

Espy’s path to the U.S. Senate includes black, white and ‘purple people’ of Mississippi

By Khalil Abdullah
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Mike Espy, the first African American elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from Mississippi since Reconstruction, a former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, and now a practicing attorney, is running for a U.S. Senate seat against two Republican candidates in a special election. To win outright, a candidate needs 51 percent of the total vote or else the top two vote-getters will compete again in a run-off.

In a conversation about his historic run, Espy reflects on his time at USDA and shares his vision of Mississippi’s future. In order to win, he says, he will need the state’s black, white and ‘purple people’ – those who will not necessarily vote along party lines, but in sync with his plans for the disadvantaged.

Khalil Abdullah: Does Freedom Summer, 1964, still resonate in Mississippi in your upcoming election?

Mike Espy: Yes. In fact, this past July [2017], I was in a mule train in Marks, Mississippi, and Robert Kennedy’s grandchildren were on the platform. It marked the 50th anniversary of Robert Kennedy Jr. coming to Marks, around the same period of the Freedom Summer. That period still resonates, not so much with Millennials, but with older people. We revere Fannie Lou Hamer and Medgar Evers and certainly acknowledge and respect everything they did. We have to make sure Millennials understand who these individuals were and their contributions.

KA: Your take on the President’s posture on China and international trade as it affects African-American farmers?

ME: I met with black farmers in Leland, Mississippi, on this issue. I think the President’s tariff policy is short-sighted and misguided. When he imposed that 25 percent tariff on aluminum and steel, I believe he did it as a na-



With a rock star-like following in Mississippi, Mike Espy must still fight for every vote to defeat two Republican candidates for the U. S. Senate.



ked political outreach to voters in Ohio and Pennsylvania. He did it, maybe not knowing or caring of the retaliatory impact on soybean farmers. China slapped similar tar-

iffs on soybeans, our number three cash crop, threatening the number one market [China] for Mississippi soybeans.

All farmers benefit from open

markets and free trade. We don’t need to limit our global markets. Our farmers are so good, our yields so great, that we have to find extended markets to sell for them. You can’t do that by inviting retaliatory tariffs that close markets

KA: Talk election math for the senate seat. Do you need 100 percent of the African-American vote to win? How much of the Anglo vote?

ME: I tell it a little differently. We need African Americans to turn out at 37 percent of the total electorate, which is just about the black voting age population here, and was the turnout percentage for Obama. If we get 95 percent of these voters, we’re going to look pretty good. Then all we need is less than one in four white votes.

In Mississippi, 15 percent of white voters are Democrats, so we need seven percent more, purple people, I call them. These are

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David Baria, Democratic U.S. Senate nominee: In his own words

By David Baria
U.S. Senate Candidate

I’m David Baria, the Democratic nominee for U.S. Senate. We have an historic opportunity to elect two Democratic senators in Mississippi this year. That’s why I am supporting Mike Espy in the Senate Special Election. You can and should vote for both of us.

I was born and raised in Jackson County, and I’m a proud graduate of Moss Point High School, the University of Southern Mississippi and the University of Mississippi School of Law. I’ve been married to my wife, Marcie Fyke, for 26 years. We are the proud parents of Merritt, Bess and Max. We are members of Christ Episcopal Church in Bay St. Louis.



As the House Minority Leader in the Mississippi legislature, I’ve led the fight to fully fund Mississippi’s public schools, make corporations pay their fair share of taxes, develop a comprehensive infrastructure plan, and improve access to healthcare. I’m committed to Mississippi’s working families and will carry this commitment to Washington as our next U.S. Senator.

For too long, our leaders in Mississippi have been focusing on the 10 percent of things that divide us, instead of the 90 percent of things that unite us. For 30 years we have sent the same people to Washington and have gotten the same results. We are still in 50th place. That’s why I’m running for Senate – because to pull Mississippi out of 50th we need to come together and get our house in order.

When I talk to people all across our state, no issue makes this more clear than our broken healthcare system. In the greatest country in the world we should not have folks having to choose between paying their electric bill or paying for needed medications or a doctor’s visit. We can, and should, ensure healthcare coverage for all Americans so that our communities can be healthy and thrive.

But too often, politics get in the way of doing what is right for Mississippians. We have tens of thousands of hardworking Mississippians without healthcare coverage today, because of the purely political decision to not expand Medicaid. This decision by our failed state

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Let’s provide REAL support for public education

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I spent over four decades in public education. Two decades in P-12 and two decades in higher education. In 2016, I retired from the profession. Really? No, not really. Real educators never retire. We can never remove ourselves from being committed to the teaching and learning process. We will always be concerned about what takes place at all levels in education. We keep up with changes in policies, curriculum, state-mandates, educational reforms and the views of policymakers. We always want students to have the best opportunities, resources, quality instruction and professional decisions made with their

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future in mind. As a longtime and life-long educator, I must submit my reflections on the current issues impacting public education in Jackson Public Schools.

The Forest Hill issue must be addressed in a professional, thought-provoking, and as Stephen Covey notes, “a win-win for all. Let’s explore the options. All of us will support a win –win for Brookhaven and Jackson Stakeholders. Really?

• The band director should be offered his job back. Why?

JPS has a shortage of certified educators. From what I have read, this band di-

rector has been in the JPS for 13 years and assigned at Forest Hill for 8 years.

Yes, all of us were saddened to hear about the slain officers. We shared the hurt and anguish of the Brookhaven Community. Yes, the timing in that setting was very bad for that type of performance. Weapons of any type, real or toy are not allowed. This was a teachable moment for educators, to inspect teaching materials and ensure that they follow district policies. Teachable moment.....not a pink slip. Maybe, he did not have the time to change the routine, which utilized numerous hours of practice. Surely, now he realizes that flexibility, creativity and a change in

instructional delivery could have avoided all of the actions that have taken place.

He has been reprimanded and everyone in the city, state and nation knows about it. He is a trained, certified and committed educator. Offer him his job back, and professional development to address areas of improvement. Allow his building level school leader to work with him and the students.

No views on the leader’s role in addressing this issue have been made public. The leader too is responsible for his professional growth and development.

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Dress for Success Metro Jackson Runway Fashion Show and Luncheon: “Going Places, Going Strong”

Janice K. Neal-Vincent
Contributing Writer

Dress for Success Metro Jackson presented its Runway Fashion Show at the Capital Club in downtown Jackson October 26. Keeping with the theme “Going Places, Going Strong,” fashion show participants modeled latest styles by Ash Clothing, Jayoux de Jasmin, Lavish Boutique, Katie Robert Designs, Thomas by Design, Dress for Success Metro Jackson Boutique and Hines CC Fashion & Design Department.

An audience sat before a hearty meal and turned heads as the ladies stepped boldly down the runway in a variety of scenes that depicted beauty, dignity and confidence.

Colorful suits, dresses, slacks and tops caught the eyes of viewers. Styles were plain, plaid, checks, stripes, bold and subdued. With poise, spunk and vigor, models clicked their open toed and closed toed high and low heels as they strolled from one end of the room to the other and disappeared from sight.

Conspicuous was first-time model and member of Dress for Success Earlene Scales who welcomed the opportunity to model. “At first I was very nervous,” she explained. “The sponsor built up my confidence [and I thank her for that],” she



Bold, beautiful and daring styles displayed at luncheon. PHOTO BY JANICE K. NEAL-VINCENT

continued.

But the business of fashion was not the only conversational piece. President Teresa Kennedy noted, “The concept of power dressing lends itself to programs benefitting women and increasing their chances for landing and maintaining jobs.”

“I think Dress for Success is a great opportunity for persons who can’t afford outfits to dress for job interviews. It’s a marvelous idea to bring women together for such a great cause as this,” said Miss Mississippi

Asya Branch.

Joi Owens, policy advisor and program lead for OXYFAM America in MS and LA, said that Dress for Success instilled in her a sense of accomplishment and pride. Despite a few obstacles, “I became a successful law student and obtained the opportunity to pass the bar. I was in a car accident and out of work for approximately three months.” Owens added that she was happy to partner with Dress for Success.

Client Services Coordinator Margaret Hawthorne main-

tained, “Our mission is to empower women. But we not only dress them for job interviews, we have a career center to train them and send them out. The career center prepares them to write cover letters, resumes, etc. Also, a professional women’s group meets once a month to speak to the women. We welcome all to come to the center and get involved,” Hawthorne added.

OXYFAM America donated \$25,000 to Dress for Success.

“I almost didn’t make it to the show because my car was

malfunctioning. I’m happy that I didn’t miss this significant event. I learned a lot about Dress for Success,” stated Joseph Strong from Yazoo City.

Event chair Mona Arnold McBride and co-chair Denise Strong were pleased with the event’s outcome. “We had a successful event because funds raised today assist us in making an impact in the community. We displayed what we do in Dress for Success. We had women in the program modeling and sharing stories of impact,” McBride stated.

Supporters present were award winning journalist Eric Pickens of WAPT and Jessie Primer III, assistant professor of music and Department Chair of Visual and Performing Arts at Tougaloo College.

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The mission of Dress for Success is to empower women to achieve economic independence (despite their location, language, customs or culture) by providing a network of support, professional attire and the development tools to help women thrive in work and in life.

Dress for Success Metro Jackson is located at 350 W. Woodrow Wilson Avenue, Suite 3410, Jackson, MS 39213.

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women who don’t necessarily like the President’s rhetoric and the chaos he’s causing. These are people who care about the closing of rural hospitals and continuing the coverage of pre-existing medical conditions. They want their children to graduate in Mississippi and not have to go to Detroit or Atlanta for work. They don’t want their kids to have student debt. They know I will help them because I’ve helped them as a congressman and secretary of agriculture.

KA: In Greenville years ago, elders were challenged by youth who asked, “Are you going to provide pathways for our job future and economic development other than casinos and prisons?”

ME: I hope to do that. I’ve heard the same thing about casinos and prisons – that we need better opportunities. Here’s what I tell them.

Number one. I want you to graduate. Don’t drop out. I’m going to do all I can to help you graduate without debt. We need to make technical schools, junior and community colleges free of charge, at least for the first two years. They’ve done it New York and in the Los Angeles area. I don’t see why we can’t do it in Mississippi.

Number two. We can find ways to mitigate some of that student debt for other schools.

Number three. We want these students to stay here. That takes somebody who is pro-business and attracts companies where Millennials want to work. I brought Deval Patrick to Mississippi. Here’s a brother who was governor of Massachusetts twice in a state that has Fortune 500s and Fortune 50 companies. I wanted them to see that this has been done before. Massachusetts is not Mississippi. But there ought to be some collaboration and appreciation for best practices we can employ in Mississippi to bring jobs here, as long as we have the educated workforce. Of those reasons, none include prisons or casinos.

KA: Your take on technology, the demands for a changing labor force and agriculture?

ME: Those 30 black farmers were already “there.” Some owned 6,000 acres, some owned two or three farms. They were telling me, they may be third generation farmers, but they’re often first generation to have graduated college. They spoke about new technologies they have

employed that make farming easier. One said, when I was with my dad, I had to get in this tractor in the hot sun, but now, I get into a combine that’s air conditioned and with hip-hop music. I plug in the coordinates, push a button, and that tractor drives itself. It picks the cotton, de-seeds the cotton, bales the cotton, all in one action. I can go from sunup until sundown and give it to my brother at nighttime because it’s using global positioning. We don’t need any sunlight to operate. All I have to do is afford it. It costs \$250,000 and a lot of banks won’t lend because we don’t have the credit a lot of other farmers have established over generations.

We agreed we would focus on something called Catch-up, meaning for all the cost-share USDA imposes, they would get some benefit more than others, for a certain farm size and if you were minority or disadvantaged. Agriculture has a great future, with technologies a lot of students don’t know about.

KA: Of the Department of Agriculture, it was said racism was so entrenched, it wouldn’t have mattered – you or any African American – who brought a sensibility for fairness and equity would have been fighting uphill.

ME: They called it the last plantation. I guess that was a plantation master’s view and I felt that. When I came in, I tried to change the culture to make it more consumer and patron friendly. I reduced the size of it and reinforced a different mission. I elevated the food and nutrition mission, the conservation mission, and what they used to call food stamps, I made friendlier for consumers.

More than anything, I elevated the rural development mission, to make sure every town in America with fewer than 50,000 people had access to water and sewer, telephone and broadband, and everything the USDA offers them. I reformed the farmers’ side to make sure there was diversity and class satisfaction, regardless of race, and highlighted things like rural development.

KA: Is it a valid criticism that you weren’t aggressive enough in uprooting that culture of racism?

ME: Before I got to USDA, there were no black farmers on any local county committee anywhere in America. There’s something like 4,200 counties

in America and each county had a USDA presence. There were no black farmers on these committees because members were elected by their peers. Those white farmers had never elected a black guy nowhere in America prior to 1993. Nowhere.

Knowing that – because I had studied it as a member of Congress – I tried to eke reform into existence, but it didn’t work. The committee formula is created by the Farm Bill, a legislative device. Congress voted down the law I proposed, that there be an African-American farm representative that could vote in each of those counties where the African-American farm population constituted more than 20 percent.

I said, okay, let the Secretary of Agriculture choose a black farmer to monitor these committees, because that’s where the farmers receive the loan approval, at these county committees. Congress voted that down.

Meanwhile, I found out there were no USDA civil rights agencies in existence because President Ronald Reagan had terminated them all. I made sure President Clinton understood that those civil rights offices should be reauthorized and he did that. That’s how the Pigford settlement for black farmers came into being.

I created diversity panels at all of the agencies under USDA, whether they were forestry or nutrition, for example, to make sure those panels had people on them that looked like the consumers they served. So, I don’t know what those critics are talking about. That’s one of the reasons antagonists wanted me to leave, because I was reforming and doing too much.

KA: In the mid-1990s, a German associate said, “Our labor costs are too high and U.S. import tariffs make our vehicles less competitive. We’re going to make America our Third World. You have cheap land in the South and no labor unions.” In years since, BMW, Nissan, Toyota have built plants in the South. Nissan just celebrated 15 years for one of its Mississippi plants. Your response to this foreign presence? And is there a labor movement emerging in Mississippi?

ME: I certainly invite the next generation of global auto manufacturers to consider locating in Mississippi. Those are jobs we need; jobs for peo-

ple we need trained. We need more of them – BMW plants and all that. We have a Mercedes’ plant right here in Mississippi. Those are jobs for our people and that’s what I would promote as senator.

Where labor is concerned, I’m pro-business and also pro-labor. I don’t think there’s a contradiction. I’ve come out for a \$15 minimum wage; that just ought to be the bottom line. I’m for collective bargaining. Workers ought to have the right to decide for themselves whether that plant should be unionized. So, I’m certainly for collective bargaining and against arbitration. Some plants in Mississippi are union and some aren’t. As long as the vote is taken, and if it’s an honest and fair vote – without manipulation by the companies – I’m willing to live with the results.

These plants are hi-tech, bringing opportunities for employees to be trained in jobs of the future. I’m all for them coming, as long as labor has an opportunity to organize without frustration or penalty.

KA: For those outside of Mississippi, what do you want them to know about your candidacy and state?

ME: That we have more black voters in Mississippi than anywhere else in the nation. We’re approaching a 40 percent African-American population and 35 percent of them are voters. I want the black community outside of Mississippi to understand the dynamics in play here. If black voters turn out, at strength, then all we need are white Democrats and purple people, who believe in the same thing as I do, that we need to lift the state by lifting those who are the most disadvantaged.

For those who want a slice of the American dream, irrespective of race, we want to make sure that opportunity exists. As senator, I’ll provide that for them. If you focus on that American dream for those in that socio-economic class I’m targeting, that’s going to lift most African Americans in Mississippi. That’s why everyone needs to focus on this race; make sure that we’re serious; make sure we can win. I’m going to lift everybody and I’m going to lift the black community.

KA: If elected to the U.S. Senate, would you consider a 2020 run for president?

ME: No, and I promise you that. We’re focused on Mississippi.

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leadership has cost us thousands of good-paying medical industry jobs and led us to fall behind our neighbors in Louisiana.

My opponent, Roger Wicker, has repeatedly voted for measures that shut down community

health care programs and to allow insurance companies to discriminate against people with preexisting conditions. Everyone has a friend or loved one with a preexisting condition. Before the ACA, wealthy insurance companies had free reign to

jack up prices, deny services, or kick people off their health insurance. No matter how my opponent tries to spin this, removing this protection is bad for Mississippi and I will fight tooth and nail in the Senate to protect coverage for preexisting

conditions.

These are all things that I will fight for in the US Senate. I will always fight for what is best for Mississippians, without concern for the consequences of doing the right thing for our state.

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JPS JROTC cadets to attend MOWW Youth Leadership Conference



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Seven outstanding 11th-grade JPS JROTC cadets will attend the 2018 Military Order of World Wars (MOWW) Youth Leadership Conference at the U.S. Space Center in Huntsville, Alabama. The JPS cadets were nominated by their JROTC instructors as candidates to compete for selection to attend the conference. Board members from the Jackson Chapter of MOWW reviewed resumes and conducted interviews of students from across the metro area. Their selections were based on demonstrated performance and interview results. The rigorous process yielded six se-

lectees from JPS with one student sponsored by the district's JROTC program. The attendees from JPS are as follows: Cadet Madysin Bratton, Provine High; Cadet Talisha Brown, Forest Hill High; Cadet Jabria Fair, Jim Hill High; Cadet Jeremiah Meeks, Callaway High; Cadet Katelyn Russell, Murrah High; Cadet Kendra Sutton, Wingfield High; Cadet Darisha Williams, Forest Hill High. These students will travel to Huntsville October 24 to participate in the four-day Youth Leadership Conference. Over 80 other high school students from Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana,

Mississippi and Tennessee are expected to participate in this conference. MOWW serves America's youth by hosting Youth Leadership Conference programs throughout the United States at no cost to the high school students who attend. These students receive patriotic education on leadership in a free society, concepts of the free enterprise system, principles of democracy, the Constitution and Bill of Rights and civic responsibilities associated with preserving American rights and freedoms. Students also develop speaking, writing and leadership skills, which contributes to their development as more engaged citizens and future leaders.

JPS students learn voting rights, responsibilities in mock elections




Callaway student casts ballot during a mock election day held at the school October 24.

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JPS high school students recently participated in districtwide mock elections. Youth Ambassadors of the Jackson Council of the PTA/PTSA (JCPTA) hosted a mock election at Callaway High School October 23. Students assumed all of the roles related to conducting the election. They served as precinct managers, poll workers, signature clerks and bailiffs as they led the process for the school's students in grades 9-12. The goal of the initiative was to help students feel comfortable with voting and realize it is their right and responsibility. The project was a collaboration between the school's administration, faculty, students and parent volunteers. The experience was integrated into social studies classes led by teacher Brian Grizzell. "Hopefully, repetitively exposing students to voting beginning in the ninth grade will give students the information to take voting seriously and to participate in the voting process," said Michelle Henry, a Callaway parent and JCPTA of-

ficer. Ballots included candidates for both U.S. Senate seats and the U.S. House seat relevant to the students' voting districts. A bonus item, just for the mock election ballots, asked the voters to identify their favorite college or university in the state. The JPS voter education and registration drive was made possible through a partnership with JPS, JCPTA, the Hinds County Election Commission, Hinds County Circuit Clerk, NAACP Jackson Branch, the League of Women Voters of Jackson, Jackson (MS) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and One Voice. Several JPS middle and elementary schools also held mock elections as part of the statewide initiative, Promote the Vote. Sponsored by the Mississippi Secretary of State's Office, this program is a K-12 voter education program designed to encourage voter responsibility and promote civic engagement. Teacher guides, elected officials worksheets and congressional district maps were made available online to schools that registered.



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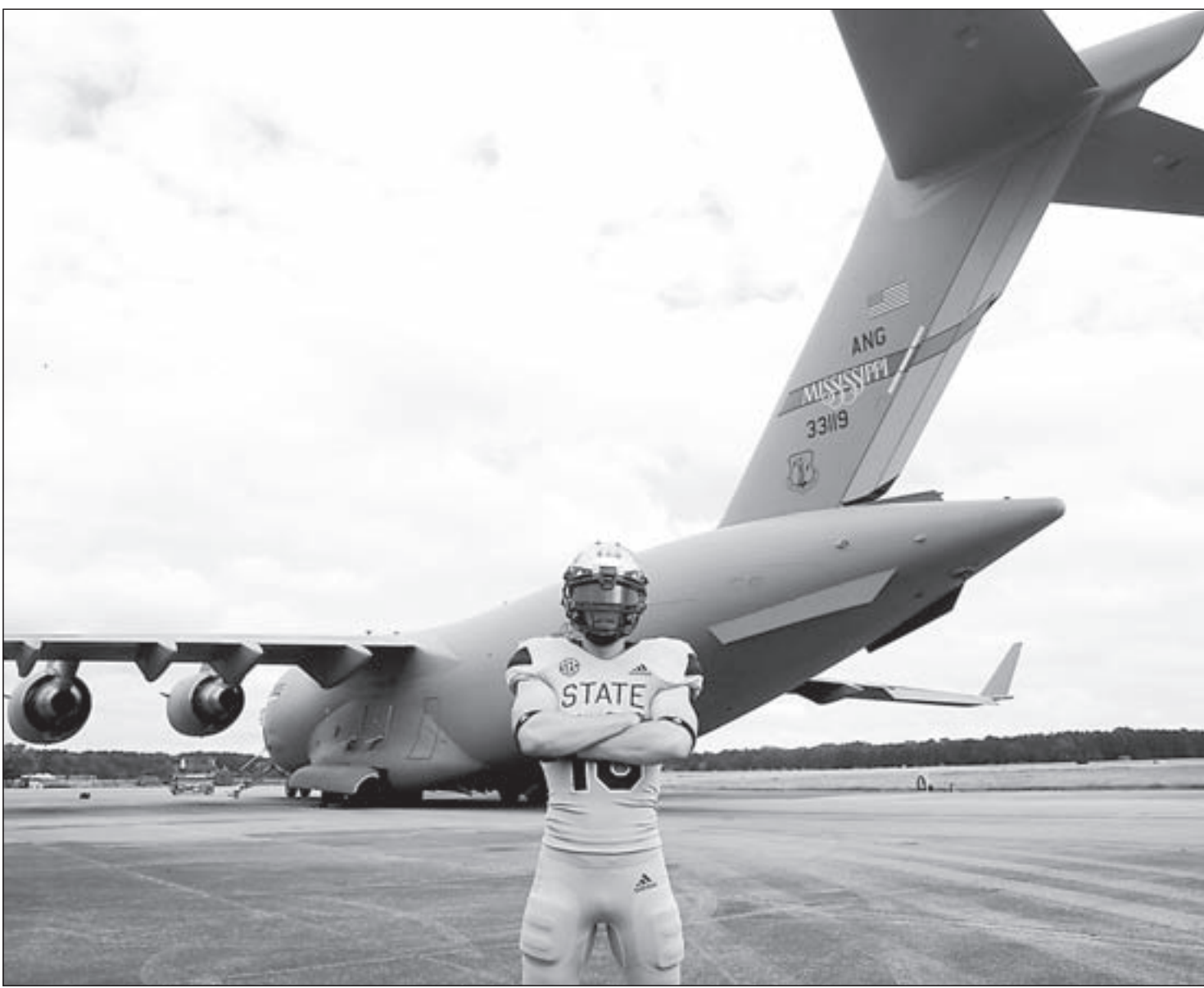
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MSU, Adidas unveil special “Statesman” uniform for Arkansas game in honor of WWII hero Sonny Montgomery



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When Mississippi State football takes Scott Field on Senior Day against Arkansas November 17, the Bulldogs will pay tribute to MSU alum and World War II hero G.V. “Sonny” Montgomery.

MSU will proudly don commemorative Adidas Primeknit A1 “Statesman” uniforms inspired by the Mississippi Air National Guard C-17 Globemaster III plane named “The Spirit of G.V. ‘Sonny’ Montgomery.”

Montgomery became the third person in the United States to have a military fleet named in his honor. The C-17 remains in active use by the 172nd Airlift Wing of Jackson.

The light onyx base of the Adidas Primeknit A1 uniform ties to the outer metal shell of the C17, while the letters and numbers on the front and back of the jersey resemble the writing used on the plane. The right hip of the pants shares the same “Spirit of Sonny Montgomery” text which adorns the side of the plane, and the hand-painted helmet is inspired by the tail. The back of the helmet contains images of the various medals earned throughout Montgomery’s military career.

The commemorative jersey will be available for purchase on www.adidas.com/us/hailstate and in retail stores in Starkville later this week.

Montgomery, a 1943 Mississippi State graduate, served



in the United States Army as a second lieutenant during World War II where he was awarded the Bronze Star for Valor, Legion of Merit and Combat Infantry Badge. The Meridian native served on active duty during the Korean Conflict in the 31st National Guard Infantry Division. Montgomery had a long and distinguished career in the Mississippi National Guard, retiring with the rank of Major General after 35 years.

Montgomery was elected to the Mississippi State Senate in 1956. As a member of the state legislature, he introduced the legislation establishing the Mis-

issippi Educational Television network. He served in the legislature for 10 years before being elected to the U.S. Congress in 1966.

Montgomery served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1967-1997, where he championed veterans’ issues and fought for a strong national defense. He enacted a GI Bill that gave members of the military funds to pay for college.

In a November 2005 ceremony at the White House, President George W. Bush awarded him the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation’s highest civilian honor.

Kickoff time for the Bulldogs and Razorbacks will be announced at a later date.

Tickets for the game can be purchased at HailState.com/tickets, by calling 1-888-GO-DAWGS or in person at the MSU Athletic Ticket Office on the first floor of the Bryan Athletic Administration Building (288 Lakeview Drive).

For more information on the Bulldogs, follow the MSU football team on Twitter, like them on Facebook and join them on Instagram by searching for “Hail-StateFB.” All-access coverage is also available on SnapChat by searching for “HailStateSnap.

Mississippi students increase advanced placement participation, achievement



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Mississippi saw some growth in Advanced Placement (AP) participation and performance, with 9,445 public school students taking AP exams and 4,478 receiving a qualifying score in the 2017-18 school year. The gains are a 1 percent increase over the previous school year.

Though overall increases in AP participation and performance were slight, the number of African-American students achieving an AP qualifying score of 3 or higher increased 10 percent over the previous school year and Hispanic student achievement increased 7.3 percent.

“Students who achieve a qualifying score on an AP exam prove they have met a national standard for mastering college-level material,” said Carey Wright, state superintendent of education. “AP success among African-American and Hispanic students this year indicates the achievement gap in advanced coursework is narrowing.”

AP participation and performance among Mississippi students have both nearly doubled since 2013. According to the College Board, which administers the AP program, Mississippi’s smaller-than-usual increase in participation in 2017-18 may be due to a 10 percent drop in the number of students using a College Board fee subsidy to pay for the exam.

In 2017-18, 74 percent of students qualified for an AP exam fee reduction, but only 28 percent of students taking AP exams used the subsidy. Districts are also allowed to use federal funds to help pay

for AP tests for low-income students.

“Increasing access to AP courses for all students is a state priority because it helps students achieve at higher levels in high school and college,” Wright said. “Financial help for AP is available to students in need.”

Starting in the fall of 2019, all eight Mississippi public universities will grant 3 college credits to students with AP scores of 3 or higher and up to 6 credit hours for certain exam subjects with AP scores of 4 or 5. That means students who are taking AP courses this school year can reduce the cost of attending a Mississippi university.

In addition, research shows that students achieving a 3 or higher on an AP exam perform well in subsequent college courses, take more college courses in the same discipline and are more likely to graduate from college within four years.

The Mississippi Department of Education implemented an AP Initiative in 2015 to increase statewide participation in AP courses. The effort includes raising awareness about AP benefits, increasing access to AP opportunities and providing AP-focused professional development for teachers, principals and counselors. Participation in AP and other accelerated courses is a factor in accountability grades.

The number of AP scholar awards has nearly doubled since 2015, jumping from 585 in the 2014-15 school year to 1,092 in 2017-18. AP scholar awards are given to students who earn qualifying scores on multiple AP exams.

Mississippi Valley State University’s Department of Social Work will host a Social Work Symposium on Macro Social Work Practice from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5, in Room 103 of the William Sutton Administration Building. Speakers will include: Kimberly Allen, grants specialist for MVSU’s Office of Sponsored Programs; Cynthia Honore-Collins, director of MVSU’s Master of Social Work program, and Charles Araujo, visiting professor, School of Social Work at Jackson State University.

Araujo will speak on social work and lobbying while Honore-Collins will speak on community organization. Allen will talk to attendees about grant writing.

The public is invited to this free event. 1.5 continuing education hours will be given to attendees. Contact the MVSU Department of Social Work at (662) 254-3365 for more information.

Mississippi College offers April GRE review course

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Individuals preparing to take the GRE admissions test are invited to sign up for a preparation course at Mississippi College.

The university’s office of continuing education will begin the 12 instructional hour course over three class meetings. The course will take place

April 5, 10 and 12, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on the campus of Mississippi College in Clinton.

Pre-registration is required by March 20. The course is \$249. Online registration is available through www.mc.edu/offices/ce and select “Test Reviews.”

For more information, email cbvance@mc.edu or call 601.925.3262

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I N M E M O R I A M

Dr. George Carver Washington, III

JSU Bio-Science and Health Engineer remembered

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A capacity audience of family, parishioners and friends filled the sanctuary of the Aldersgate United Methodist Church last week in the funeral and final rites of Dr. George C. Washington, III. A multitude of colleagues and academicians from Jackson State University and Alabama A & M University completed the circle of practitioners who also paid their respects to the associate engineer and designer of the Pre-Professional Health Careers Program at Jackson State University.

Held Saturday, October 20, 2018, the Celebration of Life was marked by keynote tributes from church members, colleagues, former students and family preceded by the Chapter Invisible Ceremony Friday by members of the Jackson Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated.

Born in Gadsden, Alabama, C. Washington, received his primary education in the public schools and graduated from Carver High School of Gadsden. He enrolled in Hampton Institute, now Hampton University, and later transferred to Alabama A & M College, now Alabama A & M University. He completed his undergraduate degree in 1948 where he was awarded the Bachelor of Science degree in rrts and sciences with a major in biology and a minor in chemistry. Both his Master and Doctoral degrees were received from Indiana University of Bloomington, Indiana.

The professional experience and career tract of Washington include the launch of his teaching career at Trenholm High School (Tuscumbia, Alabama) and the Council Training School (Normal, Alabama) before his migration in 1957 to teach at Jackson State College, now Jackson State University. Enveloped in his teaching career in biology and the bio-sciences were his passion for the pre-professional health studies which gave rise to his platform as associate director of the Pre-Professional Health Careers Program.

The pursuits and accomplishments of countless students were championed by Washington and are now realized through their varied professions as chiropractors, dentists, researchers, pharmacists, physicians and teachers.

The forty-two year career stint of Washington holds for him several milestone accomplishments including the Teacher of the Year Award while serving as instructor and associate professor in the Department of Biology. He is chronicled as a part of the faculty team that received the first National Science Foundation grant awarded to Jackson State University. He continued to serve students as an adjunct professor at Jackson State for many years following his retirement in 1999.

Charles Spann, a former colleague and faculty member remembered Washington's hard work as a 'team player' that was recognized and respected throughout the academy.

"Dr. Washington was approachable and knew how to work with people," said Spann. "He knew how to tell a long story short; how to get to the point and corral our team. His tenacity in exposing our students to anatomy, bioscience, physiology and taxonomy help launch the platform of our Pre-Professional Health Careers Program. His genius and ingenuity propelled our students in the higher-order science arena as noted with his work with the National Aeronautics Space Administration (NASA)," added Spann.

Professor, mentor and teacher, with a pursuit for excellence best describe George C. Washington, III., who genuinely cared for his students, encouraging them to explore and pursue their career stints outside of Mississippi. Dr. Stanley Sims, a former student and local chiropractor, fondly remembers the classroom and life lessons of his teacher and mentor.

"Dr. Washington took the time to motivate and cultivate the gifts in us as budding and future scientists and health pro-



Washington

fessionals," said Sims. "His classes were on demand by students awaiting confirmation of their final class schedules. His reputation of an accomplished teacher and leader in the pre-health professions preceded him. Upon completion of my undergraduate degree at Jackson State, and at his direction, I quickly found myself at a pre-health professions conference in Davenport, Iowa. I enrolled and completed the program where I began my career in Chiropractic medicine. I'm grateful to Dr. Washington for seeing the gifts in me and for encouraging and pushing me towards my life destiny," added Sims.

As his first graduate assistant, Sophia Leggett remembers the firm counsel of her boss, mentor, teacher, father figure and advisor. She keeps the coveted cards Washington sent to her during her time in graduate school and credits him for life lessons beyond the classroom.

"Dr. Washington was quick to direct me in pursuing and completing the Masters of Public Health program, and pursuing it away from Jackson State," said Leggett. "The program was rigorous, but Dr. Washington sent me notes, encouraging me that I could do it. His advice on everything from the credentials of a good husband, cooking my first New Year's dinner, and his shared gift of gardening is priceless. Planning well beforehand and keeping a pen and notepad at my bedside are treasured nuggets that will remain in my discipline."

Renault Pannell, fellow yokeman and member of the United Methodist Men at Aldersgate recanted the years of Washington's contributions to the Aldersgate family.

"Dr. Washington embodied a profound spirit of stewardship steeped in service and love that was recognized throughout our church family," said Pannell. His attitude of service was evident in every area of the ministries in which he labored. His receiving The John Wesley Award in 2009 was no surprise to our church family, both the Lifetime Membership Award presented to him in 2017 (Aldersgate United Methodist Men) and the Dickson Award from the Mississippi United Methodist Men underscore the unwavering commitment of Dr. Washington to our United Methodist Church family and ministries."

In his heartfelt and reflective eulogy, George C. 'Beaver' Washington, IV remembered his father as a man of love, of purpose and service. Enduring love and commitment to his mother, Dr. Dora Washington, coupled with the demands for the best for his children were the pillars of George Washington, III.

"I remember my dad as a great and generous father. He deeply loved his family and approached everyone he met with a spirit of respect and dignity. He believed in a 'tough love' as he demanded and expected the best from us. He took us everywhere with him; our road trips to conferences and meetings with both my parents, visits to our friends' homes, special programs and events through my dad's fraternity exposed us to a broad spectrum of people and programs. He never met a strang," said Washington IV. "Regardless of his time, whether we were traveling or at home, in the midst of a deadline he had to meet, my dad always took time with us."

"And he took time in the simple growing pleasures with me," added Washington, IV. "I recall one snowy cold day here in Mississippi when my Dad erected a brand new basketball goal for me in our

back yard. I was so excited to invite all of my friends over at my dad's approval. Upon the arrival of my friends to play an aggressive game on our own turf, our excitement quickly turn downwards as my dad yelled to us "Now that we have everyone here, I've been waiting to get this yard cleaned up; let's get to work."

"While he guided and taught us as his own children, he also did the same with his students. He molded and prepared us with one hand while also pounding us with the other hand to get the best out of us," said Washington, IV.

Final observances included the military rites at the Natchez Trace Memorial Park in Madison, Mississippi. The 'Taps' Bugle call signaled the closing ceremony of the flag-draped coffin with the ceremonial folding and presentation of the flag presented to Dr. Dora Washington.

The office-study at the home of George and Dora Washington is an enshrinement of accolades, awards, trophies and citations. These, however, were never the motivation of Washington. Grounded in faith with ready hands to serve others, he labored tirelessly with a sense of humor in seizing every opportunity in life for his family and students.

A gallery of resolutions and proclamations were received and acknowledged during the Celebration of Life service and included: the Alabama A & M University Alumni Association; the City of Jackson Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba; Congressman Bennie G. Thompson; Hinds County Tax Collector Eddie Fair; the Jackson City Council; the Jackson State University National Alumni Association (JSUNAA); the Mississippi Senate; the Mississippi House of Representatives; and the Southwestern Province of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated.

A hallmark of his civic, church, community, social and non-profit organizations and ministries, Washington was heralded for his leadership in marshaling the interests of programs and projects affecting families and communities. As a member of the Northwest Jackson Optimist Club, he was honored as a Triple Distinguished President, the first for the Alabama-Mississippi District. He was appointed to the Historic Preservation Committee for the City of Jackson. He faithfully served as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Piney Woods County Life School, one of four remaining historically African-American boarding schools in the United States, where a greenhouse remains named in his honor.

As a former trustee of the Gulfside Association, an organization of the former Gulfside Assembly of the United Methodist Church, Washington's discipleship is so noted for his leadership and stewardship. A certified lay servant in the United Methodist Church, he served faithfully at both Anderson United Methodist Church and Aldersgate United Methodist Church. His presence was felt through his active participation as a melodious baritone choir member, member of the Prime Timers Ministry, the United Methodist Men and the Board of Trustees.

His ministry on the United Methodist Conference level included: vice president and president of the United Methodist Men; member of the Episcopacy Committee; and delegate to the Jurisdictional Conference in 2000.

An initiate of the Beta Lambda Chapter (Lane College) of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated, in 1948, Washington is chronicled for his honor, patriotism and human endeavor among students and our communities.

His mantra of 'God and Family' first remains evident in the lives of the God he professed and service he rendered to wife, Dora, his children and his church families. He was the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award bestowed upon him at the 71st Southwestern Provincial Meeting (Little Rock, Arkansas) and the Kappa Man of the Year Award by the Jackson Alumni Chapter.

At the time of his death, George Carver Washington, III was the oldest surviving member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity in the state of Mississippi.

Exuding purpose, passion and prestige; Marion explains his path to presidency



By L.aToya Hentz-Moore
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A Leader with Prestige.
Dr. David Marion was elected the 41st Grand Basileus of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity at the 81st grand convocation in New Orleans, Louisiana earlier this year.

"I want my legacy to be known across this country and abroad. I think my job is to inform others on the power of the Omega man. We are so much more than what you see at step shows and parties," he said.

Marion explained that civil right injustices and human abuse rights are key issues to the fraternity's platform and they will be vigilant to topics such as suppression of voter's rights, health care access and Stand your Ground.

"With vast certainty, we will be able to attentively tackle all of these issues because Benjamin Crump, a dignified civil rights attorney, is also the fraternity's legal representative," he said.

A Leader while on the Path to Ph.D
Marion began his journey to grand basileus 39 years ago as a student at Mississippi State University. After his second year at MSU, he decided to transfer to Jackson State.

"I just wanted to be around more people who looked like me," said Marion, who earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from JSU in 1982.

Furthering his studies, he returned to MSU and completed a master's degree in rehabilitation counseling in 1996. As a member of the Omega Eta Xi chapter, he served as vice basileus in 1998 and basileus in 1999. The same year, Marion earned a Ph.D. in counselor education from MSU. He later became the organization's first vice state representative for Mississippi in 2000.

A Leader with Purpose
Directly after his tenure as first vice state representative, Marion was elected as state representative and served from 2002-2005. During that time, he was appointed seventh district historian and then district recommendations chairman.

Composed of four states, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and Florida, the seventh district is the largest in the fraternity. Their chapters, with a vested interest for college-bound high school seniors, contributed more than one million dollars for scholarships. Additionally, members from the seventh district's chapters also fed more than 1,600 families in Mississippi and Florida.

In 2011, Marion was elected as first vice seventh district representative and in 2014, first vice grand basileus of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

A Leader with Passion
During his term as vice grand basileus, Marion created a program called – Brother, You're on My Mind. The program is a worldwide mental health initiative targeting African-American males in order to reduce the stigma attached to seeking help for the disorder. Marion said he aspires to conscientiously focus on this program during his time in power.

The fraternity has already begun introducing the program to their local chapters and bringing in mental health experts and providing information on facilities that offer assistance. "We then took that same energy into our community, and set up workshops and programs that provided the same service for the disorder," he said. "We want to push the Brother You're on my Mind program across the country and ultimately around the world."

Mentorship and paternal programs concentrating on relationship improvement between a father and his child is another initiative that will be



In August, JSU alum and president of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. presented JSU president and fraternity member William B. Bynum Jr. a check for \$10,000.

mandated for all chapters in the fraternity.

"We want all members in our chapters to serve as mentors for our young black boys. We need our Omega men working with other males, teaching them to be responsible, encouraging them to be better fathers, and making sure they are knowledgeable about their rights as a black male."

The 41st basileus also plans to distillate on historically black colleges and universities and has created a National HBCU Initiative Committee led by the president of Rust College, Dr. Beckley, who is also an Omega man. The committee encompasses all current and past HBCU presidents who are also members of the fraternity.

"We are excited about this initiative because everyone asked has agreed to serve on this committee," Marion said.

In August, he contributed a total of \$30,000 divided among three local HBCUs, Rust College, Jackson State and Tougaloo College.

"We want to encourage alumni to give back, increase enrollment for universities, help with any federal/state budget cuts, and help lead any other initiatives that are significant to the success of our colleges and universities."

As a student, Marion credits then JSU president John Peoples and Bill Cooley, then dean of the College of Business, for teaching him "the power of being responsible, doing the right thing and being a disciplined gentleman."

"I did not interact with Dr. Peoples when I was a student, but I saw him a lot. When he walked across campus towering over us, you could feel his power, strength, his leadership and his ability to be merciful," he said.

Marion reminisced for a moment and recalled Dr. Cooley being shorter than the president, but said the dean possessed an equally intimidating power and keen amount of wisdom.

"You could sense all of those things when you were around them, so that is what I wanted to be like," he explained.

A Leader of his Profession
Professionally, Marion has invested his time and talents as the owner of Marion Counseling Services, PLLC. His wife Dr. Joyce Marion, a licensed clinical psychologist, is co-owner. Their mental health clinic specializes in providing individual, group, marital, couple or family counseling. They also offer psychiatric and psychological evaluations and employee assistance programs to businesses in Mississippi.

The JSU alum said African Americans, in particular, have a stigma regarding mental illness. However, once diagnosed, they have an even bigger fear of getting help.

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Gov. Phil Bryant appoints Kassie Coleman District Attorney of the 10th Circuit Court District

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Gov. Phil Bryant announced recently he has appointed Kassie Coleman as district attorney of the 10th Circuit Court District. Coleman replaces Bilbo Mitchell who will retire Oct 31 from the position. Her appointment will be effective Nov. 1.

The 10th Circuit Court District encompasses Clarke, Kemper, Lauderdale and Wayne counties.

“Kassie has faithfully served the people of the 10th Circuit Court District in recent years, and I am pleased she has accepted this appointment as district attorney,” Bryant said. “Her experience in multiple districts as a prosecutor make her well-qualified, and I know she will do an exceptional job.”



Coleman

I knew Gov. Bryant would take the time to make an educated decision and replace me with someone who would be a great district attorney,” said Mitchell. “Kassie has long been respected as one of Mississippi’s brightest and most capable prosecutors. She has been a huge help to me over the years, and I’m totally confident that I’m leaving the office in great hands.”

Coleman holds a Bachelor of Arts in Public Relations from the University of Southern Mississippi and a Juris Doctorate from the Mississippi College School of Law.

She is a member of the Mississippi Prosecutors Association, member of the Lauderdale County Bar Association, and the National District Attorneys Association.

Coleman is the daughter of Jerry and Kathy Coleman of Meridian. She is married to Jay Mercer and has two bonus daughters who live in Georgia. Coleman lives in Lauderdale, Miss.

Marion

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“So that leads me to a conclusion. When they come through the door, if I’m on the other side of the desk, I could assist with that stigma by encouraging and comforting them throughout the whole therapeutic process,” he said.

As a leader in dual capacities, Marion explained that he believes his purpose is to be impactful.

“I don’t think God made me to not impact someone, some family or community. I think my job is to make life less difficult for my brothers, my family and families in my community, my universities and our HBCUs. I am here to be a friend and to assist others in distress,” he

said.

A Leader who understands the Power of Family

In a touching moment, Marion expressed gratitude for his wife and mother of their three daughters. He also credited her for encouraging him to be the leader that he is today.

“People do not emphasize and value the importance of family while on these journeys. Throughout my path to president, my wife was always there to pick me up, keep me focused and give me a hug. Her patience and tolerance have paved the way for me, and I would not be in this position without her infinite support.”

Jaguars head to state play-offs



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There is no “I” in the word TEAM. Just ask the Holmes County Central High School (HCCSD) Football team. Teamwork all season is taking the Jaguars to the state play-offs.

For the first time ever, the Jaguars won the District 2-5A championship with a 52-28 victory over rival Ridgeland which clinched their spot in the play-offs.

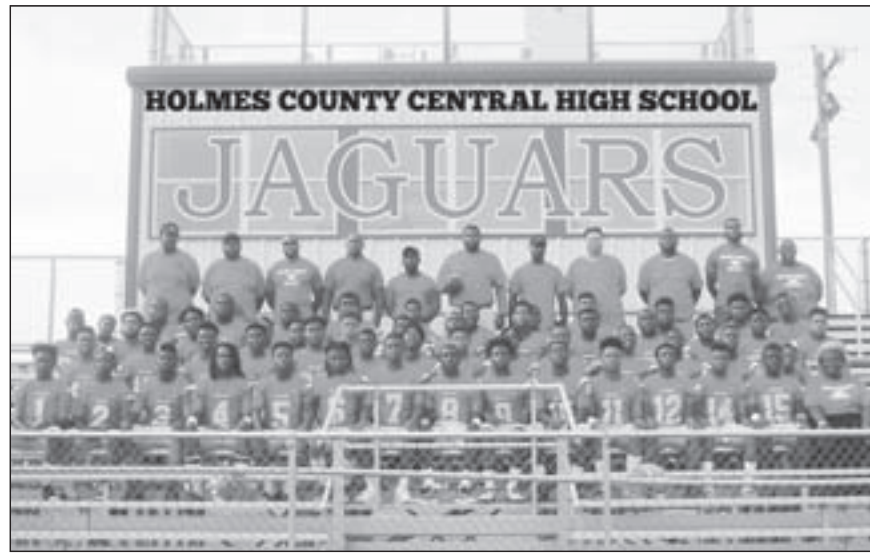
The Jaguars have a 9-1 record. Their only loss was to non-district opponent Niceville, Florida.

There were a few stand-out players in the game against Ridgeland. However, coach Marcus Rogers emphasized the team effort it took to win this game and the 8 other victories this season.

Rogers and the team are already claiming the victory over their final season game against Vicksburg this Friday night, Nov. 2, on home field at S.V. Marshall Elementary (formerly Tchula Attendance Center) at 7 p.m.

In the post-season play-offs, the top four finishers in the division take on each other. The first-place Jaguars will face either Lafayette (Oxford, MS) or Lake Cormorant (Walls, MS) in the first game on their home field at S.V. Marshall, Nov. 9 at 7 p.m.

“Our team is built in the trenches,” said Rogers. “The offensive and defensive lines take over the games and af-



ford us the opportunity to be successful. Additionally, we have playmakers that when they get their hands on the ball, they can take it the distance.”

The fans and all of Holmes County are extremely proud of the Jaguars and the coaching staff.

“This is a prime example of what teamwork and setting high standards can achieve,” said Holmes County Consolidated School District’s Superintendent of Schools, James L. Henderson, Ed.D “Students will do their best to rise to an expectation of excellence every time. We have some excellent students in Holmes County,” he added.

The Jaguars are winning on and off

the field. According to Rogers, the following team members have already received junior college or four-year university scholarship offers: Jdawaun Grant, Artavious Washington, Quodarius Crigler, Javontis Mike, Elbert Griffin and Robert Jackson. The team expects even more scholarships by February.

The following are the Jaguars A-B Honor Roll athletes: Deonta Barnes, Keyonte Coleman, Abhree Ellis, Dandreyus Giles, Kelvin Gipson, Jamarcus Jefferson, Shon Mason, Demonta Oliver, Jalen Robinson, Justin Smith, Artavious Washington and Jedrus Watts.

Go Jaguars! It’s That Time!

Dedicating M.O.R.E. to change Mississippi

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The Mississippi Offender Reentry Experience (M.O.R.E.) opened its first cottage to returning citizens recently. The organization, a faith-based non-profit, provides resources and assistance to individuals who have been recently released from prison.

“In the state of Mississippi, a monthly average of 500 inmates, both male and female, are paroled,” said Steve Pickett, chairman of the Mississippi Parole Board. “Many of these probationers lack housing, employment opportunities, and adequate rehabilitation needed to readjust to a life of productivity. Because of this, nearly 70 percent of these former offenders return to the prison system within three years; and without some intervention, this cycle will continue.”

Formerly a cottage of the Oakley Training School, the newly renovated and fully furnished M.O.R.E. residence will accommodate qualified participants who have agreed to work under the direction and expertise of trained personnel. Instructional courses will be offered that provide



help with issues including education, life skills, addiction recovery, spiritual guidance, financial management, anger management, depression and criminogenic thinking.

“Returning citizens who have experienced lengthy incarcerations often have emotional, mental, physical and spiritual needs that require help in overcoming,” said Gene Henderson, president and executive director of

M.O.R.E. “Each of our returning citizens will be paired with an appropriate, trained mentor, beginning six to eight weeks prior to release, and continuing through the duration of their time in the M.O.R.E. home.”

By 2020, ten additional M.O.R.E. homes are expected to open throughout the state.

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We must not be bystanders when darkness descends

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

These are dark times. Thirteen pipe bombs were sent to two former presidents and other political and cultural leaders. In Kentucky, a white man shot and killed two elderly African Americans at random in a Kroger grocery store, after failing to force his way into a black church. In Pittsburgh, in what is believed to be the deadliest attack on the Jewish community in U.S. history, a gunman walked into the Tree of Life synagogue and massacred 11 during Sabbath services.

What time is it? In Isaiah, chapter 21, verse 11-12, the watchman in his tower is asked: "Watchman, what from the night?" The inquiry comes from an occupier and oppressor of the Israelites. The watchman replies: "The morning cometh, and also the night." What time is it? Is it dusk moving toward midnight, or dawn moving to the day?

We are not bystanders in this drama. It will not be an act of nature that decides, nor a matter of fate. What is clear is that seeds of violence have been strewn across this country. Hatreds that lay fallow have been roused. Divisions have been sharpened. Rain comes from the top, never bottom up. The president rouses fears of an invasion of an alien caravan coming this way. He invents the claim that terrorists have infiltrated the caravan. He lies that Democrats are to blame for not fixing our laws, although he torpedoed a bipartisan reform bill. He ignores the fact that these are people seeking asylum, who will gain entry only after their applications are reviewed and accepted.

His appeals to fear are echoed and augmented by allies for electoral purpose. Their cynicism is clear. "It doesn't matter if it's 100 percent accurate. This is the play," an administration official told the Daily Beast.

Furious, the murderer in Pittsburgh, who raged about a Jewish humanitarian group that helps resettle immigrants in America, arms himself with an assault rifle and three handguns and assaults the synagogue. The president says the answer is to arm synagogues and churches and schools. Sowing division



Stallard



Jones

Maurice Stallard, 69 and Vickie Lee Jones, 67, were at a Kroger grocery store in Kentucky when Gregory Bush, a 51-year-old white man, shot and killed him inside the store and killed her in the parking lot. Witnesses say they saw Bush attempting to gain entry into a black church but the door was locked.

is not an accident; it is a strategy. President Barack Obama attacked as illegitimate with the lie about his birth certificate. Neo-Nazi rioters in Charlottesville, Va. – chanting "Jews will not replace us" – praised as including some "fine people." The American media assailed as "the true enemy of the people," the claim of "fake news" used to discredit reporting on the inventions and lies of the president. Political opponents slandered before mass audiences. What Teddy Roosevelt called the "bully pulpit" – meaning wonderful pulpit – taken over by a bully. What time is it? The seeds of anger and hate are blowing in the wind. No wall, no boundary, no law can contain them. What we do know, as the Bible teaches, is that we will reap what we sow. In this darkness, are we moving toward midnight or towards the dawn? We can decide. The arc of the universe, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. taught, is long but it moves towards justice, but only if we bend it that way. This is the test of leadership. It is now that leaders must appeal to the better angels of our nature. It is now that leaders must bring us together

and remind us of our common bonds. Clearly, as president, Trump has neither the intention nor the capacity to do that. He has profited from division and has no reason to change course. This is a time for others to lead, for citizens to act to bring us together. Captive in Egypt, Israelis were asked to make brick without straw, a cruel impossibility. Under slavery and segregation, blacks were asked to embrace democracy without the vote, a cruel impossibility. Now, however, we can vote. We can speak. We can act. We can choose to build walls or to build bridges with our voices, our votes and our marching feet. Today we feel the darkness, the hard cold of hatred and division. Will we be a thermometer and simply record this environment or act like a thermostat and alter these conditions? Will we choose to descend further toward midnight, or choose to force the dawn? Ultimately, we will decide, by what we do and what we choose not to do, by how we vote or whether we choose not to vote, by whether we come together or whether we allow our fears to drive us apart. Now is the time to act.

Civil Rights leaders address week of hate while focusing on Nov. 6

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As civil rights leaders and voting advocates around the nation prepared for the Nov. 6 mid-term elections last week, they suddenly found themselves embroiled with a string of hate incidents, culminating in arguably the most politically, racially and ethnically violent week in recent American history. It started Monday, Oct. 22, when a string of public figures who have been verbally attacked by President Donald Trump – including five black leaders – were discovered to be targets of pipe bombs, mostly addressed to them through the mail. By Oct. 29, as many as 15 bomb contraptions had been discovered. None reached their apparent targets. The addressees on the packages included former President Barack Obama, U. S. Rep. Maxine Waters, U.S. Senator Cory Booker, U.S. Senator Kamala Harris and former Attorney General Eric Holder – all critical of Trump. Others were sent to former President Bill Clinton, former Vice President Joseph Biden, former Secretary of State and First Lady Hillary Clinton, billionaires Robert De Niro and George Soros; former CIA Director John Brennan, former National Intelligence Director James Clapper and Democratic donor Tom Steyer.

Though none of the bombs exploded, the motive of terror – and possible death – were clear. Cesar Sayoc, 56, was arrested by the FBI in South Florida Friday, Oct. 26. The Washington Post described Sayoc as a "former pizza deliveryman, strip-club worker and virulently partisan supporter" of Trump. He was charged with a string of crimes connected with the bombs. Then, Wednesday, Oct. 24, a white man was charged with shooting and killing two black senior citizens at a Kroger grocery store in Jefferson-town, Kentucky after he tried, but failed to enter a black church. The two victims, Maurice Stallard, 69 and Vickie Jones, 67, were shot in the grocery store and the parking lot, respectively. The suspect, Gregory A. Bush, 51, was arrested shortly after the shooting. Amidst Bush's rampage, a white witness said he pointed a gun at Bush in the parking lot and Bush looked at him and said, 'Whites don't shoot whites.' Ultimately, Saturday morning, Oct. 27, the nation was devastated when hearing that 11 people had been massacred inside the Tree of Life Jewish Synagogue in Pittsburgh. The suspect, Robert D. Bowers, 46, was charged with 29 criminal counts; including using a firearm to commit murder, 11 counts of criminal homicide, six counts of aggravated assault and 13 counts of ethnic intimidation.

He is also charged with a hate crime, the obstruction of free exercise of religious beliefs. Bowers was reportedly armed with an AR-15-style assault rifle and three handguns. Witnesses said he shouted anti-Semitic slurs as he opened fire inside the house of worship. Six other people were wounded, including four police officers. Bowers, himself, was also injured by gunfire, and remains hospitalized this week. It is unclear whether he was shot by authorities or whether his injury was self-inflicted. Civil rights organizations, dealing with get out to vote and voter protection campaigns, quickly refocused to address the injustices and the threats. "The NAACP condemns the hate-inspired killings at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh. Our condolences go out to those who have suffered losses and injuries during this horrific event. Anti-Semitism, racism, xenophobia, and hatred represent horrible stains on our democracy. When these stains are embraced by elected officials and demagogues who prey on the fears and lowest common denominators within our nation, we all suffer," said a statement. "We must say no to hate, fear-mongering and the demonization of differences."

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Millennials remain wildcard in Nov. 6 midterm elections

By Barrington M. Salmon
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Numbering more than 75 million, millennials in the United States are poised to surpass Baby Boomers to become America's largest and most powerful group, analysts and experts say. According to William H. Frey, a senior fellow with the Metropolitan Institute, millennials – people reaching young adulthood in the 21st century – comprise 25 percent of the total U.S. population, 30 percent of voting age Americans, and almost two-fifths of the working-age population. Political pundits say young voters might be propelled to the polls because of their opposition to Trump. Polls show that nearly 60 percent of 18-29 year olds disapprove of Trump's handling of his job, the highest disapproval rate of any age group. However, despite those formidable numbers, it's still unclear how many millennials will cast ballots because polls also show that young people aren't overly enthused in politics or either political party.

The uncertainty surrounding millennial participation, in what many are calling the most consequential election in a generation, is unsettling to both the Democratic and Republican parties. But Democrats stand to gain more if millennials turnout, and if turnout in general, exceeds expectations. Ras Plo Kwia Glebluwuo, 29, said he sees a good deal of disillusionment among his millennial peers. "I think Millennials are just going about their lives. They're just turned off about voting," said Ras Plo, an educator and activist who lives in Washington, D.C. "I have peers who are turned off. Those who don't vote say the whole thing is dirty. They don't want to legitimize the system. Generally, those who're heavily involved are corporatists." Nathan Reuben, 28, said many millennials were shocked out of their apathy in the aftermath of the 2016 presidential elections, realizing that if they hoped to effect change they needed to get off the sidelines and become more involved in politics. Since then, his organization, Millennial Politics, through a website and the use of web streaming, social media, and livestreaming is reaching a swathe of millennials.

Reuben is using his multimedia platform to activate, engage and inspire millennials to participate in this country's democracy. In 2016, he said, about 45 percent of eligible millennial voters cast a ballot. He agreed with Glebluwuo that cynicism and disenchantment with electoral politics played a role in the outcome. This time, he said, it has to be different. "I'm hoping for a Blue Wave. I'm cautiously optimistic," said Reuben, who is also a Democratic strategist and political commentator. "But we need to work for it, knocking on doors, making phone calls and doing the groundwork. We (the country) need to get back to the idea of solving problems. We've got to vote and vote in a larger voting bloc." There's a great deal at stake. If Democrats win one or both chambers, life for President Donald Trump may become more complicated. There will be greater oversight, hearings and investigations into controversial actions Trump has taken since Republicans in Congress have not used their ability to serve as a check and balance to the executive branch. The Republican-led Congress has been implementing a domestic agenda that includes more than 60 attempts to repeal the Affordable Care Act without being able to arrive at a viable alternative; refusing to grant any type of relief to young people overburdened with a staggering student loan debt of \$1.5 trillion; and saddling future generations with a tax heist dressed up like tax reform, which – over the course of a decade – will transfer an estimated \$5.7 trillion from the middle class to the extremely wealthy. Millennials are also turned off by the hyper-partisan and toxic political environment and a president whose rhetoric



Eugene Craig, a millennial Republican, predicts, "There's a blue wave coming and a black wave too." But, he said, both parties should fight for black support.

is believed by many critics to have led to violence against racial minorities. Those incidents included those just last week when a Trump supporter was arrested and charged with mailing 11 pipe bombs to some of Trump's most vocal critics; a white nationalist shot and killed two elderly African Americans in Louisville, Kentucky; and a man spewing anti-Semitic comments shot and killed 11 worshippers at a Jewish synagogue in Pittsburgh. Eugene Craig, a millennial conservative Republican, businessman and former vice chair of the Maryland Republican Party, echoed the sentiments of many about the importance of the millennials' role in the mid-term elections. "This election is absolutely important and will set the tone for the next decade. Those who emerge to hold power will decide redistricting, city and county councils, state and local governments," said Craig, a Baltimore resident and managing partner at X-Factor Strategies LLC. "Millennials will be the most consequential for this and next two or three elections. Millennials represent the largest constituency, larger than Baby Boomers. There is a Blue Wave happening and a black wave as well. Millennials are trying to send a message to Trump, a few messages." Craig said both parties have done a disservice to black people with each acting as if black people need to come to them, as opposed to politicians showing in word and deed what they have to offer and giving African Americans a viable choice. "I put it on party to make people fight for our support, give black people a reason to support them," Craig said. Baltimore resident and political organizer, Dayvon Love, said the political environment is forcing millennials to reassess their relationships and alliances. "We're in an interesting moment where Donald Trump being president is forcing a conversation between black and white millennials," said Love, director of Public Policy for Leaders of a Beautiful Struggle which is a grassroots think tank that advances the public policy interests of Black people. "Trump's election has impacted relations. Blacks are angling to be more engaged...An important question is to what extent are Millennials going to stay engaged?" Love has been a vocal advocate and organizer since 2010, including successfully standing up to the bail bonds industry in the fight for bail reform and leading efforts to pressure Maryland state officials to abandon plans to build a juvenile jail in East Baltimore for youth charged with adult crimes. It's important for black people to use all vehicles available to them to devise and implement programs and build capacity as they create and sustain institutions, Love says. "I don't believe in legitimizing the current system or seeing it as a panacea. But there are things we can do like accepting public dollars, changing how law enforcement operates in our community and restructuring education to make it responsive to community needs," he said. "This requires some involvement in the political realm."

Take heed to God's Word

PART 1

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



We read in James 1:13-15 these words: "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. 15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." Many times we look at sin as something that seems to be innocent, but sin has the power to captivate and destroy lives. In our Scripture text James said, "Sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." Sin seems to be taken too lightly. The Bible defines sin in First John 3:4 as a transgression of the law. First John 5:17 tells us that "All unrighteousness

is sin." Psalm 119: 17-18 let us know that God's word is law. Therefore, it is not left up to us to decide the meaning of sin. The Word of God clearly lets us know what sin is and what it is not. Consider for a moment the common phrase: "I don't see anything wrong with what I'm doing." Many times people believe that because they do not see anything wrong with something it is okay to continue to do it. The Bible defines sin, so how we feel about something does not really matter. If God's Word says something is sin, then it is sin. Because of sin's ability to destroy precious lives and to send souls to hell, God is mindful of it. He wants us to know that He has sent a remedy for sin. Sin can destroy, but the sinner can be delivered from sin. Matthew 1:21 states, "And she shall bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call his Name Jesus: for He shall save His people from their sins." People often

hold on to sin, not even realizing the danger of it. The fact is, there is a way out of sin through Jesus, and the quicker people realize it, the sooner they can be delivered. We all have people who are near and dear to us who need to be saved, but they fail to realize that now is the acceptable time. Today is the day of salvation. No matter how much we want them to change, until they wake up to what the threat of sin is, they will continue to live carelessly. We need to pray that the Lord will move upon the hearts of those who are outside the fold of God so they can enjoy the bliss and the beauty of serving God. I thank God for the love that lifted me. I am so grateful that the love of God lifted me out of the pit of sin. If you are outside the fold of God, the love that lifted me still has power. The Blood of Jesus Christ will never lose its power. It can still save lost

souls. It is wonderful to reflect upon what Jesus did for mankind when He went to the Cross. Ecclesiastes 12:1 says, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them." (This passage is reference to old age). As you get older, the things that you looked forward to do are not as pleasurable anymore because age has gripped you, and it has an overpowering effect upon the body. Sin has that same overpowering effect. If you fool around with it long enough, it will take you down. Next week, Part II – "Take heed to God's Word" Rev. Simeon R. Green III is pastor of Joynes Road Church of God, 31 Joynes Road, Hampton VA 23669. He is a member of the National Association of Evangelism Church of God, Anderson, Ind.

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The need for social justice

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



"Mass shooting at synagogue in Pittsburgh." Like so many, I was horrified when I read these words on social media this past Saturday. The sad part is that it wasn't even a year ago that we had the mass shooting at the church in Southerland Springs, Texas in which 26 people were murdered. Watching the news coverage this past weekend made me think about the column I wrote in June 2015 immediately after the shootings at Emmanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina and the church in Southerland Springs. In both of those columns, I wrote about the importance of forgiveness. However, it just doesn't feel like it's enough to write once again about the power of forgiveness after another mass shooting. Things seem different now. The Pittsburgh shootings took place less than 3 days after two African-American grandparents were murdered by a white man in a grocery store in Kentucky and in the same week a plot to bomb leading Democrats was uncovered.


It seems like instead of saying "Forgive," we as Christians should be saying "Fight!" in response to the racist language coming from the highest levels of government that seems to encourage this violence. But how do we fight? Vote in the upcoming election? Pray for our nation and for God to heal our country's deep wounds of racism? Absolutely. But I wonder if that will be enough? Once again seeing a community traumatized by senseless gun

violence makes me think about the eerie silence from high profile evangelicals about the recent spike in violent racist crimes. The same conservative Christians who a few weeks ago so boldly proclaimed that we should pray for Supreme Court justice nominee Brett Kavanaugh, have been slow to publicly condemn the racist violence. My question is why are they silent after a week where it is clear that there is a dangerous increase in religious and racist violence in our country? Why are they not condemning these horrible acts and the deceitful rhetoric that obviously lead to them? The silence is deafening...and speaks volumes in and of itself. It makes me wonder if they agree with the controversial statement regarding racial and social justice created by pastor John MacArthur that adamantly proclaimed "...we emphatically deny that lectures on social issues (or activism aimed at reshaping the wider culture) are as vital to the life and health of the church as the preaching of the gospel ... Historically, such things tend to become distractions that inevitably lead to departures from the gospel." Perhaps we should all meditate on the truth in Jeremiah 22:3 "Thus says the Lord: Do justice and righteousness, and deliver from the hand of the oppressor him who has been robbed. And do no wrong or violence to the resident alien, the fatherless, and the widow, nor shed innocent blood in this place."

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Politically correct, or perfectly civil

By Julianne Malveaux
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 At this writing, Megyn Kelly is off the air at NBC. After her horribly vapid statement saying she didn’t see anything wrong with blackface, she apologized the next day and even invited journalist Roland Martin on to take her to school. Roland did a brilliant job in explaining the history of blackface and the way it demeans African-American people, and it was great that he had the opportunity to educate, not only his odious host but also the millions who watch Kelly daily. So Kelly tearfully apologized, and she listened to Martin and television commentator Amy Holmes as they talked about race. But does Kelly “get” why her remarks were so objectionable.

Martin says she does, but I’m not so sure. She prefaced her apology by saying that she was not a “pc kind of person.” I’m not sure what that means, and what is wrong with being “politically correct” if it means being perfectly civil, informed and mindful of others. If African-American people say that blackface is offensive, it’s not a big deal, Kelly. It’s offensive. Whether you know the history or not, if members of a group say something is wrong, why not accept it? Or does your white skin privilege allow you to determine what is offensive and what is not?

This is not the first time Kelly has put her foot into racial quicksand. Confident in her Aryan-ness, she proclaimed that Santa Clause is white, and so is Jesus. To declare Jesus white, given his geographical roots on the African continent or in the Middle East, is to embrace a special kind of both spatial and historical ignorance. But if you are vested in the world being a narrow white occasion, then you are free to spew racist myths, or shall we say, “fake news.” On the Santa tip, since Santa is not a real person, but a fairy tale figment of someone’s imagination Santa’s race is subject to the imagination. Kelly seemed to have a problem with a black Santa. Why? Does a black Santa offend her lily-white sensibilities? Is she so seeped in whiteness that she can’t think outside the box? And did NBC throw the talented Tamron Hall under the bus for that? Speaks to their own racial bias and sense of white superiority.

It is tragic to consider that Kelly has three young children who are undoubtedly being influenced by her warped racial views. But NBC may, perhaps, be reconsidering their relationship with Kelly. It would be a great loss if she were bounced off the air, though there are some who think she has learned her lesson sufficiently to continue her career.

What if, instead of losing her job, she was involved in a “black immersion” experience? What if she had to spend a month in a dormitory at Bennett or Spellman College, spending time with the young black women she seems not to have taken into consideration heretofore?

What if her conversation with Martin could be the first of many, and she was directed to spend time with Essence Editor Emerita Susan Taylor, with NNPA Chair Dorothy Leavell, with Jada Pinkett Smith, with Rev. Jesse Jackson, and others. Might that make a difference for the ill-educated Megyn Kelly? Or maybe she should just read a book or two.

Fifty years after the Kerner Commission report it is clear that there are still two Americas, one black, and one white. Two Americas, with two different realities, and few bridges to understanding. This is why, even in all-white communities, black history must be taught. This is why our textbooks ought to speak, realistically about enslavement, Reconstruction, Jim Crow, and lynching. This is why we need to bust the myth that lynchings were about sex – black men lusting after white women. Actually, too many lynchings were about economic envy – white men lusting after black people’s property. After white vandals destroyed the Greenwood section of Tulsa, Oklahoma, one report actually described the cause of the devastation as “Too Many N---rs Having Too Much Money.”

Kelly is not the only white person who is ignorant of American history (because the history of black people really is American history). White ignorance is one of the reasons I look askance at some aspects of the #MeToo movement. White ignorance is a choice, especially among adults who can educate themselves and expose themselves to the totality of history. Kelly chose to expose herself to Martin and Holmes. Too bad she shot off her uninformed mouth before she got educated. Perhaps she will now remove the term “p.c.” from her vocabulary unless she happens to mean perfectly civil.

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Exploitation of Aretha Franklin

By Jerroll Sanders
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Did Mary Kay Exploit “Queen Aretha” in Her Most Vulnerable Hour? Aretha Franklin’s eight-hour memorial service August 31, 2018, represented the culmination of a week-long memorial celebration in Detroit. The memorial celebration included a public concert at Chene Park featuring local and national talent and a two-day public viewing of Franklin who laid in repose at the Charles H. Wright Museum for African-American History.

Changes to the funeral services and planned tributes were announced as the week progressed. One such tribute would include pink cadillacs converging on the City of Detroit from all over the country to pay mass respect to the Queen. The tribute was spearheaded by Crisette Michelle Ellis—a national director for Mary Kay Corporation who is also wife of Charles H. Ellis, who pastors the Greater Grace Temple mega-church where the Queen’s funeral would be held.

Mary Kay Corporation, a multi-level makeup marketing company, is known for temporarily issuing custom-colored pink cadillacs to high-revenue generating Mary Kay representatives such as Ellis. Ellis claimed the pink cadillac tribute was intended to commemorate Aretha’s “Freeway of Love” song, which discussed riding down the freeway of love in a pink cadillac.

Various news outlets reported that Mary Kay, Inc. was somewhat leery of Ellis’ plan to host the pink Cadillac tribute. Nonetheless, Mary Kay aided Ellis by setting up a website so that owners of pink cadillacs could register their intent to participate in the tribute and attend the Queen’s funeral.

As one might expect – given the rarity of pink cadillacs – almost all of the pink Cadillacs that participated in the tribute bore the Mary Kay insignia. There were a few exceptions such as the pink cadillac driven by Ron Mitchell that was adorned with a badge that read “Aretha Franklin is a Queen.”

Near dusk on the day of the funeral, thousands of Detroiters lined streets to pay a final tribute to the Queen. Detroiters at the



Mary Kay advertisement inscribed on rear window of vehicle

corner of 7 Mile and Livernois stood somber, poised with tributary banners and roses to toss in the path of the Queen’s hearse as it turned the corner. The somber moment of planned respect was transformed into a parade of pink cadillacs – most of which were devoid of African Americans.

One by one, the 130 pink cadillacs streamed by; the Queen’s hearse followed. Mary Kay reps shouted, “Thank you,” waved through their car windows, and stood and greeted the crowd through their sunroofs while rocking to the beat of Aretha’s songs playing on their automobile sound systems.

Dangerous Precedent: Big Business and Funerals

According to Nielsen, a 30-second Super Bowl ad in 2018 cost an estimated \$5 million. While Nielson ratings on the viewership of Franklin’s week of funeral proceedings have yet to be revealed, Nielsen calculated that Michael Jackson’s one-day memorial service commanded about 31.14 million viewers; those totals did not include internet

views. There can be no doubt that the Queen’s services commanded massive views. The plethora of articles and coverage Mary Kay received across the globe from its pink cadillac tribute netted the corporation free advertising worth billions of dollars. For the remainder of history, an internet search of Aretha Franklin’s name will forever return a sea of images showing Mary Kay pink cadillacs.

Injecting a corporation into sacred memorial services establishes a dangerous precedent. While Ellis asserts that Franklin’s young heirs approved the tribute, Franklin’s heirs could have never imagined in their hour of grief that the pink cadillac tribute would evolve into a massive Mary Kay advertising event. No pastor or pastor’s wife should involve a company, especially one with which they are personally affiliated, in sacred funeral proceedings.

Many may have been awestruck by the visual, specifically, rows upon rows of rows and rows of shiny pink cadillacs, which the

funeral home seemed to oppose lining up in the processional. But the staging of the cadillacs at the beginning of the processional route allowed the drivers to enter the processional with ease ahead of the Queen’s hearse.

Corporations, including Mary Kay, are wholly responsible for actions carried out in their name. Mary Kay, Inc. executives cannot be allowed to hide their hands when they leveraged for their benefit the unique brand and legacy Franklin tirelessly built over decades.

According to an intellectual property attorney, who asked to remain nameless, the heirs of Aretha Franklin may have a significant legal cause of action due to Mary Kay’s infringement upon Franklin’s private processional.

While many embraced the pink cadillac tribute, a deeper look might reveal the tragic exploitation of our “Queen” during her final hours.

Note: A call was placed to Mary Kay, Inc. for comment. The call was not returned.

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The NAACP continued, “It’s unfortunate that this tragedy follows the terroristic behavior of those who feel justified in sending bombs to those who differ politically. Our nation at its best represents inclusion and opportunity. This is one side of America, yet on the other side of America exists, the often embraced idea of using violence toward those with different political views. It’s a side our community knows all too well and continues to experience. We empathize with members of the Jewish community attending a baby naming service at a synagogue, children at a school or being separated from parents at our borders or simple churchgoers seeking to worship in peace – all of it is wrong and disheartening.”

The Congressional Black Caucus issued a statement on the Kroger Grocery Store and the synagogue shootings simultaneously.

“It brings me great sorrow to have to recurrently address the public and console our loved ones due to acts of grotesque, racially

charged hate and pure evil,” said Rep. Cedric Richmond, CBC chairman. “This is not the United States of America that we should know, love or grow accustomed to.”

Richmond continued, “We cannot sit back and watch as bigots and racists take the lives of innocent Americans, and we must not stay silent while white nationalists continue to feel emboldened and empowered by the tacit approval of our highest form of leadership. At a time like this, it is clear that we must perform an audit of our core values, evaluate what we really stand for, and then take the necessary corrective steps to ending anti-Semitic and other racially charged acts of violence from becoming a common occurrence.”

Despite the havoc of the week of hate, the terror was nothing new to black people, Richmond noted.

He wrote, “African Americans know well the deeply rooted pain also experienced by those in the Jewish community on the account of the flagrant racists and

bigots that poison our country. Events ranging from the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing in Birmingham, Alabama to the Mother Emanuel A.M.E. Church massacre in Charleston, South Carolina, to the Freedom Summer murders in Mississippi, both African Americans and the Jewish community know what it is like to be targeted and routinely persecuted all in the name of fear and hate.”

Painful reflections on the hate incidents played out through heartfelt posts on social media. Theodore Shaw, distinguished professor of law and director of University of North Carolina Center for Civil Rights, who is also former director-counsel and president of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, posted an extensive reflection on Facebook.

“Yesterday, with all of the focus on the mail bombs sent to liberal/Democratic leadership, almost lost in the news was the Kentucky shootings of two African Americans by a white man who almost went into a black church to kill and maim African-American

worshippers. Today, in Pittsburgh, a hate-driven anti-Semite entered a synagogue and killed eleven people,” Shaw wrote, “Jews, African Americans, Muslims, Mexicans, Central and South Americans, migrants, LGBTQ people, women and others are objects of hatred and violence simply because of who and what they are. My heart aches for our country and what it is these days.”

Shaw concluded with a skillful refocus on the upcoming election: “We cannot shoot our way out of this problem. Nor can we look to the individual who occupies the White House. He is part of the problem, not part of the solution. We have to express solidarity with one another and condemn hatred on all grounds. It is up to all people of good will to reject this madness, and to stand with any community targeted because of who and what they are. And to vote for those who share the values of inclusion, diversity and, dare I say, the beloved community. And vote to turn out of office or stop the election of haters.”

Forrest General’s Spirit of Women and Catherine Strange present a Fall workshop, Creating a Thanksgiving Centerpiece

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Join Spirit of Women and Catherine Strange for their next hands-on event, Creating a Thanksgiving Centerpiece. The event will be held Thursday, November 15, from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at Henington House, 106 Walnut Street in Hattiesburg.

Attendees will gather at 10 a.m. to register and enjoy coffee and baked treats before digging in to their projects. Everyone should bring a vessel, like pottery, a vase, or a basket to take home; this will be used to create your centerpiece. Wear casual clothes and be ready to get your hands a

little dirty because centerpieces will be created using moss, plants and other outdoor items. Live plants will be available for purchase if you would like to create a living centerpiece.

Cost to attend the fall workshop, Creating a Thanksgiving Centerpiece, is \$30 for Spirit of Women members and \$35 for non-members. The deadline to register is Friday, November 2.

This event will be limited to 30 people so register today.

To register, visit forrestgeneral.com/fallworkshop or call Spirit of Women at 601-288-4968 from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

2018-19 flu season will be active

Sickweather app keeps tabs on the illness action in your area

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The flu is here and will continue to increase through the end of the year. The greatest growth will be between Thanksgiving and the second week of January 2019.

This national flu forecast comes from Sickweather®, the world’s first real-time map of sickness and the largest crowdsourcing community of its kind, who recently released their first look into the 2018-19 influenza season.

The Sickweather app tracks 25+ reported illnesses and symptoms (including the flu) to show a real-time, street-level view of what’s trending within a specific area. By tracking current illnesses, people can make more informed decisions about their health and well-being.

Currently, the top three reported illnesses and symptoms trending in the Jackson area are fever, common cold and cough.

To get local illness trends anywhere in the U.S., download the free Sickweather app at About Sickweather.

Sickweather processes millions of illness reports each month. The company has been recognized for accurately forecasting outbreaks up to 15 weeks in advance.

Sickweather is committed to providing consumers and businesses the most accurate, predictive and meaningful sickness forecasts in the world – for reducing healthcare costs and saving lives.

Visit www.sickweather.com

Education

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- Work with the students at Forest Hill. Let this be a great teachable moment for them. They too can learn to make adjustments in life based on current situations. They need to learn that scripts and routine can be adjusted for the good of the order. Teach them to stop, think and reflect. In life we always have to justify actions and decisions. Teach them so they will know how to respond to change. Sensitivity, compassion, empathy are traits from this scenario that can be discussed as real life experiences and outcomes. I am sure the students can come up with many ways to restore a working relationship with stakeholders in Brookhaven, and show that they are intelligent, non-violent and respectful individuals, if directed to use this as a teachable moment.
- JPS has a Better Together Commission. Is it not there charge to enhance, upgrade, restore and transform education in JPS? Where is this diverse group now when the district is facing this critical issue? Is this item even on their agenda, at least for discussion... if not action?
- I am shocked at the position taken by the Mississippi High School Activities Association. How can they make this decision in a “closed session” when the majority of their activities are conducted in Public Schools? There was no mention of the names and districts of the 14 administrators who supported the decision regarding Forest Hill Band. I can understand not allowing for public comment. I surely cannot understand, not allowing interested stakeholders to attend the meeting. This type of behavior empowers stakeholders to have reservations on the fairness and ethical decision -making practices.

There are so many other issues that are impacting teaching and learning in JPS... Let’s provide real support and address the real issues. It is time to get real and offer real support. We must move on to make this a successful school year for everyone.

Retired educators still support public education.

LaVerne Gentry, Ph.D.

Forrest General announces Junior Cheerleader, Football Player and Darlin’ of the Game for November 3



The Mississippi Link Newswire

Forrest General is proud to announce the Junior Cheerleader, Junior Football Player and Darlin’ of the Game for the November 3 matchup is Dawson Weathers. Dawson is a third grader at Benedict Day School and is the sidelines before the game and during halftime for these young fans as Southern Miss takes on



Marshall this Saturday.

Junior Cheerleader of the Game is Maggie Reese Hamlett. Maggie is a 2nd grader at Longleaf Elementary School in Oak Grove. She is the daughter of Kyle and Susan Hamlett.

Madison Henderson, a Junior at Richton High School, will join the Dixie Darlings as Darlin’ of the Game for November



3. Madison is the daughter of Josh and Sabrina Henderson.

For more information on Forrest General and its available services, visit forrestgeneral.com or call 1-800-844-4445.

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Why resist those halloween and holiday candy binges?

By Glenn Ellis
TriceEdneyWire.com



By the time you read this column, you’re either preparing for Halloween, or you’re looking at the piles of candy you weren’t able to give out, or that is the bounty of the young Trick-or-Treaters in your household. In either case, we’re talking about a lot of candy, because the industry makes sure there is lots of it, and it’s both appealing and relatively cheap. Current data shows that about \$2 billion is spent on candy each year at Halloween alone.

If you’re like most of us, and you’ve avoided candy bars, candy corn or M&Ms since last Halloween season, you’ll want to permit yourself to indulge. But when you finally let yourself have “just one mini candy bar,” your brain lights up with interest and it’s often hard to stop.

As Halloween and other holiday candy takes over store shelves, advice on how to resist such candy takes over nutrition headlines. But the science of eating behavior shows that the more we try not to eat something, the more likely we are to overeat it. So before you vow to keep all of the candy out of your house or curse your lack of willpower, here’s some of the health reasons you need to help resist the urge.

Most people like to indulge in a candy bar now and then but doing so regularly has negative effects on your health. Candy is high in sugar and many types

also contain unhealthy amounts of fat and calories. Sweets often contain no nutrients, making them empty calories that contribute to health problems.

The ingredients used to make candy are full of calories. Sugar, chocolate, caramel, nuts and nougat are several examples of ingredients used to make candy that are high in calories and, in some cases, fat. Eating too many calories every day results in weight gain if you cannot burn them off. An average of 40 percent of the sugar people consume is stored in the body as fat.

If you are filling up on candy, you leave little room for nutrient-dense foods that support your health. Candy contains no vitamins and very small, if any, amounts of minerals, which means you are satisfying hunger but doing nothing to meet your daily nutrient intake requirements. Furthermore, high sugar intake actually robs you of much needed nutrients, such as calcium, because your body must use them to digest sugar. This contributes to the development of nutrient deficiencies, resulting in a variety of health problems, including anemia and a lowered immunity.

Eating too much candy leads to the development of cavities. Sugar plays a large role in this process because the bacteria that causes cavities feeds on sugar. The more sugary candy you eat, the more this harmful bacteria is able to multiply and damage your teeth. Eating a lot of candy also plays a role in bleeding gums and losing teeth because sugar allows bacteria to damage your teeth

and surrounding gums, leading to corrosion and deterioration. Caramel, taffy and other chewy candies stick to teeth, eroding the enamel and leading to decay.

High-fat, high-calorie and high-sugar diets are responsible for a whole host of health conditions. Large amounts of sugar contributes to insulin resistance, which can cause diabetes. Sugar leaches calcium from your bones, making osteoporosis a worry. Eating a lot of fat increases your risk of heart disease, obesity and depression. Poor diets lower the effectiveness of your immune system, making it easier for your body to succumb to a virus. Many of these conditions play a role in the development of others. For example, being overweight increases your risk of heart disease and diabetes.

If you’re eating sugar-free candy, a wild and crazy binge could give you what’s know as “Halloween diarrhea,” the explosive effect of the artificial sweetener sorbitol.

One of the most common health warnings about Halloween candy comes from the FDA: Don’t eat too much black licorice.

This isn’t about the calories inherent in candy, but rather about glycyrrhizin, the natural sweetening compound that comes from the licorice root. The compound causes the body’s potassium levels to fall, which can have nasty side-effects for some people. These effects include abnormal heart rhythms, high blood pressure, swelling, lethargy and even congestive heart failure.

And if you’re chowing down on tons of black licorice and you feel your heart rhythm going funny, stop eating it and talk to a doctor. So take it easy on the black Twizzlers (the red ones aren’t even licorice, mind you, but they have their own health implications if eaten in excess).

If you’re looking for additional advice about dealing with Halloween candy and children in your household, let me leave you with the results of a recent study: It only takes 2 weeks to see increases in cholesterol levels in young, healthy people.” Increases in cholesterol levels, a risk factor for cardiovascular disease, might start to show up even sooner.

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

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

Glenn Ellis, is a Health Advocacy Communications Specialist. He is the author of *Which Doctor?*, and *Information is the Best Medicine*. For more good health information listen to Glenn, on radio in Philadelphia; Boston; Shreveport; Los Angeles; and Birmingham., or visit: www.glennellis.com

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Advertisement for Bids

Bid 3082 Food Service Warehouse Food Products

Bid 3083 Food Service Warehouse Paper & Stock Supplies

Sealed, written formal bid proposals for the above bid will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Pre-vailing Time) November 13, 2018, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date bids are opened. Proposal forms and detailed specifications may be obtained free of charge by emailing pagreen@jackson.k12.ms.us, calling (601) 960-8799, or documents may be picked up at the above address or downloaded from JPS website at [HYPER-LINK "http://www.jackson.k12.ms.us" www.jackson.k12.ms.us](http://www.jackson.k12.ms.us).

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PUBLIC NOTICE
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The City of Jackson is accepting Contractor Applications for all City of Jackson funded Housing Rehabilitation and Lead Hazard Control Programs, until 5:00 PM, CDT on Friday, November 30, 2018 in the Office of Housing and Community Development, 218 South President Street, 2nd Floor, Jackson, MS, 39201.

Applications are available in the Office of Housing and Community Development, located at 218 S. President Street, Second Floor, Jackson, MS 39201, and on the City's website at www.jacksonms.gov. The application must be filled out in its entirety and all required documentation must be attached at the time of submission. The City of Jackson reserves the right to approve and terminate contractors for all Housing Rehabilitation and Lead Hazard Control Programs at any time.

Questions should be directed to:
Valerie Tucker, 601-960-4238 or email vtucker@city.jackson.ms.us

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PUBLIC NOTICE
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The City of Jackson is accepting Contractor Applications for the Blight Elimination Program, until 5:00 PM, CDT on Tuesday, November 20, 2018 in the Office of Housing and Community Development.

Applications are available at 218 S. President Street, Second Floor, Jackson, MS 39201, and on the City's website at www.jacksonms.gov. The application must be filled out in its entirety and all required documentation must be attached at the time of application submission. The City of Jackson reserves the right to approve and terminate contractors for the Blight Elimination Program at any time.

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Job Vacancy Announcement

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR –
City of Yazoo City, PO Box 689, Yazoo City, MS 39194

Closing Date: Open until filled. The City intends to fill this position as soon as practical.

JOB SUMMARY: To plan, direct, and manage the day to day operations, projects and operations of street maintenance and construction, grounds maintenance, engineering, traffic engineering, building maintenance, fleet maintenance, storm water drainage system and solid waste collection and disposal. Ensure the efficient operation of machinery and operations of equipment, physical plant, and grounds are in accordance with state law, city ordinances, policies, rules and regulations; to coordinate assigned activities with other city departments and outside agencies and contractors. Manage and direct budget, manpower resource allocation and human resource management. Candidate must demonstrate ability to manage through delegation.

Qualifications: Including, but not limited to operational characteristics, services and activities of a comprehensive public works program; management skills to analyze programs, policies and operational needs; construction techniques involving streets and roads, drainage systems, flood control and sanitary sewers. A complete list of qualifications may be requested from the Office of the City Clerk at 662-746-1401 or kwilliams@yazoocityms.us.

Experience: Five to eight years of increasing responsibility in public works management, construction or a related field, including four years of administrative and supervisory responsibility.

Training: Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with major course work in civil engineering, public administration, business administration or a related field.

Additional Requirements: Valid driver's license and the possession of, or ability to obtain, an appropriate, valid Class C driver's license.

Residency: All employees of the City of Yazoo unless a waiver has been approved by the governing authorities in accordance with law must reside within Yazoo County, Mississippi. All employees shall establish residency in Yazoo County Mississippi within six (6) months of employment and shall maintain residency within Yazoo County during the term of their employment.

Background: A criminal background check will be conducted along with a department of motor vehicles background check. Prior to starting work, applications must submit to pre-employment drug test physical, and psychological exam by a physician designated by the City of Yazoo City paid for by the City.

How to Apply: Resume with a completed application must be submitted to the City Clerk's Office, City of Yazoo City, 128 E Jefferson St, Yazoo City, MS 39194. Applications may be obtained from the City Clerk 662-746-1401, kwilliams@yazoocityms.us or www.cityofyazoocity.org

We consider applicants for all positions without regard to race, color, religion, creed, gender, national origin, age, disability, marital or veteran status, sexual orientation, or any other legally protected status. The City of Yazoo City is a "Drug Free Workplace".

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

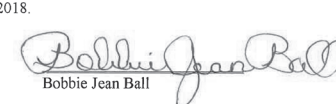
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF JAMES HUGHES DECEASED
NAMED HEREIN

CAUSE NO. P2018-391 T/I

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

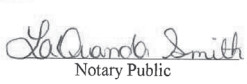
This the 9th day of October, 2018.


Bobbie Jean Ball

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF Hinds

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the jurisdiction aforesaid, the within named, Bobbie Jean Ball, Executor for the Estate of James Hughes, deceased, who having been by me first duly sworn, states that the above Notice to Creditors is true and correct as therein stated.

Given under my hand this the 9th day of October, 2018.


Notary Public

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Notice to Contractors/Sub-Contractors

Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area ("HFHMCA"), a Christian non-profit affordable housing ministry, is seeking qualified construction general contractors/sub-contractors in the following areas to support construction of new homes or rehabilitation and remodeling of existing homes primarily in the City of Jackson plus possible work in Hinds, Rankin and Madison Counties, Mississippi:

General residential contactors and sub/contractors; framing, siding, cornice, and decking; drywall, painting; electrical, HVAC, insulation, plumbing, roofing, tree trimming & removal, site prep, foundation contractors, home inspectors and home appraisers as well as remodelers and handymen.

Qualifications: All contractors and subs must provide current evidence of general liability and workers' compensation insurance. HFHMCA is an equal opportunity employer. All proposals will be considered without attention to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, veteran or disability status. Proposals are encouraged from small, women, minority owned and certified Section 3 businesses.

HFHMCA is a licensed contractor and is licensed by the Mississippi Department of Banking and Consumer Finance, NMLS Number 283632.

For information contact:
Bridget Steed
Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area
615 Stonewall St
Jackson, MS 39213
601.353.6060

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RULE 81 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
EDWARD L. TERRY, DECEASED

CAUSE #:18-00023

BY: Shirley Terry Woodley, Doris Terry McPherson, Mamie Terry Smith,
Laura Hudson, Donald Terry, Kenny Terry, and Sandra Terry Turner

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI


TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MABEL SEATON, DECEASED

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Shirley Terry Woodley, Doris Terry McPherson, Mamie Terry Smith, Laura Hudson, Donald Terry, Kenny Terry, and Sandra Terry Turner. Plaintiff, seeking the adjudication of heirs of Edward Terry.

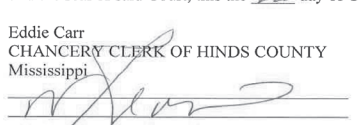
You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 o'clock a.m., on the 22nd day of January, 2018, in the Chancery Courtroom of Hinds County, Mississippi, before Honorable William Singletary and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 22nd day of October, 2018.



Eddie Carr
CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY
Mississippi



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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Jackson hereby gives notice that its annual audited financial report for the year ended September 30, 2017 has been completed. Copies are available to the public at 219 S. President St., Jackson, MS 39201.

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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 Recreation, 1000 Metro Center, Suite 104, Jackson, Mississippi, 39209, telephone number (601) 960-0471.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on September 5, 2018, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., local time, in the City of Jackson Metro Conference Room, located at 1000 Metro Center, Suite 104, Jackson, MS 39209. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

Professional Management Service packets shall be submitted in triplicate, sealed and deposited with the City of Jackson's City Clerk prior to the hour and date designated above. Each bidder shall write its certificate of responsibility on the outside of the sealed envelope containing its proposal.

The City of Jackson reserves the right to reject any and all Professional Management Service packets and to waive any and all informalities.

Ison B. Harris, Jr., Director
Department of Parks and Recreation

Dr. Robert Blaine, Chief Administrative
Officer (CAO)
Office of the Mayor

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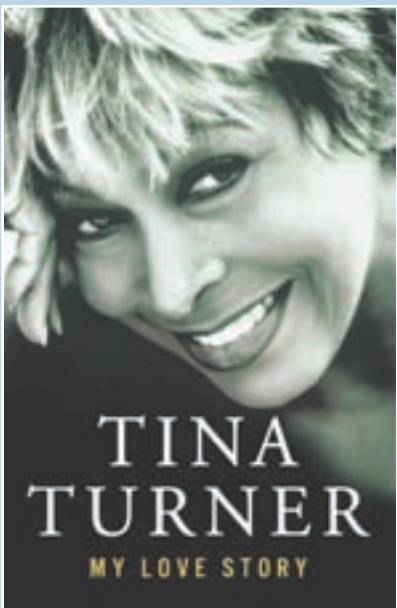
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BOOK REVIEW:
“MY LOVE STORY”
BY TINA TURNER (WITH DEBORAH DAVIS AND DOMINIK WICHMANN)
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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

Just wait.
Two words that are impossible to hear, especially if you have big plans. Hold on, don't veer off-course, work the plan, hard as it may be. Just wait. As in "My Love Story" by Tina Turner, good things really do come to those who do.
If you've come to this book solely because of the name of the author, you probably don't need to be told about her early adult life. Even so, it bears repeating:

Anna Mae Bullock was born in November, 1939, on a farm near a tiny Tennessee town. Hers was a difficult childhood; her mother, who mostly rejected Anna Mae, tired of her marriage and abandoned it when Anna Mae was eleven years old. Two years later, Anna Mae's father abandoned the family, too, so Anna Mae moved to St. Louis to live with her estranged mother.
She took one important thing with her.
"Even as a little girl," says Turner, "I knew I could sing... I was born with that talent. My

voice was my gift and I knew how to use it."
Because her sister was old enough to go to St. Louis clubs, Anna Mae managed to tag along and that was where she met Ike Turner, a womanizer who ignored Anna Mae until he heard her sing. Not long afterward, he started paying her to be on-stage and they became friends. He was "ugly," she was "skinny and all voice," but they were a team until they started sleeping together, she became pregnant, they got married-not-married, and the fighting began.

Ike seemed to feel as though he owned Turner; for sure, he owned her name, since he'd registered it as a trademark. He told her what to do and where to be, didn't trust her, beat her, slept with other women and didn't bother to hide it. She endured it, waiting for things to get better, until one hot July night, she fought back, and she ran...
Admittedly, a story you (sort-of) already know makes up the bulk of this book. If you've come to it for the promise of the title, you'll read about "My Love Story" in the first 18 pages.

So why pick it up, then?
Wait. There are a few rock-your-world moments inside author Tina Turner's memoir, things she says she's never admitted before, memories she'd rather not revisit, nuggets that were rumors 'til now. These come wrapped in steely pulses of determination and power, all saucy and flippant but studded with soft notes of pain as Turner also tells about illness, family, personal losses and missed opportunities.
But wait; this isn't a poor-me tale. Though Turner writes (with

Deborah Davis and Dominik Wichmann) about challenges, gratefulness beams between sentences. So do words of inspiration, so-whatever humor, and that wonderful romance.
Wait. That love story you're promised? It's a perfect bowl atop a not-anywhere-near perfect life, and for readers who want a memoir with a minimum of gratuitous name-dropping, but heavy on sassitude and triumph, "My Love Story" tells it right.
So why wait?

Hinds County School District Weekly Update

ENGAGING-EMPOWERING-ENSURING-EXCELLENCE

Superintendent of Education addresses community leaders and ministers during breakfast

On October 25, 2018 Delesicia Martin, Superintendent of Education for the Hinds County School District addressed school administrators, ministers, local community leaders and elected state officials during a breakfast at Hinds Community College Eagle Ridge Conference Center. The purpose of the breakfast meeting was to continue fellowship and dialog on how district and community leaders can work together to provide students the support they need to be successful.



Pictured L-R: Pam Confer, director of Community Relations @ Public Relations / Nissan; Kim Davenport, principal/Restart Center; and Sharon Harris, Human Resource director-HCSD



Pictured L-R: Minister Louis Ruckes Jr./New Horizon Church, Jackson; Pastor Toney Crisler/Belmont Church; Deacon Curtis Brown/Belmont Church; and Pastor Irvin Todd/Todd Assembly Church



Delesicia Martin, Superintendent of Education, addresses the group on the state of the district.



Pictured L-R: Cliff Newell, principal – THS; Lorenzo Grimes, principal – RHS; Pastor Bernard McKinley Sr. / Mt. Elizabeth MB Church; and Arthur Jones, assistant principal – GRI



Honorable Representative Deborah Butler Dixon - District 63 addresses local leaders.



Deputy Helen Brown, Human Trafficking Coordinator - Hinds County Sheriff's Department addresses leaders on human trafficking.



Pictured L-R: Robbie Anderson, board member – District 2 and Pastor Douglas Lacey – Ratliff Church



Pictured L-R: Gaye Broyles, senior vice president – BankPlus; State Senator Hillman Frazier; and John Fike, attorney



Sgt. Otis Clark, SRO Coordinator – Hinds County Sheriff's Department addresses leaders on school safety.



Honorable Mayor Richard White, City of Byram



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