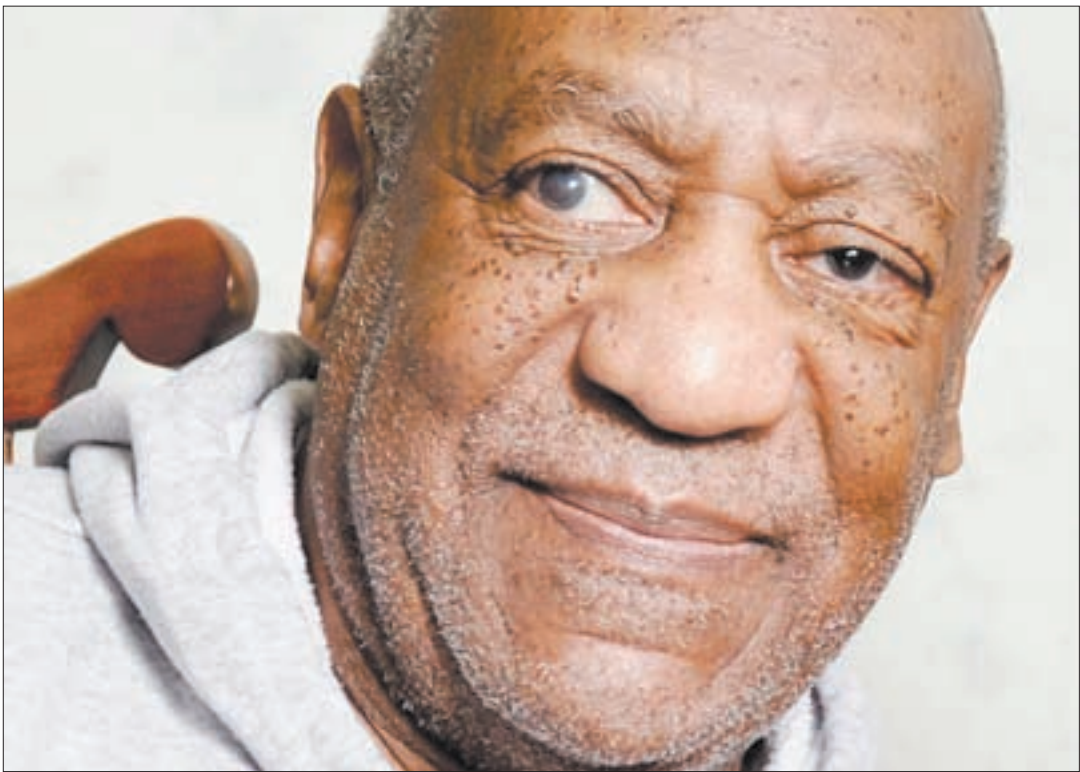


Cosby lawyers take first step in appeal process

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Correspondent

Citing doctored evidence, including an exclusive NNPA Newswire report last month that revealed tapes used to convict Bill Cosby were doctored, attorneys for the comedian have formally begun the process they hope will win his release from a Pennsylvania prison where he has spent the past two weeks. More importantly, Attorney Joe Green and the other members of Cosby’s team are hoping their motion for post-sentencing relief is just the start of clearing the comedian who was found guilty of three counts of aggravated indecent assault in April. Last month, Montgomery County Judge Steven O’Neill sentenced Cosby to serve three to ten years in state prison. In their new court filing, Cosby’s attorneys said the “Verdict was against the weight of the evidence with respect of whether the offense occurred, if at all, within the 12-year statute of limitations.” The defense introduced business records demonstrating that Cosby was not present in the place alleged during the time that Andrea Constand asserted. O’Neill refused to rule on the statute of limitations and, almost inexplicably, referred the matter to jurors to decide but the jury panel never considered it. Green also highlighted in his motion that tape recordings between Cosby and Gianna



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Constand, Andrea’s mother, that were used to convict Cosby were doctored or altered in some way. “After discovered evidence in the form of a forensic examination of the Gianna Constand tape discloses that the excerpt played at trial was not authentic,” Green wrote in court filings this weekend. “Had this information been known at the time of trial, the tape evidence would not have been admitted, or if admitted, would have come in subject to powerful challenge leading the jury to doubt its reliability. A different verdict would likely result if a new trial were granted,” he said, citing other cases in which doctored evidence caused a verdict favorable to the defense. Cosby’s lawyers argued that the imposition of the sentence of three to 10 years of total confinement, which is the maximum consistent with the standard range of crime, was not necessary to address the nature and circumstances of what happened between Cosby and Constand in light of the “history, character and condition” of Cosby. The references of history, character and condition spoke to Cosby’s philanthropic ef-

orts, previously spotless record and his blindness. “The court abused its discretion by giving undue weight to retribution over rehabilitation, deterrence and incapacitation,” Green argued. “As a result, the sentence was not commensurate with incapacitation to protect the public from an 81-year-old, blind defendant who had not even been accused of any criminal conduct occurring within the past ten or more years.” Green also argued that the court was wrong to consider and rely on, as rel-

ates learned the importance of keeping the refrigerator door closed. “I did not know that holding the fridge open let’s out the coolness from the fridge,” said Jalyn Thurmond, an eleventh-grader. Eleventh-grader Shaquan Gibson commented, “I did not know that the fridge’s vents sucked in air from the house. I thought it was self ventilation.”

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Espy endorsed by Legislative Black Caucus

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The Mississippi Legislative Black Caucus endorsed Mike Espy in a special election for U.S. Senate. Members of the caucus announced their support for Espy’s campaign at a news conference Tuesday in Jackson. “Mike has a long history of standing up and fighting for the rights of our community, and, once senator, we know he will continue to fight to ensure our voices are heard and respected,” said Rep. Sonya Williams Barnes, caucus chairperson. “Mike will provide a much-needed voice in the United States Senate. He has spent his entire career fighting for communities like ours and we know he will continue that fight as senator.” Espy said he’s proud to have the support. “The caucus understands that we need leadership in Washington with the ideas, the experience, and the independent mindset to help our state, and that’s what my candidacy for U.S. Senate is all about,” Espy said. Espy is running in a non-partisan special election for the Senate seat vacated by the resignation of Thad Cochran in April. Cindy Hyde-Smith was appointed by Gov. Phil Bryant to serve until the special election could determine who will serve the final two years of the 6-year term. Hyde-Smith, Espy, state Sen.



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Chris McDaniel and Tobey Bartee, of Gautier, a former U.S. Navy intelligence officer, are on the special election ballot. The full text of the caucus’ endorsement of Espy, as submitted, appears below: The Mississippi Legislative Black Caucus (MLBC), comprised of 49 African American members of the House and Senate, is considered the conscience of the legislature. Primarily concerned with the policy issues that most affect the under-served and under-resourced communities, the caucus has led the charge to secure health care for Mississippians, equitable and adequate funding for public education and equal pay for women. MLBC has also led the fight to change the Mississippi state flag to one that is more representative of all Mississippians. The MLBC is proud to offer

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CSLC’s Youth Agriculture project and local agri-students observe Energy Awareness Day

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Did you know that light bulbs can be made of plastic? Eleventh-grader Eddie Brock and 18 fellow students of the Holmes County Consolidated School District’s (HCCSD) Holmes County Career and Technical Center (HCCTC) know now. Thanks to a field trip sponsored by the Community Students Learning Center’s (CSLC) Youth Agriculture Outreach Project, Ashley McCallum’s Agriculture classes were among 1,067 students statewide who attended Energy Awareness Day at the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum in Jackson, Miss., Oct. 4. CSLC’s Youth Agriculture Outreach is a project of the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) which serves as a vehicle for developing and influencing young minds towards an interest, career and/or business in agriculture. Knowledge of energy conservation and other



related information are important to that development. October is National Energy Awareness Month, established in 1991 to encourage government and organizations to raise awareness of the importance of sustainably managing the nation’s energy resources. With the support of banner sponsors, community sponsors and conservation buddies, Mississippi’s Energy Awareness Day was hosted by the Energy &

Natural Resources Division of the Mississippi Development Authority. Despite the hot weather, students, teachers and chaperones said the event was very enlightening. Attendees were educated by presenters who facilitated a total of 23 energy-related learning stations. “I learned that they make plastic light bulbs; I thought all of them were glass,” said Brock. Some of his fellow class-



mates learned the importance of keeping the refrigerator door closed. “I did not know that holding the fridge open let’s out the coolness from the fridge,” said Jalyn Thurmond, an eleventh-grader. Eleventh-grader Shaquan Gibson commented, “I did not know that the fridge’s vents sucked in air from the house. I thought it was self ventilation.”

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Ambulance gift allows Lanier students to learn medical transport skills

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Lanier High sophomores Jamecia McLaurin and Christopher Washington both take inspiration from a departed aunt in their quest to work in a health services career.

“My aunt who recently passed was a nurse,” said Christopher, 16. “That really got me interested. Now I want to be a nurse practitioner. I’ve always liked helping people. It’s just in my nature.”

Jamecia, 15, said her interest in becoming an emergency medical technician was piqued when her aunt was treated in an emergency situation. She wants people like her aunt to get the help they need when an ambulance or first responder arrives.

They’re among students in Lanier’s Academy of Health Services who will get hands-on training through the donation of a retired ambulance by American Medical Response. The ambulance – not to be driven by students, but instead to be used as a stationary simulation lab – will become the Emergency Medical Services Laboratory within the academy.

It will provide an instructional environment that will support a comprehensive approach to teaching and learning, enabling students to practice real-world emergency scenarios and learn medical skills needed for a career in the emergency response or medical transportation fields.

“It can help me out with any good job I want,” Jamecia said.

The donation was marked by a Passing of the Keys ceremony recently at Lanier, 833 W. Maple St.



Passing the ceremonial ambulance key as they celebrate with students are, from left Lanier High National Alumni Association Treasurer Hazel Fields; Dr. Claude Brunson, UMMC senior advisor to the vice chancellor; AMR Public Information Officer Jim Pollard; Lanier High Principal Michael McDonald; JPS Director of Academies Marquita Slater; and JPS Superintendent Errick Greene.

The Academy of Health Services is one of five that make up the Jackson Public Schools Academies of Jackson. The University of Mississippi School of Nursing collaborates with AMR, JPS and the Lanier High National Alumni Association to support the Academy of Health Services.

“This is a special day for AMR,” said Stan Alford, AMR’s operations manager. “Over the years, we’ve donated several retired ambulances to fire, rescue and law enforcement agencies for a variety of uses, but this is the first time we’ve donated an ambulance to a school district.

“There are a great many career opportunities in the medical transportation field, and we hope students in programs such as Lanier’s will go on to enter our profession.”

“This represents more than just the passing of the keys,” said Jack-

son Mayor Chokwe Lumumba. “This is the passing of opportunity, and of breaking down the walls of the classroom.”

The collaboration is a powerful testament to the commitment shown to Lanier students and future leaders who will pass through the school, district administrators say.

“I’m excited to see us doing something a little different,” said new Jackson district Superintendent Errick Greene. “This might just spark in (academy students) a little excitement.

“This partnership with UMMC is pretty remarkable,” Greene said. “This warms my heart. This could change the trajectory of these young people’s lives.”

UMMC is invested in the district’s students in part “because health care is the largest employer in the nation,” said Dr. Claude

Brunson, senior advisor to UMMC Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs Dr. LouAnn Woodward. The School of Nursing since 2015 has staffed a full-time Teen Wellness Clinic at Lanier, in partnership with UMMC and the school district, to give primary care and health education to students.

Those in the Health Services Academy “can be certified as an emergency responder by the time they graduate high school,” Brunson said.

“Our school sits in the heart of the governor’s medical corridor for our state,” Hazel Shields, National Alumni Association treasurer, said of Lanier, established in 1925 and the city’s oldest African-American high school.

“Our students have the opportunity to prepare for careers that are within their reach.”



Students in Lanier High’s Health Services Academy line up to get a first look at a retired ambulance donated to their program by American Medical Response.



Lanier High students Breana Johnson, left, and Clarissa Keys inspect a retired AMR ambulance that has been donated to their school.

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evant to sentencing, allegations of uncharged, similar misconduct.

Several legal experts maintain that there are many obvious appealable issues that should have influenced O’Neill to allow Cosby to remain on house arrest on bail while the legal process continues.

“Bill Cosby was tried and convicted without any actual evidence that his crimes had ever been committed, no police reports, no medical records, no collaborating witnesses; just the accusations of women recalling events that occurred 30 years in the past,” said Bob Law, the chairman of the National Black Leadership Alliance.

“And that is in opposition to the legal principle that the accuser cannot bring the action and also be the witness without any collaborating evidence,” Law said.

Lawyers and representatives for Cosby have pointed out a large listing of trial errors, including:

O’Neill failed to dismiss the case once Cosby’s team proved that the 12-year statute of limitations had expired. O’Neill instead asked the jury to decide whether the statute had expired, and the jury did not consider it.

O’Neill refused to permit the jury to hear former District Attorney Bruce Castor’s testimony that accuser Andrea Constand was “not credible,” and had “repeatedly changed her story.”

O’Neill did not disclose personal grudges and non-professional interactions between himself and Castor. A past affair between O’Neill and a former assistant district attorney, serving under Castor (who is currently a judge presiding in the same Montgomery County courthouse), was thought to be revealed to O’Neill’s wife by Castor. In 2005-2006 Castor refused to bring charges against Cosby.

O’Neill refused to remove a juror who openly said Cosby was “guilty, we can go home,” before testimony in the trial had begun.

O’Neill refused to penalize two racially-charged comments made by both assistant district attorneys.

On several occasions during the trial, O’Neill admonished and berated Cosby’s lawyers in front of the jury and at times, praised the prosecution.

A juror admitted to an unspecified personal relationship with one of the detectives assigned to the Cosby case.

O’Neill took no action as two jurors openly flirted with prosecutor Kevin Steele’s media representative, Kate Delano and attorney Lisa Bloom during the trial.

O’Neill took no action as another juror repeatedly winked at other Cosby accusers seated in the courtroom.

O’Neill took no action as attorneys Gloria Allred and Lisa Bloom appeared to give instructions to their clients, seated in the courtroom’s gallery, including motioning to them when they should cry.

The new filing includes additional grounds for which Cosby should receive a new trial. Other appealable infractions include:

O’Neill allowed testimony from other accusers who had nothing to do with the case.

O’Neill refused to allow Cosby’s team to call witnesses who had given sworn testimony that Constand planned to “shake down” Cosby and lured him into a relationship to do so.

Despite compelling evidence presented by Defense Attorney Thomas Mesereau that appeared to show that the statute of limitations had expired on the more than decade old case, O’Neill refused to rule, instead, asked that the jury consider it which they did not.

O’Neill didn’t disclose an ongoing feud he had with former District Attorney Bruce Castor, who convinced Cosby to waive his Fifth Amendment rights and sit for a deposition. In exchange, Castor agreed that the deposition could never be used against Cosby in any Pennsylvania criminal proceedings. The deposition was the primary tool used to convict Cosby.

O’Neill refused to recuse himself even after it was discovered that his wife donated money to a women’s group that protested against Cosby.

Several jurors were allowed to remain on the jury despite revealing that they were either neighbors of court officials or had personal relationships with detectives on the case.

Portions of Cosby’s civil deposition were admitted as evidence even though defense attorneys argued that the deposition shouldn’t be admitted at all. They also argued that if the judge was going to admit the deposition, he should allow the entire 87-page document to be presented to the jury, instead of the portion allowed, which was presented without context.

“The deposition transcript does not show Cosby drugged women without their knowledge in order to incapacitate them so that he could rape them,” said Oxford alum Jonathan Farley. “But, a juror admitted that he voted to convict Cosby based on this false belief,” Farley said.

If Castor hadn’t promised Cosby that the deposition could never be used against him, Cosby could – and likely would – have exercised his Fifth Amendment right to remain silent, said Davis. “Years later, [Kevin Steele,] a new trophy-hunting district attorney, decided to violate the promises of the prosecutor’s office and filed charges against Cosby,” he said.

Castor testified during a preliminary hearing in the Cosby case that he did indeed have what he called a binding agreement with Cosby and that the deposition should not be used.

The new DA, Kevin Steele, argued that the portions of the deposition that are damaging to Cosby should be used. O’Neill sided with Steele.

“That is tantamount to the judge ensuring a conviction by sneaking evidence in the back door that suggests Cosby is a bad man who has sex outside of marriage and who does drugs and provides drugs to women who are having a relationship with him. Cosby never said in his deposition that he gave them drugs so that they would be unconscious so that he could rape them. This is a pure lie and fraud committed by the mass media,” Davis said.

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Adventure Training Camp for JROTC cadets


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The Jackson Public Schools JROTC program took 85 cadets, 15 instructors and three chaperones on their annual Adventure Training Unit (ATU) Camping Experience in September. JPS has conducted this annual event for over 20 years. For many of the participants, this was their first time actually spending overnight in an outdoor camping environment. The event was conducted at the Camp Hood Boy Scout facility in Hazlehurst, Mississippi. Cadets participated in a Torch Lighting Ceremony where the older generation of instructors passed the torch of responsibility to the younger generation of cadets. The cadets also received practical hands-on instruction in first-aid/CPR, ropes/knot tying, compass reading/land navigation, team building and non-verbal communication skills. The purpose of ATU is to expose cadets to outdoor survival skills and reinforce the seven Army values: Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity and Personal Courage.



In this team building exercise, cadets pass each other on a log without using verbal communication.

Provine football player to play in Under Armour All-America Game in January



Russell

Mississippi Link Newswire

Under Armour presented Provine football player De'Monte Russell, with a jersey announcing his invitation to appear in the 2019 Under Armour All-America High School Football Game. The presentation took place in the school's gymnasium and included the Provine football team, coaches, students and the player's family. The star football player said playing in the Under Armour All-America Game is a dream come true for him.

"It's my time and I am going to represent Mississippi as well and compete," said Russell. "It didn't come easy. It took a lot of hard work to make it to this moment." Russell credits his family, coaches and school for his success as a student-athlete. The Under Armour All-America Game will take place January 3, 2019, at the Camping World Stadium in Orlando, Florida. The game will air on ESPN. *You may learn more about the Under Armour All-America Game on Facebook and Twitter (@AllAmericaGame).*

FAFSA days scheduled for JPS high school students

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Get2College is hosting FAFSA completion days in JPS schools and at the Get2College Center located at 2600 Lakeland Terrace. Parents will be able to work one-on-one with counselors to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Downloadable flyers with details are available at the links below for each FAFSA event. You must have a scheduled appointment to participate.

Locations	Date	Appointment	Flyer
Callaway	Monday, October 22 9 a.m.-6 p.m.	See Dr. LeShan Chase Davis for an appointment.	Callaway FAFSA Day (PDF)
Forest Hill	Tuesday, November 13 9 a.m.-6 p.m.	See Ebonie Cheeks for an appointment.	Forest Hill FAFSA Day (PDF)
Jim Hill	TBA	TBA	TBA
Lanier	Wednesday, November 28 9 a.m.-4 p.m.	See Charlotte Johnson Hunter for an appointment.	Lanier FAFSA Day (PDF)
Murrah	Monday, October 15 9 a.m.-4 p.m.	See Jana Williams for an appointment.	Murrah FAFSA Day (PDF)
Provine	Tuesday, October 9 9 a.m.-4 p.m.	See Gwendolyn Sanders for an appointment.	Provine FAFSA Day (PDF)
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The Hinds Community College Foundation recognized 2018-2019 scholarship recipients, donors and honorees at a reception Sept. 28 at the Muse Center on the Rankin Campus.

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Chloe Longley of Jackson received the Edward D. and Rebecca J. Brown Scholarship.



Madison Roberts of Clinton received the AT&T Endowed Scholarship.



Kara Sowell of Benton, Amaris Edwards of Byram, Joshua Cofield of Madison and Samuel Mateo of Brandon received the Ed, Mattie and Douglas Woolley Scholarship.

Alcorn wins two Halbrook Awards during the Mississippi Association of Colleges & Universities Conference

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The hard work of Alcorn State University's scholar student-athletes was recently recognized during an event that honors educational excellence.

Alcorn won The David M. Halbrook (traveling) Trophy and The John C. and Ernestine McCall Halbrook Achievement Award during the Mississippi Association of Colleges and Universities' Annual Conference hosted by Tougaloo College Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 in Jackson, Mississippi.

The David M. Halbrook Trophy is presented to the institutional executive officers of the winning colleges and universities with the highest percentage of graduating student-athletes. The John C. and Ernestine McCall Halbrook Achievement Award is a cash award presented to the single college or university that has shown the greatest increase over the previous year in

the percentage of athletes graduating.

Interim President, Donzell Lee praised the commitment to excellence displayed by Alcorn's student-athletes.

"The faithful faculty and staff have done an amazing job at preparing our student-athletes to not only succeed in their respected sports but also to dominate in the classroom," said Lee. "These awards are indicative of the dedication that both the faculty and the student-athlete puts in on a regular basis. We are proud of their efforts."

The purpose of the Mississippi Association of Colleges and Universities (MAC) is to promote goodwill among colleges and universities, to stimulate academic and professional cooperation among the membership, to consider common problems, and to pursue those matters of common interest to the membership.



Lovett Elementary begins Arrow Runners Club

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Getting kids up and active is the heart behind the brand-new running club, called the Arrow Runners at Lovett Elementary School.

Teachers Abby Smith, Ashley Hall and Amanda Pennington have brought Marathon Kids, a nationwide running program specifically geared towards kids, to Clinton.

Smith, Hall and Pennington came together after receiving a district wide email about an opportunity to apply for a grant from Marathon Kids. Knowing this was a fantastic opportunity for Lovett since there are not any fitness clubs available, the teachers knew they should take advantage.

The Marathon Kids Program is a Nike affiliated, nationwide program that provides guidance for coaches and sponsors of clubs through training exercises, manuals, progress tracking for students and incentives to reach certain mile markers.

For students participating in the Arrow Runners, meetings will begin with a series of stretches and then, of course, running.

Participants will set goals for themselves and work to reach those goals by running a couple of miles each practice. Their sponsors will be running alongside them, but if they aren't running, "...we will be on the side cheering them on," said Smith.

When students reach their running goal, Marathon Kids and Nike will provide a reward and certificate of achievement and the students will be recognized at school for their accomplishments.

"We hope they will enjoy running together and pushing

ing their limits," said Hall.

Running is important and something that the sponsors are passionate about. They hope the participating students will build up self-esteem and confidence, grow in character and learn to enjoy the camaraderie that being a part of a team cheering each other on affords.

Having experience with the feeling of accomplishment that comes with training to run long distance races and achieving their goals, Smith, Hall and Pennington hope their students will soon feel that sense of achievement as well.

"It's an unbelievable feeling," said Hall. "You suddenly feel like all those long training miles weren't so bad after all. The hard work you put in got you to your goal and no one can take that away from you."

With this opportunity to essentially be a part of a team, and cultivate a love of running early on, Hall, Smith and Pennington hope that the students who participate in the club at Lovett will continue running throughout their school careers, eventually going on to join the junior high club and high school teams.

"We hope this creates a bridge from Lovett to the cross country and track clubs beyond. We'd love for this to be a stepping stone that allows kids to cultivate a love and passion for running," said Hall.

For more information about the Arrow Runners email any of the sponsors at asmith@clintonpublicschools.com, ahall@clintonpublicschools.com, or apennington@clintonpublicschools.com.

2018 Sports Hall of Fame inductees share stories of their past successes



“From Leaders to Legends” honorees showcase their plaques and medallions at the 31st Sports Hall of Fame Banquet, Sept. 28, in the Lee E. Williams Athletics and Assembly Center. PHOTOS BY CHARLES A. SMITH

By L.A. Warren
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Jackson State University inducted 10 accomplished performers into JSU’s 2018 Sports Hall of Fame Sept. 28, in the Lee E. Williams Athletics and Assembly Center.

Ashley Robinson, a JSU vice president and director of athletics, told the honorees, “You are the very best from classes past, and we ensure your feats will always be remembered.”

In addition, Robinson said, “We acknowledge your contributions as former students athletes, coaches and significant contributors who have shown distinguished, unique and exceptional abilities.”

Each of the honorees were presented a plaque and medallion and their photos will appear in JSU’s Hall of Fame with other great inductees who preceded them.

Program emcee Rob Jay, JSU’s executive producer of Sports Media, asked honorees to express their feelings about their induction, share memorable tales about their athletic skills and conquests as well as their experiences at JSU.

Here are comments from the 2018 honorees:

Shasta Averyhardt, golfer: “The fact that my name is going to stand next to the greatest athletes of JSU is extremely overwhelming and very humbling. Some of my best moments were formed on the golf course with my teammates during practice sessions and traveling to tournaments.” Averyhardt also recalled competing against non-conference schools and still being victorious. They’re moments she says she’ll cherish for the rest of her life. Athletic history: She won nine collegiate golf tournaments, including four individual SWAC Conference Championships. She led the team to four SWAC Team Championships that berthed a bid in the NCAA Regionals, 2005-2008. In 2011, she became the fourth African-American woman to gain membership on the LPGA Tour.

Kevin Dent, football: The National College Football Hall of Famer paid homage to many of the greats who preceded him, including Robert Brazile and Vernon Perry. “My most memorable moments are having an undefeated season and never losing a SWAC game” during his time at JSU. Athletic history: He led the nation in pass interceptions; garnered 11 as a sophomore and returned



MADDRAMA Performance Troupe captivates the crowd with a tribute to the inductees.

two of those for touchdowns. Ultimately, he would become Conference Defensive Player of the Year twice. JSU Tigers won four consecutive SWAC Championships under the defense of safety Dent.

A.J. Montecinos, golfer: “This induction is extremely humbling. I feel honored. ... Born in Chicago, my father used to take me to the car shows to see Walter Payton, so I was a huge Walter and Chicago Bear fans. To be standing here among all these guys, coach and the Payton family, who are like a second family to me, I am extremely humbled.” Montecinos said his memorable moment at JSU goes back to 1996. “Then, we broke down the color barrier and were the first HBCU to get inducted into the NAAs,” he said. Athletic history: He earned a PGA Championship and was a caddy for Y.E. Yang, who competed against Tiger Woods.

Narah Jean Oatis, supporter: “This is indescribable. It’s awesome. Humbling. It’s a blessing to be able to receive your flowers while you’re living,” she said. Oatis recalled her experience with the J-Settes, who performed at Motown many years ago. Also, her cheerleaders won SWAC recognition in its first-ever competition.” Athletic history: JSU Department of Athletics presented Oatis an Award for Dedicated Service in 2008 after 32 years of commitment related to JSU athletic performances. She became director of the Sonic Boom of the South’s Prancing Jaycettes (now J-Settes) in 1975, devoting 21 years to the dance group. She also worked with JSU Twirlers and cheerleaders.

Tera Sheriff, basketball: “We earned a bid to the NCAA basketball tournament. It was one of the most prestigious honors. We got whooped ... but (the bid) was the first time in JSU history.” Athletic history: She was a key part of the

Lady Tigers’ advancements to SWAC championships, with an appearance at the NCAA tournament (1995). Sheriff was the only player in the nation to rank in the Top 10 in scoring and rebounding (1994-1995).

Eric Strothers, basketball: “This is a great honor and a blessing,” he said. As a key player on the team, Strothers reflected on his work to perfect his offensive rebounds, especially while playing alongside Lindsey Hunter, a JSU Hall of Famer and former Detroit Piston. Strothers’ scoring average placed him in the JSU 1,000 Points Club. Athletic history: He was named one of the best mid-major assistant coaches in NCAA Division I basketball by collegeinsider.com. In 2010, he was tabbed SWAC Assistant Basketball Coach of the Year.

M.C. Taylor, football: The skilled athlete helped his team win a national championship. Consequently, the squad earned the nickname of “The 1962 Dream Team.” Athletic history: He played on two conference championship teams and on a national championship team.

John Walker, football: “There were a lot of great players to come before me. JSU coaches were very fair and gave me an opportunity to prove my skills. ... I had an opportunity to learn a lot from a lot of good players, too,” he said. Athletic history: After being drafted by the NFL’s Atlanta Falcons, his plans were to play about 12 years, retire and then start a business. All of that changed after being drafted in 1968 by the U.S. Army. He was inspired to coach after active duty. At JSU, he lettered four consecutive years. He was a linebacker, tight end and also the long snapper center.

LaTrenda Watson, softball: “This is an unbelievable moment,” Watson said. The gifted competitor recalled being an all-around athlete who was proud to be part of JSU’s first softball program. Athletic

history: She was a four-year letter winner in softball. In 1999, Watson received SWAC All-Tournament Team; SWAC Eastern Division Most Outstanding Hitter and Player of the Year. She was 29th in the nation for Division I for a softball batting average of .418.

Rickey Young, football: “It’s humbling,” he said of his induction. “I’m grateful to come back and be among the people you love and care so much about.” For helping him strive to be the best, he cites the influence of coaches and players such as Robert Brazile, Walter Payton, Jackie Slater and Vernon Perry. “We had so many people who worked so hard together. It was gratifying. This school has provided me with so much and so many things that I’m thankful for. I came here at 17, graduated, left and went on to do some things that I probably would have never had an opportunity to do. ... Life is so strange. There are so many things that come to you that you don’t know it’s coming. You just show up, and it happens. You work hard and do things that you’re trying to do. You treat people like you want to be treated, and good things just come to you. It’s so simple. I love my life that way because a lot of good things have happened for me and to me.” Athletic history: In the NFL, Young played in 131 games, rushing for nearly 4,000 yards and 23 touchdowns. In his nine seasons in the NFL (1975-1983), Young did not miss a single game, playing in all 131 contests with his teams in that span.

Robinson stressed the significance of the inductees’ lasting impact on the world.

“We just congratulate each of you for making a difference in the lives of our youth through your hard work and determination on the playing field, in the classroom, throughout the community and in your professions,” he said.

Hall of Famer Dr. Earlexia Norwood set to keynote JSU 141st Founder’s Day



Norwood

By Rachel James-Terry
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Dr. Earlexia M. Norwood, the 19th president of the Jackson State University National Alumni Association (JSUNAA), will keynote the 141st Founder’s Day Convocation Thursday, Oct. 18, at 10 a.m. in Rose E. McCoy Auditorium on the Jackson State campus.

Norwood is a board-certified family medicine physician who has practiced with Henry Ford Health System (HFHS) since 1993. She is a graduate of the W.E.B. Du Bois Honors College of Jackson State and the University of Iowa Medical School. Norwood completed her family medicine residency at St. John Hospital in Detroit.

She is currently the service chief of family medicine for Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital; the director of practice development and community health education for the Henry Ford Medical Group; a member of the medical executive committee for West Bloomfield Hospital and an ambassador for the Henry Ford Healthcare Equity Campaign.

In 2014, Norwood was recognized as the JSUNAA’s Alumnus of the Year and was inducted into the JSUNAA Hall of Fame in 2015. She has also been awarded the Distinguished Alumnus of the Year from the National Black College Alumni

Hall of Fame Foundation.

“We are extremely proud to have Dr. Norwood return to campus for this special occasion,” noted William B. Bynum Jr., president of Jackson State. “Her accomplishments as a physician and JSU alumnus make us all proud, and I know that she will inspire our students, faculty and staff.”

Founded as Natchez Seminary in 1877, Jackson State traces its roots to Henry P. Jacobs, who was born into slavery in Alabama. After learning to read and write, he forged freedom papers for his entire family, and they fled enslavement through the Underground Railroad, arriving in Canada in 1856. After the Civil War, Jacobs moved his family to Natchez, where, with the help of the American Baptist Home Mission Society in 1877, he founded a school for freed people, the Natchez Seminary, now Jackson State University.

Founder’s Day Convocation is free and open to the public and will conclude with the traditional tolling of the Founder’s Bell in front of Ayer Hall on the JSU campus.

For more information, contact Robert E. Luckett, director of the Margaret Walker Center, at 601-979-3935 or Rachel James-Terry, Office of University Communications, at 601-979-2950 or rachel.d.james-terry@jsums.edu.

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Secretary of State's office facilitates mock election for students at two Coahoma County high schools

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Students in two Coahoma County high schools cast their ballots this week for candidates in both U.S. Senate races and the Second Congressional District race in the Secretary of State's Promote the Vote (PTV) mock election.

Coahoma Early College High School and Clarksdale High School used realistic ballots and voted on TSX voting machines, which are the machines registered voters in Coahoma County will use in the upcoming November 6 election.

Students who will turn 18 on or before November 6 also registered to vote. Coahoma Circuit Clerk Demetria Jackson and Representative Orlando Paden were in attendance.

The statewide PTV mock election began October 1 and ends October 26. Results will be available in November.

"More than 200 students participated in this mock election, which our staff facilitated on site," Secretary of State Delbert Hosemann said. "We're hopeful this will be the beginning of a life-long habit of voting for these bright young men and women. Voting, more than any other form of civic engagement, gives each and every Mississippian a voice."

PTV, the Secretary of State's comprehensive K-12 voter education program, launched in August with a new theme and implementation materials for teachers. This year's program asks students to contemplate how they may "Make a Difference

in Mississippi" by voting and otherwise getting involved in their communities.

In addition to the mock election, Mississippi Public Broadcasting (MPB) – which is partnering with the Secretary of State's Office to encourage PTV participation – is hosting a "Best Mock Election Precinct" contest for teachers. Teachers who transform their classroom into a festive election-themed mock precinct, post two pictures on their Facebook page, and tag @MPBOnline are eligible to win a door prize.

Art and essay contests are also available for students in grades K-12 and 6-12, respectively. The art contest, called "Colors of My Community," prompts entrants to pretend they are an artist commissioned to draw a mural on a building in their hometown representing the place and people. The essay contest, called "We Have Business to Do!," calls on students to focus on the business economy in the local community by using the Secretary of State's Y'all Business website, www.yallbusiness.sos.ms.gov.

Art and essay entries will be accepted by the Secretary of State's Office until December 7. Winners will receive an award from local banks and be eligible to participate in a ceremony in February 2019 at the Mississippi State Capitol.

For more about PTV, or to register to become a participating school or classroom, visit www.sos.ms.gov/PTV.

Autism Speaks recognizes Secretary of State Hosemann as 2018 Executive Champion

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Autism Speaks, the world's leading autism advocacy and research organization, recognized Secretary of State Delbert Hosemann at the annual Autism Law Summit recently for his efforts to increase autism awareness and insurance coverage for autism in Mississippi.

Hosemann and his wife, Lynn, who has also been a zealous advocate for children diagnosed with autism, were in attendance to accept the organization's 2018 Executive Champion Award.

"This award recognizes significant public service on the part of an executive official in government," said Lorri Unumb, vice president of State Government Affairs for Autism Speaks. "Secretary Hosemann's admirable commitment to this cause has been apparent since I met him a couple of years ago. We are thankful for his efforts in Mississippi."

Autism, or autism spectrum disorder, refers to a broad range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech and nonverbal communication and other unique strengths and differences.

Past winners of the Autism Speaks' Executive Award include Ohio Governor John Kasich, Michigan Lieutenant Governor Brian Calley, Georgia Lieutenant Governor Casey Cagle and California Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones.

"Our children are our most valuable asset, and the early years are the most critical. We have to make sure

all children and their parents have access to treatment and diagnostic services as soon as possible to give them the best chance for a fulfilling life," Hosemann said. "We could not have gotten this far without strong partnerships with Representative Steve Massengill, Senator Rita Parks and others, and I thank them for their commitment and share this award with them."

Mississippi has seen the following developments in autism awareness and treatment in recent years:

In 2015, Hosemann proposed and the Mississippi Legislature –led by Senator Parks and Representative Massengill – enacted House Bill 885, which required private insurers to cover treatment for autism and other developmental disorders, including Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA therapy), to age 8. The bill also created the Mississippi Autism Board, which was housed at the Secretary of State's Office and licenses professionals to practice ABA therapy in the State.

In early 2017, Hosemann, the Mississippi Autism Board, and other clinics and relevant agencies partnered with Autism Speaks to hold its first major coordinated awareness event, an ABA Therapy/Autism Capitol Day. This is now an annual event in Mississippi.

In spring/summer 2017, Hosemann addressed the need for more registered behavior technicians and other ABA therapy professionals with the Mississippi Community College Board.

The Secretary of State's Office worked with Holmes Community

College and the University of Southern Mississippi to create an online RBT course for parents, teachers and students in the state. This groundbreaking class is the first of its kind in the United States. The first course was held in March 2018, and Holmes Community College plans to offer the class in fall 2018 and in 2019.

In early 2018, Hosemann partnered with Insurance Commissioner Mike Chaney to negotiate an agreement with the state's three largest private insurers to lift the age cap at no additional cost for parents for coverage for treatment of autism and other developmental disorders. The agreement covered 90 percent of all individuals on the spectrum; other insurers did not have an age cap.

"Before Secretary Hosemann joined our cause, the insurance bill failed to pass every year," said Massengill (R-Hickory Flat), who authored House Bill 885. "By partnering together, we were able to pass watershed legislation which will make so many Mississippians' lives better."

Parks (R-Corinth), who authored the Senate counterpart to House Bill 885, agreed.

"Mississippi has become a leader in the autism arena," Parks said. "I'm proud of what we have been able to accomplish so far, and look forward to doing even more for some of our most vulnerable citizens in the future."

For more information about Autism Speaks, visit www.AutismSpeaks.org. More information about the Mississippi Autism Board can be accessed at www.sos.ms.gov/autismboard/.

Auto Parts Manufacturing Mississippi increases production, creates 50 Jobs

Mississippi Link Newswire

Automotive supplier Auto Parts Manufacturing Mississippi is increasing production in Lee County, investing \$100 million and creating 50 jobs.

"Auto Parts Manufacturing Mississippi's growth in Lee County is a strong indicator the state's automotive industry continues to gain momentum and will be a major economic driver in North Mississippi and throughout the state," Gov. Phil Bryant said.

A Tier 1 automotive supplier located in Guntown, APMM produces stamped auto parts, body weld parts and plastic parts. The company's expansion accommodates increased production for the 2019 Toyota Corolla, which is produced at Toyota Mississippi in Blue

Springs. APMM, which is owned by Toyota Auto Body Co., LTD, is retooling its facility and investing in workforce training.

"We appreciate the state of Mississippi and Lee County for their continued support to APMM," said APMM President Hidehiro Kuwabara. "This investment is very important to our future and our commitment to our community."

The Mississippi Development Authority is providing assistance for workforce training. Lee County is providing assistance in the form of ad valorem tax exemptions.

"APMM's expansion creating dozens of new careers for Mississippians in Lee County is a direct result of

teamwork driving Toyota Mississippi's growth in Blue Springs to produce the 2019 Corolla," said MDA Executive Director Glenn McCullough Jr. "We salute the leadership of the Community Development Foundation and the Lee County Board of Supervisors who worked with the MDA team to assist APMM as it grows, strengthening the automotive industry in North Mississippi."

APMM currently employs approximately 400 workers in Lee County. The company expects to fill the new positions by December 2018. APMM is accepting applications through local employment agencies Express Employment Professionals, Resource Manufacturing and Kelly Services.

AG Hood announces nationwide settlement on CVS health, Aetna merger

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Senior citizens in Mississippi and other states are now protected from potential increased prescription drug prices and reduced choices that could have resulted from the merger of CVS Health and Aetna thanks to a settlement by Attorney General Jim Hood, the U.S. Department of Justice (USDOJ) and a multistate coalition.

The agreed order requires Aetna to sell Medicare Part D plans of 1.5 million people to their competitor, WellCare Health Plans, in order to move forward with the planned merger.

Prior to the agreement, the Mississippi Attorney General's Office was concerned that the \$69 billion merger would cause anticompetitive effects, including increased prices, inferior customer service and decreased innovation in 16 Medicare Part D regions covering 22 states. The complaint,

filed in D.C. District Court, alleges that the loss of competition between CVS and Aetna would result in lower-quality services and increased costs for consumers, the federal government, and ultimately, taxpayers.


Based on a report by insurance regulators, the proposed merger could have otherwise made a particular impact in Mississippi but for the divestiture.

"The proposed merger would join two of the largest companies in this market: CVS, which holds the second largest market share, and Aetna, the fourth largest. Without requiring Aetna to sell off part of its business in order for the merger to go through, the consolidation could have harmed Mississippi's most vulnerable populations, seniors ages 65 and over and people with disabilities, by reducing options and increasing healthcare

costs," Hood said. "As part of the agreement, we will receive information that will help us monitor the impact of the merger on our older citizens and intervene if necessary."

CVS is a nationwide drugstore chain that has grown to include pharmacy benefit management and SilverScript Insurance, and Aetna is one of the nation's largest health insurance carriers. Under the terms of the proposed settlement, Aetna must assist WellCare in operating the business during the transition and in transferring the affected customers through a process regulated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, an agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Hood was joined in this announcement by the USDOJ and attorneys general from California, Hawaii, Florida and Washington.



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Kavanaugh is on the Court - Now it's time for the people to speak

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Brett Kavanaugh is now a justice of the Supreme Court. He is there only because he is what he showed himself to be in the Senate hearings: a vicious, partisan operative utterly committed to a right-wing judicial activism that will inevitably lead to a constitutional crisis.

Republicans ensured that there would not be a full investigation of the charges against Kavanaugh, yet Maine Sen. Susan Collins dishonestly called the cribbed FBI investigation comprehensive. Kavanaugh revealed in the hearings exactly who he is – and why Trump chose him and Republicans lined up to confirm him, no matter what the evidence.

A close-minded partisan zealot, he bizarrely embraced the most fantastical of conspiracy theories, including somehow that all this was revenge hatched by the Clintons. He demonstrated stunning contempt for senators – yet Republican senators, led by Chairman Charles Grassley, no longer have any institutional pride. The Senate be damned; they are purely into tribal partisan politics.

They stuck with Kavanaugh because they know who he is. He claims to be an “originalist” and “textualist” who only applies the Constitution, but that is simply a threadbare cover. He was vetted and approved by the Federalist Society and



Judge Kavanaugh and President Trump

the Heritage Foundation – both dedicated to promoting activist right-wing lawyers who will overturn precedent to serve conservative ends.

Kavanaugh’s ascension to the court locks in a five-person majority for an extreme activist position. We’ve already seen what the conservative gang of five is prepared to do.

They ignored unanimous Congressional intent to gut the Voting Rights Act. They overturned decades of precedent to empower corporations to pour money into elections. They trampled precedent to gut the ability of public employee unions to collect dues from the members they represent. The threat Kavanaugh poses to Roe v. Wade, and a woman’s right to control her own body is clear. Less attention has been paid to his consistent effort to protect corporations from accountability.

When faced with a choice between the polluter and the poisoned, Kavanaugh stands with

the polluter. When faced with a choice between the boss and the worker, he stands with the boss. When faced with a choice between a predator corporation and a consumer, he stands with the predator.

Public Citizen did an analysis of Kavanaugh’s opinions on the U.S. Court of Appeals in cases where the court was divided. They found that nearly 9 of 10 times, Kavanaugh ruled against the public interest and for the corporate interest. In 17 cases involving worker rights, he stood with the employers 15 times. In 13 cases on the environment, he was with the polluter 11 times. In 22 cases between corporations and consumers, he stood with the corporations 18 times.

On seven cases involving police abuse or human rights, he ruled against the victims in all seven. In the Senate hearing, Kavanaugh vowed to have a partisan frame.

Blaming Democrats for challenging his nomination, he

pledged that “what goes around, comes around.” The right wing has consolidated a majority on the court. It is a gang of five that is increasingly out of step with a society that grows more diverse, more inclusive, and is increasingly challenged by corporate corruption, big money politics, obscene inequality and catastrophic climate change. The gang of five is likely to stand in the way of fundamental reforms vital to this country.

The only thing that can save Democracy is the democracy. Even the Supreme Court responds to election returns.

If Trump Republicans remain in control of the Congress and the White House, the gang of five will be emboldened. If voters rebuke them at the polls – if they elect progressive majorities focused on the changes we need – the gang of five will be more cautious.

Kavanaugh is probably impervious to the will of the people, too bitter, too ideological, too zealous to be reached. But Chief Justice John Roberts and perhaps Neil Gorsuch may understand that their own legacy and the court’s legitimacy will be at risk if they try to defend the rich and corporations from a people demanding justice.

Our task is clear. Don’t mourn, organize. With this appointment, the Senate has traduced its reputation and abandoned its responsibilities. Now it is time for the people to speak.

CRL calls for firing of Fair Lending official who used N-word



Blankenstein

By Charlene Crowell
NNPA News Wire Columnist



Recent and stunning disclosures of racially-offensive writings by a high-ranking official at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) has unleashed an escalating barrage of criticisms, including calls for the official to be fired and more probing questions regarding the agency’s commitment to fair lending.

Since a September 28 Washington Post article first reported how Eric Blankenstein, CFPB’s policy director for Supervision, Enforcement and Fair Lending, used a pen name in blogs dating as far back as 2004, a spate of fury has been unleashed. Disguising his authorship, Blankenstein claimed that the use of the N-word was not racist, and further alleged that most hate crimes were hoaxes.

A subsequent New York Times article alleged that people who perpetuated the Obama birther conspiracy are not racist either, and noted that as late as 2016, Blankenstein’s personal Twitter account posted racially charged comments.

Keep in mind that Blankenstein was hand-picked by CFPB head Mick Mulvaney. Patrice A. Ficklin, a CFPB career staff member and director of its Office of Fair Lending and Equal Opportunity reports to Blankenstein and is quoted in the Post article.

Ficklin said, “And while he has been collegial, thoughtful and meticulous, I have had experiences that have raised concerns that are now quite alarming in light of the content of his blog posts – experiences that call into question Eric’s ability and intent to carry out his and his acting director’s repeated yet unsubstantiated commitment to a continued strong fair lending program under governing legal precedent.”

By October 1, Anthony Reardon, national president of the National Treasury Employees Union, advised CFPB of its dissatisfaction with the Blankenstein blogs.

“There should be zero tolerance for comments that Blankenstein has admitted authoring and nothing less than swift and decisive action is called for,” said Reardon. “That someone with a history of racially derogatory and offensive comments has a leadership position at CFPB reflects poorly on CFPB management and your commitment to fulfilling the mandate of the agency to ensure that discriminatory and predatory lending practices are stopped.”

Two days later, on October 3, the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL) publicly called for Blankenstein to be fired.

“Mr. Blankenstein must be removed from his post and this must be combined with a demonstrable commitment by CFPB head Mick Mulvaney to fair lending,” said Yana Miles, CRL’s senior legislative counsel. “Thus far, the Mulvaney approach has been worse than inaction – it has been an

appalling retreat from enforcing anti-discrimination laws.... The enduring legacy and present-day experience of financial discrimination is the key driver of the racial wealth gap. Vigorously addressing this is a legal and moral imperative.”

A second civil rights organization agreed with CRL’s call for Blankenstein’s termination.

“Eric Blankenstein’s racist and sexist remarks show that he is not fit to lead the CFPB Office of Fair Lending,” said Vanita Gupta, president and CEO of The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights. “Our nation’s history of financial discrimination is the key factor in the growing racial wealth gap.”

“Entrusting Blankenstein, given his history of racially derogatory remarks, will undermine progress for fair lending efforts to close the gap,” continued Gupta. “If the CFPB is serious about eradicating discrimination, it must immediately remove Blankenstein, and must ensure that it is led by a person with a demonstrated commitment to civil rights enforcement. His writings make clear that Mr. Blankenstein is not that person.”

The same day, another pivotal development occurred. A letter signed by 13 U.S. Senators representing 11 states wrote Mulvaney, demanding answers to a series of questions no later than October 22. The questions span Mulvaney’s personal awareness of the writings, the guidelines and procedures used to fill the position, whether a member of Congress, or an executive branch employee recommended his hiring, what action he intends to take as acting director and more.

In part, the Senators’ letter states, “We are deeply concerned that you have placed a person with a history of racist writing at a senior position within the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau... Mr. Blankenstein was not hired through the competitive service process like most CFPB employees; he is one of your hand-selected political appointees. Further, you have specifically tasked him with overseeing the CFPB’s fair lending supervision and enforcement work at a time when you have decided to restructure the Office of Fair Lending and Equal Opportunity.”

The letter was signed by Senators Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Cory Booker (D-NJ), Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Maria Cantwell (D-Washington State), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Kamala Harris (D-CA), Edward Markey (D-MA), Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV), Jack Reed (D-RI) Mark Warner (D-VA), Robert Menendez (D-NJ), Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), and Ron Wyden (D-OR).

Even before the Blankenstein scandal, Mulvaney’s actions and inactions at the CFPB have brought a series of concerns by civil rights and consumer advocates alike.

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White Chicago cop convicted of shooting to death black teenager that was captured on police dash cam video

By Frederick H. Lowe
TriceEdneyWire.com

A jury, Oct. 9, found Chicago police officer Jason Van Dyke guilty of second-degree murder and 16 counts of aggravated battery with a firearm in the shooting death of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald. The shooting was captured on police dashcam video and showed that police and city officials initially engaged in a coverup.

Van Dyke sat motionless as the jury foreperson repeated “guilty” 16 times for aggravated battery, and once for second-degree murder. The jury found him not guilty of official misconduct and first-degree murder.

Before the jury issued its verdict, Leighton Criminal Court Building employees and employees of businesses in downtown Chicago were told to go home early should trouble erupt if the jury found Van Dyke not guilty. CLTV in Chicago televised the entire trial.

Van Dyke shot McDonald 16 times as he lay on the ground, posing no threat to him. McDonald was carrying a pocket knife, but the other police officers on the scene did not pull out their guns because they did not consider the teenager a threat. The deadly shooting occurred October 20, 2014.

Van Dyke whispered to his lawyer, Dan Herbert, after the jury completed reading the verdict and left the courtroom. Herbert patted his client on the shoulder. Van Dyke then stood up with his hands behind his back as though he had been handcuffed. He hadn’t been. He walked out of the courtroom flanked and followed by Cook County Sheriff’s deputies.

Outside the courthouse, a



Laquan McDonald, victim

small crowd chanted “Justice for Laquan.” Some members of the crowd carried placards that read, “Black Panther Party” and “Stop Killings by Racist Cops.” Motorists driving by the criminal court’s building honked their car horns to show their support for the verdict. Otherwise, both the crowd and courtroom were relatively quiet.

Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr., who attended at least one of the court sessions, said “a measure of justice has been rendered.” Others said they hoped the jury would have found Van Dyke, 40, guilty of first-degree murder.

Cook County, Illinois, prosecutors charged Van Dyke with murder, aggravated battery and official misconduct.

Van Dyke is the first on-duty police officer in 40 years to be charged with murder and convicted.

Initially, Van Dyke claimed McDonald threatened him and other police officers with a pocket knife, but the case took a dramatic turn when a freelance journalist and a community activist learned of the video that showed the entire shooting. An unnamed whistle-blower told the two about the video.

The police dash-cam video showed McDonald walking



Dan Herbert, lawyer and convicted police officer Jason Van Dyke

away from Van Dyke when he shot him.

The repercussions from the deadly shooting claimed the career of Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, who unexpectedly announced last month that he would not seek a third four-year term.

Emanuel lost support among Chicago’s black voters when his office withheld the dash-cam video, leading to allegations of a coverup. Before the video’s release, police ruled the shooting was justified.

Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan wrote a letter, telling the Police Department it could not withhold the video. On November 19, 2015, Cook County Judge Franklin Valderrama ordered the video to be released to the public no later than November 25, 2015.

The city did not appeal the judge’s decision. On November 24, 2015, after a press conference, the video was released that showed Van Dyke fatally shooting McDonald as he walked away.

The video sparked a series of major demonstrations throughout the city, including along the posh North Michigan Avenue, with protestors chanting “16 shots and a coverup.”

The video’s release also claimed the career of Cook County States’ Attorney Anita Alvarez who supported withholding the video. Alvarez lost her bid for re-election in March 2016 to Kim Foxx, who became the first black woman elected Cook County State’s attorney. Alvarez won only 26 percent of the vote. Emanuel fired Chicago Police Superintendent Gerry McCarthy, who stripped Van Dyke of his police powers, but was prevented from firing him because of the city’s contract with the police union. Van Dyke is no longer a police officer.

McCarthy is now a candidate for Chicago mayor.

The trial lasted three weeks. The 12-person jury deliberated eight hours over a two-day period before reaching a verdict.

Van Dyke could be sentenced to life in prison.

This is the second recent conviction of a white cop for murdering a black teenager. In August, Roy Oliver, a former officer employed by the Balch Springs Police Department, near Dallas, was sentenced to 15 years in prison after a jury convicted him of murder in the 2017 shooting death of Jordan Edwards, an unarmed passenger in a car.

Dealing with immaturity

PART 2

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



I want you to look at some Bible characters that lacked manly fiber. My mind goes to Lot. Abraham gave Lot the first choice: the mountains or the plains. What motivated Lot is what got him into trouble. He saw an easier way of life: the well-watered plains where he would not have to do much. Lot was thinking only about himself and his position in life and he chose the easiest way to go.

I want to tell you something, especially the young folks. The easiest way in life is not always the wisest way. The easiest way is not always the way that is going to lead you toward heaven. This is something you really need to stop and consider.

As soon as Lot got situated in that well-watered plain, he pitched his tent toward Sodom. He turned his heart toward the city, and there began his downfall. You would have thought Lot would have had respect for his uncle and said: “Uncle Abraham, you are older. Why don’t you take the well-watered plains? I am young and I can go up into the mountains.” No,

Lot was only thinking of himself.

Others, like Samson, got into trouble because they acted childishly and immaturity. When Samson’s father asked him, “Are not any of the daughters of Israel good enough for you?,” he said that he wanted that Philistine woman. He did not listen to his parents. He did not want anybody to tell him what to do, and he suffered and paid a dear price for his immature behavior.

King Saul acted immaturity. He acted in a childish, selfish manner, not once, but several times. He disobeyed the man of God, and in the end it cost him his life. King David, as great a man of God as he was suffered because of a serious breach of self-discipline. He got himself into a lot of trouble, so the Lord told him the sword would never depart from his house because of a moment of indiscretion. Balaam, with Balik, was motivated by greed.

King Ahab could not accept disappointment. He wanted Naboth’s vineyard. When Naboth refused to sell it to him, he went to his bed and cried with his face toward the wall. Jezebel, his wife, came in and said, “Honey, what’s the matter?” If Ahab had a wife like he should

have had, she would have said: “What’s the matter with you Ahab? Get yourself up out of that bed and stop crying like a baby!” Ahab cried, “Naboth will not give me his vineyard.” Jezebel should have put her hands on her hips and said to him: “You have hundreds of vineyards in your kingdom. Why do you need Naboth’s?” She should have put her foot down and said, “Forget it: you need to grow up, Ahab.” If she had been the woman she should have been, she might have saved both of their destinies, but she possessed the same spirit as Ahab.

Wives and husbands need to be very careful of their involvements. The wife can help her husband sometimes, even though he may not like it at first. There have been times when I didn’t like my wife’s interfering with my thoughts. There have been times when my wife has helped me to take another look at a situation. I did not like that initially, but when I walked away, her words stuck in my mind. God has given men a helpmeet; two heads are better than one.

In the New Testament, you can read about Ananias and Sapphira. Again, if his wife would have been the wife she

should have been, they might have lived for many more years, but she sided with her husband in deception.

Husbands need wives who will stand for God, have some courage, be steadfast, have some backbone and have the spiritual strength to stand for what is right. There is so much godly spouses can do to help each other through this Christian life. God will do a lot of things for us, but there are some things that He expects us to do.

People have so many ways to try to get around dealing with their problems. It is a whole lot simpler just to deal with it, get it out of the way and go on being happy in the work of the Lord.

Let us pull together, labor together and work together in Jesus’ name and for His sake.

Again, we read in 1 Corinthians 13:11, “When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.”

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PRESERVED Christians, stop supporting immorality

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



It’s been less than a week since one of the most divisive Supreme Court nomination fights ended with the confirmation of Brett Kavanaugh to the nation’s highest court.

Many Christians and white evangelicals gleefully celebrated the shifting of the Supreme Court to an ultraconservative majority that could eventually overturn the Roe V Wade decision that legalized abortion. They claimed that it is a sign from God and an answer to decades of prayer.

Others expressed equally strong disappointment that Kavanaugh was confirmed considering concerns about his temperament which resulted from his hysterical response to the charges of sexual assault.

One of the most disturbing things I read during the confirmation battle was an explanation by a pastor I follow on Facebook. The pastor callously declared that though she was a survivor of sexual assault, she did not believe Christine Blasey Ford. She continued that the claims were “a subversive attempt by liberal activists to stop a man of integrity because they have no morals, no integrity because they have no moral compass.”

To all of that, I say that her words are a perfect example of evangelical Christians shamefully showing how some can’t recognize or much less show God’s grace to others.

The moral compass doesn’t stop at the abortion clinic, it should extend to people who are hurting like those who are survivors of sexual abuse.

James 1:27 cautions about this kind of hypocritical behavior: “Anyone who sets himself up as “religious” by talking a good game is self-deceived. This kind


of religion is hot air and only hot air. Real religion, the kind that passes muster before God the Father, is this: Reach out to the homeless and loveless in their plight, and guard against corruption from the godless world. (MSG)

It seems to me that those “Christians,” like this pastor who doubted Ford’s claims of abuse, ignore the words of Matthew 7:1-2 which caution against judging others: “Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged....” Rather than judging her and other victims of such heinous crimes, more effort should be spent praying and sharing God’s love with them.

Sadly, nearly two years into this presidency, the United States is experiencing greater racial, ethnic, religious and economic divisions. So far, the results of this presidency are unrelenting chaos, confusion and division. Even if your motivation to vote is to support this president’s decisions because of issues like abortion, there is no scripture to justify continuing to support a man who has proudly displayed racist and sexist as well as bullying behavior.

God will hold accountable those Christians who turned a blind eye and a deaf ear to the inflammatory rhetoric and immoral actions of Trump and did not embrace the truth of Matthew 12:33 which reminds us that to “...love your neighbor...is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.” In other words, no religious practice/belief or political affiliation should be more important than showing Godly love and kindness to others.

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Where do we go from here?

By E. Faye Williams
Trice Edney Newswire



Where do we go from here is a question Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. raised when black people were desperately trying to be treated as human beings in this country. All of my life, as a woman and as a black person, I'm still asking that question because equality has been beyond reach for me.

As I watched so many white women being arrested in Washington, D.C. in support of the rights and treatment of women, I couldn't help but wonder if they could relate to how my ancestors have felt since they were brought to this country against their will and treated as less than human. I wondered if this concern for humanity will last now that the Brett Kavanaugh decision has been finalized.

As I watched those five elderly white Republican men stand behind the microphone on Capitol Hill with angry and self-righteous words with a "How dare anyone question what we are doing?" attitude, I couldn't help but wonder what this means for the country many of us have tried so hard to see as fair and concerned about all of her citizens.

I heard the ACLU speak out against Kavanaugh. The American Bar Association withdrew its support after seeing his raging performance. The National Council of Churches called for the withdrawal of his nomination for a position on the Supreme Court. At one time, we would welcome someone going to the Supreme Court, but Kavanaugh's performance has made that thought a scary one for any of us who spend our days seeking justice.

No matter what was said, there was never an honest or thorough effort to confirm or deny the allegations against the person who sought a position on the highest court in the land. I believed Dr. Christine Ford as the judge denied everything. The performance we saw from Kavanaugh should have disqualified him from serving on the court that is the final authority on justice.

In a conversation with the Rev. Dr. Calvin Butts a short time ago, it was comforting to know that I'm just one of many with serious concern about what is going on and who we can depend upon to help us. Butts indicated that "the Progressive National Baptist Convention has been compelled to step forward amidst the worsening crisis at the heart of American life to reaffirm the commitment of the Church of Jesus Christ to Truth and Justice."

Buts said, "... it's always been the African-American church that has led the way forward along the moral arc of American history. And so, we have called this press conference for the express purpose of explicitly and intentionally enjoining the conversation as the alternative yet the most authentic Christian voice in this critical hour."

Progressive National Baptist Convention and many other black churches, unlike the white and often racist Conservative Evangelical movement, have always led the way forward to justice for all. We need to hear from them to hear where we go from here.

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Constitutional right to counsel is meaningless under dismal current public defender system

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"Reason and reflection require us to recognize that in our adversary system of criminal justice, any person hauled into court, who is too poor to hire a lawyer, cannot be assured a fair trial unless counsel is provided for him. This seems to us to be an obvious truth. From the very beginning, our state and national constitutions and laws have laid great emphasis on procedural and substantive safeguards designed to assure fair trials before impartial tribunals in which every defendant stands equal before the law. This noble ideal cannot be realized if the poor man charged with crime has to face his accusers without a lawyer to assist him." — U.S. Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black

It's familiar to anyone who's ever watched a cops-and-robbers drama on television or in the movies: You have the right to an

attorney. If you cannot afford an attorney, one will be provided for you at public expense.

It's enshrined in the Sixth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution: "In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to ... have the assistance of counsel for his defence."

Despite this constitutional mandate, poor defendants who could not afford lawyers to represent them were not guaranteed representation at public expense until 1963, thanks to a defendant named Clarence Earl Gideon. Convicted of burglary after having been forced to act as his own lawyer, Gideon studied the law in prison and appealed to the Supreme Court. The landmark decision resulting from his case, *Gideon v. Wainwright*, required states to provide an attorney to defendants in criminal cases who are unable to afford their own attorneys.

In the 230 years since the ratification of the constitution, and more than a half-century since *Gideon v. Wainwright*, the United States has failed miserably in its

duty to guarantee equal justice to rich and poor alike. The public defender system is broken, leaving thousands of poor detainees stranded in local jails — unable to raise enough money under discriminatory cash bail policies — waiting months or even years for a desperately overworked lawyer to be assigned to his or her case. The system forces innocent men and women to plead guilty, just to get out of jail and return to their families and their jobs.

In Missouri, which ranks near the bottom for public spending on defending the poor, the desperate head of the state public defender office appointed Governor Jay Nixon to represent an indigent defendant. Nixon had vetoed legislation to cap caseloads for Missouri's public defenders, who average 240 cases each per year.

Nixon fought the assignment and won but the point had been made. According to the National Association for Public Defense, public defenders are handling three to five times as many cases as they can reasonably handle competently. The American Bar

Association has been referring to public defender workloads as a crisis for more than 30 year.

New York State has taken steps to reform its public defender system. A new law authorizes the state's Office of Indigent Legal Services to establish and uphold standards that address the presence of counsel at a criminal defendant's first court appearance; reasonable limits on the defenders' caseloads; proper training, supervision and support staff for attorneys; and access to resources needed to mount an effective defense.

While the legislation leaves counties responsible for funding public defenders, the state will reimburse cities and counties for the cost of complying with the new standards.

Funding to defend the poor is an easy target for cash-strapped local governments, but in the process of budget-cutting, we diminish our integrity as a nation committed to justice. Constitutional guarantees are meaningless if we are unwilling to base our public policy on our highest ideals.

Jesse Louis Jackson is our civil rights icon

By Julianne Malveaux
NNPA News Wire Columnist



Rev. Jesse Louis Jackson turned 77 October 8, 2018. Nobody has led a less storied life. He first took a public stand for civil rights when he was just a kid attempting to use the library in his hometown of Greenville, South Carolina.

His activism brought him to the attention of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and he served King for years before his assassination. From then, Jackson founded and led Operation Breadbasket, the Rainbow Coalition and the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition. Along the way he ran for president twice, gaining millions of multiracial votes and enough support to provide him with significant influence on Democratic platforms.

One of the most important things about Jackson is the way that he empowered others. When I listened to the "Colored Girls" — Minyon Moore, Yolanda Caraway, Leah Daughtry and Donna Brazile — speak their truth at the National Museum of African-American History and Culture October 1, I was reminded that Jackson has been pivotal in the lives of so many African-American political figures.

We can call the roll, and name names, but I won't do that for fear of leaving someone out.

What I will say is that there would be no President Barack Obama were there not a Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm who ran for president in 1972, nor a Jesse Louis Jackson, who ran for president in 1984 and 1988.

Jackson changed the way that African-American people saw ourselves politically. Before him, we thought we could not make a difference. Because of him, we know that we can. Before him, we did not believe, in his words, that "the hands that picked peaches could pick presidents." Because of him Stacy Abrams is a possible winner (if we vote) as governor of Georgia; Andrew Gillum is a possible winner as governor of Florida, and unlikely candidates for Congress are poised to win.

Thanks to Jackson, African-American people claimed political audacity. We don't have to wait our turn, follow the rules, and defer to the status quo. We can, like Ayanna S. Pressley, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Lucy McBath, just buck up against the system and decide to do it our way. We don't have to climb up the ladder of a broken party system or wait for the blessing of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. Instead, we can step out when the time is right and the possibilities are there.

Nearly 45 years after his historic run for president, Jackson

is engaged in multiple fights. He is fighting for social and economic justice, as he always has, ever since he defied library protocol and insisted on his right to have access to a taxpayer funded public library. He is fighting police brutality and the unnecessary murders of young black men like Chicago's own LaQuan McDonald. He is fighting for young people to thrive in a nation that is biased against them. And he is in the personal fight of his life, fighting Parkinson's disease as passionately as he fights injustice.

Those of us who know Jackson well are excited by his good days and concerned by the days that are not so good. We see the occasional slowed gait, shaking hands and slurred speech, but we also see the days when his rhetorical representation is as excellent as it ever was, and then we cheer.

We know that this is an indefatigable leader, one who will be no more slowed by a physical impediment than he has been by structural racism. And so we cheer whenever we see him stand up, whether he is standing on his own might, or whether he is assisted. We cheer the long and fruitful life of a civil rights icon who has made the world better for so many people and opened the door for hundreds of African-American politicians.

I am writing this from a profoundly biased space. I met

Jackson nearly 50 years ago, when I was an Essence Magazine intern supervised by Chicagoan Leniece Taylor, who was a friend of Jackson's. I've been connected since then, as a delegate in 1984, a campaign surrogate in 1988, a family friend, and most recently, president of PUSH/EXCEL the education arm of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition.

I could not have been more delighted than when the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation bestowed Rev. Jesse and Mrs. Jacqueline Jackson a lifetime achievement award, both because they deserve it, but also because Jackie doesn't often get the recognition she should get as "the wind beneath his wings." I'm biased, y'all, and that's just that.

Our icon, our leader, is celebrating another birthday, and that's a great thing. If you appreciate Rev. Jackson as much as I do, let him know. You can go to the Rainbow website, www.rainbowpush.org to send a note, or you can hit him up on Facebook. Let's rain this brother down with birthday blessings for his 77 years of service.

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Put your heart first: Join the American Heart Association Metro Jackson Heart Walk to save lives



The Mississippi Link Newswire

Thousands of Jackson area residents are expected to join the American Heart Association to raise funds to fight heart disease and stroke, the nation’s No. 1 and No. 5 killers during the Metro Jackson Heart Walk Saturday, November 17, at the Mississippi State Capitol in downtown Jackson. 2018 marks the 25th anniversary of the Heart Walk. The theme is “90s” – everyone is encouraged to dress in their favorite 1990s throwback fashion!

Activities begin at 8 a.m. and the walk will start at 9:15 a.m.

The free non-competitive three-mile walk is open to everyone, including local companies, friends and family. There will also be a one-mile survivor route. Participants are also welcomed to bring leashed dogs.

During the pre-walk activities, participants will be able to visit sponsor booths for health and wellness information. Walkers will have access to health screenings and local companies will be providing giveaways during the event. There will be local entertainment for the entire family, including a “Kids Zone” area that will feature basketball, hula-hoops, balloon animal making, face painting and other activities. Heart healthy snacks will be provided from local food vendors.

“The AHA is committed to fighting heart disease and stroke and is a relentless force for a world of healthier lives,” said Mayo Flynt, president of AT&T Mississippi. “I feel honored to partner with them as chair for the 2018 Heart Walk, and I have seen the positive impact healthy behaviors can have on our Jackson community. I believe that through continued medical advancements and education, we can improve the lives of all Mississippians.”

“Heart disease is the leading cause of death in Mississippi,” said Flynt. “Most of us have been touched by heart disease or stroke in some way. We have an opportunity to truly make a difference in our state and I urge everyone to join us Nov. 17.”

Studies have shown walking is the single most effective form of exercise to achieve heart health. The benefits of walking and moderate physical activity for as little as 30 minutes each day can help reduce the risk of heart disease.

“It’s never too late to adopt a healthy lifestyle,” Flynt said. “The Metro Jackson Heart Walk is a great first step toward being more active, no matter what your age or experience.”

The Metro Jackson Heart Walk also celebrates survivors of heart disease and stroke and lifestyle change heroes who are taking steps towards a healthier life.

Activities include:

Healthy Selfie – pose for a selfie and make a pledge to live a healthier life.

Top Dog Contest – Think you have the cutest dog in the metro area? Prove it. Stop by our Top Dog tent and have a volunteer take your furry friend’s photo using the variety of props available. Photos will be posted on Metro Jackson American Heart Association’s Facebook page on the day following the walk, and the general public will vote on which pup deserves the title of Metro Jackson’s Top Dog.

F.A.S.T. Booth – Do you know the signs and symptoms of a stroke, or what to do if someone around you is having one? Visit our F.A.S.T Booth to test your skills!

Red cap survivor recognition – Heart disease and stroke survivors will wear red caps. During the program, the stage emcees will ask them to raise their caps so the crowd can recognize them.

Corporate and Community teams – More than 30 local area companies are participating, as well as individual family and community groups. Teams will wear t-shirts they’ve designed. These t-shirts could be in honor of someone or they can follow the theme of this year’s walk – “Be a Heart Hero...Help Fight Heart Disease.”

Lifestyle Change Award – This award recognizes an individual who has made changes to their lifestyle to live healthier and longer lives. Nominations can be submitted prior to the event on the Heart Walk website.

People interested in participating in the Heart Walk can register online at www.metrojacksonheartwalk.org. Registering is free, but prizes are awarded after a participant raises \$100.

Proceeds from the Heart Walk will support research, education and community programs of the American Heart Association.

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Forrest General Healthcare Foundation hosts dedication of grand piano



David Fortenberry, board chair of the Forrest General Healthcare Foundation, speaking to the crowd at the dedication ceremony.

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Employees and guests gathered recently in Forrest General Hospital’s main lobby for the dedication of their new grand piano hosted by The Forrest General Healthcare Foundation.

“Earlier this year, the Forrest General Healthcare Foundation was approached by a donor with a vision. His idea was to have a player baby grand piano in the front lobby of Forrest General Hospital to provide soft background music welcoming all who walk through, either entering to welcome a new baby into their family or

leaving the hospital with the weight of worry for a family member or friend.

To this donor, music is healing in all situations for all walks of life, and he made a generous donation in memory of his parents to share in that healing with Forrest General patients, their families and their friends,” said Martha Dearman, executive director, Forrest General Healthcare Foundation.

The beautiful grand piano was given as an anonymous donation to the Forrest General Healthcare Foundation.

The piano will remain in the lobby permanently and will play Monday

through Friday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

“A simple “thank you” pales in comparison to what this donor has given our hospital. It is not always the newest medical equipment or most cutting edge technology that has an impact on our patients. Sometimes, it is a classical and timeless instrument that changes our entire day and heals all of us in ways we may not even understand,” said Dearman.

For more information about the Forrest General Healthcare Foundation, visit foundation.forresthealthms.com.

Swan receives Mississippi Business Journal’s 2018 Healthcare Heroes Award

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Millie Swan, vice president, Forrest Health, received one of Mississippi Business Journal’s 2018 Healthcare Heroes awards at their awards ceremony held at Old Capitol Inn in Jackson, Mississippi, September 28.

The Healthcare Heroes Awards honor outstanding men and women in the health care industry whose contributions have increased the well-being of the community. The categories for honors include: first responder, nurse, physician, professional, volunteer and animal care.

“We are truly pleased to recognize and honor a great group of Mississippi’s healthcare individuals. These deserving men and women have impacted the lives of many in their community and across the state and we have no doubt that many of these individuals will go on to even greater success in the years to come... We’d like to offer our sincere congratulations to each and every one of these healthcare professionals,” said Tami Jones, associate publisher of the Mississippi Business Journal.

As a vice president for Forrest General Hospital/Forrest Health, Swan oversees the medical staff services and marketing and communication areas for the hospital along with service line administration and oversight of the Heart and Vascular Service line, Oncology Service Line, imaging services, lab services, food and nutrition, guest and pastoral services and Spirit of Women Program. She has over 25 years of healthcare experience and prior to her healthcare career she was a TV anchor and news reporter.

Swan has been the recipient of many distinguished honors throughout her career including being named the Senior Professional of the Year by the Mississippi Hospital Association Public Relations and Marketing Society in 2010 and the Amethyst Award presented by the National Spirit of Women Organization.



Millie Swan, vice president, Forrest Health, holding the Healthcare Heroes award.

In 2007, Swan served as president of the MS Hospital Association’s PR and Marketing Society. She is an advisory board member for the National Spirit of Women organization, board member for the Mississippi Arts and Entertainment Experience and USM Partners for the Arts.

Swan is also a member of the Society of Health Care Strategy and Market Development and a life member of Junior Auxiliary. She served on the board of the National Association of Junior Auxiliary as both 2nd vice-president and Public Relations chair-

man.

Swan has served on numerous boards in the past including the Mississippi Distinguished Young Woman Program, Aids Coalition Services, Salvation Army, USM Symphony Orchestra and the Hattiesburg Arts Council.

She is a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi and has been married to Randy Swan for 30 years. They are both active community volunteers and have two daughters – Ivey and Zoey, and she added a son-in-law, Garner Bell in 2017.

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**ADVERTISEMENT FOR REQUEST FOR BIDS
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BY THE JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
JMAA PROJECT NO. 6000-007-18
OCTOBER 10, 2018**

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (“JMAA”) will receive sealed bids at the Jackson- Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport (“JAN”), Main Terminal Building, Suite 300, in the City of Jackson, Rankin County, Mississippi, until 2:00 p.m. Central Standard Time on November 16, 2018 (the “Bid Deadline”), for services in connection with the Solid Waste and Recycling Services, Project No. 6000-007-18, at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport (the “Work”).

JMAA will publicly open and read aloud all bids at 2:05 p.m. Central Standard Time on November 16, 2018 (the “Bid Opening”), in the Staff Conference Room, Third Floor of the Main Terminal Building, Suite 300 at JAN. JMAA invites Bidders and their authorized representatives to attend the Bid Opening.

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

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

The Information for Bidders is on file and open for public inspection at JAN at the following address:
Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport
100 International Drive, Suite 300
Jackson, Mississippi 39208
Telephone: (601) 939-5631

Email Address: dherndon@jmaa.com
Attention: Deuntagus Herndon.
Procurement Specialist

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

JMAA will hold a Pre-Bid Conference at 2:00 p.m. Central Standard Time on October 24, 2018, in the Community Room, 3rd Floor Mezzanine Level, at the Main Terminal Building at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, MS 39208. Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference is highly recommended for all those interested in submitting bids as a Prime Contractor for the Work and persons seeking opportunities to provide work as a Sub-Contractor. The benefits of attendance include networking opportunities between Prime Contractors and Sub-Contractors, as well as the opportunity to be on a list of contacts that will be published to interested parties as part of the minutes from the Pre-Bid Conference; review of the plans and specifications; and a site visit of the area covered in the scope of work. No site visits will be scheduled other than the one provided during the Pre-Bid conference.

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

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

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

JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

DATE: October 10, 2018
/s/ Carl D. Newman, A.A. E.
Carl D. Newman, A.A. E., Chief Executive Officer

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**Advertisement for RFQ
RFQ 2018-01 Request for Qualifications
of Architects and Engineers
Phase I of III
Jackson Public Schools 2018 Bond Construction
Program**

Sealed, written formal rfq proposals for the above rfq 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 3:00 P.M. (Local Prevailing Time) October 19, 2018, at which time will be stamped in and forwarded to Jackson Public Schools Department of Facilities and Operations for review in preparation for the selection process as denoted in the rfq packet of information under Criteria for Selection. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all rfqs, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any rfq if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date rfqs are opened. A Pre-Submission Conference will be held at 10:00 A.M. (local prevailing time), October 11, 2018 in the Jackson Public School District Board Room locate at 621 S. State Street, Jackson, MS 39201. Attendance at the Pre-Submission Conference is mandatory for those interested in submitting Statement of Qualifications as a Prime Consultant for the services.

Submission 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 www.jackson.k12.ms.us.

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ADVERTISING CONCESSION
AT
JACKSON MEDGAR WILEY EVERS
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

JMAA PROJECT NO. 7000-008-18**

Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (“JMAA”) is issuing this request for proposals (“RFP”) from qualified business entities for the development and operation of the In-Terminal Advertising Concession (“Concession”) at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport (“JAN”).

JMAA will receive proposals at the Main Terminal Building, Suite 300, Jackson Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, MS 39208, until 3:00 p.m. Central Standard Time on November 16, 2018 (“Deadline”). JMAA will not consider any Proposals received after the Deadline for any reason whatsoever.

Information for Respondents relating to this RFP is on file and open for public inspection at the offices of JMAA. The Information for Respondents contains a copy of the RFP, General Information for Respondents, Information Required from Respondents and Criteria for Selection. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the Information for Respondents from JMAA by contacting Ms. Robin Byrd, JMAA's Procurement Manager, as follows:

Jackson Municipal Airport Authority
100 International Dr, Suite 300 (39208)
Post Office Box 98109
Jackson MS 39298-8109
Attention: Robin Byrd, Procurement Manager
Telephone: (601) 360-8616
Facsimile: (601) 939-3713
E-Mail: rbyrd@jmaa.com

Or from JMAA's website at <https://jmaa.com/corporate/partner-with-us/procurement/>
Based on the Proposals received, JMAA will select a maximum of three (3) Respondents with whom to enter into negotiations to provide the development and operation of the Concessions. JMAA will initiate negotiations with the Respondent ranked first on the list. If negotiations fail to produce an agreement in form and content satisfactory to JMAA within a reasonable period of time, then JMAA may reject the first-ranked Respondent and follow the same process with the other Respondents, in the order of their ranking, until a Respondent agrees to and enters into a satisfactory contract with JMAA.

JMAA will hold a Pre-Submission Conference at 10:00 a.m. Central Standard Time on October 24, 2018, in the Community Room, 3rd Floor Mezzanine Level, at the Main Terminal Building at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, MS 39208. Attendance at the Pre-Submission Conference is Mandatory. The benefits of attendance include networking opportunities, as well as being on a list of contacts that will be published to interested parties as part of the minutes from the Pre-Submission Conference. In addition, a detailed review of the scope of work will be provided and discussed. No additional conferences or meetings will be scheduled.

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

JMAA has established an Airport Concessions Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (“ACDBE”) participation goal of 20% of Goods and Services solicited by this RFP.

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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 packet 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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Alma Jean Brown Turner

November 27, 1951 - October 6, 2018



Alma Jean Brown Turner was born November 27, 1951 to Mary Brown (Woodard). She matriculated through Jackson Public Schools and graduated from Brinkley High School in 1969. Alma furthered her studies at Tougaloo College where she met her lifelong love “Turner (Baby),” Elder James Edward Turner Sr. They were married January 3, 1971 and to this union four children were born, James (Junior), Travis, Lakeisha and Seneca.

Alma later attended Hinds Junior College where she completed her studies in nursing. After her husband, James, enlisted in the military, the family relocated to Blytheville, AR followed by Oscoda, MI. While in Michigan, Alma worked in the nursing field and was later employed at Hinds General Hospital (currently Merit Health Central) after returning to Jackson, MS. While at Hinds General, Alma served all patients including

the sweet angels in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU). Alma was a great care giver and nurturer to her children, siblings, and as the eldest daughter in her family, watched many of her siblings and husband’s siblings transform into adults. She was a faithful worker in the church and served as a choir member, usher, Sunday school teacher, Christian Women Workers I & II (currently UCWM - United Christian Women’s Ministry), as a coordinator for Sunbeams and Standard Bearers and as a First Lady. Indeed, Alma was dedicated to Christian Education and modeled her passion and love for it through teaching Sunday School and Vacation Bible School in the local church and community. She was known throughout her neighborhood for hosting summer long Vacation Bible School in her backyard and serving tasty peanut butter sandwiches and Kool-Aid to all who attended. Alma was known for her smile and faithfully served with her husband in ministry at

Mount Zion COCHUSA, Marl Grove COCHUSA, Greater Mount Bethel COCHUSA, Galilee COCHUSA and the Neighborhood Christian Center Jackson (NCC - Ash Street). While serving NCC, Alma helped her husband coordinate scheduling for tutoring, community meetings and various community services including food and clothing pantries. Her commitment to the cause of Christ prompted her to further her studies at Christ Missionary and Industrial College where she completed a Bachelor of Biblical Studies in 2006. Alma loved her “Turner” and she was known affectionately to all as his “Baby.” She opened her home to so many for weekly dinners, counseling sessions and provided care for her mother and grandmother. Even as her health declined, she continued to smile and serve as a fervent prayer warrior, worshipper and counselor for many. Alma also shared a special friendship with her sister-n-law Velma Turner, often speaking by phone multiple times during the week or visiting in person.

Her physical presence will be forever missed, but her life legacy will continue to impact her family, church and community for generations to come. Alma entered into her eternal rest Saturday, October 6, 2018. She was preceded in death by Ethel George (grandmother), Mary Edna Woodard (mother), Bernice Brown (aunt), Ed die B. Brown (uncle), Henry Woodard (brother), John Woodard, Jr. (brother), James L. Turner (father-in-law), and Jessie Turner (brother-in-law). She is survived by her devoted husband of forty-seven years, Elder James E. Turner Sr.; Johnnie B. Turner (mother-in-law); three son, James E. Turner Jr. (Chaka), Madison, MS, Travis Turner (Natasha), New York, Seneca Turner, Jackson, MS; one daughter, Lakeisha Turner-Lewis (Andrew), Richland, MS; one sister, Andrea Wilson (Reginald), Raymond, MS, one brother, Tracy M. Woodard, Seattle, WA; grandchildren, Tyler, Jasen, Kiyoni, James, Chloe, Chaiya, Travis Jr., Alyssa, Kristen, Amber, Khadee-

jah and Isa; in-laws, Robert (Velma) Turner, Jackson, MS, Osborne (Ruth) Turner, Dallas, TX, Florice (Sam) Ballard, Memphis, TN, Lucille Robinson, Jackson, MS, Willean Turner Hathorn, Jackson, MS, Barbara Woodard, Jackson, MS and a host of cousins, nephews, nieces, adopted grandchildren, family, friends and loved ones.. Public viewing is Friday, October 12, 2018, 1 p.m.-7 p.m. at Jackson Memorial Funeral Services, 1000 W Woodrow Wilson Dr., Jackson, MS 39213 Funeral service will be Saturday, October 13, 2018 11a.m. at Greater Mt. Bethel Church of Christ Holiness, 4125 Robinson St., Jackson, MS 39209 The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the CM&I Refocus Reboot Campaign: C. M. & I. College Dept. of Religious Education P. O. Box 11661 Jackson, MS 39283-1661 Final arrangements were entrusted to Jackson Memorial Funeral Services.

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Unfortunately, they also learned from one presenter that Holmes County does not fare well at all when it comes to the amount of litter found along its county roads, highways, etc. They were informed that throwing chewing gum on the grounds can be detrimental to birds. However, the students assured the presenter that they would do their part in the future to help keep their county beautiful.

Energy-related career opportunities were also a highlight of the field trip. Several students were particularly impressed with Station 23 – the Holmes Community College Lineman Program. They spent extensive time talking to the representatives and the lineman students.

“We are so grateful for the USDA NRCS program,” said CSLC Executive Director Beulah Greer. “We are also elated over the collaboration we have with the Holmes County Career and Technical Center.” Greer also said the agriculture students will be engaged in preparation, growing, processing and marketing produce as a part of the project. Other educational trips are being planned.

“Thank you all for the sponsorship of the field trip. The students enjoyed the experience (beyond the hotness). We appreciate your support,” said HCCTC Director Shintri Hathorn in an email to CSLC.



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FILM REVIEW: FIRST MAN

NEIL ARMSTRONG BIOPIC EXPLORES EMOTIONAL ANGST OF LEGENDARY ASTRONAUT

By Kam Williams
Columnist

Neil Armstrong made history July 20, 1969 when he became the first person to walk on the moon. In retrospect, the NASA astronaut proved to be the ideal pick for the honor, since he never subsequently sought to cash in on his celebrity status.

Instead, the reluctant hero modestly eschewed fame and fortune, withdrawing from the limelight in favor of sharing his pearls of wisdom with future generations

in the classroom as a college professor. He even discouraged biographers until he finally agreed to cooperate with James R. Hansen on “First Man: The Life of Neil A. Armstrong.”

Published in 2005, the 768-page opus has now been adapted to the screen by Oscar-winning scriptwriter Josh Singer (for Spotlight). However, the biopic covers only 1961 through 1969, Armstrong’s early years in the space program, ending with Apollo 11’s historic lunar landing.

The picture reunites Damien Chazelle and Ryan Gosling whose collaboration on the delightful musical La La Land (2016) netted the former the Best Director Academy Award and the latter a nomination in the Lead Actor category.

First Man is a relatively-sober affair which divides its time between chronicling the astronauts’ perilous training regimen and speculating about the ever-stoic Armstrong’s inscrutable psyche. The movie’s somber tone is set

not long past the point of departure when Neil and wife Janet’s (Claire Foy) 2 year-old daughter Karen loses her battle with brain cancer. In lieu of mourning, he throws himself into his preparations for space flight, and his emotional unavailability puts an unspoken strain on their relationship.

Meanwhile, the risks associated with the Gemini and Apollo programs only further intensify Armstrong’s palpable angst. After all, numerous astronauts died

in accidents during training, including his close friends Ed White (Jason Clarke) and Elliot See (Patrick Fugit).

In terms of special f/x, First Man tends to telescope tightly on what transpired in the cockpits, so brace yourself for lots of handheld camera work from the astronauts’ point-of-view, as opposed to the awe-inspiring God shots you ultimately get from the lunar surface.

A fitting tribute to an American icon best remembered as a hum-

ble, vulnerable soul with human frailties.

Very Good (3 stars)

Rated PG-13 for peril, mature themes and brief profanity

Running time: 141 minutes

Production Studio: Amblin Entertainment / Perfect World Pictures / Dreamworks / Universal Pictures / Temple Hill Entertainment

Studio: Universal Pictures

To see a trailer for First Man, visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PSoRx87OO6k>

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

By Kam Williams
Columnist

For movies opening October 12, 2018

Wide Releases

Bad Times at the El Royale (R for profanity, drug use, graphic violence and brief nudity). Suspense thriller revolving around seven strangers in search of redemption who rendezvous at a rundown hotel in Lake Tahoe. Co-starring Jeff Bridges, Chris Hemsworth, Dakota Johnson, Jon Hamm, Nick Offerman, Cynthia Erivo and Manny Jacinto.

First Man (PG-13 for peril, mature themes and brief profan-

ity). Oscar-winner Damien Chazelle (for La La Land) directed this poignant look at the inner life of astronaut Neil Armstrong over the eight years leading up to his historic lunar landing. With Claire Foy, Shea Whigham and Corey Stoll.

Goosebumps 2: Haunted Halloween (PG for action, scary images, mature themes, rude humor and mild epithets). Spooky family comedy about three kids (Jeremy Ray Taylor, Caleel Harris and Madison Iseman) who join forces with author R.L. Stine to prevent a ventriloquist’s dummy (Avery Lee Jones) from unleash-

ing an apocalypse on Halloween. Cast includes Wendi McClendon-Covey, Dr. Ken Jeong and Chris Parnell.

Independent & Foreign Films
Beautiful Boy (R for profanity, brief sexuality and pervasive drug use). Real-life tale recounting a father’s (Steve Carell) frustration caring for his meth-addicted son (Timothee Chalamet). With Maurra Tierney, Amy Ryan, Timothy Hutton and LisaGay Hamilton.

Bigger (PG-13 for profanity, suggestive content, mature themes and brief violence). Rags-to-riches biopic chronicling how siblings Ben (Aneurin Barnard)

and Joe Weider (Tyler Hoechlin) overcame poverty and anti-Semitism to found a bodybuilding empire. Supporting cast includes DJ Qualls, Steve Guttenberg and Julianne Hough.

Gosnell: The Trial of America’s Biggest Serial Killer (PG-13 for mature themes and disturbing images). Crime blotter documentary about Dr. Kermit Gosnell, the African-American abortionist sentenced to life in prison for murdering babies in his Philadelphia clinic.

Jane and Emma (PG for mature themes). Faith-based docudrama, set in 1844, recounting

the unlikely friendship forged between a free black woman (Danielle Deadwyler) and the wife (Emily Goss) of Mormon founder Joseph Smith (Brad Schmidt). With Ann Bosler, Clotile Bonner and K. Danor Gerald.

Look Away (Unrated). Psychological thriller about a lonely 18 year-old (India Eisley) whose life falls apart when she swaps place with her sinister mirror image. Cast includes Mira Sorvino, Jason Isaacs and Harrison Gilbertson.

The Oath (R for violence, drug use and pervasive profanity). Dysfunctional family comedy about

the argument over presidential politics which has relatives siding with either the husband (Ike Barinholtz) or wife (Tiffany Haddish) hosting Thanksgiving dinner. With John Cho, Billy Magnussen and Jay Duplass.

Sophie (Unrated). Sophia Mitri Schloss plays the title character in this coming of age drama about a teenager trying to wreck her mother’s (Melanie Lynskey) new relationship hoping she will reconcile with her estranged husband. Supporting cast includes John Gallagher, Jr., Danielle Brooks and Tony Hale.

Sudoku
The challenge is to fill every row across, every column down, and every 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9. Each 1 through 9 digit must appear only once in each row across, each column down, and each 3x3 box.

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(For puzzle answer keys, see page 14)

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

Hint: Quote by Ralph Lauren

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

Your room is a great big mess. At least that’s what your mother says but you know your room is a work in progress. You have an ongoing experiment here, an almost-finished one there, and look at what’s in the terrarium. Your room is your laboratory, Young Scientist, so read “Kid Scientists” by David Stabler, illustrations by Anoosha Syed, and see what your heroes were like when they were younger. Gravity, black holes, humane animal control, computers, elec-

tricity, advanced math, can you imagine what life would be like if you didn’t know about those things? No worries because you do know, thanks to scientists. But check this out: once upon a time, those same scientists “were just ordinary kids” like you.

Katherine Johnson, for instance, happened to like numbers.

When she was small, she counted things obsessively. As a toddler, she followed her brother to classes and she was so smart that she started high school at age ten. Later, when a teacher at

a black college said she’d “make a fine mathematician... that was all she needed to hear.” Johnson ultimately became one of a small handful of black women to help NASA put an astronaut on the moon.

Neil deGrasse Tyson was so determined to become an astrophysicist that he started a dog-walking business to earn money for a telescope. On a walk through a nearby forest, Rachael Carson understood the effects of pollution on the environment; that love of nature led her to become a published “pro-

fessional nature writer at the age of fifteen.” Jane Goodall loved animals so much that she tried to keep earthworms in her bed (her mother explained why that wasn’t the greatest idea ever). George Washington Carver talked to plants when he was a boy; Marie Curie went to school under Russian control; Nikola Tesla inherited his love of invention from his mother; Salim Ali reportedly tried to potty-train a sparrow; and Temple Grandin discovered that she understood animals’ anxieties because she was a lot like them.

It’s been said that a child can’t be what a child can’t see. Fortunately for your budding astrophysicist, inventor, doctor, environmentalist, or mathematician, “Kid Scientists” will open her eyes with mini-bios of interesting and accomplished people.

But wouldn’t it be boring if that’s all your child got? It would, which is why there’s more to this book: here, he’ll learn that his heroes were once kids who did goofy, funny, slightly naughty things in addition to normal kid activities.

Author David Stabler also

lends subtlety to those tales by quietly indicating that if famous scientists could have off-beat interests, then maybe no thread of curiosity is unworthy of exploration. Those are golden words for a child who marches to a heart-beat, a moonbeam, a pulsed laser or the beat of a bird’s wings.

The perfect reader for “Kid Scientists” is the 8-to-12-year-old who loves biographical sketches or longs to explore any branch of science. It’s a book made for inquisitive minds, and if your kid’s like that, he’ll have room for it.

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Hinds County School District Host EL Parent Meeting!



Greetings from Nancy G. Tillman, EL Coordinator



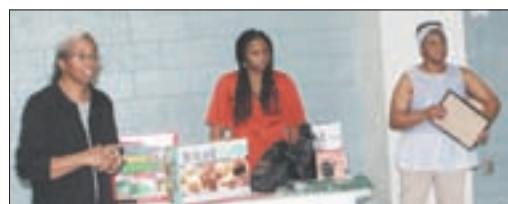
Students and parents win door prizes.



Darren Reed, Jackson Hinds Comprehensive Clinic provides information on the clinic.



Michelle Ray, Director of Student Services shares information on testing and bullying.



Pictured L-R: Burbette Taylor, Consultant, Arlandra Earl, Director of State and Federal Programs and Felisha Barnes, Federal Programs Project Manager.



Maria Rios, Mississippi Migrant Education Service Center shares information on the Migrant Program.

October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month!

The Hinds County School District will celebrate Digital Citizenship during the week of October 15-19, 2018. We encourage parents to take part in Digital Citizenship Week by going to <https://www.commonssensemedia.org/device-free-dinner#> and taking the #DeviceFreeDinner challenge and/or by going to <https://www.commonssensemedia.org/education/toolkit/family-engagement-resources> for topics on online safety and cyberbullying to media balance and learning with technology from Common Sense Media.



Elementary



Middle School



High School

Students at GRE receive Eye and Ear Exams!



A big "thank you" to Mississippi College School of Nursing students for providing eye and ear exams to Gary Road Elementary Kindergartners!

Carver Alumni Donated School Supplies to Carver Middle School



Dr. Deborah Newman, Principal, Ms. Louvenia Hunter, Dr. Walter Nichols, Ms. Mary Crump and Ms. Laura Richardson with donated school supplies.



Ms. Louvenia Hunter, Dr. Walter Nichols, Ms. Laura Richardson, and Ms. Mary Crump in front of Carver Middle School.

EL Students receive awards for exiting program at BMS



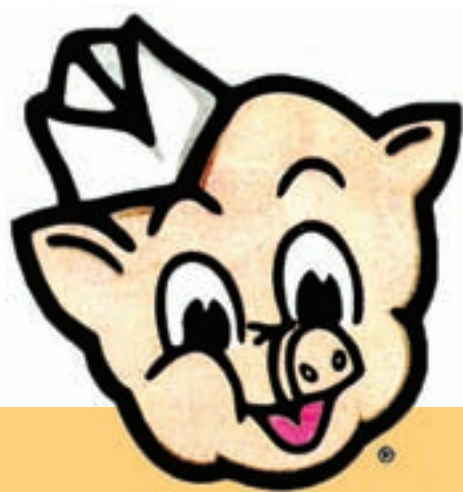
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