the stake and die for what they believed rather

than to recant and burn incense. They were ready to die for the cause of Christ.

Today many people are so spoiled that they are not willing to suffer anything, yet they still want God. I am not speaking of everybody. Thank God, there are people who will not turn from what God has given them.

It cost Heaven's best for what you and I enjoy. God gave His only begotten Son, who took on the likeness of flesh, just as you and I. He was tempted just as we are in all points. He whipped the devil for you and me. He did it all for us, but many people are quick to toss their salvation away.

The Apostles greatly valued their salvation. Jesus told the disciples in Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

The word witness actually means "martyr," and they all were martyrs with the

exception of one, and that was John, who lived longer than any of the other Apostles, and wrote the Book of Revelation. He was given the Revelation, and then he went back to Ephesus to preach during the time of apostasy, which is a falling away from truth.

If you will read First, Second, and Third John you will see that he took them right back to the message that they had heard from the beginning, and he talked to them about having love for the brethren.

He did that because when people enter apostasy, one of the first things that diminishes is they start turning on one another. They pick one another apart and sever from one another and form little groups or cliques. Then one group talks about the other group, and they fuss and fight. These are earmarks of people defecting from the truth.

When iniquity abounds, the love of many waxes cold and there is nothing more difficult to preach in than an apostasy. I repeat the Apostles

valued their salvation more than their own lives.

The Apostle Paul was not about to give up his salvation or stop preaching the Gospel. He would rather have taken a beating first. Paul suffered perils in water, perils among his own countrymen and perils among false brethren, yet he stayed true to God.

How will you value salvation in the future? What would you do if you were told that you only had a few hours to live? What would you think about salvation then? At the judgment, how will you value salvation? Second Corinthians 5:10 says, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."

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P R E S E R V E D Living the diamond life

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



This past weekend, Serena Williams, considered by many to be the best tennis player in the world, suffered a stunning defeat at the US Open. What made the loss to the phenomenal Naomi Osaka all the more hurtful to many was the fact Williams was disrespected by the chair umpire and fined \$17,000. After the match, Williams did something that showed how you choose to respond to life's pressure can determine whether you stay a lump of coal or transform into a diamond.

In preparing to write this column, I found out a few interesting things about diamonds. They start as pure crystallized carbon and are the hardest known substance. The diamond making process takes place miles beneath the earth and results in the diamond's unique shape.

Also, diamonds are mentioned in the scriptures in Ezekiel as being a part of the high-priest's breastplate. The word "diamond" comes from a French word that also means adamant and unyielding.

It's ironic how something that is so tough because of what it has been through is valued as one of the most precious jewels in the world. The diamond starts of as a piece of carbon or coal. It is because of its having to withstand so much pressure over time that it is valued.

Does your value increase when you experience pressure or you use energy trying to "understand" your circumstances and why you are going through them that you remain a lump of coal?

In my own recent life's transi-


tions, I've found that I received the most support when dealing with difficulties from those who themselves had gone through the same process. They encouraged me to look ahead to potential gains in my future rather than spend time on losses of the past. They did as Proverbs 27:17 says: As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of a friend.

I have one friend, in particular, who once told me that since I was a "strong black woman" he knew I could withstand the pressures that I was experiencing. When I told him that I was having a hard day emotionally, he took a moment and listened to me. He then replied that he wasn't going to let me get weak. At first, I was hurt by his response but I eventually appreciated how he instinctively knew that strength was what I needed at the time to stay strong...and willingly provided it.

Serena did the same when she hugged and spoke words of encouragement to the emotionally drained Osaka after the match. In that moment, Serena showed the lessons she learned over the years of dealing with pressure.

In the diamond's development, it is shaped by the seemingly unending pressure of natural elements. Likewise, rather than allowing the seemingly chaotic drama in our lives to keep us ragged and rough, the Lord will place people in our lives who will apply similar pressure to ensure that we don't take a detour from our paths of maturity...and miss out on becoming diamonds.

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Breaking the gubernatorial glass ceiling

By Marc H. Morial
President and CEO
National Urban League



“Now we have black and white elected officials working together. Today, we have gone beyond just passing laws. Now we have to create a sense that we are one community, one family. Really, we are the American family.” — Congressman John Lewis

In the 24-year history of the United States, four African-American men have presided as the chief executive of a state or commonwealth. Only two were elected in their own right – Deval Patrick of Massachusetts, in 2006, and Douglas Wilder of Virginia, in 1989. David Paterson of New York was elevated to the office upon the resignation of Eliot Spitzer in 2008.

Before Wilder’s election, we have to go all the way back to 1872, during Reconstruction – the period when the federal government enforced racial equality in the former Confederate states – to find another African-American governor. P.B.S. Pinchback served as governor of my home state of Louisiana for six weeks, while an impeachment case against John McEnery was tried.

Given this history, it is nothing short of remarkable that this year, there are three African-American major-party nominees for governor, each of whom stand to become the first black governor of his or her state.

If elected, Stacy Abrams, not only would be the first black governor of Georgia, she would be the first black woman governor anywhere in the United States. No stranger to the title “first,” her record as a trailblazer extends to her school days, when she became the first African-American valedictorian in memory at her Dekalb County high school.

She was the first woman and the first person of color ever to hold the office of minority leader in the Georgia state house.

Her political career, too,

reaches back to her school, when she was hired as a speechwriter on a congressional campaign when she was just 17.

It’s a stunning record of achievement for one born into a poor neighborhood in Gulfport, Mississippi, one of six children in a family that often relied on the social safety net to make ends meet.

Andrew Gillum, a nominee for Florida governor, also showed early signs of great promise, selected by the Gainesville Sun newspaper as a “Person of the Year” upon his graduation from high school.

At 23, and still an undergraduate student at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, he was the youngest person ever elected to the Tallahassee City Commission. He became mayor of Tallahassee at the age of 35.

Ben Jealous, candidate for Maryland governor, is a familiar face to the Urban League Movement. During his five years as president of the NAACP – the youngest person ever to serve in that office – we worked side-by-side on issues of racial justice and civil rights.

Like myself, the son of two fierce civil rights activists, Jealous was born into the movement. His African-American mother, Ann, faced taunts and threats as one of a handful of black students to desegregate Baltimore’s Western High in 1955. His white father, Fred, participated in sit-ins to desegregate Baltimore’s lunch counters.

As editor of the Jackson Advocate, Mississippi’s oldest historically black newspaper, Jealous’ work helped to expose corruption at Parchman State Penitentiary and led to the acquittal of a farmer wrongfully accused of arson.

These three candidates have compiled a stunning record of achievement, and they stand as worthy role models for a new generation of young activists and leaders.

While we do not endorse candidates, we do encourage everyone to get out and vote!

Black political excellence

By Julianne Malveaux
NNPA News Wire Columnist



Senators Corey Booker (D-NJ) and Kamala Harris (D_CA) used their time wisely in their questioning of Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh, the elusive man whose hidden documents would perhaps disqualify him from the court. Both (along with Senator Diane Feinstein and others) raised important points in grilling Kavanaugh, and Booker went on a limb to defy Senate protocol and release so-called confidential emails from Kavanaugh. He earned a warning from one of his colleagues, and praise from embattled Democrats who are likely to lose the fight to keep Kavanaugh off the court because the numbers just don’t add up.

Harris also pushed Kavanaugh hard, and left him speechless when she asked him if he knew of any laws “that the government has the power to make over the male body?” I whooped when she asked the question, appreciating the point she was making. Kavanaugh could not answer. He simply mumbled and fumbled.

Most of the Democrats brought their “A” game to these hearings, but I’m lifting up Booker and Harris because they are examples of black political excellence. The two are also chairing

the Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Conference, the annual September gathering of African-American legislators, activists, and others. Both stand out because of their preparation, excellence and connections to the African-American community.

They weren’t the only recent examples of black political excellence.

In Florida, the underfunded Andrew Gillum, the only non-millionaire in the race for governor, pulled out an unexpected victory as Democratic nominee. While he didn’t have the money that his rivals had, he had an army of amazing volunteers who combed the state mobilizing voters. The Tallahassee mayor who backed Hillary Clinton in the 2016 Presidential race was boosted by a late endorsement from Senator Bernie Sanders and critical campaign dollars from billionaires Tom Steyer and George Soros. His victory was close, but it wasn’t a squeaker. And he vanquished former Congresswoman Gwen Graham, daughter of a former governor and part of a political dynasty.

What has been most impressive about Gillum, though, has been his eloquence and self-possession in the wake of his victory. Congressman Ron DeSantis, the despicable Trump supporter who won the Republican nomination, followed the example of

his patron in using racially coded language against Gillum, urging voters not to “monkey up” the state.

When asked about DeSantis’ ignorance in interviews, Gillum asked voters and others to focus on the issues, not the racism. He appeared unruffled in these exchanges, and indicated exactly the kind of principled governor he will be. Excellence.

In Boston, City Councilor Ayana Pressley defeated 10-term Congressman Michael Capuano. With no Republican opposition, she will be the first African-American woman to represent Massachusetts in Congress. Pressley also demonstrated excellence, resilience and persistence. Ignoring advice that she should “wait her turn” before running for Congress, undeterred by the fact that many members of the Congressional Black Caucus endorsed her opponent, Pressley remained focused on her message and amassed an amazing army of volunteers to earn a stunning victory. Excellence.

Stacey Abrams, the Democratic nominee for governor in Georgia is also an example of this excellence. She pulverized her opponent, Stacey Evans, back in June, and is now waging a campaign against another Trump-type opponent. Her excellence stands out and makes her a role model for other African-American women who seek

higher office, often against all odds. She has used her personal story to galvanize people, much in the same ways that Pressley and Gillum have. Their stories are persuasive to voters because they assure voters that they may be able to better understand their hardships than others can.

What is exciting about the black political excellence is that it also represents a generational changing of the guard. Gillum is 39, Pressley and Abrams, in their early 40s. Booker is 49, and Harris is in her early 50s. This is quite a change from the entrenched political leadership that endorsed Pressley’s opponent. It doesn’t suggest that the entrenched generation needs to “step aside;” as some have said, but it does suggest that they will have to find ways to work together and learn from each other.

The awful outcome of the 2016 election has emboldened young African Americans to seek public office, against all odds. It’s an exciting development in an otherwise gloomy political time, and it ought also be motivation for people to vote in the midterm elections!

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

Ain’t that peculiar!

By E. Faye Williams
Trice Edney Newswire



So much goes on these days that one hardly knows where to begin with what else could possibly be happening when a network stops everything and says, BREAKING NEWS!

These days, we almost have to assume it’s something about the White House and #45’s bungling something else.

That’s just the way it is, but before we go to that, I hope you’ve been watching Brett Kavanaugh turn completely red as he’s facing another question from Senators Kamala Harris, Corey Booker, Sheldon Whitehouse, Diane Feinstein, Richard Durbin and Richard Blumenthal. They had their work cut out for them while questioning Kavanaugh who had many memory lapses. They proved to be up to the challenge.

It’s really peculiar that he thought #45 would be his saving grace to breeze through his ex-

amination. It’s been anything but that. He may still be confirmed, but I’m sure he’s had a lot of second thoughts about whether he bargained for the battering he’s faced just to get him to tell the truth.

Meanwhile, at the White House, #45 is learning the meaning of “The Resistance.”

The New York Times published an anonymous op-ed article indicating that someone in the White House is “working diligently from within to frustrate parts of #45’s agenda and his worst inclinations.” Since he doesn’t know who this person is, he doesn’t know who he should fire. He’s probably searching under his bed at night, looking in his closets and listening in on telephone calls trying to figure this one out.

Meanwhile, Colin Kaepernick just had a commercial released by Nike. I can just bet #45 got an upset stomach over that. Now #45’s friends and supporters have gone ballistic burning their Nike shoes to protest that move. I guess protesting is okay if you are one of

#45’s buddies who thought it was all wrong when Kaepernick did it. Of course, he was protesting for a good cause called justice. #45 wouldn’t know about that.

Not only is Kaepernick getting paid for his work, he’s actually the new face of Nike’s “Just Do It” campaign.

The comedians have had fun with Nike’s decision to do the right thing by Kaepernick. Jimmy Fallon said that #45 was so upset that he told his staff to throw away all of his Nike workout gear. His staff rightly told him, “Sir, you don’t have ANY workout gear.” That seems pretty obvious as he tugs at his coat to hide his eating sins, but he wouldn’t let it go. He said, “Look, just buy it and throw it away!” Guess he didn’t realize how happy that makes Nike. I doubt that Nike cares what #45 does with his products once he pays for them. The more #45 and his friends buy, the more they can put in Kaepernick’s paycheck. That was probably a bit too difficult for #45 to figure out.

According to Fallon, Bob

Woodward says #45 regrets criticizing white supremacists and said it was the biggest mistake he’s made. Upon looking at his son, Don, Jr., he said, “Actually, second biggest mistake.” If what Omarosa says about the relationship between #45 and his son in “Unhinged,” that may not be a joke.

It’s mighty peculiar that #45 can run around at tax payer expense, pay no taxes, disrespect women (and just about everybody else), lie about everything, obey no laws and runs the country with a total lack of knowledge about what it means to be president.

Thank God for people like Kaepernick who is a breath of fresh air, and is finally being recognized for the great sacrifice he’s made in an effort to perfect our union while #45 destroys it.

E. Faye Williams is president of the National Congress of Black Women, Inc. www.nationalcongressbw.org. 202 678-6788. She is also host of WPFW-FM 89.3’s “Wake Up and Stay Woke.”

Congresswoman Frederica S. Wilson’s response to recording of President Trump joking about Niger ambush

The Mississippi Link Newswire

“I wish I could say that I’m surprised by President Trump’s attempt to make light of a tragic event that led to the deaths of four American heroes, but I am not. It is appalling, but this is the same man, after all, who told the widow of my constituent, Sgt. La David Johnson, during his so-called condolence call, that her husband knew what he was signing up for...”

Washington, D.C. Congresswoman Frederica S. Wilson issued the following statement in response to an audio tape of Trump making jokes during a discussion about the deadly ambush in Niger:

The recording is yet another example of how unfit Mr. Trump is to serve as our nation’s commander-in-chief and how he cannot resist any opportunity to massage his insatiable ego by taking false credit.

Unlike the four men who lost their lives much too soon, hero is a word that will never be used to describe him.

“Sgt. Johnson’s family is still waiting for answers about how La David got separated from his unit during the deadly ambush in Niger. I am more determined than ever to push for an investigation into what happened and will not stop until all of our questions have been answered.”



U.S. Rep. Frederica Wilson (D-FL)

Hinds CC a perfect place to take next step in healthcare careers

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Ter'Bria Hopkins works in the healthcare field as a phlebotomist and wants to build on her credentials.

That desire is so great that she took her own photos during the fall 2018 Nursing Allied Health Showcase held Sept. 6 at Hinds Community College Jackson Campus-Nursing/Allied Health Center.

"I love taking care of my patients and people in general," said Hopkins, 24, of Jackson, looking to add to the associate degree already under her belt.

Hopkins was among about 150 people who attended this fall's event, which is held each semester at the Chadwick Drive complex. Prospective students and others toured the campus' learning labs, spoke with faculty, explored the college's 12 health-related and two short-term programs and got the latest on requirements and deadlines.

"Guests spoke with our faculty one-on-one to learn about our programs of study and the promising careers in healthcare that Hinds graduates obtain," said Kathryn Cole, district director of Enrollment Services.

Programs showcased included Associate Degree Nursing (RN), Dental Assisting Technology, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Emergency Medical Science, Health Care Assistant, Health Information Technology, Medical Laboratory Technology, Physical Therapist Assistant, Practical Nursing, Radiologic Technology, Respiratory Care Technology, Surgical Technology, and two short-term programs, Nursing Assistant and Phlebotomy.

"We are excited to offer nursing and allied health programs that provide excellent employment opportunities for our students," said Nursing and Allied Health Dean



Carla Gray-Taylor, associate degree nursing instructor at Hinds Community College, gives a tour of the ADN lab during the Fall 2018 Nursing Allied Health Showcase Sept. 6 at Hinds Community College Jackson Campus-Nursing/Allied Health Center. From center are Ter'Bria Hopkins, Andrea Ellis and Kira Harvey, all of Jackson. PHOTOS BY HINDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE/APRIL GARON



Brandy Ruth, right, of Pearl, looks on as Hinds Community College student Allison Frock explains how X-rays are taken in the Radiologic Technology lab during the 2018 Nursing Allied Health Showcase Sept. 6 at Hinds Community College Jackson Campus-Nursing/Allied Health Center.

Libby Mahaffey. "Graduates of our programs are employed at rates of 90 to 100 percent within a year of graduation and consistently meet national benchmarks for licensure/registry pass rates."

The event draws potential students across a wide spectrum of professional experience, including working adults who seek a challenging career change.

"It's good to get a feel for what the medical field involves," said Brandy Ruth, 30, of Pearl. "I'm a secretary right now, so I'd be starting from scratch."

Shaniqua Bush, 20, of Kosciusko, is hearing-impaired and sees her foray into healthcare as just another success. She checked out the Respiratory Care Technology lab, where a pig's lung was used to show how the equipment worked.

"My goal is to show that deaf people can do the same things hearing people can do," Bush said via her interpreter, Loretta Sutton, of the college's Disability Support Services department. "I'm interested in looking at the ventilators because I'm curious to know."

Mississippi Blood Services launches first Fall Drive at Mississippi College



Mississippi College student Grace Dugas of Denham Springs, La. joins President Blake Thompson at a blood drive event.

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Steady rain at Mississippi College didn't stop students from giving the gift of life.

Mississippi Blood Services donors kept coming despite Wednesday's downpour stemming from Tropical Storm Gordon. An MBS bus parked near Provine Chapel remained busy the moment the drive began at 11 a.m. on the Clinton campus.

The September 5-6 blood drive became the first one of MC's 193rd academic year. Blood units generated at MBS campaigns year-round serve thousands of patients at dozens of hospitals statewide.

Some Mississippi patients are battling Sickle Cell Anemia. Others suffer from a heart disease making it difficult for the heart to pump blood to the rest of the body. Many Mississippians are fighting cancer. They all need blood.

In the drive's first hour, seven Mississippi College students donated blood. In the second hour, ten more students joined the cause. There were 68 units of blood collected at the two-day MBS drive at MC.

Some students like Melissa South of Hernando said it was her grandmother's fight against cancer that led her to take part in the blood drive.

"I like helping," was how student Danielle Owens of Columbus answered when asked why she signed up.

Based in Flowood, Mississippi Blood Services staffers regularly visit the Clinton campus to conduct drives from one academic year to the next.

Blood drives date back decades at the Baptist-affiliated university.

Since becoming MC's new leader July 1, President Blake Thompson was happy to promote the two-day event on the Clinton campus.

Seeing Dr. Thompson suddenly step aboard the bus to drum up support for the MBS drive "is a really cool thing," said sophomore Amy Riley. The 20-year-old from Lafayette, Louisiana believes giving blood is just good to do.

MBS staffers like Bryan Catchings joined colleagues making sure the students were taken care of with as little waiting time as possible between classes.

Mississippi Blood Services vehicles will return to the Clinton campus later this Fall. MBS staffers will be here to collect blood October 31-November 1 for a special drive that pits Mississippi College against Delta State University. The winner will be announced at the MC-Delta State football game in Cleveland November 10.

Rivals in the Gulf South Conference, MC and DSU students remain on the same page when it comes to donating blood supplied to hospital patients across the Magnolia State. The Mississippi schools are located two hours apart.

Students at Mississippi State University, the University of Mississippi and the University of Southern Mississippi compete annually in the Transylvania Bowl. MBS officials organize that blood drive.

Mississippi Blood Services staffers can be reached by calling (888)90-BLOOD.

The city of Jackson and Molina Healthcare of Mississippi team up to host a health and wellness event for kids and families

The Mississippi Link Newswire

In a continued effort to encourage local families to embrace healthy lifestyles, the Jackson Department of Parks and Recreation and Molina Healthcare of Mississippi are partnering with other organizations to host the "Mind, Body & Soul" health and wellness expo. The event will kick off with a 5K run/walk and a 1-mile fun run for youth under the age of 12. Immediately following, guests will receive health education and information about various recreational programs and community resources.

Attendees of all ages can exercise to make a nutritious refreshment by riding Molina's popular smoothie bike, which powers an attached blender. The bike promotes healthy eating and physical activity in a fun and engaging way. Dr. Cleo, Molina's cat doctor mascot, will be present to greet and take photos with kids and their families. Kids and families can also participate in raffles and enjoy entertainment at the event.

The 5K costs \$20 for participants who pre-register and will cost \$25 if individuals sign up on the

day of the race. The 1-mile youth run and the health expo are free and open to the public. All giveaways will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

To register for the 5K, contact Angela White at (601) 960-0471.

When:

Saturday, September 15, 2018

Race registration: 7 a.m.

Race starts: 8 a.m.

Health expo: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Where:

Jackson Convention Complex

105 E. Pascagoula St.

Jackson, MS 39201

Why:

As reported in the Jackson Free Press, Mississippi ranks last when comparing all 50 states' healthcare, according to the United Health Foundation's rankings. The Magnolia State faces challenges with obesity and the health of women, children and seniors.

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A complete bid package which contains bid instructions, specification response sheets, and bid training may be obtained by registering as a supplier at HYPERLINK "http://www.southernprocurement.com" www.southernprocurement.com (select 'Register/Login'). Please use the term "FOOD SERVICE COMBI OVENS" in the subject line. Vendors must include full contact information, including company name, email address, telephone numbers and contact person in your email request. Email requests will be filled within 24 hours of submission or registration. Registration with Southern Procurement Services and acceptance of the Southern Procurement Services Platform Agreement is not optional and is required in order to participate in this bidding event. No exceptions will be made.

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Date of Sale: September 26, 2018
Place of Sale: Archie Towing Services;
6700 Medgar Evers Blvd., Jackson, MS 39213

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REQUEST FOR PROFESSIONAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES OF THE JACKSON ZOOLOGICAL PARK

The City of Jackson, Department of Parks and Recreation is seeking assistance from management firms or individuals desiring to provide professional management services at a City of Jackson facility, known as Jackson Zoological Park, located at 2918 West Capitol Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Professional management firms or individuals that may be interested in contracting with the City of Jackson for such services are hereby invited to submit a response to this request in accordance with the requirements set forth herein.

Sealed Professional Management Service packets will be received by the City Clerk of Jackson, Mississippi, at 219 S. President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201 or at the Post Office Box 17, Jackson, Mississippi 39205, until 3:30 p.m., local time, November 13, 2018.

The bid advertises August 29, 2018 through November 1, 2018; however, bids will be accepted, and are to be stamped by the City Clerk, prior to the November 13, 2018, 3:30 p.m. deadline. Bid Opening Date: November 13, 2018.

This Request For Professional Management Services is also being posted on the Central Bidding website at: https://www.centraauctionhouse.com/main.php. You may submit your bids electronically through this provider. Packets may also be secured from the Department of Parks and

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Request for Proposal (RFP) #2018-2

Management and Operations for Fixed Route and Non-Fixed Route ADA Paratransit Services

The City of Jackson is soliciting Request for Proposals (RFPs) from qualified firms to provide on-going Management and Operations for the the City of Jackson's Fixed Route and Non-Fixed Route ADA Paratransit Services.

Interested firms may obtain a copy of a detailed Request for Proposals, and any proposal addenda from the City's website at HYPERLINK "http://www.jacksonms.gov/bids.aspx" http://www.jacksonms.gov/bids.aspx. Official proposal documents can be downloaded from Central Bidding at HYPERLINK "http://www.centralbidding.com" www.centralbidding.com. Please reference RFP#2018-2.

A Pre-Proposal Conference and Site Visit will be held on Monday, September 10, 2018, at 9:00 am Central Standard Time (CST), located at 1785 Highway 80 West, Jackson, MS 39204.

Six copies of the offeror's Proposal together with a PDF file of the Proposal on a flash drive shall be deposited with the City of Jackson, Office of City Clerk at 219 South President Street, Jackson, MS 39205 until Friday, October 5, 2018 by 3:30 pm CST. Electronic bids and/or reverse auction bids can be submitted at HYPERLINK "http://www.centralbidding.com" www.centralbidding.com. For any questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814. Submittals received after the specified date and time shall not be accepted.

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Mukesh Kumar, PhD
Director of Planning & Development

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR TERMINAL PAGING SYSTEM

BY THE JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

PROJECT 008-18

SEPTEMBER 5, 2018

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority ("JMAA") requests Proposals ("Proposal") from a contractor ("Contractor") to provide equipment, software, technical support, installation, and training services in support of a Terminal Paging System ("System") for the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (JMAA).

JMAA will receive Proposals to perform the Services at the offices of JMAA, Suite 300, Main Terminal Building, Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39208, until 3:00 p.m. Central Standard Time on October 9, 2017 (the "Deadline").

JMAA will not consider any Proposals received after the Deadline for any reason whatsoever. Information for Respondents relating to this Request for Proposals ("RFP") is on file and open for public inspection at the offices of JMAA. The Information for Respondents contains a copy of the RFP, General Information for Respondents, Information Required from Respondents and Criteria for Selection. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the Information for Respondents from JMAA by contacting Robin Byrd, JMAA's Manager of Procurement, as follows:

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Jackson, Mississippi 39298-8109
Attention: Robin Byrd, Manager of Procurement
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JMAA will hold a Pre-Submission Conference at 2:00 p.m. Central Standard Time on September 18, 2018, in the Community Room, 3rd Floor Mezzanine Level, at the Main Terminal Building at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, MS 39208. Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference is highly encouraged for all those interested in submitting Proposals as a Prime Consultant for the Services and persons seeking opportunities to provide work as a Sub-Consultant. The benefits of attendance include networking opportunities between Prime Consultant and Sub-Consultants, as well as the opportunity to be on a list of contacts that will be published to interested parties as part of the minutes from the Pre-Submission Conference; and a detailed review of the scope of work. No additional conferences or meetings will be scheduled.

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JMAA DBE participation goal is to TBA for the Services solicited by this RFP.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR AN
REAL ESTATE PROPERTY BROKERAGE SERVICES
BY THE JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
PROJECT NO. 7000-005-18
September 12, 2018

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

JMAA will receive Proposals at the offices of JMAA, Suite 300, Main Terminal Building, Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39208, until 3:00 p.m. Central Standard Time on October 11, 2018 (the "Deadline").

JMAA will not consider any Proposals received after the Deadline for any reason whatsoever. Information for Respondents relating to this Request for Proposals ("RFP") is on file and open for public inspection at the offices of JMAA. The Information for Respondents contains a copy of the RFP, General Information for Respondents, Information Required from Respondents and Criteria for Selection. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the Information for Respondents from JMAA by contacting Ms. Robin Byrd, JMAA's Procurement Manager, as follows:

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JMAA will not hold a Pre-Submission

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

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

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BY THE JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
PROJECT NO. 8100-010-18
SEPTEMBER 12, 2018

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority ("JMAA") requests Proposals ("Proposal") for a Certified Public Accounting Firm to conduct financial audits of the JMAA financial statements, audits of fixed assets, assist the DBE Program Office with personal net worth reviews of applicants for DBE certification, and provide consulting services on an as-needed basis.

JMAA will receive Proposals at the offices of JMAA, Suite 300, Main Terminal Building, Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39208, until 3:00 p.m. Central Standard Time on October 4, 2018 (the "Deadline").

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JMAA will not hold a pre-submission conference for this project. JMAA reserves the right to reject any and all Proposals, for any reason, any time before execution of a contract with a Respondent selected by JMAA to perform the Services.

JMAA has established a DBE participation goal of 35% for the Services solicited by this RFP.

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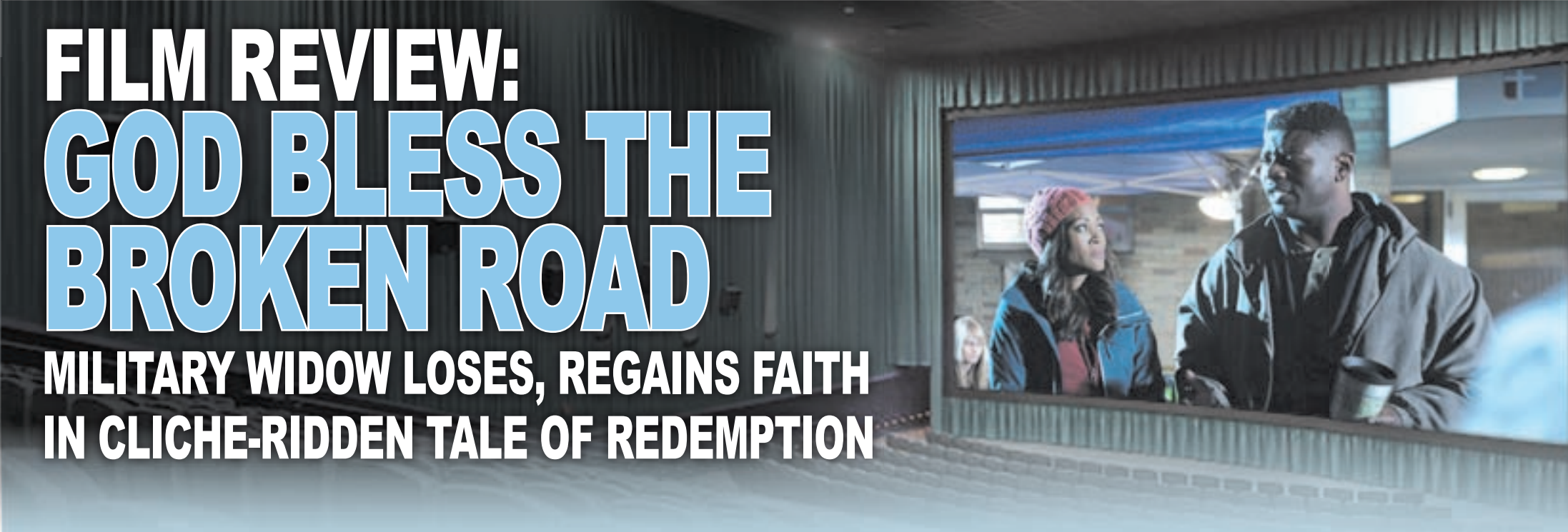
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FILM REVIEW: GOD BLESS THE BROKEN ROAD

MILITARY WIDOW LOSES, REGAINS FAITH IN CLICHE-RIDDEN TALE OF REDEMPTION

By Kam Williams
Columnist

Sergeant Darren Hill (Liam Matthews) was just days away from finishing up a tour of duty in Afghanistan when he died during an ambush of his unit. The shocking news devastated his wife, Amber (Lindsay Pulsipher), and their young daughter, Bree (Makenzie Moss).

In fact, Amber was so embittered, she

stepped down as her church’s choir director, moaning, “Look where my faith in God got us.” And pep talks from Pastor Williams (LaDainian Tomlinson) and her BFFs, Bridgette (Jordin Sparks) and Karena (Robin Givens) fail to bring her back into the fold.

Two years later, and we find the grieving widow struggling to keep a roof over her head. Waitressing at the local diner simply doesn’t pay enough

to keep the bank from threatening to foreclose on her house.

When Amber’s served with a notice to vacate the premises, she borrows \$800 from a loan shark at a usurious rate, a short-term fix certain to come back to bite her. It takes hitting rock bottom for her to rethink turning her back on God.

Thus unfolds the opening act of God Bless the Broken Road, a faith-based drama directed and co-written by Har-

old Cronk (God’s Not Dead 1 and 2). Unfortunately, the cliché-ridden, modern morality play is less concerned with character development than with hammering home a heavy-handed message about the virtues of Christianity.

Quite predictably, Amber’s fortunes do improve, but only after her faith in the Lord is restored. Meanwhile, the screen is littered with one-dimensional caricatures who bear no resemblance to

real people.

A simplistic, sermonizing parable strictly for the Bible-thumping demographic.

Fair (1 star)

Rated PG for combat action and mature themes

Running time: 111 minutes

Production Studio: 10 West Studios / A Really Good Home Pictures

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OPENING THIS WEEK

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

By Kam Williams
Columnist

For movies opening September 14, 2018

Wide Releases

The Predator (R for graphic violence, crude sexual references and pervasive profanity) Sixth installment in the sci-fi series revolves around a disgruntled science teacher (Olivia Munn) who joins forces with a ragtag crew of ex-soldiers to save humanity after a young boy (Jacob Tremblay) inadvertently triggers the return to Earth of the universe’s most lethal hunters. With Boyd

Keegan-Michael Key, Brian A. Prince and Sterling K. Brown.

A Simple Favor (R for violence, drug use, graphic nude images, and pervasive profanity and sexuality) Cat-and-mouse crime thriller about a small town blogger (Anna Kendrick) who teams with her BFF’s (Blake Lively) husband (Henry Golding) to solve his wife’s mysterious disappearance. Cast includes Eric Johnson, Jean Smart and Sarah Baker.

Unbroken: Path to Redemption (PG-13 for mature themes and disturbing images) Biopic based on Laura Hillenbrand’s best seller chronicling World

War II POW Louis Zamperini’s (Samuel Hunt) overcoming his despair with the help of his wife (Merritt Patterson). Featuring Vanessa Bell Calloway, Bobby Campo and Gary Cole.

White Boy Rick (R for drugs, violence, sexuality, pervasive profanity and brief nudity) Richie Merritt plays the title character in this biopic, set in Detroit in the Eighties, recounting the rise and fall of FBI informant-turned-drug kingpin Richard Wershe Jr. With Matthew McConaughey, Jennifer Jason Leigh, Eddie Marsan and Piper Laurie.

Independent & Foreign

Films

American Chaos (R for profanity and sexual references) Red State documentary shedding light on what inspired Trump’s supporters to vote for him in the 2016 presidential election.

American Deep State (Unrated) Eye-opening expose’ revealing the hidden network of government bureaucrats secretly controlling U.S. policy. Featuring commentary by Bill Clinton, James Comey and Jeb Bush.

Bel Canto (Unrated) Suspense thriller about a world-renown opera singer (Julianne

Moore) kidnapped by South American guerrillas as she was about to perform at a Japanese tycoon’s (Ken Watanabe) birthday party. With Christopher Lambert, Sebastian Koch and Olek Krupa. (In English, Spanish, French and Japanese)

The Children Act (R for a sexual reference) Courtroom drama revolving around a judge’s (Emma Thompson) struggle with whether to force a teenager with leukemia (Fionn Whitehead) to undergo a life-saving blood transfusion forbidden by his religion. With Stanley Tucci, Ben Chaplin and Eileen Walsh.

Lizzie (R for violence, grisly images, nudity, sexuality and profanity) Chloe Sevigny portrays Lizzie Borden in this crime thriller about the infamous young woman accused of murdering her father (Jamey Sheridan) and stepmother (Fiona Shaw) in Fall River, Massachusetts in 1892. With Kristen Stewart, Kim Dickens and Jeff Perry.

Science Fair (PG for mature themes and mild epithets) STEM documentary chronicling the impressive efforts of nine high school students competing in the international science fair.

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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 Joan Rivers

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BOOK REVIEW:

“HOUSEGIRL”

BY MICHAEL DONKOR

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

You’re up for this.

This next thing is going to be a challenge, but you’re ready. You’ve studied it as much as you can and you’ve thought it through, you’re bringing your best talents and your keenest observation skills, and you got this. You can do it. Still, as in the new book “Housegirl” by Michael Donkor, it won’t be easy.

Mary was often too impetuous. Belinda didn’t mind, though. Mary was still a child, not quite a

teenager, and she still sucked her thumb at night. Sometimes, she was an exasperation but mostly, she was like a sister to Belinda, even though they were unrelated housegirls from small Ghanaian villages, given up by their mothers to work for wealthy people.

Given by her mother. That hurt, but it was why Belinda didn’t feel she had much choice when her employer, Aunt, gifted Belinda to her friend, Nana, with an odd assignment attached. Belinda would move to London – not to cook and clean, but to serve as a

good example for Nana’s daughter, Amma, who was just a year older than Belinda, but worlds away in attitude.

It was not easy for Belinda to tell Mary that she was leaving. Mary cursed and cried but in the end, she was comforted by promises that she and Belinda would talk often on their cell phones. Belinda was sure Mary would adjust, maybe even take over the running of Aunt’s household. Mary would grow up.

In the meantime, Belinda had other worries. Nana’s husband

paid for Belinda to go to school, and Nana took her shopping for new clothes. They gave her a room of her own, a bed of her own, and pretty things for decoration.

But Amma was a challenge – she was sassy and cursed, lied and snuck around. Belinda liked Amma, but befriendng her could be quite another thing.

Still, the two girls grew close and they began to share secrets. Belinda unburdened herself of the shameful things her mother had done. Amma told Belinda

that she liked girls in that way. Both knew they’d have to rely on one another in days to come.

Neither knew their friendship would cause regrets...


Absolutely, “Housegirl” is not an easy book to read.

Parts of it are written in the Ghanaian language of Twi, and though there’s a glossary before this story starts, it’s cumbersome to constantly page back and forth.

More back-and-forth comes from character conversation in which it isn’t always clear who’s saying what, so it all ends up be-

ing a mish-mash of words. Add to that a number of odd details that seem pruriently gratuitous (do we really, for example, need to know about a character’s need for hygiene products? The answer is “no.”) and you’ve got a lot of cringing ahead.

That’s too bad; the characters are mostly very likeable, maybe even relatable, and the settings are perfectly written. That makes “Housegirl” flawed, though it’s not a terrible novel; it’s just that, if you try it, it’s going to be a challenge.



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Hinds County School District celebrates opening of new field house and athletic complex at Terry High School

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Recently, Hinds County School District held a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the grand opening of the new field house and athletic complex at Terry High School. The multimillion-dollar project is an indicator of the success of public-private partnerships focused on boosting student academic, athletic and artistic performance across the district.

“This field house and athletic complex will help ensure our students have access to state-of-the-art training facilities and equipment,” said Delesicia Martin, superintendent of Hinds County School District. “Last year, we completed a similar facility at Raymond High School, and we are excited about the current and future projects across the district that will enhance educational, cultural and athletic experiences for all of our students.”

Several elected officials attended the ceremony, including State Rep. Jarvis Dortch (D-District 66); State Rep. Deborah Butler Dixon (D-District 63); Mayor Joseph Kendrick (City of Terry); and Mayor Richard White (City of Byram).

The 21,000 square foot facility, designed to accommodate all outdoor sports programs, features three buildings, including a 3,000 square foot weight room and therapy pool room.

Jackson-Hinds Comprehensive Health Center sponsored the facility’s training room and will assist with athletic physicals throughout the year.

In addition, the building will be equipped with technology made possible through a donation from Skinners Chevrolet Buick GMC in Terry, Miss.

For more information on Hinds County School District, including the district’s efforts to promote health and wellness, contact John Neal at jneal@hinds.k12.ms.us or 601.857.7008.



Hinds County School District Weekly Update ENGAGING-EMPOWERING-ENSURING-EXCELLENCE

HCSD congratulates Rev. Ervin Todd on his birthday



Gary Road Intermediate School hosts parent meetings



Gary Road Elementary School hosts parent meetings



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