

Celebrating 25 Years of Publishing

By Jackie Hampton
Publisher

It seems like just yesterday when one week after The Mississippi Link observed its 10th year anniversary our cover read: “Barack Obama President Elect Nov. 4, 2008, Yes We Can.” I was so very proud to be a member of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) which is a trade organization, also known as ‘The Black Press,’ comprised of over 200 African-American owned community newspapers from around the United States.

We would be publishing in two short days that the first African American would be elected President of the United States of America. I still feel that same pride I felt ten years ago. I felt like singing and dancing and crying all at the same time. It was an awesome feeling that I will cherish for the rest of my life.

Also in that same November 6 issue, we published an article written by then editor Gail Brown about Bernice Stimley, who at the age of 99 cast her vote



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for President Barack Obama on a hand-held voting machine. Stimley, who was a *Mississippi Link* subscriber, died in 2012 at the age of 103, but she had a

hand in making national history when she cast her vote.

Today, *The Mississippi Link* is still healthy and viable. We are still a member of NNPA

and ‘The Black Press,’ where through our credo we believe that America can best lead the world away from racial and national antagonisms when it accords to every person, regardless of race, color or creed, full human and legal rights. Having no person, the Black Press strives to help every person with the firm belief that all are hurt as long as anyone is held back.”

As a member of the NNPA board of directors and currently serving as national secretary I am proud of what this viable organization stands for throughout this country.

We are also proud to be a member of the board of directors for The Mississippi Press Association where we stand firm in the power of community newspapers to deliver unmatched content and audience view. Our 110-member newspapers are the leading source of news and advertising information in the communities we serve.

Many papers have folded over the last ten years. Others are only publishing online. God has been good. We have a won-

derful audience of supporters and advertisers that continue to put their trust in us and to you I say we strive to never disappoint.

As we dedicate our anniversary publication to ‘Breast Cancer Month,’ we salute individuals and groups that are participating in the American Cancer Society Making Strides against Breast Cancer Walk here in Jackson Saturday. This annual event unites communities in support of one another by honoring those that are touched by breast cancer and by raising awareness and much needed funds to fight this disease. We have friends and family that are living with breast cancer and others that have succumbed to it. We know survivors, like myself, that have been triumphant and now live cancer free.

For over ten years we have dedicated our anniversary issue to Breast Cancer Awareness and we hope that one day, we will live in a world where we can dedicate our anniversary issue to a world where there is no breast cancer.

We love what we do at *The Mississippi Link*. We have been on an amazing journey for over 25 years. We have incredible advertisers and subscribers, we have met incredible people, covered incredible stories, and I can’t help but salute and thank our staff of today and yesterday that continue to inspire me with their creativity and enthusiasm. We don’t always see eye to eye on certain issues but our determination to best serve our readers is something we always agree on.

We love it when you let us know what you like about us and if we ever disappoint you, we welcome those comments as well. We are here to serve. We are here to groom interns, to teach what we know and to learn from others. We are not perfect but our desire to be the best we can be for this community goes unmatched.

Thank you for allowing us to see our Silver Anniversary as we look forward to many more years of being “Keepers of the Knowledge for People who speak the Truth.”

Small town readers applaud The Mississippi Link

By Gail Brown
Contributing Writer

The onslaught of technology via social media and other avenues have contributed to the downsizing or folding of many newspapers, especially the African-American weeklies. Yet, *The Mississippi Link* remains true to its mission as “Keepers of the Knowledge for People Who Speak the Truth Since 1993.”

“I know reading news online via one’s phone or tablet is the thing these days, but I still prefer and enjoy reading my printed version of newspapers, especially *The Mississippi Link*,” said Beulah Greer, executive director of the Community Students Learning Center (CSLC), a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, of Lexington, Mississippi.

A longtime subscriber, Greer said a lot of her church members of the Lebanon Missionary Baptist Church read *The Mississippi Link* newspaper. One of those members, Antwan Clark, an IT specialist, is attracted to the fact that the paper’s pictures are largely in color. “You can really see the clarity of the pictures,” said Clark. “I really enjoy reading the stories because they are well written.”

Margaret Brownlow Tate of Yazoo City, Mississippi said the continuous existence of black-owned and operated newspapers are very important. *The Mississippi Link* is possibly one of only three African-American newspapers in Mississippi. “The African-American



newspapers help to keep us informed about the issues and happenings in our communities more so than the mainstream newspapers,” she said. Tate is a retired veteran educator of Holmes County Schools.

The Mississippi Link, as a small weekly, has been fortunate enough to have a world-wide presence with online editions through its website and e-editions. Yet, those small town readers still sing praises for its print edition.

In a telephone interview just before press time, Leonard L. Terry of Manson, N.C., on his way from fishing in Hampton, Virginia, had this to say about *The Mississippi Link*: “Over the years, I have truly enjoyed reading that paper. My favorite part was the religion section and reading Ms. Daphne’s column. The paper does a great job of covering or reporting about things all over the nation.

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Mammograms, breast exams, follow-up doctor visits, costs delivered with lack of compassion

By Deja Abdul-Haqq
Contributing Writer

When the nurse told me the image of a mass was captured during my mammogram, I tried hard to listen to everything else she said. But, I was also telling myself to not be scared and I couldn’t hear us both. I remember nodding to accept my secondary appointment at the breast imaging center. I remember walking across the clinic parking lot thinking I was not prepared to handle what was coming next because I didn’t know what to expect.

My secondary visit spat on my bleak expectations.

After the screening, I was placed in a room to wait on the results of my secondary mammogram. Once the doctor came into the room, she never looked at me. She engaged with other staffers about my file and looked back and forth at her chart and the monitor presenting internal digital pictures of my breasts. I didn’t look at the screen. Instead, I watched faces for indicators of my condition in the hopes that

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Jumping hurdles to get to the ballot box: Voter IDs and registration

By Rosemary Eng
TriceEdneyWire.com

The easy part of voting is voting. The hard part is getting through the minefield of obstacles on the way to the ballot box. Besides having to deal with often-times confusing voter registration regulations, getting the right voter ID is becoming another problem as states rework ID requirements.

Too often it's African Americans and Native Americans, the people who fought the bloodiest battles to gain voting rights in America, who have to struggle the hardest to meet differing government rules.

The U.S. Supreme Court recently upheld a law that says North Dakota voter identification has to show a street address.

This effectively blocks numbers of North Dakota native peoples such as the Sioux and Chippewa from voting since people living on reservations do not have street addresses.

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) stated, "Since the U.S. Postal Service doesn't provide residential mail delivery in remote areas, many members of North Dakota's Native American tribes list their mailing addresses, like P.O. Boxes, on their



Demonstrators protest voter suppression.

IDs. And some also don't have supplemental documentation, like a utility bill or bank statement, because of homelessness or poverty."

P.O. Boxes are not an accepted form of address for North Dakota voter ID.

Connor Maxwell, research associate for race and ethnicity policy, at the nonpartisan Center of American Progress, in Washington, D.C. says voter ID requirements are particularly difficult for people of color, the elderly and the poor. "One of

the most insidious voter suppression tactics levied against the African-American community is difficult voter ID requirements," he says.

North Carolina legislators, he says, are working to put into place a constitutional amend-

ment mandating voter ID for all residents. Voter ID is usually interpreted as meaning a drivers license because it shows a photo.

The requirement is onerous for African Americans in North Carolina urban centers because

they mostly use buses and trains and are less likely to have drivers licenses, he says.

Maxwell says the voting-restrictive trend of demanding voter IDs seems to be growing.

New U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Brett Kavanaugh, who supported the North Dakota voter ID residential address requirement, upheld a strict voter ID law which has been said affected some 80,000 registered voters, mostly minorities, in South Carolina, Maxwell reports.

Kavanaugh served in 2012 on the U.S. Court of Appeals for District of Columbia Circuit and wrote that the voter ID law "was not discriminatory, despite evidence from the U.S. Department of Justice that it would disenfranchise tens of thousands of voters of color."

He also wrote that the law was not enacted for a discriminatory purpose, minimizing the fact that the bill's author, state Rep. Alan Clemmons (R-SC), responded enthusiastically to a racially charged email from a constituent. That email stated that if African Americans were offered money to get IDs, it would "be like a swarm of bees going after a watermelon."

A woman with long dark hair and yellow-tinted sunglasses is smiling and hugging a young girl from behind. They are sitting on a blue blanket outdoors. The background is a blurred brick wall and greenery.

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Prior to leaving Lee told members that Mississippi can get out of the ashes



Pastor, building committee, trustees, banker, engineers and architect turning dirt.



College Hill Pastor Williams leading groundbreaking litany. PHOTOS BY CIANNA H. REEVES

Democratic candidate David Baria

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The work that the CSLC does to make a difference for children and families in Holmes County and surrounding communities has often been featured in **The Mississippi Link**. President of the Board Leslie Greer is so grateful that he personally has the articles mounted and framed, and displays them in the lobby. “The paper does not have to publish our news if they don’t want to; we are just so grateful that they think enough of what our organization does as news worthy to do so,” Greer said. “Happy anniversary to *The Mississippi Link*! Keep up the great work.”




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It's a long row to hoe – the battle against breast cancer. And we are all on the same team, we must all fight together.

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Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee stumps in Mississippi for U.S. Senate Candidate Mike Espy

By Othor Cain
Editor

Shelia Jackson Lee, the Congresswoman representing the 18th congressional district in Texas, joined U.S. Senate candidate Mike Espy on the campaign trail in Mississippi, Oct. 21. The whirlwind of a day included stops at four different black churches, a town-hall meeting and a meet and greet.

With less than two-weeks before voters in Mississippi head to the polls for mid-term elections, Lee's visit was a much-needed jolt of energy and excitement for black voters. As an African-American Democrat in Mississippi, Espy needs a strong voter turnout among black people, who make up 38 percent of the state's population.

"When you go to the polls, I want you to close your eyes and pretend as if you're voting for Barack Obama," Espy said to a cheering crowd at a recent campaign event. "Although, I'm not as handsome and perhaps don't speak as well as he does, we need that type of support."

From the moment Lee's plane landed until takeoff at sunset, she engaged with voters about this historical election. "A Mike Espy victory will result in the first African-American senator from Mississippi since reconstruction," Lee said to an enthusiastic crowd at College Hill Baptist Church. "Mississippi can come out of the ashes with this election and you have the power to make that happen."

Lee's visit to Mississippi came two-days after the endorsement of Espy by her colleagues, the Congressional Black Caucus. Friday, Oct. 19, led by Caucus chairman, U.S. Rep. Cedric Richmond (D-La.), members of Congress joined Espy outside of the Washington County Courthouse in Greenville, Miss.

"The biggest compliment I can pay to other elected officials is that they get it, and I'm here today because Mike Espy gets it," Richmond said. "When he's in the U.S. Senate, he will stand on the side of families, justice and



Standing room only at meet and greet with Espy holding his grandson.



Espy with Congresswoman Lee and JSU President Bynum at College Hill.

fairness. He's not going to worry about politics or profits. He's going to worry about purpose... and that's why the Congressional Black Caucus is proud to endorse Mike Espy for U.S. Senate.

U.S. Representative Bennie Thompson (D-Miss), who represents this Mississippi Delta town along with Terri Sewell (D-Ala.), joined Richmond in representing the caucus at the press announcement. "I'm pleading for some help...and as they say, with Mike Espy, help is on the way," Thompson said. "November 6 is right around the corner. The help is there. All we have to do is go to the polls, and we can get it done. I look forward to continuing to work to make sure that Mike Espy becomes our next U.S. Senator from Mississippi."

Espy, who is running to fill the unexpired term of Thad Cochran, who resigned his position, citing health complications, was excited to have Lee in Mississippi. "It is good to have this type of support from people that I admire, but more importantly from peo-

ple that I consider friends," Espy said. "Congresswoman Lee has been fighting for and representing the people in Texas for many years and I look forward to not only working with her, but her continued leadership."

Lee's schedule had lunch and a break included in it. "I don't need a break nor a breather, I came to Mississippi to get Mike Espy elected," Lee told Espy campaign staffers. With her push and drive, staffers added additional stops for Lee and she rose to the occasion at each venue. "Mississippi can be a part of this blue wave happening across the country; Mississippians can change the dynamics of what's happening in Washington," Lee said at an unplanned stop at WRBJ, a local radio station in Jackson. "We have the power to get this done."

Espy in 1986 became the first African-American since Reconstruction to win a U.S. House seat in Mississippi, and in 1993 he was named U.S. Agriculture Secretary by President Bill Clinton.



MS politicians at Espy's meet & greet (l-r) Kenneth Walker, Sheila Jackson Lee, Mike Espy, Deborah Gibbs, Solie Norwood



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Donated ambulance enhances training for health academy students at Lanier



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 Dr. Errick L. Greene.



Celebrating the donation of a retired ambulance at Lanier High are (from left) Dr. Claude Brunson, UMMC senior advisor to the vice chancellor; Lanier student Christena Buckley; Lanier Principal Michael McDonald; Lanier students Jamecia McLaurin, Mariana Buckley, Chrishuan Williams, Fardarius Byrd, Clarissa Keys, J. McClenty, Christopher Washington, Lashenda Hudson, La Jayla Williams, and Xharya Banks; AMR Public Information Officer Jim Pollard; Lanier High National Alumni Association Treasurer Hazel Fields; Felicia Wolfe; JPS Director of Academies Marquita Slater; Dr. Mauda Monger, Sheep Project; and Al Thomas, Lanier High National Alumni Association President.

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The Academy of Health Services at Lanier High School has a new learning resource thanks to several generous partners. The University of Mississippi Medical Center and AMR (American Medical Response) presented a retired ambulance at a Passing of the Keys ceremony held October 3 at Lanier. Teachers and students will use the refurbished ambulance as a simulation lab to practice real-world learning scenarios. This will allow students to learn emergency medical skills needed for careers in emergency medical response or related fields. “The donation of this ambulance will make active learning

a reality for the scholars of this Academy,” said JPS Director of Academies Marquita Slater. “As the first of this kind in the state, the Emergency Medical Services Lab will serve as a real-world classroom for Academy students who have expressed an interest in becoming emergency medical technicians or first responders.” The University of Mississippi School of Nursing collaborated with AMR, Jackson Public Schools, and the Lanier National Alumni Association (LHSNAA) to support this project. The LHSNAA and Dr. Mauda Monger made a significant financial contribution to this project that supported the new logos, lettering and decals on the ambulance.

“This partnership with UMMC, this alliance with them, their commitment to us and to the young people and to the community is pretty remarkable,” said JPS Superintendent Errick L. Greene. “Thank you again to our wonderful partners. You all just warm my heart with what you’ve brought and what you will bring as we continue in this work. This could change the trajectory of these young people’s lives.” “This represents more than just the passing of the keys,” said Jackson Mayor Chokwe Lumumba. “This is the passing of opportunity, and of breaking down the walls of the classroom.”



The Emergency Medical Services Learning Lab at Lanier is branded with logos from project partners including UMMC, the Lanier High School Alumni Association, AMR and Jackson Public Schools.



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Mississippi State plans #StateProud Week

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Mississippi State continues the #StateProud Week tradition Oct. 22-26 to celebrate the university's many accomplishments and the extraordinary people behind them.

A highlight will be a live remote with SuperTalk Mississippi Thursday [Oct. 25] featuring interviews with MSU President Mark E. Keenum and other campus leaders discussing a broad range of #StateProud achievements in research, academics, student life, athletics and more.

"There are so many exciting things going on at Mississippi State, and #StateProud Week is an opportunity for us to share our success stories with the world," Keenum said. "When you tap into personal expressions of pride from across the MSU community, you get a rich picture of what the university has accomplished through the years and the limitless potential for the future."

The #StateProud live remote will be broadcast from the steps of MSU's historic YMCA Building from 6 a.m. – 6 p.m. T-shirts and prizes will be offered to fans who drop by during the program.

#StateProud Week activities also include a social media initiative in which followers will be asked to share why they are #StateProud. A selection of these stories will be posted on MSU's social media platforms.

To support personal expressions of State pride, MSU has posted #StateProud Week resources at <http://www.social.ms-state.edu/stateproud/facebook.php> that can be shared with broader audiences, including #StateProud cover photos for Facebook, videos, success stories, and "Pride Points" – a collection of MSU highlights that



Veera Ganeswar Gude, an associate professor of civil and environmental engineering with MSU's Bagley College of Engineering, has received campus and national recognition and accolades for work with wastewater treatments, microbial desalination and biofuels. His work is an example of the kinds of MSU initiatives that will be celebrated during #StateProud Week. PHOTO BY MEGAN BEAN

can be used for civic club presentations and other promotional opportunities.

#StateProud is an outgrowth of the We Ring True branding campaign launched in 2015 to reinforce MSU's longtime standing as a premier research institution where students are driven to make a difference. Student-led research teams at MSU are taking real-world problems and developing solutions in diverse fields ranging from veterinary medicine, agriculture, engineering and business to education, aerospace, architecture and cancer research.

Recognizing the university's accomplishments, the Phi Beta Kappa Society recently awarded a chapter of the nation's oldest and most prestigious academic honor society to Mississippi State after a rigorous, multi-year review.

Additionally, MSU is among the National Science Founda-

tion's Top 100 research universities and has been ranked in the top 5 percent nationally for agricultural research expenditures for the last 10 years. Of significance is the university's international work with the United Nations and the World Food Programme to find solutions for world hunger and food insecurity.

MSU serves as the national lead for the FAA's Center of Excellence for Unmanned Aircraft Systems, and an MSU-led partnership was chosen by the Department of Homeland Security to operate the DHS Science and Technology Directorate's Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems Demonstration Range Facility.

At the local level, the MSU Extension Service is focused on making quality health care more accessible to underserved populations in Mississippi through innovative community partnerships.

At MSU's Social, Therapeutic and Robotic Systems Lab, researchers are working with local law-enforcement teams to develop crime-fighting robots, while researchers at the College of Veterinary Medicine's Center for Environmental Health Sciences are developing nerve-agent antidotes that could one day render chemical weapons obsolete.

MSU's scientists at the university's Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems are working with an international team to produce the world's first all-electric, autonomous SUV for on-and-off-road driving; and with the opening of the new CAVS Mixed Reality Lab on campus last year, MSU became one of the first universities in the country to open a virtual-reality lab for all students.

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

Alcorn S.A.F.E. Center for student athletes holds ribbon cutting, grand opening

The Mississippi Link Newswire

With the grand opening of its newest facility, Alcorn State University strives to maintain the athletic and academic success of its student athletes.

The Student Athlete and the Family Enhancement (S.A.F.E.) Center had its ribbon cutting and grand opening Oct. 19 on Alcorn's main campus in Lorman, Mississippi. The former football stadium dressing facility is one of the first student athlete development centers on a historically black college or university campus to provide specialized support to student athletes and their families.

The center will support the university community and athletic department by providing programs and services that promote degree attainment, comprehensive personal development, career planning, healthy living and professional and family development.

Built and operated in part with funding from the ASU Foundation, Inc., the Mississippi Department of Human Services and the NCAA, the S.A.F.E. Center will assist Alcorn's student athletes in cultivating and defining their educational and personal goals, developing leadership skills and refueling for performance.

Jessica Ransome, president of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee expressed her gratitude to the university for bringing a development center for student athletes.

"Every day, especially today, I am so glad that I chose to attend Alcorn where I am surrounded by caring faculty and staff that motivates me to excel at life," said Ransome. We are grateful for such a wonderful program and facility like this on our campus to help us reach our full potential."

Derek Horne, director of Athletics, said that the new resource is the key to equipping the students for their future.

"The new facility will enhance our ability to develop personal growth for our student athletes and their families, and will prepare them for their life after Alcorn," said Horne. "We want them to be proud alumni and also loyal supporters."

Paul Mooney, site coordinator for the Mississippi Community Education Center, Families First of Mississippi, applauded those responsible for their hard work in making the facility a reality.

"This is a humongous achievement," said Mooney. "You have a legitimate facility and program here at Alcorn, and I congratulate you on your accomplishment."

Jason Cable, assistant vice president for Athletic Compliance and Student Athlete Services, spoke highly of the university's student athletes. He said that a desire to push them toward more success is what inspired the idea for the facility.

"Our student athletes here are the best in the nation," said Cable. "We inspire to lead the nation in the care of our student athletes. We demand a lot from our students, and we've raised expectations, and they have met those expectations because of their dedication. We will continue to push them to reach higher benchmarks, and when we push them, we will make sure they have the support and tools they need to reach their goals."

Donzell Lee, interim president, also praised the scholar athletes for their hard work and their commitment to excellence in the classroom and their sports.

"This is a great day for the university," said Lee. "Students are important to us because they are why we are here. I'm very proud of what we're doing. Knowledge and character matter here at Alcorn and our student athletes exemplify that on a daily basis."

Complete 2 Compete celebrates success of first year

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Governor Phil Bryant joined other state leaders in Jackson to celebrate the success of the first year of implementation of the Complete 2 Compete initiative. Complete 2 Compete is a statewide initiative focused on encouraging Mississippi adults who have completed some college, but have not earned a degree, to return to college and finish what they started.

"The Complete 2 Compete initiative has been a great success in its first year helping hundreds of Mississippi adults finish obtaining a degree in higher education," Bryant said. "This is an accomplishment they should be very proud of and is to be commended. We look forward to growing the initiative in the years to come."

The initiative has been very successful. In the first year of implementation, 486 degrees have been earned through the program, including 323 associate degrees and 163 bachelor's degrees. The effort is a partnership between the Institutions of Higher Learning, the Mississippi Community College Board and the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges.

"The lives of the nearly 500 people who have earned their degree through the Complete 2 Compete initiative are forever changed," said Andrea Mayfield, executive director of the Mississippi Community College Board. "These individuals are now college graduates, and with the degree comes countless opportunities that can be quantified in terms of employment and wage gains. The Mississippi Community College Board and the community colleges are proud of the success of the program this first year. We are collectively proud for the students who seized this unique opportunity to complete their degree, and we look forward to the many successes that will come in the



Celebrating the first anniversary of the Complete 2 Compete initiative are (l-r) Steven Cunningham, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning; Kelvin Gibson, C2C graduate, Governor Phil Bryant, Andrea Mayfield, executive director, Mississippi Community College Board; Stephanie Bullock, C2C project coordinator; IHL; Alfred McNair, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning; Casey Prestwood, assistant commissioner for Policy and Strategic Initiatives, IHL; Alfred Rankins Jr., commissioner of Higher Education; Audra Kimble, associate executive director for Academic and Student Affairs, MCCB; and Jacob Black, deputy executive director, MDHS.

future."

The initiative has been made possible through resources provided by the Governor's office, Mississippi Department of Human Services, Mississippi Department of Employment Security and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

"The Mississippi Department of Human Services appreciates the opportunity to assist individuals and families eliminate barriers which prevent independence," said John Davis, executive director, Mississippi Department of Human Services. "Our partnership with the Institutions of Higher Learning, the Mississippi Community College Board and the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges continues to provide very positive results. We look forward to

continued growth in the Complete 2 Compete as we work with families holistically and from a Generational Plus approach."

Adults across Mississippi continue to show interest in participating in the program. To date, there have been 38,770 visits to the website, 13,000 total applications and 858 adults enrolled.

"The Complete to Compete initiative has been very successful in its first year of implementation," said Alfred Rankins Jr., Commissioner of Higher Education. "Thanks to support from Governor Bryant, our funders and partners, hundreds of Mississippians have earned a degree and thousands more are in the pipeline to completion. This program makes a tremendous difference to these individuals and the state."

Canton resident named Hinds CC homecoming queen

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Raymond Campus sophomore LaBrittany Daughtery of Canton was crowned Hinds Community College Homecoming queen at the annual festivities Oct. 18.

Daughtery is a graduate of Canton High School. An accounting major, she serves as vice president of I.D.E.A.L. Women, is a senator in the Student Government Association and served as a summer orientation leader.

She was escorted by Willis Gully of Laurel. Hinds President Clyde Muse crowned her.

The Homecoming Court also included sophomore maids Khaliah Anderson, of Vicksburg, representing the Raymond Campus; Amalita "Ami" Derrick, of Clinton, representing the Jackson-Nursing/Allied Health Center; Deserae Dunbar, of Vidalia, La., representing the Vicksburg-Warren Campus; Julia Rester of Jackson, representing the Rankin Campus; Tikayla Rollins of Jackson, representing the Jackson-Academic/Technical Center; Kanajah Brown, of Canton, representing the Rankin Campus; Anaya Peoples, of Vicksburg, representing the Vicksburg-Warren Campus; and Donshalai Anderson, of Sawyersville, Ala., representing the Raymond Campus.



Daughtery

The Freshman maids were Antwinette McCloud, of Pearl, representing the Raymond Campus; Aarionna Dumas, of Columbus, representing the Raymond Campus; LaDonna Stigger, of Jackson, representing the Jackson-Academic/Technical Center; Kanajah Brown, of Canton, representing the Rankin Campus; Anaya Peoples, of Vicksburg, representing the Vicksburg-Warren Campus; and Donshalai Anderson, of Sawyersville, Ala., representing the Raymond Campus.

Norwood, keynote speaker for Founders’ Day, uses Psalm 23 to shepherd JSU into the future

By L.A. Warren
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During JSU’s 141st Founders’ Day Celebration, keynote speaker Dr. Earlexia M. Norwood invoked a familiar Biblical passage Thursday to edify the HBCU’s storied history while also denouncing racism and voter apathy.

Norwood, a JSU alum and board-certified physician, extracted passages from the oft-repeated Psalm 23 to walk through JSU’s trials, tribulations and triumphs from the time it was founded in 1877 to present day.

“The Lord is my shepherd, and I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures. He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul,” recited Norwood, the new 19th president of the Jackson State University National Alumni Association.

She used that passage for her first point to indicate that “the foundation for the 141st celebration was October 23, 1877, at Natchez Seminary. God was the foundation, the inner rooms and the ceiling,” she told a packed audience inside the Rose E. McCoy Auditorium.

Also, Norwood noted that while there was a great need for equality and justice “there was no reason to wonder about where things would come from.” She said people believed at the time that God would touch hearts, and people would “give up their time, gifts and money. That remains the case in 2018.”

Her next point focused on the consequences of certain behaviors, especially when we’re “hard-headed.” When we settle down he’ll lead us to calm, she assured.

“Sometimes ... we don’t listen to anyone or anything, and we have to be made to stop and lie down. I see this often as a physician for people who are sleep-deprived. They’re getting abdominal fat, headaches, nausea, vomiting, loss of memory. And it’s all because of a lack of sleep.”

She also is critical of “stuck-in-their-way leaders who will never see you the way you are but the way they choose.”

During a time when the institution was changing from private to state control, Norwood said a Mississippi legislator in 1940 opposed the institution keeping Jackson College as its name because he detested the notion of a college for Negroes.

Furthermore, she said Southern governors such as Ross Barnett and George Wallace viewed black people differently, too.

Scientific racism was another scourge because physicians taught and documented inaccurately that African Americans were inferior to whites due to smaller brains and hearts.

Her response: “A lie is a lie” whether repeatedly verbally or on paper.

Reflectively, JSU President William B. Bynum Jr. described Founders’ Day as a special time to pause.

While he admitted to forgetting some holidays or birthdays, he said observances such as Founders’ Day demand attention to “honor this outstanding institution.”

Bynum said, “Our duty and responsibility is to continue the legacy built on the shoulders of our forefathers and foremothers.”

He then saluted former JSU President John A. Peoples in the audience for being “a constant force ... one of the greatest presidents in the history of this institution.”

Then, overjoyed by the over-



Founders’ Day keynote speaker Dr. Earlexia Norwood ties JSU’s history to Psalm 23. The president of the Jackson State University National Alumni Association explains how the HBCU overcame trials and tribulations when racial tensions and rumors threatened its existence. She also notes how faculty, staff, students and alumni have rallied to blunt efforts to end its legacy.



The chorale presents a moving rendition of “All Creatures of Our God and King” under the guidance of Loretta Galbreath, director of Choral Activities.



La’Curtis Powell, the 2018-2019 president of the Student Government Association, delivers greetings.



Robert Luckett, associate professor and director of the Margaret Walker Center, was chair of Founders’ Day activities. He acknowledges special guests and attendees.

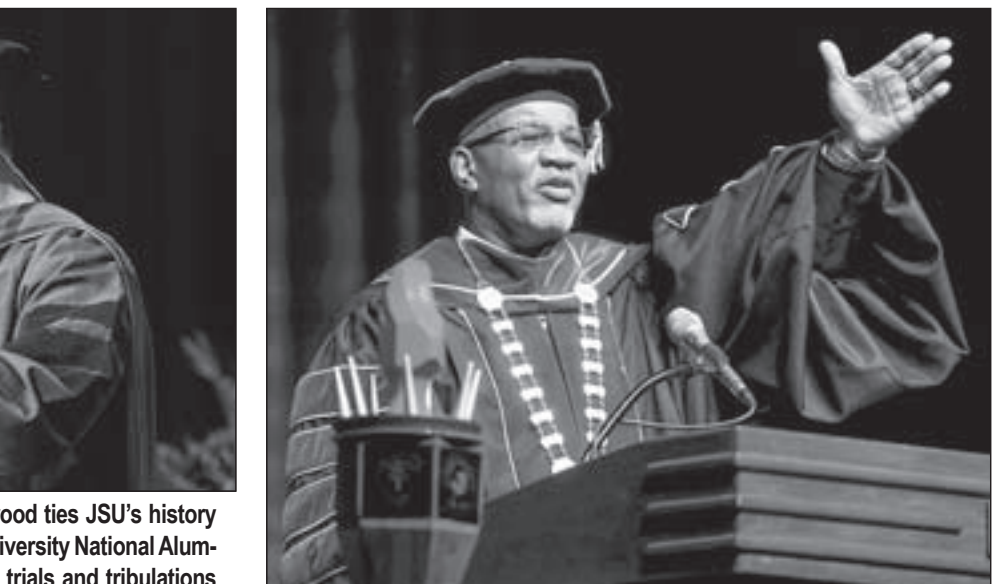


Miss Jackson State University Gabrielle Baker introduces keynote speaker Dr. Earlexia M. Norwood PHOTOS BY CHARLES A. SMITH/JSU

whelming attendance, Bynum told everyone “it is no mistake or by luck that you are at this institution at this critical time. It is God-ordained.”

He said, “Our purpose is to be good students, faculty and staff so we can return to those still, calm waters ... because we are Jackson State, J-S-U.”

Later, Norwood leaned on



JSU President William B. Bynum Jr. said, “Our duty and responsibility is to continue the legacy built on the shoulders of our forefathers and foremothers. We have a duty to take the baton.”



Provost Lynda Brown-Wright presides over the 141st Founders’ Day observance.



Hilliard Lackey and Michael Ware, a senior sociology major and president of the Campus Activities Board, assist with ringing the Centennial Bell in front of Ayer Hall on Founders’ Day.

Psalm to illustrate how those nurturing, green pastures in 1877 helped JSU thrive as it developed and groomed ministers and teachers.

Now, in 2018, she said JSU boasts 38 departments with nearly 2,000 students in the College of Science, Engineering and Technology. Norwood hailed other successful areas such as

the School of Public Health; College of Public Service; College of Liberal Arts; College of Education and Human Development; and the College of Business.

“As you can see, the degree from this university means something,” said Norwood, citing the accomplishments of distinguished alumni. Among

these: WLBT news anchor Maggie Wade; Lillian Rose, librarian emeritus who graduated in 1940; U.S. District Judge Carlton Reeves, who was appointed by President Barack Obama; Cornell Brooks, former NAACP president; and Vivian Brown, the first African-American woman to serve as a meteorologist at the Weather Channel.

Along with sports greats such as W.C. Gordon, Robert “Bob” Braddy and Eddie Payton, she spotlighted her own mother, Earlene Wilson Norris of west Jackson, who received bachelor and master degrees from JSU.

Norwood continued to show how Psalm 23 is relevant to the university today. She said JSU is eager to experience still waters after a wave of turbulent challenges. She recounted the story of a city commissioner who suggested relocating the despised JSU to Rankin County.

Then she told how R.W. Millsaps, a founder of the college that bears his name, uprooted JSU from State Street. She said Millsaps “didn’t like the smell of mules and the way kids were meagerly dressed” in areas populated by white residents.

Despite efforts to delete the all-black institution, she declared that JSU walked through the valley of the shadow of death but feared no evil because of God’s mighty hand at work.

“There have been times in our history where our doom was predicted or expected. And we have risen to the occasion,” declared Norwood. “Our demise was thought to be imminent many more times since that period.”

For example, she said the death knell appeared ready to sound when the institution faced multiple name changes. It went from Natchez Seminary to Jackson College and, in 1940, to Mississippi Negro Training School. In 1942, however, alumni protested the latter, and the name became Jackson College for Negro Teachers. Then,

it would become Jackson State College.

Once again in 1974, it would appear that rumors of JSU’s impending demise were grossly exaggerated. In that year, the institution became known as Jackson State University under former President Peoples, a JSU alum.

After that progress, however, Norwood said new attempts to demolish JSU soon emerged when a proposal began floating to combine all HBCUs into one school. That failed, too.

Subsequently, another storm brewed that caused shockwaves and hysteria. In 2016, the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning announced that JSU had enough funds to survive only two days. Although panic ensued, the shadow of death was vanquished again, she said.

“Our alumni, faculty and staff have been the life support of this institution. We’ve survived many shadows of death and will continue to do so because they rod and thy staff they comfort me.”

Norwood also paid homage to the Rev. Dr. H.P. Jacobs, the founder of the Baptist Convention and Natchez Seminary, the birthplace of JSU. Before Jacobs gained prominence, he had been a runaway slave and janitor named Samuel Hawkins. After learning to read and write, Hawkins forged freedom papers for himself and his extended family. Ultimately, as Jacobs, he became a state senator and physician.

Lastly, Norwood focused on the scripture that declared “I will dwell in the house forever.” She interpreted those words to mean “we will continue to find a way or make one.”

She recognized supporters of that belief because they have pledged to help keep JSU afloat. Among these are Cortez Bryant, music manager of Lil Wayne, for setting up \$500,000 scholarships; Calvin Williams, committing to donate \$100,000; Maxine Johnson, vowing to give \$40 a month and Darrian Johnson, a physics major with a double minor in chemistry and biology, for carrying out his duties as Mister JSU and maintaining honor roll status.

“Sustaining JSU is as vital to young African Americans as is exercising the right to vote,” she said.

“To not vote is a vote for the status quo.” Otherwise, she said, the consequences would be dire.

“If you care about our history, you need to protect our future. If you’re concerned about African American men being blocked from entering their apartment building, being followed and questioned by a fellow tenant because he look differently, you need to vote,” she urged.

“If you’re concerned about equitable pay opportunities for women in a safe workplace without sexual harassment, you need to vote. If you’re concerned about male teens missing the bus and being targeted with a shotgun for knocking on a door and asking for directions, you need to vote,” she demanded.

“If you’re concerned about JSU being funded to educate future Tigers, decreased enrollment, purging of students, appropriation to build a dorm about the house of JSU lasting forever, you need to vote,” she blared.

“Serving is a hallmark of this house. ... I declare that this house, after 141 years, will continue to serve until Jesus returns. ... This JSU house will live forever and dwell forever. So, let it be written; so, let it be done,” Norwood concluded.

Hyde-Smith, McDaniel, Espy and Bartee will run on one ballot without their partisan affiliation listed. A Nov. 27 runoff will take place if no candidate receives 50 percent of the vote. Tune in to @ISSUE as MPB follows the candidates and helps voters get to know them before Election Day.

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Total submission to Christ

PART 2

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



As you are counting the cost, you need to look beyond this life. What is it going to cost you in eternity? What is it going to cost you if you keep turning down God? Psalm 9:17 says, “The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.”

Friend, there is a lot of suffering in this old world, but all the suffering in this world is not even a drop in the ocean compared to the divine wrath that is going to come on the sinner.

Look again at the way of the transgressor. You should look at it with alarm and dread. Think and then pause for a moment. I am begging you to stop for a moment and think before you take one more step down the path of the transgressor. What are you doing? You should run from transgression as fast as you can and run toward God. Remember, in the eyes of God, there are only two kinds of people: those who are on the road to heaven and those who are on the road to hell. There is no middle of the road.

Which road are you on? Yes, salvation is a free gift, but it is

very costly. It cost God more than heaven can declare. It cost Jesus the agony and the shame of the Cross. Even today it costs the Holy Spirit who speaks to woo you through the gospel. If the Holy Ghost has been talking to you, you need to realize that you grieve Him when you say no. It costs everyone who truly believes the total submission of self to the rightful claims of Jesus Christ on their lives and souls. For all who would be His for time and eternity, Jesus has paid the high cost to offer you the gift of salvation. Have you paid the high cost of accepting?

Please do not pay the high cost of dying in sin. I am telling you, friend, it is more than you want to pay. If things in your life are not what they need to be, you can come before the Lord and find forgiveness. Just as the prodigal son found a living father back home, you will find a Heavenly Father who is ready to forgive you and restore you to the place where you ought to be.

The wise person will not experience the hard ways of the transgressor. If you are a wise person, you will learn from the suffering of others. You will avoid the path of wickedness that you see in others’ lives and where it has led them. Indeed,

if you are a wise person, you will recognize that obedience to God’s commandments is the best life available. You will say, “I want Jesus as my Savior,” and you will also say, “I want Him as my Lord.” The only way you can have Him as your Savior is to accept Him as your Lord.

Have you counted the cost? Have you thought about eternity? I have been honest with you. I have told you what it is going to cost you both ways. If you do not get saved, it is going to cost you in this life and in the life to come. What are you going to do? What decisions are you going to make. I want you to think about these things as you count the cost.

Look at others and look where sin led them. Look at what it cost them. It often involves its victims in utter disgrace. How many have fallen out of respectability? How many have left the country or retired into obscurity because of the reputation transgression has given them?

Transgression will leave you with a bad reputation. It often causes extreme suffering and anguish. You can go to the prisons and look at those who are shut off from society. Do you know what they say? “The way

of the transgressor is hard.” You can go to the mental institutions and see what sin has done. If they have their right minds at all, they would say: “The way of the transgressor is hard.” If you go to the hospitals and see folks groaning with pain and disease, you will see some who are suffering because of sin. Life does not start out that way, but that is the end of it, because the wages of sin is death.

We read in Romans 6:23 these words; “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” You are free to choose between two masters, but you are not free to manipulate the consequences of your choice.

Each of the two masters pays with his own kind of currency. The currency of sin is death. This is all you can expect or hope for in the life without God. Christ’s currency is eternal life – new life with God that begins on earth and continues forever with God. What choice have you made?

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The strength of trees

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



“The wind makes the tree stronger” was what I was told a few weeks ago when I shared with a professional landscaper about my lack of knowledge about trees. He explained that the tree grows stronger as it blows in the wind because it develops a stronger trunk and roots. To be honest, I wished I known that little fact nearly 5 years ago when I was so excited about becoming a homeowner but was so stressed about the tree in my front yard.

Even though I knew that a new tree was included in the homebuilder’s package, I have to admit that I was a little disappointed that for the first few years the tree in my front yard looked more like the Charlie Brown Christmas tree. It had a thin trunk smaller than my wrists and no leaves at all the first few months. I tried to trust my landscaper’s assurances that over time it would grow tall and have beautiful reddish orange leaves. One day, I shared with her my concerns that the tree would break during the first strong rain storm and she told me to get tree stakes to anchor the tree until it became stronger.

I did what she said but the first strong winds and heavy rain that came a few weeks later made me very nervous. As I watched the tree bend and sway in the downpour, I was convinced it would not survive the night. I expected to


see its thin limbs and leaves scattered in my front yard the next day. However, when I woke up the next day, I was pleasantly surprised: the tree was still standing with the same leaves on it. How was that even possible?

Over the years, I’ve watched my small tree grow into a sturdy tree that seems to easily withstand high winds and rain. And I finally took the tree anchor ropes off earlier this year after a friend said that the tree didn’t need them anymore. He said that keeping the ropes on the tree would actually keep it from growing.

My concerns about my front yard tree reminds me of Psalms 1:1-3 which says that “He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.” Much like trees, we actually get stronger as we endure storms. Sometimes these storms force us to spend more time reading God’s word or praying for Godly direction.

What actually happens is that by turning to God in the midst of a storm, we begin to develop deeper spiritual roots. We may bend and even feel like we are going to break but, in the end, we will become stronger by developing a deeper connection with God.

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Remember Dr. Christine Blasey Ford: Mobilize the “mob” to march on ballot boxes to eradicate Trumpism



Ford

By Dr. Ron Daniels
Trice Edney Newswire

We must never forget the humble, dignified and courageous testimony of Dr. Christine Blasey Ford before the Senate Judiciary Committee. With no outside witnesses being called, the hearing was deliberately rigged to be a “she said, he said” spectacle.

We must never forget the biased treatment of Ford by the committee’s Chairman Charles Grassley, who complimented her for coming into the lion’s den, and then attempted to discredit her in his opening statement. He also slammed Senator Diane Feinstein, ranking member of the committee, another woman, for messing up the coronation of the “choir boy,” Judge Brett Kavanaugh, by not violating Ford’s explicit wish that her story be held confidential until she was prepared to make it public.

Grassley and the Republicans were more concerned about the “process” than a credible allegation of sexual assault. To add insult to injury, the hearing proceeded with the cowardly, Republican white men hiding behind a hired hit woman, Rachel Mitchell, Esq., to do their dirty work. Through it all Blasey Ford, who volunteered that she was “terrified,” calmly and courageously told her story, emphatically asserting that she was “100 percent certain” that it was a youthful, drunken Brett Kavanaugh who viciously and violently assaulted her.

The whole world witnessed her courage and determination to come forth under adverse circumstances, an un-level playing field, to tell her story as a matter of non-partisan civic duty. She was believable and credible. She told the truth. Then came the calculated, angry, defiant, belligerent, hyper-partisan testimony of the “choir boy,” Kavanaugh, who proclaimed that he was “100 percent certain” that he did not assault Ford.

The cowardly Republican senators quickly pushed Rachel Mitchell aside, tripping over themselves for a turn to heap praise on Kavanaugh for his judicial record and life of public service. They expressed sorrow and outrage over the shameful way he was treated in having to face a decades old accusation based on “no corroborating evidence.” Suddenly, the alleged perpetrator of the sexual assault against Ford was being treated as if he were the victim.

When the Democratic members sought to question Kavanaugh, he arrogantly tried to turn the tables by refusing to answer or posing questions back to the senators. When Mr. “choir boy” was asked about reports by high school and college classmates that he drank heavily, he cavalierly dismissed the inquiries and even insulted Senator Amy Klobuchar, another woman, by asking her if she had ever drank too much.

The sense of privilege and entitlement oozed out of every pore in his body. Kavanaugh lied about his habitual drunkenness and if he lied about that, he most certainly lied about assaulting Ford. The image of this angry, defiant, bellicose, arrogant, truth-denying man interrogating the members of the Judiciary

Committee is a spectacle that should forever be seared into our consciousness. We must never forget the legions of women and men who courageously organized protest rallies and demonstrations in support of Ford and marched into the halls of Congress to challenge senators to believe Ford’s truth.

For a brief moment a memorable encounter in an elevator, with wavering, retiring Senator Jeff Flake of Arizona, gave rise to hope that an FBI investigation would reveal the lies of the choir boy and validate Ford’s truth. But, the White House deliberately limited the scope of the investigation in a manner that rendered it a charade. Neither Ford, Kavanaugh or scores of witnesses to the choir boy’s drunkenness and out of control behavior were interviewed. It was sham foisted on the American people under the guise of conducting a thorough investigation.

The white men, who controlled the process, were not interested in justice, they had a political agenda; the decisive control of the Supreme Court to sanction their retrograde policies for decades to come.

Finally, against the backdrop of the choir boy’s belligerent behavior during the fake hearing, we must never forget the “orange man’s” despicable, repeated mocking of Ford at a campaign rally and his subsequent characterization of the women and men who marched, rallied and protested to support her as a “mob;” a label that was subsequently echoed by Grassley, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and Senator Lindsey Graham to feed “red meat” to the Republican base and fire them up for the mid-term elections.

These white men readily put power over principle and their political agenda over the truth of a victim of sexual assault; they spat in the face of the untold thousands, if not millions of victims of sexual assault, by insulting demonstrators, many of whom were women by branding them a “mob.” But, “truth crushed to earth will rise again.” The “mob” of righteous, indignant people, some of whom have never voted before, must be mobilized to rise up and defiantly march on ballot boxes with the words “we remember Dr. Christine Blasey Ford” reverberating throughout the land.

Lest the nation forget, the images of the “orange man” mocking Ford should be replayed repeatedly on social media platforms and in campaign commercials. The vile ugliness of Trumpism and all that it represents must be eradicated and the cleansing must begin with the massive, irresistible mobilization of the “mob” to march on ballot boxes November 6 in the critical mid-term elections. We remember Dr. Christine Blasey Ford!

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Andrew Gillum is not corrupt!

By Rev. Dr. R. B. Holmes Jr.
Trice Edney Newswire

The television campaign advertisement that is currently being run by the Republican Party, basically saying that Mayor Andrew Gillum is corrupt, is demeaning, disturbing, disingenuous and dishonest. Gillum is not corrupt. He is competent; he is capable; he is caring; he is confident and he is courageous.

Listen, I am fully aware that politics is a rough and tough craft and it is not for the faint of heart, nor the thin-skinned. Nevertheless, our politics should be better than this. It’s not about “the politics of personal destruction.” It is unfortunate and ugly that his opponent has taken this negative approach to belittle and smear the character of Gillum.

The Florida gubernatorial race should be about which candidate has the best ideas, policies and vision that can move this great state forward. Florida deserves better. I believe that Gillum is uniquely prepared and qualified to become our next governor. I have known Gillum for half of his young and impressive life. He is decent, dignified and positively driven to make a difference for all “Floridians.”

Gillum is not corrupt! You may disagree with some of his policies. That is fair game. But to say he is corrupt is incorrect, inexplicable and shameful. This young man is a trans-



Gillum

formational leader. I have observed him closely in various leadership positions.

Gillum served faithfully and skillfully as the Student Government Association president at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU). He was a studious, steadfast, significant and strategic thinker as a member of FAMU’s Board of Trustees. He became the youngest elected Tallahassee city commissioner. As a commissioner, he brought vibrancy, vision, value and valor to that commission. As our mayor, he has been a voice for distressed communities, a fighter for the disenfran-

chised, and an astute problem solver.

The mayor is not perfect, but he is prepared, positive, persistent and principled.

Let me be clear. Vote for whom-ever you want to for governor. However, if you want a governor who will fight for better wages, Gillum is the man. If you want Medicaid expanded for the poor and sick, Gillum is your man. If you want the civil rights of former felons restored, Gillum is your man.

If you want Florida’s archaic “Stand your ground law” to be amended or ended, Gillum is your man. If you want clean water, beautiful beaches, a pristine environment and environmental justice, Gillum is your man. If you want to see the minimum wage increased to \$15 per hour, Gillum is your man. If you want common sense gun laws, Gillum is your man. If you want better schools, safer schools, innovative schools, Gillum is your man. If you want somebody who will work to save, strengthen and sustain the four Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in this sunshine state, then Gillum is your man.

On Nov. 6, it is your choice: Andrew Gillum is not corrupt! He is a champion for the people! Be encouraged.

Rev. Dr. R. B. Holmes Jr., is publisher of the Capital Outlook Newspaper in Tallahassee, Fla.

Georgia’s race for governor soiled by a conflict of interest

By Marc H. Morial
*President and CEO
National Urban League*



What if Georgia played Alabama in football and the lead referee was playing quarterback for Alabama? Would we assume the rules are being equally enforced? Would Georgians worry that the fix was in? Football thrives on a level playing field.

There is no way the University of Georgia or Southeastern Conference officials would accept such an obvious conflict of interest. Yet, Georgia’s gubernatorial contest is scarred by a similarly unacceptable conflict. Brian Kemp, the Republican secretary of state – the official who makes and enforces election rules – is running against Stacey Abrams, the first African-American woman to be nominated for governor in the state’s history.

Kemp has refused to recuse himself or quit to ensure that a neutral official is in charge of the election rules.

What would be utterly unacceptable in a football game is somehow supposed to be swallowed in an election contest over who will lead the state. Kemp isn’t a passive secretary of state. A proud right-wing hardliner, he is notorious for trying to find ways to suppress the vote, particularly the vote of African Americans.

As Myrna Perez, deputy director of the Brennan Center for Justice told The New York Times: “Georgia has been a cause for concern for a number of policies, ranging from polling place closures to technical blocking of registration and purges.”

Kemp has implemented an “exact match” voter ID system that requires voters to bring IDs that exactly match their registration records. In August, Georgians learned of a plan to close most of the polling stations in a predominantly black county. The outrage was such that the plan was abandoned. Civil rights groups filed a lawsuit last week challenging the “exact match” voter registration law.

The Associated Press reported that Kemp has held up the registrations of 53,000 voters, 70 percent of them African-American, in a state with a population that is 32 percent black. Many people on that list may not even know their voter registration has been held up.

Abrams is reaching out across the state to get voters to register and vote, across lines of race. Not surprisingly, she sees Kemp’s actions as biased: “This is simply a redux of a failed system that is both designed to scare people out of voting and ... for those who are willing to push through, make it harder for them to vote.”

Kemp responded not as a neutral state elections official, but as a par-

tisan candidate, accusing Abrams of being afraid to run on her record and “using fear to fund-raise.”

Kemp claims that it has never been easier to register in Georgia. His conflict of interest, however, makes that hard to believe. Other secretaries of state have stepped down when deciding to run for office. Kemp’s refusal to do so undermines not only his word, but the credibility of his office. Georgia, like other states in the South, has a long and dark history of voter suppression.

After Justice John Roberts and the conservative gang of five on the Supreme Court gutted the Voting Rights Act, many states, particularly those in the South controlled by Republicans, rolled out new voter suppression laws. Nothing could be more corrosive to democratic elections and to Georgia’s effort to become a leader of the New South. The election is less than a month away.

Abrams offers Georgians a new day, one that will attract interest around the world. Kemp remains the referee and the Republican candidate, a throwback to an age that few in Georgia and the South would want to return. We all have an interest in elections that are free and fair. Democracy depends on that. The legitimacy of our officials depends on that. It is too bad that Kemp has chosen to ignore that basic principle.

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Jackson dentists open their doors for 7th Annual “Operation Troop Treats”

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Children and families in the Jackson area will have a chance to exchange Halloween candy for toys and send deployed U.S. troops, veterans and first responders a “sweet” reminder this holiday season that they are appreciated for their service during Operation Troop Treats, an annual candy exchange hosted by Kool Smiles in partnership with Operation Gratitude.

From Saturday, Oct. 27 through Saturday, Nov. 3, children and families are encouraged to visit the following Kool Smiles dental office to exchange their Halloween candy for toys:

Kool Smiles Jackson – 989 Ellis Ave, Jackson, MS 39209. Phone: (601) 354-3557

Kool Smiles Jackson-North State – 4463 N. State Street, Jackson, MS 39206. Phone: (601) 714-2908.

All area families are invited to participate and candy can be donated any time during regular office hours. All donated candy will be sent in care packages to U.S. service members stationed overseas and area veterans and first responders via Operation Gratitude.

“Operation Troop Treats promotes healthy dental habits during Halloween, and brings a little bit of holiday joy to U.S. service members deployed overseas and those who are with us here at home,” said Dr. David Moore, area dental director for Kool Smiles. “Many of our patient families and employees are current or former service members, so this is a small way for us to share a smile with our troops and say thank you to those who sacrifice so much to ensure our safety and security.”

In addition to the candy shipment, Kool Smiles dentists will donate 200 dental care kits and the funds to cover the assembly and shipment of 200 Operation Gratitude care packages filled with letters of appreciation, food, entertainment and hygiene items and other sweet reminders of home.

Operation Gratitude is a

501(c)(3), volunteer-based organization that annually produces more than 200,000 care packages for U.S. service members deployed in harm’s way, their children, wounded heroes, veterans, new recruits and first responders.

“Operation Gratitude’s mission is to thank all who serve, bridging the divide between grateful Americans and the heroes who serve and protect them,” said Kevin Schmiegel, Lieutenant Colonel, USMC (Ret.) and CEO, Operation Gratitude. “The Halloween Candy Give-Back Program provides every American child the opportunity to learn about service, sacrifice and generosity.”

Every child that comes in can receive one toy for every 25 pieces of unopened candy in its original packaging. The program is open to everyone, regardless of whether they are Kool Smiles patients. There is a limit of three toys per child and toys are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Americans spend an estimated \$2.5 billion on a whopping 600 million pounds of Halloween Candy each year. In 2017, more than four tons of donated candy was sent to deployed U.S. troops through Operation Troop Treats. Kool Smiles is encouraging area families to help exceed last year’s candy contribution.

Brushing twice daily and getting regular dental check-ups is vital for people of all ages. However, Halloween is an especially important time for parents to pay close attention to their children’s dental health and sugar intake.

“Operation Troop Treats is a fun way to teach children about the importance of giving back, making others smile and in the process, learning about how to avoid cavities,” Dr. Moore explained. “Reducing the frequency of sugar intake can help combat tooth decay during the holiday season and Operation Troop Treats allows us to share the sweetness.”

For more information on the program, including the nearest Kool Smiles location, please visit www.operation-trooptreats.com

Medicaid initiatives reduced opioid use by more than 25 percent in some of America’s most challenged communities

The Mississippi Link Newswire

AmeriHealth Caritas, a national leader in Medicaid managed care and other health care solutions for those most in need, announced recently the impact of its proprietary Opioid Blueprint, a comprehensive, multipronged approach to preventing and combating substance use disorders.

From 2013-2017, the company saw in its Pennsylvania markets a 39 percent decrease in opioid prescription claims and a 38 percent increase in utilization of medication-assisted treatment (MAT). Across all of its markets from 2015-2017, the company continued to see a 26 percent drop in opioid use and a 12 percent jump in utilization of MAT – reducing the potential for substance use disorders and increasing the total number of members engaged in recovery. Additionally, AmeriHealth Caritas has seen a significant increase in the number of opioid users engaged through its integrated care management program and other wrap-around support services.

“AmeriHealth Caritas is driving improved health outcomes to some of the most challenged communities in the country,” said Dr. Andrea Gelzer, senior vice president, medical affairs for AmeriHealth Caritas. “This front-line approach and personalized interface have given us a deeper understanding of the opioid crisis and helped to fully inform the best practices in our blueprint that are leading to our successes.”

The AmeriHealth Caritas Opioid Blueprint has three core focuses: pharmacy interventions, provider support, and member engagement strategies. To date, the company’s successes have been driven by:

Interventions at the time of dispensing aimed at appropriate duration and strength of prescribed opioid medications.

Removal of prior authorization requirements to enhance access to many MAT therapies.

Amplified care management of high-risk populations.

Increased access to naloxone (Narcan).

Effective interventions with members and providers to isolate and impact high usages.

Pharmacy Interventions.

Pharmacists are often the most accessible health care provider and can be a frequent point of contact between patients and the health care system. As a result,

pharmacists play a critical role in helping health plans combat the opioid crisis because they can directly identify patients who may be abusing opioids and intervene to prevent further abuse. By offering more intensive coordination and educational tools for better prescribing, AmeriHealth Caritas is making inroads in preventing fraud, waste and abuse and progressively lowering maximum allowed dosing of opioid medications.

Key aspects of this approach include:

Implementation of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and state prescribing guidelines: AmeriHealth Caritas has implemented recommended prescribing limits on day supply and maximal dosing allowed for members new to opioids in our markets.

Analytics: The company’s data analytics capabilities are being optimized to identify inappropriate prescribing and utilization patterns. This process includes standardizing data reporting across the enterprise and responding to geographical data trends.

Pharmacy lock-ins: In all of its jurisdictions, based on utilization patterns, AmeriHealth Caritas is identifying members receiving opioid prescriptions from multiple providers in order to maximize referrals to lock-in programs, which align patients to one specific pharmacy and prescriber to better monitor services and reduce inappropriate use of controlled substances.

“Our company keenly understands the importance of contributing to viable solutions to this crisis. Maximizing pharmacy lock-ins, using analytics to better understand the problem, and successfully working to decrease new starts are providing the right foundation for progress,” said Mesfin Tegenu, president of PerformRx, a pharmacy benefits management company wholly owned by AmeriHealth Caritas. “While we will continue to explore all avenues to help decrease opioid misuse in the nation, it will take a concentrated, holistic approach to successfully tackle this problem.”

Provider Support

Providers face the challenge of minimizing the potential for misuse of medications, while balancing a patient’s access to appropriate prescriptions and adequate pain control. New and

comprehensive education pathways for providers, including alternate pain treatment modalities and cognitive support, along with identification of high-risk prescribing patterns are important to help stem the opioid crisis.

Key aspects of this approach include:

Education: According to a 2011 study in the Journal of Pain, physicians receive just nine hours of training on properly prescribing medications while in medical school. AmeriHealth Caritas is ensuring access to comprehensive training programs for providers in our networks to promote evidence-based prescribing, as well as alternative therapeutic options for opioids.

Systematic Analysis: AmeriHealth Caritas is also using data analytics to further identify predictive risk factors for prescribing and to more meaningful, effective and efficient conversations with our providers. The company uses data to proactively address patterns of overprescribing and clinically inappropriate utilization, and more importantly, make sure its provider networks are aware of the availability of care management resources, cognitive therapy support, in-network multidisciplinary pain centers, and covered non-opioid and alternative pain therapies.

Expanding access to care: AmeriHealth Caritas is making comprehensive, multi-disciplinary addiction and recovery services more accessible to its members. The company partners with specialized treatment and recovery providers to expand access to evidence-based treatment and recovery services, thus increasing the likelihood of member success.

“One of the biggest challenges in fighting the opioid epidemic is increasing access to treatment for the disease of addiction,” said Gregory Marotta, CEO and president of CleanSlate, a pioneer and leader in outpatient addiction medicine. “CleanSlate is grateful for the active relationship with AmeriHealth Caritas to help us reach, educate and treat people who are in need of assistance. The strong support of AmeriHealth Caritas is the kind of alliance that helps save lives in communities across the country which have been hard-hit by this health crisis.”

Member Engagement
AmeriHealth Caritas encour-

ages its members to make safe choices about opioids through its education materials and outreach. By raising awareness about prescription opioid misuse and overdose, the company helps members understand risk reduction strategies as well as available non-opioid treatment options. Additionally, AmeriHealth Caritas is optimizing its care management capabilities by proactively identifying and engaging at-risk members and wrapping them with intervention and follow-up services through its care management program. Nearly half of all opioid users in AmeriHealth Caritas’ member population have been impacted in some way by its integrated care management program.

Key aspects of this approach include:

Engagement: AmeriHealth Caritas is actively engaging members who have been prescribed high-dose opioid therapy and tailoring personalized interventions and education efforts based on the member’s level of risk. The company is also making naloxone available to those who need it, and as a result, has seen naloxone use increase by 270 percent.

Peer recovery specialists: AmeriHealth Caritas uses peer support specialists for several special populations, including pregnant women and very high utilizers of medical services. Peer support specialists provide face-to-face engagement with members in their communities and ongoing support.

Specialized programs: AmeriHealth Caritas has enhanced the identification and intervention process for its Bright Start® maternity care management program, which provides comprehensive maternity care management services to reduce the incidence of pregnancy-related complications and improve birth outcomes. The company also offers specialized support services to members to address opioid use during pregnancy. AmeriHealth Caritas has seen maternal opioid pain medication use decrease over the course of a pregnancy by 11.2 percent.

“The collaboration between Crozer-Keystone Health System and AmeriHealth Caritas has resulted in a robust program that has improved the standard of care for an at-risk population in a meaningful and tangible way.

AARP welcomes Jackson, MS as the latest member of its Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities

The Mississippi Link Newswire

What: Jackson, Mississippi will be inducted into the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities. As the latest city to sign on to the network, Jackson’s civic leaders will have access to global resources and information on age-friendly best practices, models of assessment and implementation, and the experiences of towns and cities around the world.

When: 2:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 22, 2018

Where: Jackson City Hall, 219 S. President Street, Ceremonial Office (1st Floor)

Why: The AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities helps participating communities be-

come great places for people of all ages by adopting features such as safe, walkable streets; better housing and transportation options; access to key services; and opportunities for residents to participate in civic and community activities.

Who: Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Esq.

AARP Mississippi State Director Kimberly L. Campbell, Esq.

AARP Mississippi State President Gwendolyn S. Prater, Ph.D.

AARP is the nation’s largest nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to empowering Americans 50 and older to choose how they live as they age. With nearly 38 million members and offices in every state,

the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, AARP works to strengthen communities and advocate for what matters most to families with a focus on health security, financial stability and personal fulfillment. AARP also works for individuals in the marketplace by sparking new solutions and allowing carefully chosen, high-quality products and services to carry the AARP name. As a trusted source for news and information, AARP produces the world’s largest circulation publications, AARP The Magazine and AARP Bulletin.

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OCTOBER 17, 2018

JMAA will receive Proposals at the offices of JMAA, Suite 300, Main Terminal Building, Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39208, until 3:00 p.m. Central Standard Time on November 23, 2018 (the “Deadline”).

JMAA will not consider any Proposals received after the Deadline for any reason whatsoever. Information for Respondents relating to this Request for Proposals (“RFP”) is on file and open for public inspection at the offices of JMAA. The Information for Respondents contains a copy of the RFP, General Information for Respondents, Information Required from Respondents and Criteria for Selection. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the Information for Respondents from JMAA by contacting Mr. Deuntagus Herndon, JMAA’s

Procurement Specialist, as follows:

Jackson Municipal Airport Authority
100 International Drive, Suite 300 (39208)
Post Office Box 98109
Jackson, Mississippi 39298-8109
Attention: Deuntagus Herndon, Procurement Specialist
Telephone No.: (601) 360-8622
Facsimile No.: (601) 939-3713
E-Mail: dherndon@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 Services. JMAA will initiate negotiations with the Respondent ranked first on the list. If such negotiations fail to produce an agreement in form and content, satisfactory to JMAA, within a reasonable period of time, then JMAA may reject the first-ranked Respondent and follow the same process with the other Respondents, in the order of their ranking, until a Respondent agrees to and enters into an agreement satisfactory to JMAA.

JMAA will hold a Pre-Submission Conference at 2:00 p.m. Central Standard Time on October 31, 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 highly encouraged for all those interested in submitting Proposals as a Prime Consultant for the Services and persons seeking opportunities to provide work as a Sub-Consultant. The benefits of attendance include networking opportunities between Prime Consultant and Sub-Consultants, as well as the opportunity to be on a list of contacts that will be published to interested parties as part of the minutes from the Pre-Submission Conference; and a detailed review of the scope of work. No additional conferences or meetings will be scheduled.

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

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

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Advertisement for Bids

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Sealed, written formal bid proposals for the above bid will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time) November 13, 2018, at which time and place they will be

publicly opened and read aloud. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date bids are opened. Proposal forms and detailed specifications may be obtained free of charge by emailing pagreen@jackson.k12.ms.us, calling (601) 960-8799, or documents may be picked up at the above address or downloaded from JPS website at [HYPERLINK "http://www.jackson.k12.ms.us"](http://www.jackson.k12.ms.us) www.jackson.k12.ms.us.

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

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

CAUSE NO. PB18-JH T/1

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

This the 9th day of October, 2018.

Bobbie Jean Ball
Bobbie Jean Ball

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF Hinds

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

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

Shirley Terry Woodley
Notary Public

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RULE 81 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

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

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

CAUSE #18-00023

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

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MABEL SEATON, DECEASED

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

You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 2:00 o'clock a.m., on the 22nd day of January, 2018, in the Chancery Courtroom of Hinds County, Mississippi, before Honorable William Singletary and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

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

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

Eddie Carr
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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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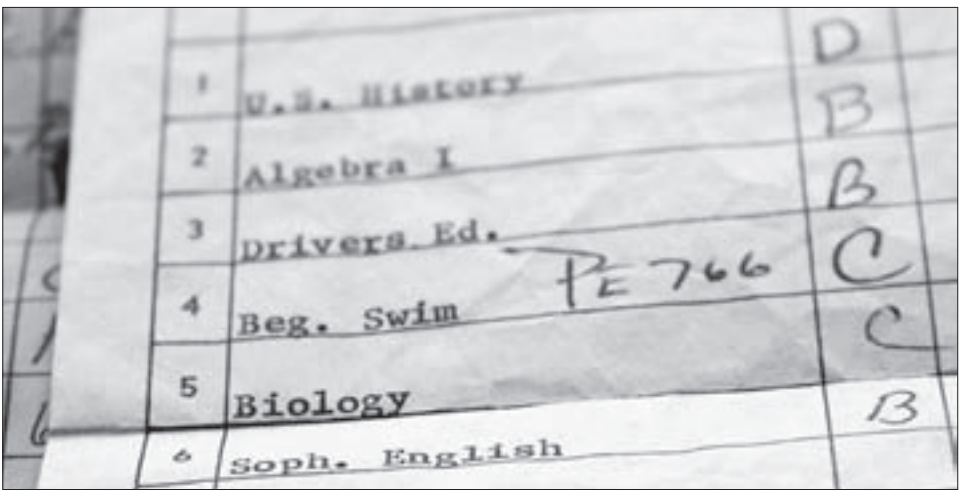
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School grading practices Are inaccurate and inequitable to black Children



Teachers go to great lengths to identify what percentage quizzes, homework, tests, extra credit and class participation count towards the overall grade, but the seemingly objective way educators determine grades are often inaccurate, hide student achievement, and actually perpetuate achievement gaps. PHOTO: ISTOCKPHOTO / NNPA

By Joe Feldman
Crescendo Education Group

The battle for equity in our schools is not only a fight to guarantee access to great teaching and high-quality learning environments, programs, and materials. The battle for equity also includes the practices and policies that teachers use to describe students’ success or failure in school.

An issue often overlooked, grading, is of critical importance. Grades determine so many decisions made about our children: whether they are promoted, qualify to play on the athletic field, graduate, receive scholarships and get accepted to college. Unfortunately, in too many schools and classrooms, teachers often unwittingly assign grades in ways that are unfair and make success more difficult for black and other underserved children. Teachers go to great lengths to identify what percentage quizzes, homework, tests, extra credit and class participation count towards

the overall grade, but the seemingly objective way educators determine grades are often inaccurate, hide student achievement and actually perpetuate achievement gaps.

COMMENTARY

First, teachers inject subjectivity and biases into their grading. In much the way that schools’ disciplinary actions often disproportionately punish African-American, Latino, low-income and students with special needs, too often traditional grading practices are often corrupted by implicit racial, class and gender biases that affect individual teachers’ grading. Teachers often include in grades a student’s “effort” or “participation” – a subjective judgment about that student which may have nothing to do with how much the student has learned.

Grading
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Young medical worker executed

By Boko Haram Caliphate
TriceEdneyWire.com/GIN

“We urge you: spare and release these women,” begged Patricia Danzi, director of the International Committee of the Red Cross in Africa. “Like all those abducted, they are not part of any fight.”

“They are daughters and sisters, one is a mother – women with their futures ahead of them, children to raise and families to return to.”

Nonetheless, the Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP), a self-declared caliphate of Boko Haram, rejected their entreaties and executed 24 year old Hauwa Liman, an aide worker. The insurgents further vowed to make another captive, schoolgirl Leah Sharibu, a slave for life.

In a video seen by some journalists, Hauwa was forced to kneel down, with her hands tied inside a white hijab, and was then shot at a close range.

A midwife with ICRC, Saifura Ahmed, who had been abducted at the same time, was executed by Boko Haram in September.

ISWAP said the two women were killed because they were Murtads (apostates) by the group because they were once Muslims that abandoned their Islam when they chose to work with the Red Cross.

The 24-year-old nurse and student of Health Education at the University of Maiduguri was among the three aid workers abducted in an attack on



Hauwa Liman

a heavily-guarded military facility in the small town of Rann, Borno State March 1, 2018.

The insurgents also abducted Alice Loksha Ngaddah, a nurse and mother of two and Saifura Husseini Ahmed, a midwife. Four soldiers and four policemen were also killed.

“From today, Sharibu and Ngaddah are now our slaves,” it said. “Based on our doctrines, it is now lawful for us to do whatever we want to do with them.”

Regrets from Nigerian Information Minister Lai Mohammed did not persuade some Nigerian citizens that the government had done all it could possibly do to free the women.

Dr Dipò (@OgbeniDipo), writing on The Nigerian Guardian, commented: “If she was a child of the

elite, perhaps there would be more urgency and this wouldn’t happen.”

Dr Chima Matthew Amadi (@AMADICHIMA) wrote: Hauwa Liman was executed by ISWAP according to reports. We had 10 days to save her life but we were busy. Busy with politics; busy with useless executive order; busy with nothing. Sorry Hauwa, Nigeria failed you, like we failed Anita yesterday and countless others.”

Meanwhile, a new entry into the political race for the presidency is Obiageli Ezekwesili. In 2014, Ezekwesili, a graduate of Harvard and a founding director of Transparency International, captured the world’s attention with #BringBackOurGirls, a campaign to rescue 276 schoolgirls who had been kidnapped in Chibok, Nigeria.

In announcing a presidential bid Oct. 7, the former World Bank official now hopes to upend establishment politics in Africa’s most populous country.

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By Kam Williams
Columnist

Soon after completing his seminary studies, Darren Turner (Justin Breuning) was commissioned as an Army chaplain. He was assigned to Georgia’s Fort Stewart, but received orders to ship out to Iraq before he and his family even had a chance to get settled.

Still, Darren and his wife, Heather (Sarah Drew) took the deployment in stride, relying heavily on their faith that he

would return safely and have no trouble making the adjustment back to civilian life. This, despite evidence that neighbors like spouse-abusing Michael Lewis (Jason George) had been left severely damaged psychologically by tours of duty overseas.

So, Darren naively bid Heather and their three young children adieu, oblivious of the toll that serving during the 2007 troop surge might take. Stationed at a forward operating base outside Baghdad, he would experi-

ence all the horrors of the war: sniper fire, ambushes, improvised explosive devices, rocket-propelled grenades and mortar attacks.

While Darren was spared physical injury, numerous soldiers that he ministered to were wounded or killed during the intense campaign. Against his better judgment, he routinely hid all the gruesome details of what he was witnessing from his family.

Consequently, Heather came to feel that Darren was no longer

connecting with her and the kids. And those suspicions were only confirmed when he arrived home after a year on the front lines. Jumpy and paranoid, the once doting husband and father was now angry, distant and mean.

Her patience wearing thin, Heather tells her husband he needs help. Ultimately, she kicks him out of the house, though praying for forgiveness for “judging something I don’t understand myself.”

Thus unfolds Indivisible, a

faith-based docudrama recounting the real-life fall from grace of Darren Turner. Co-written and directed by David G. Evans (The Grace Card), the compassionate biopic convincingly conveys the idea that a non-combatant like a chaplain might very well suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome.

What sets this film apart from most Christian-oriented fare is that its characters are more complex than those simplistically-drawn individuals typically

served up by relatively heavy-handed morality plays. Homecoming from war was treated as more than merely tying a yellow ribbon around an old oak tree and leaving the rest to Jesus.

Excellent (3.5 stars)

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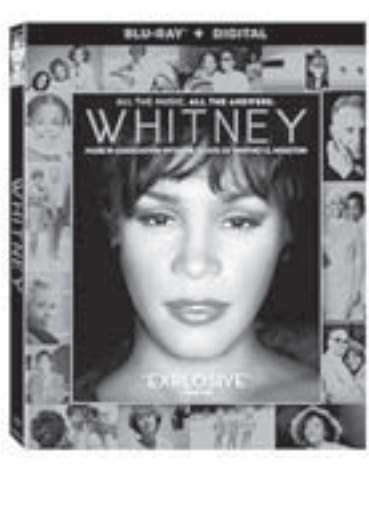
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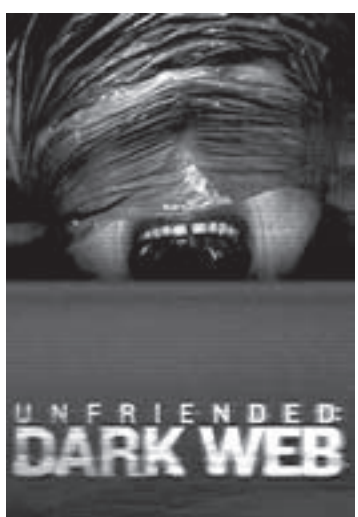
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4. Arizona



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

By Kam Williams
Columnist

For movies opening October 26, 2018

Wide Releases

Hunter Killer (R for violence and profanity) Action thriller about an American submarine captain (Gerard Butler) who joins forces with a team of Navy SEALs to rescue the kidnapped Russian President (Alexander Diachenko) from the clutches of a rogue, Soviet Minister of Defense (Mikhail Gorevoy). Supporting cast includes Common, Gary Oldman and Adam James.

Indivisible (PG-13 for violence and mature themes) Faith-based docudrama revolving around a marriage that ends up in crisis when an army chaplain (Justin Breuning) suffering from PTSD returns home following a tour of duty in Iraq. With Sarah Drew, Jason George and Tia Mowry-Hardrict.

Johnny English Strikes Again (PG for action, violence, rude humor, mild epithets and brief nudity) Rowan Atkinson reprises the title role in this third installment of the espionage comedy franchise which finds the bumbling

spy coming out of retirement to apprehend the hacker behind a devastating cyber attack. Cast includes Olga Kurylenko, Emma Thompson and Charles Dance.

Independent & Foreign Films

The First Patient (Unrated) Anatomy documentary following a class of first-year med students’ dissection of the human body over the course of a semester at the Mayo Clinic.

London Fields (R for sexuality, nudity, violence, drug use and pervasive profanity) Adaptation of Martin Amis’ suspense thriller, set in London, about a psychic

femme fatale (Amber Heard) who seduces three men (Billy Bob Thornton, Jim Sturgess and Theo James) after having a premonition that she’ll be murdered by one of them. With Gemma Chan, Jaimie Alexander and Jason Isaacs.

The Long Shadow (Unrated) Justice delayed documentary, co-directed by Frances Causey and Maureen Gosling, both descendants of slave owners, examining the continued discrimination against African Americans in the U.S. from emancipation to the present.

Monrovia, Indiana (Unrated)

Rust Belt documentary chronicling the diminished dreams of the 46 million Americans living in rural, small towns like Monrovia, Indiana.

Suspiria (R for gore, graphic nudity, disturbing images, ritualistic violence, profanity and sexual references) Horror flick, set in Berlin in 1977, revolving around a nightmare plaguing a grieving shrink (Lutz Ebersdorf) and members of a world-renowned dance troupe. Cast includes Dakota Johnson, Tilda Swinton and Chloe Grace Moretz. (In German, English and French with subtitles)

Viper Club (R for profanity and disturbing images) Middle East political thriller about a nurse (Susan Sarandon) who turns to philanthropists for help freeing her kidnapped son (Julian Morris), when the U.S. government’s efforts negotiating with ISIS prove ineffective. With Matt Bomer, Lola Kirk and Edie Falco.

Weed the People (Unrated) Healthcare documentary making the case for the use of medical marijuana in the treatment of childhood cancers.

Grading

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Second, traditional grading rewards students with privilege and punishes students without them. When teachers award points for completing homework and extra credit, they are giving advantages to students with greater resources – those with college educated parents who are available at home and can help with homework or the extra credit assignments – and making it harder for students who have weaker educational backgrounds and fewer supports.

Third, grading is often based

on calculations that depress student achievement and do not account for progress students make. A student may fail early on, but if they dramatically improve, their initial grades of F combined with subsequent grades of A average to a C for their final grade. This is a mathematically unsound approach that punishes students who have early struggles and conceals their progress and final achievement.

Even though teachers are dedicated to having every student succeed, they have never been

trained in how to grade. They grade how they were graded, and perpetuate the same unfair and biased methods.

Fortunately, new research has illuminated the harms of traditional grading and identified more equitable grading practices that are based on sound mathematical principles that (1) don’t average performance over time, (2) value growth and knowledge instead of environment or behavior and (3) build soft skills like teamwork and communications skills without including them in grades. Grades based

on these approaches have been shown to reduce failure rates, particularly for historically underserved students, and empowers teachers to create more caring classrooms.

But ensuring that schools grade students equitably isn’t just the responsibility of teachers and principals. Parents have a crucial role to play. Parents can begin by asking their child’s teacher a simple question: What would be my child’s grade if it were based solely on their academic performance? This can start an important and clarify-

ing discussion with the teacher while encouraging the entire school to tackle a problem many have been unwilling to address. It is pertinent that parents understand what grades mean. As educators it is important that we ensure grades clearly communicate a student’s academic performance?

It’s time for parents and teachers to ask these questions about grading. If we expect our children to succeed in school, we need to be sure that they are graded accurately and fairly. If we believe that our students

can compete on the world stage, then we’d better make sure that we have grades that tell us clearly if they’re ready.

Joe Feldman is a former teacher and school and district administrator who is the founder of the Oakland, CA-based Crescendo Education Group, which helps educators introduce more equitable grading practice. He is the author of Grading for Equity and the paper School Grading Policies are Failing Children: How We Can Create a More Equitable System.

Sudoku
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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 Jimmy Buffett

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Woodard

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Bernard Love Woodard, ladies' man, foodie and son of Yvonne Woodard and Reuben Love, was born October 5, 1951 in Canton, Miss. Bernard was reared by his beloved grandmother, Lizzie Woodard, and was dubbed "Don Love"

to many who knew him. He was a great father figure to many children (giving nicknames to each of them). He never met a stranger and his comfort far outweighed any interest in the latest fashion trends.

Before his health failed, Bernard accepted Christ as his Savior. And even during his waning months, he was a model of strong will and sheer determination.

He attended Velma Jackson High School in Camden, Miss. and later enlisted in the United States Army; proudly serving from 1973 to 1976 with one tour of duty to Germany. He was honored with the National Defense Medal.

Bernard was a very funny and upbeat man who could make you laugh during your lowest moments. His mechanical genius and general resourcefulness helped him succeed in his jobs with Morgan Hardware, Scott Penn and Garrett Enterprises. He could operate a logging skidder with his eyes closed.

Although a less than average life span, Bernard did not live an aver-

age life. He loved his family, loved to cook, fish and was quite a "teller of tales" of which 75 percent may have actually been true.

On October 12, 2018, while at Hospice Ministries in Ridgeland, Miss. God whispered to Bernard "Your life story is ready for publishing." Bernard agreed and fell asleep.

Memories of Bernard will be cherished by his son, Deltrico Woodard; his daughter, Katrina Mayfield; one grandchild, Lacey Woodard; his siblings: Betty Ann Johnson, Louis (Harriet) Johnson, Tim Johnson, Dorothy Johnson of Detroit, MI and Pamela (Perry) Cockerham. Special cousins: Cheryl (Rocky) Smith; Stephine Johnson, Chardonnea Brown, Patrick Woodard, Richarde Rule; one aunt, Joan Jackson of Detroit, MI; and a host of neices, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Family, friends loved ones gathered to say goodbye at Old Truelight M.B. Church in Farmhaven, Miss. Oct. 20, 2018.

Revered South Carolina State coach 'Buddy' Pough prepares to exit Alma Mater



Pough

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Contributor

In South Carolina sports lore, no program is more revered by African Americans than the South Carolina State University Bulldogs.

And, not many coaches are as beloved as Oliver "Buddy" Pough.

When the Bulldogs faced Delaware State Oct. 20 at Oliver C. Dawson Stadium, it was quite possibly the last homecoming game for Pough, who's not expected to return to the sidelines next year. Final score was Delaware State 19; South Carolina State 30.

"Well, we haven't officially called it quits yet, but my contract is done," Pough told NNPA Newswire this week.

He said it's been an up and down experience, first playing for and then coaching at his Alma Mater.

He's spent nearly 30 years at South Carolina State as a student, athlete, assistant coach and head coach.

"We won 16 Mid-Eastern Atlantic Conference championships since the conference started in 1970," said Willie Jeffries, a former Bulldogs head coach and college football hall of famer.

"That's more than triple the championships of the next school in line and Buddy is responsible for 12 of those championships," said Jeffries, Pough's mentor.

"Buddy played in two of those championship seasons, he participated in four as an assistant coach and he's won six himself as head coach," Jeffries said.

Pough entered this year, his 17th and possible final season as head coach of the Bulldogs, with an impressive 120-64 record, including 94-33 in the MEAC.

At least a half dozen of his players have gone onto the NFL.

His overall conference record at South Carolina State trails only Jeffries.

"He's nine wins shy of the record and I was hoping he would stay on and break the record," said Jeffries, who dines weekly with Pough and the two serve on several boards and committees together.

"I would view that as keeping it in the family."

Pough said he hasn't completely closed the door on a return, but as of now, he doesn't expect to be back.

"I've had the opportunity to head one of the most important parts of our university," Pough said.

"Football in South Carolina is pretty big stuff and you, as head coach, are given the responsibility that's so near and dear to people so you want to do the best job possible, respect the institution and uphold the tradition."

Prior to taking the reins at South Carolina State, Pough spent five seasons as an assistant at the University Of South Carolina (USC), the last three as a running backs coach under legendary coach Lou Holtz.

During his stint at USC, he helped build the Gamecocks into one of the top offensive teams in the Southeastern Conference.

USC made back-to-back appearances in the Outback Bowl in 2000 and 2001.

Before going to USC, Pough was one of the top high school coaches in the Palmetto State, leading Fairfield-Central to a perfect 15-0 record in 1996 and claiming the Class AAA state title, according to the school's website.

He earned South Carolina High School League Coach-of-the-Year honors for his efforts, the first of such three honors. Pough also had coaching stints at Keenan High in Columbia, where he built the Raiders into one of the top Class AAA teams in the state.

In his final two seasons (1973 and 1974)

as a player for South Carolina State, the Orangeburg native and former offensive lineman helped the Bulldogs to a 15-7-1 record, a league crown and back-to-back postseason appearances seasons.

After graduating in 1975, he joined the staff at nearby Orangeburg-Wilkinson High (1976-79), before returning to his alma mater as an assistant coach in 1979.

The Bulldogs made consecutive trips to the Div. 1-AA playoffs (1981 & 1982) during his tenure as an assistant.

"I've tried to encourage young men to do good in school and to be good and respectable citizens and to give back to the community," Pough said.

"That's my most important role here which is to encourage these young men to be good citizens and I never sugar coat anything," he said.

Those are traits Jeffries helped to instill in him.

"When my father died in the 1980s, coach Jeffries became that person that I leaned on the most," Pough said.

"We are still close. He's in and out of my house and I'm in and out of his. It's been a special relationship that's lasted since we met in the early 1970s when he was head coach and I was a sophomore player."

Jeffries continues to be Pough's biggest supporter.

"I want him to stay. I don't know that there's a coach out there that's as good a football coach as Buddy is," Jeffries said.

"He came up under me and I could always depend on him. He was a starting offensive lineman for me and he played real well. He majored in mathematics and that told me that this was a smart kid who was a stickler for detail."

Jeffries called Pough a great technician who's fantastic at teaching the fundamentals of football.

"He coaches his coaches," Jeffries said.

Pough said his love for Bulldogs football at times has him fantasizing about his playing days.

When told that NNPA advertising executive Steven Larkin recalled a key block he made as a player to help the Bulldogs win a title, Pough laughed.

"I think I was a lot better player in my mind than I actually was," he said.

"I was a short fat offensive linemen who probably should have just been happy to be out there. I had a great time and if I could go back to college and play at South Carolina State, I would."

Pough has become a community treasure and, among the many honors and accolades, he was just named as one of the 12 individuals featured in the 2019 South Carolina Department of Education African-American History Calendar sponsored by AT&T.

The calendar annually honors 12 individuals who have made significant contributions to South Carolina and their professions, and serve as role models to the students and citizens of the state.

"My most important thing is the relationships I've had over the years with other coaches, and my players," Pough said. "I've had a great relationship with faculty members, teachers ... you rub off on the association that you have."

If this is his last hurrah as head coach, Pough said he knows the ideal way to say goodbye.

"I want to win the rest of my games, that would be great," he said.

"But, what I want most is for us to play as good as we can and for all the guys to do good in school. I want to continue treating guys the right way as we go off into the sunset."

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25 years of service and still growing

By Othor Cain
Editor



I’ve sat in the editor’s seat at *The Mississippi Link* more times than I can count. How I arrive back each time is also above my math grade. What I know for certain though, is that each time I’m here, I’m engulfed with a sense of service, gratitude and commitment because that is what drives the work we do daily.

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Breast Cancer treatments may increase the risk of heart disease



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Although there are an estimated 47.8 million women in the U.S. who are living with cardiovascular diseases and approximately 3 million breast cancer survivors, many people regard breast cancer as the primary threat to women’s health. It is important to recognize the overlap of heart disease and breast cancer as both entities impact survival.

Heart disease and breast cancer share a number of risk factors, including advanced age, poor diet, family history, physical inactivity and tobacco use.

The fact that these diseases share some risk factors suggests that there are lifestyle choices, primarily diet and exercise, that could help decrease the risks of developing both diseases. Healthcare providers should monitor a woman’s heart health before, during and after breast cancer treatment.

Breast cancer survivors, especially older women, are more likely to die from car-

diovascular diseases such as heart failure rather than breast cancer.

In some cases, the reduction in heart function during and after breast cancer treatment is temporary and cessation of the treatment and/or the addition of heart medicines can improve function.

In some breast cancer patients, heart failure can be permanent.

Because of this, the early development of heart failure can signal a need to slow down and/or alter a patient’s breast cancer treatment because of the risk for worsening the condition or the development of permanent heart failure.

Some breast cancer therapies can damage the heart and healthcare providers should carefully monitor breast cancer treatment effects on the heart.

Some cancer treatments, such as HER-2 targeted therapies, can cause weakening of the heart muscle, a condition known as heart failure. HER-

2 is a specific type of breast cancer.

Radiation, can affect the heart arteries and cause the development of coronary artery disease or blockages.

Anthracyclines, can result in abnormal heart rhythms that in some patients are benign but in others can lead to life-threatening heart rhythms.

Antimetabolites can cause spasm of the heart arteries, which can cause chest pain symptoms but could lead to heart attacks as well.

Some small studies suggest that administering common chemotherapy agents in new ways may reduce heart disease risks.

Studies have shown that when doxorubicin is administered slowly, rather than all at once, patients may have a lower risk of heart failure.

Dexrazoxane could reduce cell damage and has recently been approved for patients with metastatic breast cancer who receive high doses of doxorubicin.

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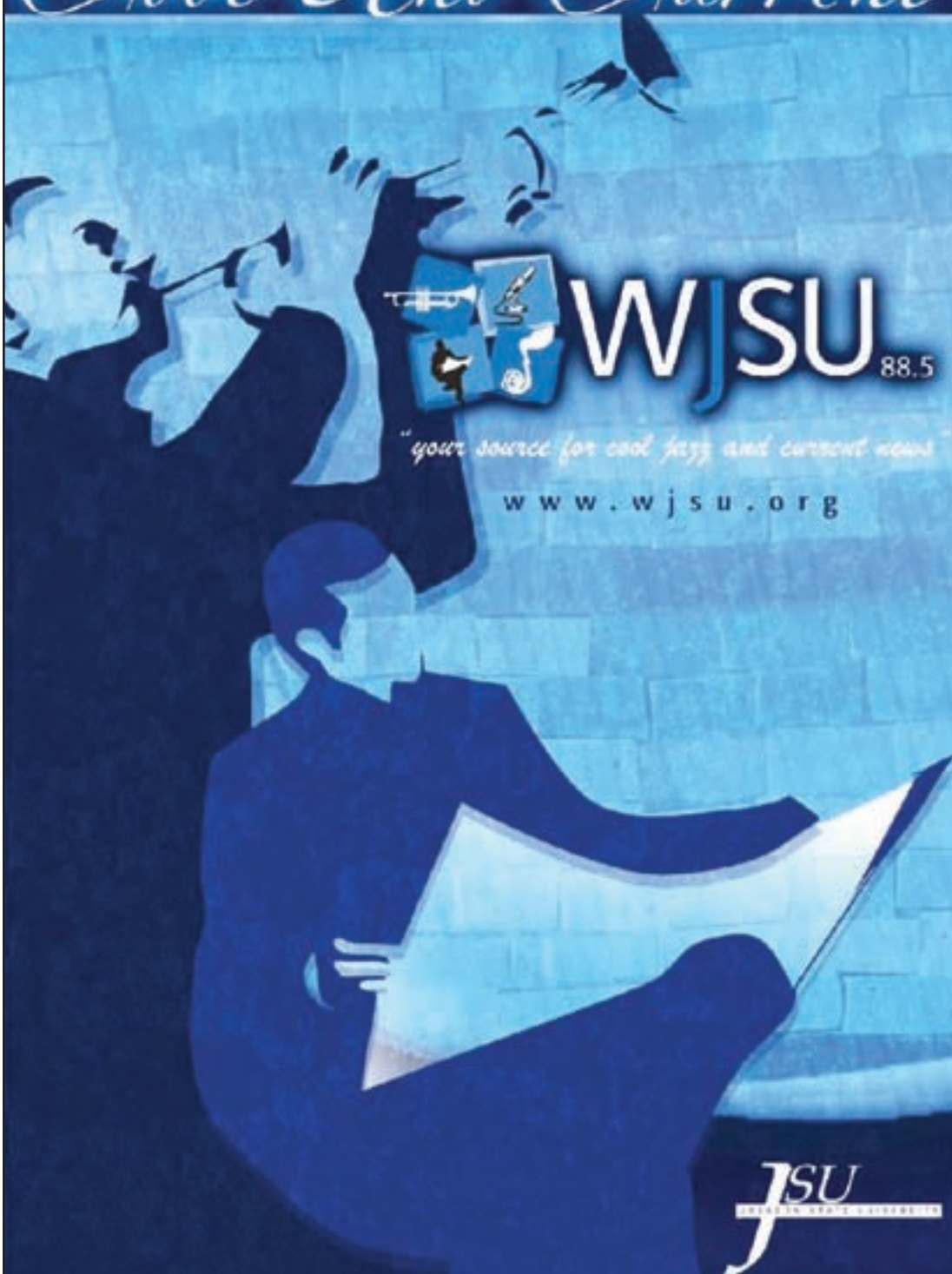
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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

The flash-flash-flash was bad enough.

And then you heard the grrrrrrumble, the wind howled, and you were afraid. But it was okay: it was only a thunderstorm. As you’ll see in the new book” Lorraine : The Girl Who Sang the Storm Away” by Ketch Secor, illustrated by Higgins Bond, when it’s over, the sun – among other things – will shine bright.

Lorraine lived on a Tennessee farm with her grandfather, and

crops were not the only thing they grew. Music also grew “wild” because, when the work-day was over, Lorraine grabbed her whistle and Pa Paw took out his harp. Until darkness came or storms arrived, they played music together on the porch, or sometimes in fields near the “Chinkypin tree,” when an old crow flew down and joined them in a dance.

By and by, one day, Lorraine noticed that the dinner bell that sat on the kitchen table was gone. Later that morning, she

noticed that the tin scoop in the pigpen – the one that was usually found in a feed bin – was gone. Then Pa Paw couldn’t find his keys, even though they were just in his pocket. Every shiny thing on the farm had vanished, and it looked like the work of a thief.

But before they could figure out who was stealing the sparklies, a “Tennessee tempest” rolled in. It crashed and it roared. It BOOMed and it rumbled. It rolled and it rained and Lorraine, who was usually

as fearless as they come, was fearful that night. She ran to her grandfather, who reached in his pocket for his harp and... it was gone, too. And so was Lorraine’s whistle!

But Pa Paw knew exactly what to do. A storm can take a roof or a tree away. A storm can make a powerful noise and move the earth. But a storm can’t take away the music you have deep inside you – and so, he and Lorraine began to sing. They sang loud and they sang soft, they sang fast and they

sang slow. They sang every song they knew until the sun came up to reveal a wet green field and a big surprise....

There are two reasons to love “Lorraine.”

One is for your child. The other is for you.

For your child, author Ketch Secor tells a lively rhyme that bounces with wide-open joy. Its simple story is happy and uncomplicated, with an old-timey feel and a sweet surprise at the end. It’s total feel-good, and in a time when storms dominate the

news, it can also offer comfort

For you, artist Higgins Bond offers absolutely exquisite illustrations that your eyes won’t stop feasting on. The colors are vivid, and each page contains delightful details that will seem as fresh on the tenth read-aloud as they did on the first.

If you are a grown-up who loves children’s books, this is one you’ll be showing off because of its beauty. But remember to share, too, for the story “Lorraine” is one your child will love in a flash.

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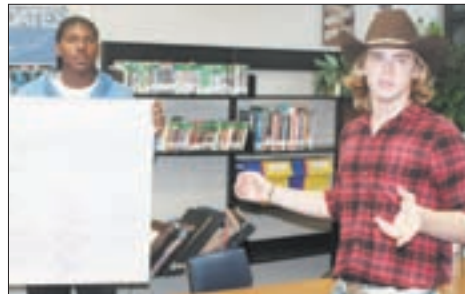
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