

Kavanaugh scraped from bottom of barrel

By Askia Muhammad
The Washington Informer

Of all the cum laude graduates of Yale University and Yale Law School to choose from, Donald J. Trump has selected Brett Kavanaugh, perhaps one of the sleaziest guys from that elite company of Yale grads, to serve for the rest of his life on the U.S. Supreme Court. That’s a bad idea.

Despite a checkered record in public service, Kavanaugh was sailing toward likely confirmation when Dr. Christine Blasey Ford charged that Kavanaugh had attempted to rape her 36 years ago at a house party in sedate Bethesda, Md.

If true, the charge would certainly disqualify Kavanaugh from elevation to the SCOTUS. Here’s why.

There must be literally thousands of other equally well-educated, equally qualified men literally born on the same day as Kavanaugh who never tried to rape a girl during a drunken stupor at a house party. The Supreme Court deserves better than an attempted rapist on the bench. But he might have been absolved, on one condition, one he rejected.

Imagine, if Kavanaugh had said when the charge was first rumored, that he had made a mistake in the past – a childhood indiscretion if you will – but he has since “been born again” and turned his life around. He would still have that tarnish on his record that would otherwise disqualify



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him from sitting on the highest court in the land, but if he were to simply ask for forgiveness and show how his life has changed for the better, no one in the United States with a beating heart could deny him.

But, probably on the advice of the Trumpistas and wing nuts in the White House, Kavanaugh flat-out denied the incident, thus sealing his fate. It’s now her word against his. Unfortunately for him, it’s impossible for anyone to prove a negative.

When did you stop beating your wife?

Ordinarily it is unnecessary for someone to have to prove his/her innocence in a court of law. But that’s in criminal cases. Kavanaugh doesn’t face

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Democrat Attorney General Hood running for Mississippi governor

By Emily Wagster Pettus
Associated Press

On Wednesday Mississippi’s Democratic attorney general launched his 2019 campaign for governor by criticizing the Republican-led Legislature for enacting corporate tax cuts and saying he wants to improve the state economy so young people won’t have to move away to pursue higher salaries.

Jim Hood is the only Democrat currently holding statewide office in Mississippi, long one of the poorest states in the nation.

“Jesus taught us to fight for the poor and the elderly and the widows and the children – the least among us,” Hood said in announcing his gubernatorial campaign in his hometown of Houston, Mississippi.

He was joined outside the Chickasaw County Courthouse by his wife Debbie and a diverse group of more than a dozen supporters, including two black state lawmakers.

Hood enters the race with solid name recognition after winning four terms as the state’s top legal officer. However, he starts at a financial disadvantage.

Republican Lt. Gov. Tate Reeves is also expected to run for governor and had \$5.4 million in campaign cash at the end



In this Feb. 8, 2017 file photo, Mississippi Attorney General Jim Hood announces that he has filed 11 civil state RICO lawsuits against all corporate and individual conspirators in a prison bribery scandal, at his Jackson, Miss., office. Mississippi’s Democratic attorney general, Oct. 3, 2018, launched his 2019 campaign for governor by criticizing the Republican-led Legislature for enacting corporate tax cuts and saying he wants to improve the state economy so young people won’t have to move away to pursue higher salaries. Hood is the only Democrat currently holding statewide office in Mississippi. AP PHOTO/ROGELIO V. SOLIS, FILE

of 2017, to Hood’s \$656,400, according to the most recent finance reports, which were filed in January. Hood said he has about \$750,000 now.

Republicans have held the governor’s office in Mississippi for six of the past seven terms.

Republican Gov. Phil Bryant cannot seek re-election because of a two-term limit.

Hood said he wants Mississippi to enact a statewide pre-kindergarten program, though he did not say how much it would cost. He said current

leaders have done too little to improve education, keep rural hospitals open and spur economic growth.

“We’ve got to build an economy where we can have our chil-

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David vs Goliath/Survivor

By Gregg Reese
OW Contributor

Professional researchers spend millions (billions?) of dollars assembling focus groups, market research and other forms of evaluation methods to determine how to capture the attention (and discretionary income) of the American consumer. In spite of all the academic disciplines applied in these endeavors, the final answer in determining what really sells remains an elusive quantity. For want of any other concrete conclusion, it may safely be said that an overriding motivation is economics.

Even in high-revenue industries such film and television, the issue of finance and production expenses remains a real and compelling issue.

Thusly, periodically segments of the process who feel not adequately compensated rattle the cage for a bigger slice of the pie. Examples of this include the 1988 writer’s strike, which led to the cancellation of several popular prime time shows and shrank audiences as a whole, and the prospect of another strike at the millennium, which led studio bigwigs to seek out alternative viewing



Natalie Cole, NNPA publisher of Our Weekly, Los Angeles

fare. This may be a contributing factor in the rise of reality shows, notable “Survivor,” one of the most popular in broadcast history.

For network producers, the appeal of these shows is elementary. Ever conscious of overhead and extraneous expenses that swell the bottom line, the prospect of a prime time entry without all the hassles of high priced (and temperamental) theatrical stars and writing staff is especially compelling for entertainment executives desperate for an edge in the pressure cooker ratings war.

Curiously, “Survivor” did not originate in America. It was

derived from the British “Castaway,” (conceived in 1994 and launched in 2000) which became a hit for the British Broadcasting Company (BBC). This initial success was replicated in Sweden with the 1997 “Expedition Robinson (an allusion to the literary classics “Robinson Crusoe” and “Swiss Family Robinson,” two tales of European natives surviving in tropical climates), which pre-dated its 2000 debut in the United States.

What we see on primetime has been refurbished with all the production values and bells and whistles of American sensationalism, while keeping the core ingredients that likely keep viewers tuned in for every weekly update: a grouping of individuals who might otherwise not interact in everyday society, and the spectacle of seeing them react under pressure.

The premise of the show is simple enough: divide groups of competitors into two separate “tribes,” place them on an isolated locale, usually a remote island, wherein they must fend for themselves in seeking food and shelter in order to subsist. Periodically these “tribes” are

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Nissan celebrates start of Altima production in Mississippi



The Mississippi Link Newswire

Nissan is celebrating the start of production of the all-new 2019 Nissan Altima at its Canton Vehicle Assembly Plant.

“This is a great day for Nissan and the Canton plant,” said Philip Calhoun, vice president, Manufacturing, Nissan Can-

ton Vehicle Assembly Plant. “As we celebrate 15 years of manufacturing in Mississippi, more than four million vehicles produced, and now, the all-new Altima, we have much to be excited about.”

Building on 25 years of success and more than 5.6 million sales to date, the all-new new

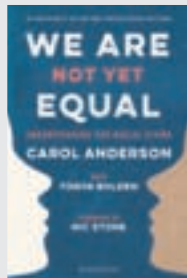
Altima is bringing excitement back to the mid-size sedan segment with expressive styling, an uplifting interior and two new engines. Altima is also the first Nissan sedan in the U.S. available with Intelligent All-Wheel Drive and

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Young Men of Worth

On October 29, a group of young men ages 8-18 signed up at College Hill Baptist Church to participate in a nine month program titled “Young Men of Worth.” These youth became mentees to a group of College Hill men that includes deacons, laymen, musicians and others who agreed to mentor them throughout the program and beyond. It was launched at 8:30 a.m. with a continental breakfast prepared by members of the laymen’s ministry.

The program launch included a motivational speech from Rev. Arthur Sutton, pastor of Progressive Baptist Church followed by three workshops. Sutton was so impressed with the program that he said, “I am going to start this program at my church.”

The first workshop titled “Respect, It Starts with You” was facilitated by Terrance McEwen, assistant principal of Richland High School. The second workshop titled “Learning to be Responsible for your Actions” was facilitated by Rev. Stanley Smith, pastor of Crossroads Baptist Church and the third workshop facilitated by Terrence Hill, principal of Pecan Park Elementary School was titled “Doing Your Best in School.”

College Hill Baptist Church is located in Jackson at 1600 Florence Avenue. The pastor is Rev. Michael T. Williams. The Young Men of Worth Program was spearheaded by The Evangelism Ministry with support from the laymen’s ministry, children’s ministry and youth ministry of College Hill. Williams said he was very pleased with the launching of the program and so appreciative of the speakers, and everyone that participated to make it such a great success.



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any legal liability because of the statute of limitations on any criminal charge he might face, but the question remains: Is this the best person who should sit on the Supreme Court now?

Rather than consider the best nominees for the country, Trump (a serial liar himself) and the white tribalists who think like him are only plotting success for their narrow ideological objectives – eliminating free government benefits for the black and the poor and especially outlawing abortion. That’s why evangelical, so-called “values voters” blindly support Trump with his multiple bankruptcies, multiple divorces, dozens of charges of improper sexual conduct, hush-money to porn stars and other shameful behavior: because Trump will give them the courts they want.

Kavanaugh’s future has been permanently marked. He’s the guy who joked: “What happens at Georgetown Prep stays at Georgetown Prep,” when he was asked had he engaged in any rumored bad behavior during his youth in high school. Not a helpful statement. He was smug, not contrite. But now, if he’s lying about the incident, he should definitely be disqualified from serving on the court. No liars.

Now his accuser, on the other hand, has also had her life

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brought together for specific challenges or competitions on the path of determining who is the fittest of the fit. Along the way, this makeshift narrative is enhanced by the participants’ ability to cooperate, engage, and outwit their compatriots/rivals on the way to a one million dollar cash award as the final “Survivor.”

As one might expect, the assembly of various individuals in a hostile environ leads to internal conflict, manifested in the infamous tribal council ceremonies, in which contestants must account for individual behaviors and indiscretions, with the offending parties being “voted off.”

A testament to its overall popularity was the competitive process just to apply to appear on the show. Prospective applicants must submit videotapes as a preliminary step before being interviewed. One of those intrigued by this phenomenon was a rising corporate media executive at Times Mirror, which owned the L.A. Times. For Natalie Cole, a self-admitted type “A” personality and natural competitor, the time consuming routine of career progression and raising a family precluded the urge to spread her wings by testing her mettle against other, younger, more viral challengers before a national audience.

Fast forward decades later, children grown and financially solvent, the perks of middle age mean the luxury to reflect and delve into a “bucket list” of fascinating experiences unencumbered by the responsibilities of “the real world.” For Cole, the episode she was about to engage in was not so much a “middle life crisis,” that the opposite gender might undertake in the form of buying a Porsche or acquiring a “trophy wife.” Rather, hers was a continuation of the challenges of climbing the corporate ladder, or launching a private business as a means of “measuring up.”

“I was attracted to going forward as I wanted to prove to myself that I haven’t “aged-out;” that I could do whatever the 20 somethings could do,” she declares.

Abetted solely by the assistance of an offspring with the technical expertise often lacking by contemporaries of her generation, she produced a video “self portrait” to serve as entry in the selection process. A subsequent “audition” before Executive producer/host Jeff Probst had Cole calmly declar-

upended by this. It’s a secret she’s mostly covered up for decades. At first, I wondered why her father would not have gone and gotten all busy in Kavanaugh’s father’s face. Isn’t that how they handle things like that in suburbia?

Then I realized that at age 15, unless the worst had happened, Ford would not have told her father because she should never have been at a party where alcohol was served in the first place. She would have been blamed by her family. So she kept it a secret, just as so-o-o many girls do, even today.

I was taught a very long time ago: The guilty fare better in a court of justice if they plead guilty and beg for the mercy of the court, than if they are adjudged guilty after claiming their innocence. Are the American people a just people? Could they forgive an attempted rapist?

So, regardless of whether he is confirmed or not confirmed, unless Kavanaugh now offers the requisite number of mea culpas; and promises to go forward; pledging to sin no more and be the best person he can be from now on; unless Kavanaugh seeks atonement; his biography – like that of Justice “Long Dong Silver” before him – will be forever stained with sleazy sex accusations.

ing that she would be standing before as the last (wo)man standing.

“I set goals, gather information and resources to support my goals, visualize myself achieving my goals, and then go after them,” she says of the process that enabled her to reach the apex of the hierarchy of a major newspaper, and establish a successful periodical in the ranks of the black publishing industry.

Cole credits her local upbringing as preparation for her life successes and suitability for this challenge on the Mamanuca Islands (Monuriki, the site where they filmed, is the same beach where the 2000 Tom Hanks epic “Cast Away” takes place) in deepest, darkest Fiji.

“Being from South Central LA, one cannot move through the area effectively, safely without having a keen sense of self-awareness and surroundings. How will those skills apply while on the island...I was definitely curious.”

A significant handicap was the fact that, at 57 she was twice as old as some of her competitors.

Armed with intestinal fortitude and bona fide street credentials, she endured an eight-hour flight into the South Pacific. Upon her arrival, the city girl embraced the pratfalls of life without hot water or modern toiletry (contestants utilized native foliage as sanctuary from the ubiquitous cameras, or simply used the sea as a hygienic refuge). The physical ordeal of this outpost from civilization was equaled by the mental stress of dealing in an unfamiliar environment. Mother nature added another hardship in the way of a cyclone on top of the torrential rains common to the area.

“Is my constitution strong enough for me to effectively manage myself when I am hungry, being bitten by bugs, sleep deprived and don’t have any privacy for weeks on end with a bunch of strangers, some of which I may not like?,” she pondered.

Curiously enough, her most antagonistic relationship during the shoot involved an African American male, someone she initially thought of as a potential ally. Contractually, she is prohibited from revealing the gory details, and so the unfolding drama will not be revealed until the episodes air starting September 26.

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dren stay here,” Hood said.

Mississippi’s population is just under 3 million, but figures released by the Census Bureau in December showed that the state lost population three years in a row. From July 2016 to July 2017, the net decrease was about 1,300 people. There were about 6,500 more births than deaths in Mississippi during that year, but about 8,000 people moved to other places. West Virginia and Illinois were the only states that have lost population for more consecutive years than Mississippi.

Only slightly more than half of the people who graduate from Mississippi’s eight public universities are still working in the state five years after they graduate, according to a report prepared for the state College Board in 2016. Those most likely to leave were in engineering, math and physical sciences, where paychecks are likely to be larger.

Reeves has said the retention numbers for graduates are not as bad as they look because many students come from other states to attend college in Mississippi and they could be returning home once they earn their degrees.

Reeves was among the Republican state leaders speaking Tuesday night at a rally President Donald Trump held in northern Mississippi’s DeSoto County to push for a strong GOP turnout in next month’s midterm congressional elections. Reeves used the same message he is likely to use against Hood in the coming year.

“Democrats believe that they’ve got something going on here in Mississippi,” Reeves said. “Chuck Schumer and Nancy Pelosi and their friends – they think they have a chance here. You see, they got ‘em a Democrat governor in Louisiana, they got ‘em a Democrat senator in Alabama and they don’t believe that there’s a difference between Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.... Let us send this message to the liberals all over the country: Not in our state.”

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Nissan Canton currently produces five models: Altima, Murano, Frontier, TITAN and TITAN XD, and NV Cargo and NV passenger vans.

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The Return of Snow Queen at Thalia Mara Hall

Mississippi Link Newswire

Jackson's living legend Kathy Thibodeaux and her internationally acclaimed ballet company Ballet Magnificat! will present "The Return of Snow Queen," at Thalia Mara Hall, December 15 & 16, 2018.

Thibodeaux, Jackson native and artistic director of Ballet Magnificat, will dance the title role in a particularly special performance as it will be her 50th year to perform on Thalia Mara Hall stage this December. Thibodeaux, a Mississippi "living legend" has seen many milestones on the historic stage as her carrier has a rich history including dancing under the training of Thalia Mara herself, holding a contract with the Jackson Ballet, winning a medal at the II USA International Ballet Competition and founding America's premiere Christian ballet company.

"Although I have performed on stages all over the world, those experiences don't compare with the fond memories I have dancing on the Thalia Mara stage. This December will be so special for me, as it is not only an amazing production, but it is also packed with personal significance for me," Thibodeaux said.

Inspired by the Hans Christian Andersen classic, Ballet Magnificat's The Return of Snow Queen takes the audience on a fast moving, adventurous journey as a beautiful girl faces the fury of a wicked Queen. The production features an international cast of 135 dancers, including two professional companies, two trainee companies and over 60 local students.

"This is a must-see. This fairytale ballet has something for



all ages. Amazing costumes, delightful children and the wicked Show Queen are among many of the exciting moments that are created with the theatrical elements of Broadway," said Sue Lobrano, former executive director, USA International Ballet Competition.

Ballet Magnificat! has presented Christmas productions in Jackson for the past 32 years. Throughout the year the company tours nationally and internationally, and has performed their productions in 38 countries on 5 continents.

About Ballet Magnificat! Ballet Magnificat! is America's longest-running Christian ballet company. The Jackson, Mis-

issippi based company was founded in 1986 by International Ballet Competition silver-medalist, Kathy Thibodeaux, and her husband Keith Thibodeaux, best known as "Little Ricky" from I Love Lucy. Ballet Magnificat! has expanded into South America, and now includes a performing company and trainee program headquartered in Curitiba, Brazil.

Who: Kathy Thibodeaux
What: The Return of Snow Queen

When: December 15 & 16, 2018

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Different from a traditional arts and craft fair, every single project at Verge is interactive. Interactive art is a partnership between the artist, audience and their environment that blurs the line between artist and viewer. We believe that art is not something to silently observe, rather art is an experience to be had by all.

Project leaders include Jeremy Donahue, Significant Developments LLC; Kira Cummings, Phoenix Savage; the Millsaps College Writing Center; April Terra Livingston and many more.

There will be interactive face painting, installation art, creative wordplay, unique Instagram photo opportunities, sensory sculpture as well as an artist marketplace featuring project leaders' artworks, an awesomely fun kids zone, food trucks, live music, and, of course, beer.

We have partnered with Jackson Indie Music Week to present a local music line-up featuring Sadboiz Radio, Jason Mathena & Betsy Berryhill, Krystal Gem and Vitamin Cea. All ages are welcome and all of the participa-

tory art is free.

Our Platinum Sponsor is Millsaps ELSEWorks who encourages and promotes entrepreneurship and positive social change in the community, state, and region. Other sponsors include the Beacon, Fondren's consciously curated creative supply and general store, offering quality art supplies, MS/US-made artisan wares, as well as vintage and unique goods. This year, we are also supported by a project grant from the Greater Jackson Arts Council, the official local arts agency for the City of Jackson and Hinds County who have worked for over thirty five years in partnership with artists, arts organizations, corporate partners, government entities and neighborhoods to support and promote cultural opportunities for all.

Our sponsors and grants allow VergeJXN to in turn support its project leaders with micro-grants to cover basic project costs and

give everyone the opportunity to dream and create without financial restriction.

You may have seen us in our prime running interactive events at the Mississippi Children's Museum engaging with young people, at the August after hours Mississippi Museum of Art Third Thursday showcase or featured in the Jackson Free Press.

About Verge JXN: VergeJXN is a volunteer based, non-profit art festival that highlights participatory and interactive art made by artists in all disciplines. Our mission is to move art past the white walls of the institution, where art becomes disconnected and unreachable, into a space of participation. We engage in the practice of creative placemaking and collaborating with local artists and makers to harness the power of the arts to support Jackson's burgeoning artistic community.

The festival is produced by Kristen Tordella-Williams, assis-

tant professor of art at Millsaps College; Matthew Holl, technical theater teacher at Power A.P.A.C.; Renna Moore, visual arts chair at Forest Hill High School; Ashley Sullivan, visual arts chair at Brandon Middle School; and Sue Carrie Drummond, assistant professor of art at Millsaps College. Verge project leaders showcase the fact that art is for everyone and provide the opportunity to make art together as a community outside the privileged spaces of the gallery and museum. We highlight that art can (and should) be made by everyone, and to be an artist all you have to do is contribute your unique energy.

The festival provides creative opportunities for the Jackson community as a means of creating ties between artist and participant highlighting creativity as a means of transformation and social interaction.

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Public Service Commission requires utilities to report workforce info

Mississippi Link Newswire

The Public Service Commission recently took action requiring the largest Mississippi utility companies to file annual reports of certain workforce demographic information and descriptions of their recruitment efforts at our various education institutions. Our mission is to promote the utility industry as a career field for Mississippians to explore. By collecting this data, we are able to emphasize to the utilities the importance of a well-diversified workforce for their industry.

"Careers in Mississippi's

utility industry – whether they be electric, gas, water, sewer, or telecommunications – are found in every community in the state," noted Public Service Commissioner Cecil Brown. "These are good-paying jobs that young people can obtain and begin their careers right here in Mississippi rather than looking out of the state. We look forward to continuing our partnership with the state's utilities, colleges and universities to help raise awareness of this lucrative career field."

The utilities are required to file their first report May 1, 2019.

MFFK's annual golf classic benefits children in need of adoption

Mississippi Link Newswire

Mississippi Families for Kids (MFFK) is continuing its mission of building strong families and communities with the 19th Annual Wendy's Children's Golf Classic. The tournament event will take place October 4 at Lake Caroline Golf Club in Madison, MS.

"Our annual golf classic is a critical event for raising awareness about the need for adoption," said Linda West, MFFK executive director. "All of the proceeds go toward finding and maintaining permanent homes for children who have been abused, neglected or abandoned."

On any given day in Mississippi, the number of children in foster care can total more than 3,000.

"These children are toddlers and adolescents, sibling

groups of two or more. They all want someone willing to accept their gifts as well as their challenges. No child should face the world without a family. So it's very important to raise awareness and funds through programs like our golf classic," added West.

The 18-hole tournament is a four-person scramble. Tee time is at 1 p.m. Lunch will proceed at noon and an awards reception and silent auction will follow at 5 p.m. Registration starts at 11:30 a.m. Team registration is \$400 and Individual registration is \$100.

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Tech focused non profit launches at Eudora Welty Library

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Tech-focused non profit, The Bean Path, launches at the Eudora Welty Library to provide technical advice and guidance to individuals, new startups, and small businesses in the community. Our initiatives include tech office hours at local libraries, engineering and coding programs for youth and scholarships/grants for students and community organizations.

"I started The Bean Path because I noticed a gap between communities and technology," said The Bean Path founder Nashlie Sephus. "One of our goals is to provide access to tech experts to communities and people without technical backgrounds. From as simple as showing someone without a technical background, such as an elderly person or small business what's the best computer software for their needs or building their own website to helping individuals vet their technology ideas or startup ideas."

The Bean Path is bringing its services straight to the communities while utilizing the local library system.

Our official launch will be held Saturday, October 6, at the Eudora Welty Library from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, refreshments, tech office hours, scholarships/grants and giveaways. The launch celebration is open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

"As a public library, we are always looking for partnerships that can bring new opportunities to our library customers. Having an organization like The Bean Path offer free technical advice to individuals, new startups and small businesses at our libraries is a service we are very enthusiastic to offer. We welcome The Bean Path to our libraries and look forward to seeing the results in the communities here in Jackson," said Patty Furr, executive director at the Jackson Hinds Library System.

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JPS Seeking candidates to serve on Bond Oversight Committee

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The Board of Trustees of Jackson Public Schools has released the requirements and the application process for the JPS Bond Oversight Committee. Applications will be accepted until October 15. Member selections will be announced at the November 6 Board meeting. One representative from each of the city’s seven wards will be selected to serve on the committee.

The committee will be expected to meet monthly for the first six months and then move to quarterly meetings, if deemed appropriate, with approval from the School board. The committee will provide feedback to the board based on updates from the district regarding the status of construction and the use of bond funds.

To be considered for the Bond Oversight Committee, applicants should review the Bond Oversight Committee Statement of Purpose (PDF) and complete the Bond Oversight Committee Application (PDF). Return the completed application to:

JPS Board of Trustees
P. O. Box 2338
Jackson, MS 39225



JPS and UMMC open health clinic at Galloway Elementary School

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Jackson Public Schools and the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to introduce the Galloway Health Center to the community September 20. Located inside Galloway Elementary School, the clinic provides health care to students of the school. Services include comprehensive physical and mental health assessments, well-child screenings, and treatment, or referrals when necessary, for acute and chronic illnesses.

“This is an inseparable partnership for all of us,” said Galloway Principal Marvin Davis.

“We are truly excited on behalf of our nearly 470 children about this opportunity.”

Kim Hoover is dean of the UMMC School of Nursing that operates the school-based clinics. According to Hoover, on-site clinics have both health and academic benefits for students.

“Providing primary health care and referrals for these children has kept them healthier,” said Hoover. “It means they are staying in school, and it means they are doing better in school.”


If parents choose to, they can have their children treated by the staff at the in-school clinic.

This keeps students at school and parents don’t have to miss work unnecessarily. The staff informs parents, either through a phone call or a note home, of any care provided.

The JPS-UMMC partnership began nearly 20 years ago when UMMC opened its first clinic at Johnson Elementary School. The UMMC School of Nursing currently manages three school-based clinics in JPS. In addition to the clinics at Johnson and Galloway, there is also a clinic at Lanier High School. About 2,000 JPS students are served by the clinics which are open five days a week at each location.



Participating in the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the opening of the Galloway Health Center are (from left) Galloway student Raygen Pierce; Assistant Area Superintendent Gary Hannah; Dr. Kim Hoover, Dean, UMMC School of Nursing; Dr. Anne Norwood, UMMC School of Nursing professor and director of the Galloway clinic; Galloway student Ivoryiona Brown; Dr. Janet Harris, Associate Dean, UMMC School of Nursing; Galloway Principal Marvin Davis; Jonathon Wilson, chief administrative officer, UMMC; and Galloway student MayKynzee Taylor.



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- Former Hinds County District Attorney
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- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc, Alpha Delta Zeta Chapter

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Eastside Elementary – a 2018 National Blue Ribbon School



Group photo of Eastside Elementary School faculty and staff for the 2018-19 school year.

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Clinton’s fourth- and fifth-grade school, Eastside Elementary, is a 2018 National Blue Ribbon School.

Eastside is one of 349 schools nationwide to receive this recognition from the U.S. Department of Education. Eastside’s award is for an “Exemplary High Performing School.”

“The faculty and staff at Eastside are honored to have been named a National Blue Ribbon School,” said Eastside Principal Cindy Hamil. “We pride ourselves in upholding the district’s legacy of excellence.”

In recent test score data, Eastside fourth-graders showed staggering increases on state tests in English Language Arts, growing from 48.8 percent proficiency in 2016 to 78.2 percent in 2017. Fourth-graders also jumped from 67.9 percent proficiency in math in

2016 to 83 percent in 2017.

Eastside is currently rated A, the highest possible academic rating a Mississippi school can attain, and is expected to maintain this high rating when 2017 ratings are approved by the Mississippi State Board of Education.

The coveted Blue Ribbon award affirms the hard work of educators, families and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging and engaging content.

Now in its 36th year, the National Blue Ribbon Schools program has recognized more than 8,500 schools. Two other Clinton schools have earned this honor, Clinton High School in 1982 and Lovett Elementary School in 2013.

Hamil cited Ralph Waldo Emerson’s quote “Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm,” as inspiration at her school.

“Being enthusiastic every day has afforded us the positive teaching and learning environment we strive to achieve,” she said. “Our students are excited to come to school and have proven year after year that this enthusiasm pushes them to accomplish more than they could ever imagine.”

Blue Ribbon recipients will be honored at the annual awards ceremony Nov. 7 and 8 in Washington, D.C.

Chart:
Fourth grade English Language Arts proficient and above:

- 2018: 71.2 %
- 2017: 48.8 %
- 2016: 53.3 %

Fourth grade ELA growth:
All – 89 %
Bottom quartile – 75 %

Fourth grade Math proficient and above:
• 2018: 83.3 %

- 2017: 67.9 %
- 2016: 58.3 %

Fourth grade math growth:
All – 107 %
Bottom quartile – 89 %

Fifth grade English Language Arts proficient and above:
• 2018: 54.2 %
• 2017: 53.8 %
• 2016: 43.4 %

Fifth grade ELA growth:
All – 70 %
Bottom quartile – 73 %

Fifth grade Math proficient and above:
• 2018: 61.5 %
• 2107: 59.1 %
• 2016: 41 %

Fifth grade math growth:
All – 69 %
Bottom quartile – 47 %

Three Mississippi schools earn National Blue Ribbon honors

The Mississippi Link Newswire

U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos recently recognized three Mississippi schools as National Blue Ribbon Schools for 2018. The recognition is based on a school’s overall academic performance or progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups.

The three schools earning the national distinction for exemplary high performance are:

Center Hill Middle School
DeSoto County School District
Eastside Elementary School
Clinton Public School District
North Bay Elementary School
Biloxi Public School District.

“I’m pleased to celebrate with you as your school is named a National Blue Ribbon School,” said DeVos. “We recognize and honor your important work in preparing students for successful careers and meaningful lives. Congratulations on your students’ accomplishments and for your extraordinary commitment to meeting their unique needs.”

The coveted National Blue Ribbon Schools award affirms the hard work of educators, families and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging and engaging content.

Carey Wright, state superintendent of education, said the schools’ students, teachers and leaders should be commended for earning the national recognition.

“To be designated a National

Blue Ribbon school is an honor based on exceptional teaching and learning. These schools represent the high-quality public education that takes place across Mississippi each day, and I congratulate them and their communities on this outstanding accomplishment.”

Now in its 36th year, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program has bestowed recognition on more than 8,800 schools. The 2018 honorees will be recognized at an awards ceremony Nov. 7-8 in Washington, D.C.

All schools are honored in one of two performance categories, based on all student scores, subgroup student scores and graduation rates:

Exemplary High Performing Schools are among their state’s highest performing schools as measured by state assessments or nationally normed tests.

Exemplary Achievement Gap Closing Schools are among their state’s highest performing schools in closing achievement gaps between a school’s subgroups and all students over the past five years.

Up to 420 schools may be nominated each year. The Department invites National Blue Ribbon School nominations from the top education official in all states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Department of Defense Education Activity and the Bureau of Indian Education. Private schools are nominated by The Council for American Private Education (CAPE).

U.S. Rep. Gregg Harper to formally donate congressional papers during MSU ceremony

The Mississippi Link Newswire

U.S. Congressman Gregg Harper is presenting his congressional papers to Mississippi State University during a formal ceremony Oct. 5 at the Starkville campus.

Harper and MSU President Mark E. Keenum are signing the donor agreement during at 2:30 p.m. ceremony at the Old Main Academic Center. The collection is to be housed in MSU Libraries’ Congressional and Political Research Center, which now includes 10 congressional collections and numerous other state and local officials’ collections.

Friday’s ceremony includes remarks from U.S. House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy. The event is free and open to the public.

Harper, who resides in Pearl, was first elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2008 and has spent the last 10 years representing Mississippi’s third congressional district. He announced earlier this year that he would not seek reelection. During a 2017 ceremony to officially open a \$10 million expansion to MSU’s Mitchell Memorial Library, Harper told Dean of Libraries Frances Coleman that he would be donating his papers to MSU.

“Serving as a member of the



U.S. Rep. Gregg Harper speaks during a 2017 grand opening ceremony for a Mitchell Memorial Library expansion that includes a new space for MSU Libraries’ Congressional and Political Research Center, which will now house the congressman’s papers. PHOTO BY MEGAN BEAN

United States House of Representatives has been the highest privilege and honor of my life. The opportunity to serve the people of the third district, our state, and our country is something that my wife, Sidney, and I will never forget.”

Harper said. “I am grateful for the important role Mississippi State University, along with the Stennis Institute, continues to play in producing researchers and leaders in public service. My hope is that my

papers will add to Mississippi State’s impressive collection and foster leadership and research initiatives on campus for years to come.”

“I am extremely grateful that Congressman Harper has chosen to house his congressional papers at Mississippi State,” MSU President Mark E. Keenum said. “He was sworn into Congress the same week I became president at MSU, and it has been a great pleasure to work with Congressman Harp-

er on several initiatives over the last decade. The results of his leadership will long remain evident in Mississippi, and I am proud that by maintaining his collection in our outstanding facilities at Mitchell Memorial Library, the next generation of leaders will be able to learn from his example.”

During his time in Congress, Harper has served as chairman of the Committee on House Administration and the Joint Committee on the Library of

Congress, and he has been a member of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, where he serves as chairman of the Oversight and Investigations subcommittee.

A longtime supporter of those with disabilities, Harper founded the Congressional Internship Program for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities.

The congressman’s papers are among MSU’s first collections from an official serving in the digital age. The papers will include social media content, thousands of digital photographs, videos and more. They also contain constituent correspondence on local and national issues, speeches given from the floor of the House of Representatives, public statements, press releases, news clippings and memorabilia items from Harper’s tenure in Congress.

An alumnus of Mississippi College and the University of Mississippi School of Law, Harper spent 27 years as a practicing attorney before being elected to Congress. He previously served as prosecuting attorney for the cities of Brandon and Richland, and was a member of the Mississippi Oil and Gas Board.

Harper remains active in his community as a member of both the Pearl and Rankin

County Chambers of Commerce. He and his wife of 39 years, Sidney, are members of Crossgates Baptist Church in Brandon, where he served for many years as a high school and college Sunday school teacher. The Harpers have a son, Livingston, a daughter and son in law, Maggie and Brett Bailey, and a grandson, Lee. Maggie received her bachelor’s degree from MSU, and Livingston is a graduate of MSU’s ACCESS program for students with intellectual disabilities.

As a security precaution, those entering the Turner A. Wingo Auditorium at Old Main Academic Center will pass through metal detectors. Anyone planning to attend the event is encouraged to arrive early. Limited parking will be available in the Old Main Academic Center parking garage and the surrounding area. Two SMART routes, the Research Route and the Old Main Route, provide direct shuttle service to the Old Main Academic Center.

For more route details, visit smart.msstate.edu or call 662-325-5204.

For more on MSU Libraries’ Congressional and Political Research Center, visit lib.ms-state.edu/cprc.

MSU is available online at www.msstate.edu.

Tiger Career Closet helps students professionally dress for success



LaShanda Jordan, executive director of the Career Services Center gives Patrick Eldria, a sophomore business major his shopping bag filled with professional attire.

By L.aToya Hentz-Moore
jsumsnews.com

Some students use the infamous plaza at JSU as a fashion runway. Clothed in the latest trends reflecting creativity and comfort, students display their style preferences daily.

Higher education institutions often focus on enhancing a student's personal growth, educational ethos and academic excellence but JSU is also concentrating on professional dress.

Introduced by Jackson State's First Lady Deborah Bynum, the Tiger Career Closet is an initiative dedicated to offering professional attire to deserving students who are in need.

"The Tiger Career Closet alleviates a financial burden from our students and increases their chances for greater opportunities at JSU and beyond. We understand that when students look their best, they do their best," Bynum said.

Far too often, college students are expected to dress for success; but for many students, investing in a suit or dress for a class presentation, campus event or interview simply isn't affordable.

Toni T. Holloway, a third year psychology major says, "I don't have a lot of resources to buy professional clothes so for this concept to even be thought of shows that Mrs. Bynum and other committee members really care about JSU students."

The Tiger Career Closet accepts gently used professional attire for men and women in order to maintain their stock for students. If there isn't any appropriate attire available for interested students, Career Services staff will utilize other

resources to ensure no students are excluded.

"I was unable to shop in the closet so Ms. Jordan and Dr. Cottrell used monetary donations to assist me with finding professional clothes at the outlet mall. My experience with them spoke volumes of their true intent to assist and serve the students at JSU," Holloway said.

Many students have benefitted from the Tiger Career Closet since its inception.

Computer engineering major Demarco McDonalds says, "I was provided with a navy blue pinstripe suit. Seeing the impact that the Tiger Career Closet has on others is eye opening. I'm glad that this opportunity has been made available for not only me but the entire student body."

LaShonda Jordan executive director of the Career Services Center says that it is her "hope our students understand that the Tiger Career Closet is the result of someone caring enough about them in their undergraduate experience to have a service on campus that provides attire for professional occasions. This service should encourage our students to aspire to pay it forward by donating to the Tiger Career Closet so that the next generation can have the same opportunity to be successful."

The Tiger Career Closet is located in the Jacob L. Reddix Building on the first floor and operated by the JSU Career Services Center. Students can visit www.jsums.edu/tigercareercloset to make an appointment.

For additional information, contact LaShanda Jordan at 601.979.2477 or tigers2work@jsums.edu.



Holloway



McDonald



JSU First Lady Deborah Bynum

CSET's Manzoul will spend 10 months in his native Sudan as prestigious Fulbright Scholar



Manzoul PHOTO BY CHARLES A. SMITH/JSU

By L.A. Warren
jsumsnews.com

JSU engineering professor Mahmoud A. Manzoul was recently named a Fulbright Scholar and will use the opportunity to return to his native Sudan to help his alma mater eventually earn American accreditation for its engineering program.

Manzoul, chair and professor of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering and Computer Science, applied for Fulbright status in July 2017 and was notified recently of his acceptance.

"This is a prestigious award. Personally, I want to go back to my home country of Sudan and give back," Manzoul said.

Manzoul left Sept. 28 and will spend 10 months at the University of Khartoum, where he earned his undergraduate degree in electrical engineering. He expects to return to JSU in mid-July.

The nearly 20-year JSU veteran joined the HBCU's College of Science, Engineering and Technology in 2001 as founding chair of electrical and computer engineering. He was pivotal in helping the program earn accreditation from ABET (formerly referred to as the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology).

Manzoul said ABET now accredits programs all over the world and that he regularly prepares JSU for the rigorous assessment. He's also a volunteer for ABET, which means he helps evaluate other engineering programs.

"At JSU, I gained experience in getting the program going and helping it earn accreditation. So, I felt it was very important to go back to my native country and spend some time with my folks and help them. It's going to take longer than 10 months to help them with accreditation, but what I'm trying to do is to put them on the right track."

JSU's associate provost Jo-

seph A. Whittaker calls Manzoul's selection "a feather in Jackson State's cap."

Whittaker said, "To be a Fulbright scholar or faculty is a highly sought recognition. The program is designed to aid the U.S., its international relations and help build capabilities via an exchange between faculty here and other countries."

He added that Manzoul is a "low-key, highly qualified professional" with expertise that will benefit Sudan and JSU through continued research and collaboration. He also praised Manzoul for initiating JSU's partnership with NASA's mentor-protégé program, saying, "A lot of the technical pieces are built around his capabilities and expertise."

Meanwhile, in Khartoum, Manzoul plans to teach a sponsored course by the U.S. State Department.

He hails the Fulbright opportunity as a way to retool and gain additional experience that will bolster his efforts to continue supporting JSU after his return to the U.S.

Manzoul said he believes his time in Sudan also will benefit JSU in another way, too, especially from a public relations and marketing standpoint.

"My being there is a byproduct for helping recruit students to come to Jackson State," which already has several students enrolled from the East African nation, Manzoul said. He boasts that two Sudanese recently earned their graduate degrees and now work with Entergy and American Airlines in Dallas.

After his arrival to his homeland, Manzoul plans to aggressively recruit students, and he gave an indication of his elevator pitch: "I'll say it's a small university with a friendly atmosphere and top-of-the-line technology and equipment, and we can change your life if you join us."

Congressman Bennie G. Thompson D-MS 2nd District



Application period for the 2018 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program is open

Today, United States Representative Bennie G. Thompson (D-MS) announced the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG) opened September 24, 2018. The application period for the FY 2018 AFG Program closes Friday, October 26, 2018 at 5 p.m. (Eastern).

The purpose of the AFG Program is to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. The program provides direct financial assistance to eligible fire departments, nonaffiliated emergency medical service (EMS) organizations and State Fire Training Academies (SFTA).

For fire departments and applicants requiring assistance, please visit www.fema.gov/grants, or contact the AFG Help Desk at firegrants@fema.gov or 1-866-274-0960.

U. S. Department of Education Funding to Jackson State University

The U. S. Department of Education has awarded \$181,688.00 to Jackson State University under the Interdisciplinary Preparation in Special Education, Early Intervention and Related Services for Personnel Serving Children with Disabilities who have High-Intensity needs Program.

For more information contact Brandi Newkirk-Turner at (601) 979-8832.

2018 College – Career Fair Oct. 5 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The College and Career Fair will feature employers and professional development experts from federal, state and local governments, as well as the private and non-profit sectors. Also, various universities and community colleges, both in-state and out-of-state, will be available to discuss educational opportunities. Fair attendees will be able to meet one-on-one with prospective employers and receive career-readiness training and tips. High School students will be able to participate in an interactive financial literacy workshop.

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Richie McCluskey is new director of investigations at auditor's office

Mississippi Link Newswire

State Auditor Shad White announced recently that Richie McCluskey will replace David Huggins as director of investigations at the Mississippi Office of the State Auditor. Huggins resigned from his position shortly after White became state auditor, and the office is appreciative of his service.

McCluskey comes to the auditor's office from a long law enforcement career which began in 1988 at the Flowood Police Department. McCluskey advanced from patrolman to chief investigator at that department before leaving in 2000 to become the senior criminal investigator of the Public Integrity Division at the Office of the Attorney General State of Mississippi.

In the Public Integrity Division, McCluskey conducted statewide public corruption and white-collar crime investigations and provided assistance to district attorneys and local law enforcement departments. He investigated and retained convictions for crimes such as financial fraud and identity theft. He also co-led the Civil Rights-era cold case which resulted in the conviction of Edgar Ray Killen. In 2009, McCluskey was named chief investigator in the Consumer Protection Division of the Attorney General's office, where he conducted criminal investigations involving personal fraud and counterfeit goods.

In 2015, McCluskey returned to the Flowood Police Department as chief of police. He worked extensively with the mayor and board of aldermen to manage a police budget over \$5 million. In this role, he established a memorandum of understanding with federal authorities to allow joint investigations and



Shad White was appointed the 42nd State Auditor of Mississippi by Governor Phil Bryant in July 2018.

sharing of resources, which dramatically improved Flowood police operations. He retired from that position earlier this year. During his career, McCluskey has accumulated over 60 law enforcement qualifications.

Marshall Fisher, commissioner of the Mississippi Department of Public Safety, said, "I applaud State Auditor Shad White's appointment of Richie McCluskey as his new director of investigations. Richie is a respected law enforcement professional who has been an exemplary public servant. I believe his experience, professionalism and integrity will serve the state of Mississippi well."

"What attracted me to the State Auditors Office is the leadership and agency's commitment to staying at the forefront of protecting Mississippi's taxpayers. The agency has a dedicated team of talented professionals whose mission is protecting the public's trust by verifying funds provided to state

and local governments and are used in a legal and efficient manner for their intended purpose. I look forward to utilizing my experience to support the mission of this team and this office," said McCluskey.

State Auditor Shad White said, "The director of investigations is one of the most critical positions in state government. We searched the state for the right person for this important role, interviewing candidates with a variety of federal and state investigations experience, and we could not have found a better match for the job than Richie McCluskey. Richie is a top-notch, hard-nosed and fair investigator. He has a proven track record of leading law enforcement entities and handling some of the most complex and difficult cases in Mississippi in recent years. And most importantly to me, he is a man of incredible energy and rock-solid character. We're going to accomplish a lot for the people of Mississippi."

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The unfulfilled power of the black vote

By Dr. Ron Daniels
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For decades I have been hammering home the point that in a low voter participation environment, the group that effectively educates, mobilizes and organizes its voters to turn-out on election day will wield power disproportionate to its numbers in the overall electorate. Put another way, a relatively small group that registers and turns out a high percentage of its potential voters will exercise greater influence than a much larger group that fails to register and turn-out a high percentage of its potential voters. This is a Daniels political axiom. And, as Frank Watkins, advisor to Rev. Jesse Jackson puts it, “a organized minority is a political majority.”

The United States has the lowest voter participation rate of any of the western democracies. I have suggested somewhat facetiously that the biggest political party in the U.S. is not the Democrats or Republicans but non-voters.

A voter turn-out in this country in the range of 50-55 percent of the eligible electorate is hailed by political commentators as spectacular. This is absolutely abysmal when compared to western democracies where voter turn-out is routinely 80 percent or better. But, the reality of this low voter participation environment creates a major opportunity for black voters to exercise power disproportionate to our numbers in the electorate. We may be out-numbered by whites, but a large percentage of whites don’t bother to vote. It is not by accident that Republicans are openly implementing policies to suppress or disenfranchise black voters. They fear the black vote. The forces of reaction realize that if blacks maximize voter registration and mobilize/organize large voter turn-outs, it is a threat to their retrograde agenda.

Rev. Jesse L. Jackson has re-



lentlessly urged black folks to register and vote in massive numbers to maximize our political power.

At a session during the recent Congressional Black Caucus Foundation’s Annual Legislative Conference, he shared data that illuminates the unfulfilled power of the black vote. He noted that there are still 8 million blacks who are not registered to vote, 4 million in the South. In 2016 some 2.5 million blacks, who were registered, failed to vote in an election which was determined by less than 100,000 votes total in key battleground states with a large concentration of black voters.

Jackson’s point is that a potent key to political resistance and transformation is in black hands, the ballot. The challenge is to organize/mobilize and turn-out the unorganized, black people who, for whatever reason, do not believe that voting matters as a means of changing their lives.

There is increasing evidence that a new generation of black leaders, particularly women and young people, understand the potential of the black vote as foundational to coalitions that can beat back the conservative tide of Trumpism by advancing people-centered, progressive

policies.

Stacey Abrams has an excellent chance to become the first black Governor of Georgia by educating and inspiring hundreds of thousands of unregistered, “improbable” black voters to register and turn-out in massive numbers on election day.

Ben Jealous has launched a grassroots campaign to employ the same formula in Maryland. The polls in Boston showed Ayanna Pressley trailing long term Congressman Michael Capuano by 10 points among “probable” voters in the Democratic Primary. She won by more than 10 points because she organized/mobilized the unorganized.

Jackson points out that in Florida Andrew Gillum, who shocked the pundits by winning the Democratic primary for governor, can win because there are more than 1.8 million blacks who are eligible to register in that state coupled with more than 300,000 recently arrived Puerto Ricans who fled the Island in the wake of Hurricane Maria. When the improbable voters from these constituencies are energized to march on the ballot box, there is a very high probability that Gillum will become the first African-American governor of

Florida.

It is important to note that in the instances cited above, only 15 percent – 20 percent of forward-thinking white voters are needed to achieve victory. The Daniels’ Axiom applies: In a low voter participation environment, where large numbers of whites will remain unregistered or will not vote, all that is required is for the unorganized, the improbable voters in the black community and our allies to mobilize/organize and turn-out in massive numbers to achieve victory. So, the mandate is clear; black leaders must devise strategies to educate, motivate, inspire and energize millions of unregistered, improbable black voters to burst into the arena to become the cornerstone of progressive coalitions. These coalitions of the improbable have the potential to fundamentally alter the political landscape in the U.S. by ushering in an era of resistance to Trumpism and more importantly advancing progressive policies which can create a new America!

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Black registration lagging as activists make urgent voter registration appeal



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Three African Americans are running for governor; Democrats are in a dogged race to win majority of the U. S. House and Senate in the Nov. 6 mid-term elections; and crucial legislation affecting African Americans – including the Voting Rights Act, police reforms, gun control, mass incarceration and anti-poverty measures – are at stake.

Yet, an estimated nearly 8 million African Americans across the U. S., this year, were not registered to vote, according to a report distributed by Donna Brazile, former chair of the Democratic National Committee. That’s 14 percent of the total 51 million Americans who are not registered to vote.

This is the reason that major civil rights and voter education organizations are engaged in a full court press – a state of emergency – for voter registration before the deadlines from state to state.

“Our lives are on the ballot this year so it is absolutely crucial that African Americans as a whole participate in these midterm elections at rates that reflect our true voting power,” said NAACP President/CEO Derrick Johnson. “We’re urging everyone to use their power to register and mobilize new voters and get involved in one of the most important elections in our nation’s history.”

That was Johnson’s statement on National Voter Registration Day Sept. 25. But there’s still plenty of time for most prospective voters across the U. S. to register and vote Nov. 6. State deadlines vary. But most deadlines are at least 22 days before the election – in person, by mail and on line. Some are as few as seven days.

The following are phone numbers and websites that prospective voters and voter registrars should know:

Perhaps the most comprehensive website for state by state voter information is Vote.org. This website not only tells people how to register to vote in their states; but it allows users to click on their states to see voter registration deadlines, the locations of their voting precincts, and other crucial information.

Election Protection Hotline: (866) 687-8683 or (866) OUR-VOTE. This number is staffed with lawyers and other voting experts to field any questions people might have about voting, problems voting, or problems registering to vote before, during and after election day.

General information on voting, such as how to become a poll worker, can be found at the U. S. Election Assistance Commission - EAC.gov.

Nationalvoterregistrationday.org also has a state-by-state guide to voter registration.

Voting activists have hoped that black voters will automatically mobilize to act because of racial insults, divisive rhetoric and conservative, anti-progressive appointments by President Donald Trump. Those appointments include Attorney General Jeff Sessions who has been busy overturning police reforms and the embattled Supreme Court candidate Brett Kavanaugh, who at least 100 civil rights groups have vehemently opposed because of critical civil and human rights at stake as well as affirmative action and anti-discrimination policies.

“The most important player in this year’s election is the individual,” said Jamal Watkins, NAACP vice president of Civic Engagement. “Our recent poll showed a majority of voters of color and nearly all black women felt disrespected by President Trump. People of color also believed this president has set back race relations and these numbers will play a role in both how and why they’ll vote in the midterm elections.”

Senate vote on Kavanaugh delayed; FBI investigatung sexual misconduct

By Frederick H. Lowe
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Voting along party lines, the U.S. Senate’s Judiciary Committee Oct. 28 sent Judge Brett Kavanaugh’s nomination for the U.S. Supreme Court to the full Senate, but committee members agreed not to hold a final vote on his nomination for at least a week, so the FBI can conduct more of an investigation into Kavanaugh to answer questions some committee members found troubling, including allegations of sexual misconduct.

Senator Charles Grassley, chairman of Senate Judiciary, told committee members he would advocate for a delay, but he said he did not have the final say.

Mitch McConnell, Senate majority leader, schedules Senate votes. President Trump also would have to order the FBI to investigate Kavanaugh.

Later Trump ordered the FBI to conduct supplemental investigation of Kavanaugh, who sits on the U.S. District Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, the nation’s second-most powerful court. Trump nominated Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court July 9 to replace Justice Anthony Kennedy who retired.

Republicans, who have a 11 to 10 majority on the Judiciary Committee, agreed to follow U.S. Senator Jeff Flake’s suggestion to delay the vote for “no longer than a week.” Earlier, Flake, a Republican, said he would vote to confirm Kavanaugh, but he came up with a compromise after a group of outraged women trapped him in an elevator and shouted at him, beseeching him not to support a Supreme



Kavanaugh



Ford

Court nominee who has been accused of sexually assaulting a woman.

The FBI investigation is being sparked by an incident that occurred more than 30 years ago.

Christine Blasey Ford, a high school age friend of Kavanaugh, testified that during a house party, he attempted to rape her. When she screamed for help, he covered her mouth with his hand to muffle her screams. “I thought he was going to kill me,” she testified. Observers who listened to Blasey Ford were convinced of her honesty.

Kavanaugh, who testified after Ford, said he never assaulted her or any other woman. “She may have been assaulted by someone else, but it wasn’t me,” he said. “I always treated women with respect.”

The alleged assault took place in the presence of Mark Judge, a friend of Kavanaugh’s, in a bedroom where the door was locked.

Blasey Ford testified that Kavanaugh

climbed on top of her, ran his hands over her body and attempted to remove her clothing but had difficulty doing so because he was inebriated and because she was wearing a one-piece bathing suit underneath her clothes. Judge told Kavanaugh to stop twice.

Ford said she made eye contact with Judge, hoping he would help her and make Kavanaugh leave her alone. Instead, Judge jumped on the bed twice. The second jump caused Kavanaugh to bounce off Ford who freed herself and ran into a nearby bathroom and locked the door; she said she remained there until the she heard the two boys stumbling down the stairs, laughing.

Judge, who has acknowledged he is a recovering alcoholic, submitted a statement written by his attorney to the Senate Judiciary Committee, indicating that he does not recall the incident of sexual assault that Ford described in her testimony before the committee.

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Dealing with immaturity

PART 1

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



Immaturity gets miffed. Immaturity will boycott the services, boycott the choir and boycott a Sunday school class. Immaturity says: “I don’t like the way the Sunday school teacher teaches, so I’m not going anymore. I will just go to the regular services.” Shame on you. What is the matter with you? If you would spend more time praying for the teacher and supporting him/her, he/she might get better. Everybody does not have the same quality of teaching. We are all different, but everyone has a purpose to serve.

Every pastor has his calling and his work to do, every choir member has his or her duty and every child of God has a responsibility. We cannot allow foolishness, carelessness or childishness to affect our

behavior.

We read in 1 Corinthians 13:11 these words: “When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.” A child reacts to being told no by becoming miffed or by pouting. Manliness must grow in the face of disappointments. You need to trust all things to God’s will and purpose.

I like to use this example of Moses, that great man of God. God worked many mighty things in his life. Moses was counting on being able to lead the children of Israel into the Promised Land. That was what his whole life was set up to do. His whole ambition was geared to that idea.

In the desert one day, Moses got frustrated and upset with the way the people were acting. God told Moses to speak to that rock; instead he took his rod and smote it. Because he robbed God of His glory in

that one incident, God said, in essence, “Moses, because of that act of disobedience, I cannot allow you to lead the people of Israel into Canaan.”

The Scripture does not tell us how Moses felt, but just look at it from a human standpoint. Imagine how you would feel if your life’s ambitions, desires and hopes were ruined because of one thing you did wrong.

The people stirred Moses to anger and he did not control himself, but he robbed God of His glory. Do you know what God told him? He told him that Joshua, his servant, would lead the people and Moses was to encourage him. How could Moses encourage Joshua if he felt so defeated and denied of his greatest life-long ambition? No doubt, he had to do some internal work to get self under control and to build up his spirit. Ultimately, he gave Joshua some wonderful counsel. God told Joshua, “Be strong and of a good cour-

age: for thou shalt bring the children of Israel into the land which I swear unto them: and I will be with thee.” (Deuteronomy 31:23). Moses encouraged Joshua with these words.

You need to keep yourself in an adult, mature behavior. It is easy to let the flesh get the best of you. When you have been hurt, it is hard to get back under control, but you have to do it. You do not want the devil to use you as a means of causing uproar in the congregation just because you got your feelings hurt.

There is something more important than just your own feelings. The work of God is far more important than personal feelings.

Next week: “Dealing with immaturity,” Part II

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PRESERVED God has not forgotten!

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



A few years ago, I had a painfully thoughtful conversation with a friend who was trying to deal with a heartbreaking disappointment. I could understand her point of view because I’d often found myself in that same position saying the same words she kept repeating to me, “I hear you, but it still feels like God has forgotten me.”

I think sometimes the key to making it through those difficult times is accepting with grace the seasonal blessings of God. Just because we don’t get a blessing when we think we should, doesn’t mean that we are forgotten by God. It just means that our season hasn’t come yet. As cliché as it sounds, only God really knows why things do or don’t happen for us. But one thing is for sure: God has not forgotten about us or his promises to us. Luke 12:6-7 reminds us that as God takes care of the sparrows and they are not forgotten by God, he also cares for us. “Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.”

Think about the disappointment and frustration that Joseph must have felt when he was sold by his brothers into slavery, falsely accused and sent to jail...and then forgotten about in jail when promised he would be released. Genesis 41 is not clear on what Joseph did for the 2 years he was in jail after being forgotten by the cupbearer. When he is brought to Pharaoh to


interpret the pharaoh’s dream, he is very cautious only saying that God would give the interpretation. This answer indicates that he is no longer the attention seeking youth who openly enjoyed being his father’s favorite son.

I always wonder what kind of prayers Joseph prayed while in jail. The names he gives his children years after his release imply that he was honest about the pain that he experienced while forgotten. Genesis 41:51-53 says, “Joseph named his firstborn Manasseh and said, “It is because God has made me forget all my trouble and all my father’s household.” The second son he named Ephraim and said, “It is because God has made me fruitful in the land of my suffering.”

These scriptures show that Joseph acknowledged God’s sovereign hand in his life. We can follow his example that despite what may seem and feel like heartbreaking suffering, God will bless those who remain faithful. While we wait for and experience the changing seasons of our lives, we have to learn to trust God’s voice when we can’t see his hand.

Amazingly, Joseph still openly trusted in God...how many of us can say the same thing when we’ve felt like we’ve been forgotten by God? Many of us then say, “it’s the devil” when in fact it’s God waiting for time to catch up with the blessings that he has for us.

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Enough Is Enough. Vote! Our rights are too hard-won to take for granted

By Marc H. Morial
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“Our first project was to become familiar with the voter registration process and all the impediments that kept down the number of Negro voters. These impediments were quite formidable and sometimes unpredictable. The stated registration process required passing a literacy test and a citizenship test, computing one’s age in years, months and days, and providing ‘correct’ identification. Such identification could change at the whim of a deputy registrar and might include a driver’s license, a social security card, a utility or water bill, and/or a rent lease.” – Sybil Morial, Witness to Change: From Jim Crow to Political Empowerment

As a young woman in the early 1960s in New Orleans, my mother, Sybil Morial, was rejected for membership in the League of Women Voters because of her race. In response, she co-founded the interracial Louisiana League of Good Government, was elected its first president, and set about registering voters – even though, across the south, people were being killed for trying to register black voters.

She recalled a woman named Clara who was in her late 70s or early 80s, who’d grown up in rural south-western Louisiana. “I have wanted to be able to vote as long as I can remember,” she told my mother. “My mama used to tell us stories about slavery days and about the lynchings of our people. I thought that was so awful and wished I could vote so maybe I could help stop the way our people were treated.”

Despite her diligent work preparing for the literacy and citizenship tests, Clara was rejected. She vowed to study harder. She failed again. The third time, my mother waited outside the door of the registrar’s office. Clara emerged in tears. “That mean man was so ugly to me. He told me I wasn’t smart enough to vote.” My mother began to doubt whether Clara would ever be able to vote. But the fourth time, Clara passed. “I made it, Mrs. Morial. I can vote! Praise the Lord!”

Praise the Lord, indeed. Since the Voting Rights Act of 1965, black voting rates – particularly in presidential years – rose steadily. In 2008, the black voting rate matched the white rate for the first time and in 2012 exceeded it. Not coincidentally, in 2013 the Supreme Court gutted the Voting Rights Act and the black voter turnout in 2016 dipped to a low not seen since 2004.

In Clara’s memory, and in the memory of all those who fought and bled and died for the right to vote, the National Urban League is working to engage voters with a campaign called “Enough is Enough. Vote!” More than 50 years after the passage of the Civil Rights Act and the Voting Rights Act, racial justice protections are slipping away. The rights of immigrants are being decimated. Mass incarceration debilitates black communities. Public schools are deliberately underfunded. The Affordable Care Act, which slashed the uninsured rate among African Americans, has been weakened and remains under threat of repeal.

Enough is enough. There is power in our vote. When we go to the polls, we overwhelmingly elect representatives that champion the issues essential to our families and communities.

Over the next few weeks, we’ll be holding voter engagement events around the country. In the meantime, people can pledge to vote, make sure they’re registered or register online, find their polling location or see their candidates at <http://www.nul.org>. Sign up to receive updates and stay engaged.

Trump’s new trade deal gets a few things right while falling short

By Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.
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Donald Trump recently announced a new NAFTA draft treaty, renamed for showtime as the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement.

Canada, ignoring Trump’s insults and gibes, threats and posturing, joined Mexico in making a deal. The new pact contains some much needed reforms – and falls glaringly short in critical areas. Auto workers and truckers get some relief. Big oil and Big Pharma get paid off. The prices of prescription drugs will go up in Canada and Mexico.

For Trump, the agreement is about politics. He set the arbitrary deadline for signatures so that he might have a revised draft agreement to trumpet during the run-up to the November elections. For working people, particularly manufacturing workers and farmers, the show is less important than the substance. And the substance is a very mixed bag. Trump is to be applauded for forcing the renegotiation, despite the hand-wringing of the corporate trade advocates in both parties.

In many ways, he had little choice. Working people had paid a huge price under the original NAFTA and demanded change. Labor unions built a large coalition

against NAFTA and future agreements like it, including the Trans Pacific Partnership. Sen. Elizabeth Warren led the assault on the outrageous private legal system that NAFTA and other agreements set up for corporations, giving them the right to sue the U.S. before private tribunals with corporate lawyers acting as judges. Sen. Sherrod Brown and Rep. Rosa DeLauro built the coalition that made it clear that the TPP would never gain approval from the Congress. By the time of the 2016 election, every major candidate – Hillary Clinton, Bernie Sanders and Donald Trump – announced their opposition to the TPP and criticized NAFTA.

Trump was savvy enough to make trade and NAFTA a centerpiece of his economic argument in the campaign. Trump’s deal makes some significant reforms that should be applauded. It reins in the outrageous Investor State Dispute Settlement, curbing the ability of corporations to use private tribunals to collect millions and attack environmental and health policies. It raises safety standards on trucks coming from Mexico, a significant concern for citizens across the country. It increases the North American (read Mexico, Canada and U.S.) domestic content for tariff free automobiles and auto parts from 62.5 percent to 75 percent, which should help retain some jobs from being shipped to low wage

producers across the seas.

It contains a truly innovative provision requiring that 30 percent of work done on automobiles be carried out by workers making at least \$16 per hour. That helps protect workers in the U.S. and Canada, since it is three times the prevailing wage in Mexico. It is, however, truly deplorable that the floor on autoworkers wages is \$16 an hour, in contrast with the wages that they used to get before NAFTA.

But there is much in Trump’s new trade deal that reflects the corrupt corporate dealings of the old NAFTA. Big oil won the ability to sustain the private tribunals for its operations in Mexico. Big Pharma won increased monopoly protections.

The price of drugs will go up in Canada and Mexico and stay up in the U.S. as a result of this agreement. More work remains to be done.

As Lori Wallach of Citizen Trade Watch notes, “Unless there are strong labor and environmental standards that are subject to swift and certain enforcement, U.S. firms will continue to outsource jobs to pay Mexican workers poverty wages, dump toxins and bring their products back here for sale.”

Worse, Trump’s agreement waives buy American protections for U.S. procurement, leading to the continued outsourcing of U.S. jobs created from taxpayer’s mon-

ey. Canada and Mexico are our largest trading partners, with \$1.2 trillion in trade between the three nations.

Canada is the largest recipient of U.S. exports, our second largest trading partner and our second largest investor. Canada is a NATO ally whose soldiers have fought and died at our side. We also have a huge stake in Mexico’s economic welfare. Part of the horrors of the first NAFTA was that it disrupted peasant agriculture in Mexico, forcing many workers to head north to care for their families. The resulting tensions from immigration – legal and illegal – have had a poisonous effect in our politics, with Trump and others profiting from an ugly, racialized posturing. Getting this right is important. Sadly, the deal, while an improvement over the old one, doesn’t get it right.

Labor rights and environmental protections still lack serious enforcement. Mexico’s ability to pursue a clear economic course is circumscribed by protections of Big Oil and Big Pharma, among others. Trump deserves credit for renegotiating NAFTA, something that his Democratic and Republican predecessors failed to do. Trump will no doubt use the new agreement as a centerpiece of his claim of “Promises made, promises kept.” A more accurate description would be “Promises made, performance lacking.”

Women are watching

By E. Faye Williams
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If no one else is watching the behavior of that team of angry white men on the Republican-confirmed confirmation team that questioned Dr. Christine Ford, and later Judge Brett Kavanaugh, women of the world are watching. It’s my prayer that my white sisters were listening, and were looking more carefully at Kavanaugh than they looked at #45 for president when most got it wrong. Many have admitted they made a big mistake by betraying other women. They said that because they realize most non-white women had done our job to protect women’s rights and all human rights.

Until this confirmation hearing, I had never heard a witness argue with the senator asking the questions by turning around and angrily lecturing and questioning the senator. I’d also not heard a committee chairman lecture a senator

from the other party each time he disagreed with something the opposing senator was asking – thus using that senator’s time.

This behavior was so different from the questioning of Ford when the Republican senators were so dismissive of what Ford had to say that they didn’t even bother to question her. They hired a woman they hoped would tear Ford apart and prevent them from taking the blame. What a pity – using a woman again to do their dirty work.

Ford was courteous to both sides. She was never argumentative and never snapped back at senators. She was forthright, never raised her voice and never refused to respond. Then came Kavanaugh, and along with him came the fireworks. He was belligerent, angry, rude, aggressive, confrontational, etc. I could go on, but you get the idea I’m sure.

Ford never mentioned the destruction of her family. Kavanaugh came on like gang busters. He told the senators his family had been destroyed. That left some

of us thinking his family does not trust him if what was said about him were true!

If you’ve never seen an angry white man before, you sure experienced a lot of them today when the Republican men decided to dump the distinguished woman they had hired, and she didn’t give them what they wanted. She questioned Ford. Ford answered her questions politely – and neither woman ever raised their voices – then we witnessed the takeover when the Republican men decided they weren’t getting the negatives about Ford they had hoped for. Sexual assault must be taken seriously. Only the Democratic senators seemed to get that.

They were level and measured with no anger, no shouting like the Republican men. They were polite and asked questions that were fair and seeking the truth – not trying to frustrate the witness. The Republican men acted like they were sure they wanted Kavanaugh to prove that he hated all of us, and felt he was above even having to

come before the Committee. He continued to remind us that Ford was in a “different social circle” than his. It reminded me of how many whites have often treated black people no matter what our status is in life.

Just as the diplomats laughed at #45 at the United Nations for his ridiculous claims, the world must be laughing at the evasive way the Republicans have tried to obstruct complete fact finding on their chosen candidate to serve on the highest Court in the land. President Barack Obama’s nominee never had a chance to have a hearing. Where is the fairness? As a lawyer, I would dread going before Kavanaugh in court because he showed us what an angry white man looks like and there would be no way for our causes to be fairly heard.

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President laughingstock

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Our 45th President rushed back from his United Nations meeting in New York to watch the hearing of his Supreme Court nominee, Brett Kavanaugh, and his accuser Dr. Christine Blasey Ford. Reportedly, he was impressed by Ford, but excited by Kavanaugh’s belligerently offensive session with the senators.

From my perspective, Kavanaugh was disgraceful. He attacked Democratic senators, at one point asking Minnesota Senator Amy Klobuchar if she had a drinking problem. His

angry, entitled temperament was inconsistent with Supreme Court service. But by the time this is published he is likely to have been voted onto the court.

While the Supreme Court deliberations have dominated the news, it is essential to consider the way that 45 appeared on the world stage. First, he was inexplicably and rudely late to the UN, signaling his own contempt for the organization and its members. Indeed, according to New Yorker reporter Robin Wright, the UN had to scramble to find another speaker to fill in 45’s assigned time.

Then, just minutes after 45 began talking, the assembled group started laughing at him. Undoubtedly they were amused

about his assertions of having done more than any other administration in U.S. history.

45 was speaking to more than one hundred and thirty heads of state and dozens of other delegations. They laughed because 45 is truly funny.

As he ran for president, 45 constantly scolded that our country was the “laughingstock” of the world. Then he stood in front of other world leaders and proved them correct. Our nation is not a laughingstock, but President Trump surely is. He is out of touch with the rest of the world, out of order in his dealings with others, and out of control with his myopic “America First” philosophy.

We may still be the most

powerful nation in the world, but we are holding on to that perch only tentatively. We’re not the largest country in the world. The population of India, at 1.35 billion, or the population of China, the world’s most populous nation, at 1.41 billion people, dwarfs our population of roughly 326 million people.

We are a scant 4.3 percent of the world population. India is 17.7 percent of the world population, and China is a whopping 18.5 percent of the world population. Population size is not necessarily an indicator of power, and most concede that the United States remains an influential world leader. But we are a world leader now led by a clown, the laughingstock

of the world. And in embracing an “America First” doctrine, we isolate ourselves from others and diminish our own world power.

Our power has come from our ability to play well in the world. It has come from our embrace of globalism. Indeed, our economic growth has often been a function of our global role. People want to come to the United States, to study in the United States, to vacation in the United States and to enjoy the products and brands of the United States (McDonald’s and Nike are but two examples).

Our president’s behavior repels people from the United States instead of attracting people to us. His jingoistic “America First” speech belied decades of international coop-

eration. His notion that nations are better off going it alone than working in collaboration is isolationist nonsense. His speech would have been better delivered to his sycophants who drink his Fool-Aid than to a thoughtful international audience of his peer world leaders.

“America is governed by Americans,” 45 said. “We reject the ideology of globalism, and we embrace the doctrine of patriotism. Inside everyone in this great chamber today, and everyone listening all around the globe, there is the heart of a patriot that feels the same powerful love for your nation, the same intense loyalty to your homeland.”

*Trump
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Forrest General Hospital's October support group meetings, classes and events

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Bereavement Support Group
Tuesday, October 2, 6 p.m.
Asbury Hospice House Conference Room, 304 South 40th Ave, Hattiesburg

Tuesday, October 16, 6 p.m.
Asbury Hospice House Conference Room, 304 South 40th Ave, Hattiesburg

Tuesday, October 16, 11:30 a.m.
Highland Community Hospital Cafeteria Meeting Room, 130 Highland Parkway, Picayune, Mississippi

The Bereavement Support Group is for individuals who have experienced the loss of a loved one. The meetings occur on the first and third Tuesday of every month and are free to the public. The first meeting of the month is held at the Asbury Hospice House, 304 South 40th Avenue. There are two meetings on the third Tuesday of each month. One meeting is held at the cafeteria meeting room at Highland Community Hospital in Picayune, Mississippi, and the other meets at Asbury Hospice House, 304 South 40th Avenue, in Hattiesburg. For more information, call 601-288-2500.

Better Breathers Support Group
Wednesday, October 17, Noon
Forrest General's LiveWell Center Cloverleaf Medical Plaza (next to Wal-Mart), 5909 Highway 49, Suite 40

The Better Breathers Support Group gives patients, families and friends an opportunity to gather and share information about Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), as well as other breathing disorders. COPD includes conditions such as emphysema, asthma and chronic bronchitis. The group also has access to informational resources and speakers who are knowledgeable about the special needs of people with breathing disorders. The meetings occur on the third Wednesday of every month and are free to the public. Call 601-288-1951.

Brave Brilliant, and Resilient
Thursday, October 25, 1 p.m.
Forrest General Cancer Center
Brave, Brilliant, and Resilient, the Forrest General Cancer Center Support Group, welcomes current patients and caregivers to talk with and support other cancer patients and caregivers. Each month a new topic will be presented and an open discussion will follow. The group meets on the fourth Thursday of each month from 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Meetings will be held in The Rush Conference Room at the Forrest General Cancer Center (301 South 28th Ave.). For more information or to RSVP, contact Ramona Martin, RN, at 601-288-1743

Forrest General's Fitness for Two Classes

The Mommie & Me classes give mothers and their babies the opportunity to interact and exercise together using music, movement, story and rhyme. Topics for moms include parenting suggestions, relationship navigation and child development guidelines. From the First Year until Toddler Years, children are develop-

ing social, language, cognitive and motor skills for the next season of life. The six week session charge is \$30. All classes meet at the Spirit of Women Conference Room in 28th Place, 421 South 28th Avenue. To register or for more information on the following classes, call FGH OnCall at 1-800-844-4445. Register online at www.forrestgeneral.com/fitness4two.

- Mommie & Me – The First Year: First year mothers can share stories about their first-year experiences as they learn developmental milestones for their babies. Meets Monday mornings for six weeks, 10 – 11:30 a.m. September 12 – October 17 October 24 – November 7 (mini-session)

- Mommie & Me – The Toddler Years: The Toddler Years class is the perfect launch into pre-school. Moms and their toddlers, age 22 months to 3 years, learn and grow while making great memories. Meets Tuesday mornings for six weeks, 10 – 11:30 a.m. September 11 – October 16 October 23 – November 6 (mini-session)

- Mommie & Me – Just Movin': Just Movin' is geared toward the early walkers, often 11 to 22 months old. Children experience activities that will develop physical, mental and social skills. Meets Monday mornings for six weeks, 10 – 11:30 a.m. September 10 – October 15 October 22 – November 5 (mini-session)

- Coach's Corner
This one-session class teaches labor and delivery, breathing techniques and the coach's role throughout the childbirth experience. The coach and mother-to-be attend together. Curriculum benefits pregnancy first-timers, as well as repeaters. An optional tour of Forrest General is included. Coach's Corner is free for Pregnancy Exercise Program Participants. Meets once a month, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Monday, October 15

- Pregnancy Exercise Program
In a support group environment, the classes combine walking, strengthening, stretching and isolation exercises with education topics such as breathing techniques, discomfort releases, labor and delivery preparation and postpartum recovery. Program includes one free Coach's Corner class. Meets each Monday for six weeks, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. September 10 – October 15 October 22 – November 26

- Bumps to Babies Postpartum Support: The "new normal" after childbirth can cause isolation and uncertainty. This community of new moms will process postpartum needs including physical and emotional recovery, breastfeeding, returning to work, adjusting to staying home, and other general questions, doubts and concerns. Meets each Tuesday for three weeks, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. October 9 – October 23

- New Moms' Night Out The Bumps to Babies Postpartum class sponsors a Dutch-treat gathering with other new moms for postpartum support. Call for the location. Meets periodically Tuesday evenings, 6 - 7:30 p.m. October 30.

wonder the world is laughing at him. He doesn't know which way is up.

Thus, he has jeopardized our relationship with Canada, with his "renegotiation" of NAFTA. He has alienated our allies with his insistence on withdrawing from the Iran nuclear deal, even as Britain, China, France, Germany and Russia affirm their agreement to the deal. And he has continued to coddle Russia, barely mentioning proven Russian interference in U.S elections.

The world is watching, and the world is laughing. The disastrous display of U.S. jurisprudence in the Kavanaugh case illustrates the breakdown of our democracy. Further, the amusing performance that our president offered to the United Nations cemented his place as the world laughingstock and disgraced us all.

By Glenn Ellis
TriceEdneyWire.com



The very thought of having chemotherapy frightens many people. But knowing what chemotherapy is, how it works, and what to expect can often help calm your fears. It can also give you a better sense of control over your cancer treatment.

Chemotherapy is the use of any drug to treat any disease. But to most people, the word chemotherapy means drugs used for cancer treatment. It's often shortened to "chemo."

Chemotherapy is used to treat many types of cancer. For some people, chemotherapy may be the only treatment you receive. But most often, you will have chemotherapy and other cancer treatments. The types of treatment that you need depends on the type of cancer you have, if it has spread and where, and if you have other health problems.

Surgery and radiation therapy remove, kill or damage cancer cells in a certain area, but chemo can work throughout the whole body. This means chemo can kill cancer cells that have spread (metastasized) to parts of the body far away from the original (primary) tumor.

If your doctor has recommended chemotherapy to treat your cancer, it's important to understand the goals of treatment when making treatment decisions. There are three main goals for chemotherapy in cancer treatment: Cure; Control; or Palliation (make the disease less unpleasant without curing it).

Chemotherapy not only kills fast-growing cancer cells, but also kills or slows the growth of healthy cells that grow and divide quickly. Examples are cells that line your mouth and intestines and those that cause your hair to grow. Damage to healthy cells may cause side effects, such as mouth sores, nausea, and hair loss. Side effects often get better or go away after you have finished chemotherapy. The most common side effect is fatigue, which is feeling ex-

October is National Careers in Construction Month

The Mississippi Link Newswire

As the construction industry boom continues across Mississippi and the nation, there's no better time to be a trade professional than now. That's the message the Mississippi Construction Education Foundation is sharing statewide during National Careers in Construction Month in October.

"Professional trades are among the highest paying and fastest growing jobs in the U.S., yet companies are struggling to fill these positions because of a shortage of qualified employees," said MCEF President Mike Barkett. "We want to position Mississippians for success by raising awareness about opportunities in construction and the role that modern career and technical education programs play in college and career readiness."

Spearheaded by the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) and declared by Gov. Phil Bryant as an official, month-long observance in Mississippi, the annual initiative includes a broad range of partners aggressively working to combat shortages of craft professionals across the country.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, construction occupations are projected to grow 11 percent through 2026, faster than the average for all occupations. The BLS also reports that nearly 200,000 construction jobs in the U.S. were unfilled at the start of 2018 – a trend that's being felt in Mississippi, Barkett noted.

"By 2019, Mississippi will need

haunted and worn out.

Chemotherapy is often given through a thin needle that is placed in a vein on your hand or lower arm. Your nurse will put the needle in at the start of each treatment and remove it when treatment is over. IV chemotherapy may also be given through catheters or ports, sometimes with the help of a pump.

You may receive chemotherapy in cycles. A cycle is a period of chemotherapy treatment followed by a period of rest. For instance, you might receive chemotherapy every day for 1 week followed by 3 weeks with no chemotherapy. These 4 weeks make up one cycle. The rest period gives your body a chance to recover and build new healthy cells.

You can't tell if chemotherapy is working based on its side effects. Some people think that severe side effects mean that chemotherapy is working well, or that no side effects mean that chemotherapy is not working. The truth is that side effects have nothing to do with how well chemotherapy is fighting your cancer.

When a person is first diagnosed with cancer, they often ask about their prognosis. You might want to know whether your cancer is relatively easy or more difficult to cure. Your doctor can't predict the future, but he/she can make an estimate based on other people's experiences with the same cancer.

Ask your doctor why he/she is recommending chemotherapy. If they had cancer, would they treat themselves with this drug? How long have they been prescribing this treatment and to how many people? What are their expectations of this treatment for you? Are there other options which could produce the same results?

Cancer clinical trials (also called cancer treatment studies or research studies) test new treatments for people with cancer. These can be studies of new types of chemotherapy, other types of treatment or new ways to combine treatments. The goal of all these clinical trials is to find better ways to help people with cancer.

Your doctor or nurse may suggest you take part in a clinical trial. You can also suggest the idea.

Before you agree to be in a clinical trial, learn about:

- Benefits. All clinical trials offer quality cancer care. Ask how this clinical trial could help you or others. For instance, you may be one of the first people to get a new treatment or drug.

- Risks. New treatments are not always better or even as good as standard treatments. Even if this new treatment is good, it may not work well for you.

- Payment. Your insurance company may or may not pay for treatment that is part of a clinical trial. Before you agree to be in a trial, check with your insurance company to make sure it will pay for this treatment.

If you've been diagnosed with cancer, it's tough to be in your shoes right now. But it may help to know that many have made this journey and found hope by preparing for what lies ahead. There's hope in knowing that others have managed chemo with success.

Always remember; you're not alone. There are almost 14 million people in the United States today who have survived cancer. And 3 out of every 4 American families have at least one family member with cancer.

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

The reader should always consult his or her healthcare provider to determine the appropriateness of the information for their own situation or if they have any questions regarding a medical condition or treatment plan.

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students' training and credentials are recognized by construction and maintenance industries worldwide.

MCEF continues working with the Mississippi Department of Education and a statewide coalition of business and industry partners to ensure that CTE centers maintain NCCER certifications and provide high-quality training and education programs that give students a foundation for lifelong success.

"It's a fact that CTE students have higher graduation rates than non-CTE students," Barkett said. "They're motivated by clear goals and being able to make significant progress on a career or college track during high school. It's an approach that's gaining momentum as more and more Mississippians discover the long-range value of CTE."

Chambers, schools, civic clubs, churches and other groups interested in hosting a Trade Up! conversation are encouraged to contact Barkett at mike@mcef.net.

The mission of the non-profit MCEF is to promote careers, recruit capable individuals and train a quality workforce for the construction and manufacturing industries in the state of Mississippi. MCEF also offers workforce training and credentialing in construction, industrial maintenance and manufacturing trades.

Learn more about MCEF at <http://mcef.net>. "Careers in Construction Month" is an initiative of NCCER and Build Your Future — see <http://byf.org> for details.

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It is possible to be a patriot and also embrace globalism, especially if we are thinking of our nation's well being in the long run. In other words, the world is interlinked, and our countries are intertwined. What would we have to give up if we "went it alone?" I don't think 45 is capable of thinking this through. What if countries decided to stop doing business with us? What products would we have to give up?

At the United Nations meeting last year, 45 ridiculed North Korean President Kim Jong Un as "Little Rocket Man." Now Rocket Man is his new best friend, worthy of 45's praise. 45 heralded his June summit with Jong Un as a success, but there has been little or no progress made toward denuclearization. Now he says he wants another summit with the North Korean president. No

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Sealed, written formal rfq proposals for the above rfq will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 3:00 P.M. (Local Prevailing Time) October 19, 2018, at which time will be stamped in and forwarded to Jackson Public Schools Department of Facilities and Operations for review in preparation for the selection process as denoted in the rfq packet of information under Criteria for Selection. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to re-

ject any and all rfqs, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any rfq if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date rfqs are opened. A Pre-Submission Conference will be held at 10:00 A.M. (local prevailing time), October 11, 2018 in the Jackson Public School District Board Room locate at 621 S. State Street, Jackson, MS 39201. Attendance at the Pre-Submission Conference is mandatory for those interested in submitting Statement of Qualifications as a Prime Consultant for the services.

Submission proposal forms and detailed specifications may be obtained free of charge by emailing pagreen@jackson.k12.ms.us, calling (601) 960-8799, or documents may be picked up at the above address or downloaded from JPS website at www.jackson.k12.ms.us.

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

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

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

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E-Mail: rbyrd@jmaa.com

Or from JMAA's website at <https://jmaa.com/corporate/partner-with-us/procurement/>

Based on the Proposals received, JMAA will select a maximum of three (3) Respondents with whom to enter into negotiations to provide the development and operation of the Concessions. JMAA will initiate negotiations with the Respondent ranked first on the list. If negotiations fail to produce an agreement in form and content satisfactory to JMAA within a reasonable period of time, then JMAA may reject the first-ranked Respondent and follow the same process with the other Respondents, in the order of their ranking, until a Respondent agrees to and enters into a satisfactory contract with JMAA.

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

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

JMAA has established an Airport Concessions Disadvantaged Business Enterprise ("ACD-BE") participation goal of 20% of Goods and Services solicited by this RFP.

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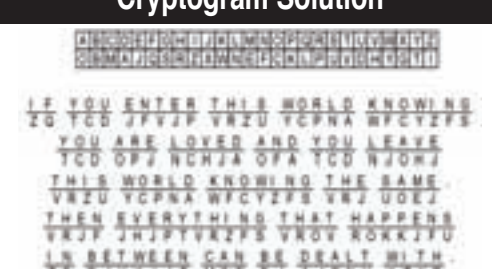
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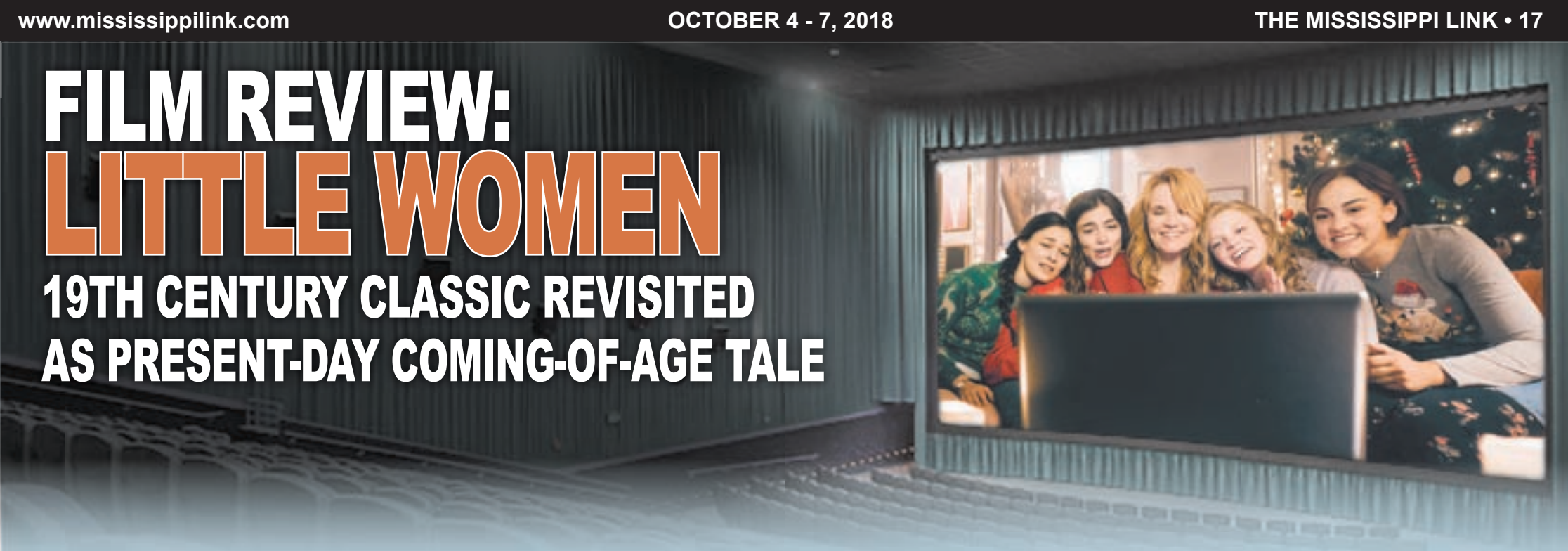
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By Kam Williams
Columnist

Published by Louisa May Alcott in 1868, *Little Women* chronicled the coming of age of Meg (Melanie Stone), Jo (Sarah Davenport), Beth (Allie Jennings) and Amy March (Taylor Murphy), siblings being raised by their mom (Lea Thompson) in Concord, Massachusetts while their absentee father (Bart Johnson) served as a pastor

during the Civil War. The semi-autobiographical novel's main characters were ostensibly based on the author and her three sisters.

The iconoclastic opus challenged the status quo by exploring such themes as love, independence and equal rights from a female perspective, challenging the conventional thinking about domesticity and other traditional women's roles. The seminal work's title was in-

spired by its teenage heroines' loss of innocence on the road to adulthood.

Over the years, *Little Women* has been brought to the big screen a half-dozen times, most notably the productions featuring Katherine Hepburn (1933), Elizabeth Taylor (1949) and Susan Sarandon (1994). And Greta Gerwig (*Lady Bird*) has already signed to direct another adaptation co-starring Emma Watson, Saoirse Ronan and Meryl

Streep slated to be released in December of 2019.

This year's version, with a relatively-underwhelming cast, marks the directorial debut of Clare Niederpruem. What does make the movie unique, however, is that it is set in present-day New York.

Unfortunately, the film fails to explore current feminist issues, and the result is an unengaging story which feels terribly dated instead of groundbreaking.

A disappointing 21st Century update that's behind instead of ahead of the times.

Fair (1.5 stars)
Rated PG-13 for mature themes and teen drinking
Running time: 112 minutes
Production Studio: Main Dog Productions / Paulist Productions / Escapology
Studio: Pinnacle Peak Pictures / Pure Flix Entertainment

Kam's Kapsules

Weekly previews that make choosing a film fun

By Kam Williams
Columnist

For movies opening October 5, 2018

Wide Releases

The Hate U Give (PG-13 for violence, profanity, drug use and mature themes) Adaptation of Angie Thomas' best seller about a black prep school student (Amandla Stenberg) whose life is shattered when she witnesses the shooting of her best friend (Algee Smith) by a white cop. Ensemble cast includes Common, Anthony Mackie, Issa Rae, Regina Hall and Russell Hornsby.

A Star Is Born (R for sexuality, nudity, substance abuse and pervasive profanity) Third remake of the 1937 classic revolves around an established country singer (Bradley Cooper) who discovers and falls in love with an aspiring artist (Lady Gaga). With Dave Chappelle, Sam Elliott and Andrew Dice Clay.

Venom (PG-13 for profanity, action and intense violence) Tom Hardy plays the title character in this Marvel Comics origins tale about an investigative journalist who develops a frightening alter-ego after coming into con-

tact with an alien. Cast includes Michelle Williams, Woody Harrelson and Jenny Slate.

Independent & Foreign Films

The Happy Prince (R for profanity, sexuality, graphic nudity and brief drug use) Rupert Everett wrote, directed and stars in this poignant biopic revisiting the last days in the life of Oscar Wilde which the literary genius spent exiled in France and Italy. With Emily Watson, Colin Firth and Tom Wilkinson. (In English, Italian and French with subtitles)

Heavy Trip (Unrated) Road comedy about an unknown garage band that travels from Finland to Norway to perform at a popular heavy metal festival. Co-starring Johannes Holopainen, Ville Hiltunen, Antti Heikkinen and Samuli Jaskio. (In Finnish, English and Norwegian with subtitles)

Loving Pablo (R for profanity, sexuality, drug use and graphic violence) Javier Bardem portrays Pablo Escobar in this romance drama chronicling the Colombian crime boss' four-year affair with a TV reporter (Penelope Cruz). With Peter Saragaard, Julieth Restrepo and Oscar Jaena-

da. (In English and Spanish with subtitles)

Matangi/Maya/M.I.A. (Unrated) Reverential rapumentary chronicling 22 years in the life of iconoclastic, Sri Lankan singer/songwriter/producer/hip-hop artist M.I.A.

Over the Limit (Unrated) Olympic dreams documentary, set in 2015, revolving around rhythmic gymnast Margarita Mamun's training to make the Russian National Team. (In Russian with subtitles)

Shine (R for profanity) Inner city saga, set in Spanish Harlem, about the tensions which arise between long-estranged siblings (Jorge Burgos and Gilbert Saldivar) when one returns to the 'hood as a realtor with gentrification in mind. With Kimberli Flores, David Zayas and Alysia Reiner.

Studio 54 (Unrated) Revealing retrospective offering a behind-the-scenes look inside the exclusive nightclub which came to symbolize the hedonism of the seventies. Featuring archival footage and interviews with co-founders Ian Schrager and Steve Rubell.

Sudoku

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

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(For puzzle answer keys, see page 14)

Cryptogram

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

Hint: Quote by Michael Jackson

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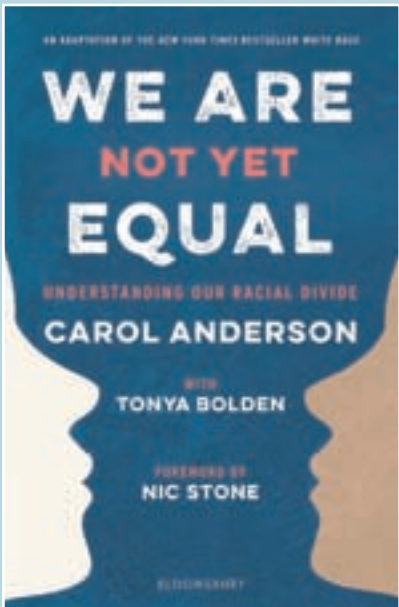
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BOOK REVIEW:

“WE ARE NOT YET EQUAL:
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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

Your blood is red.
You were born with the same number of bones, ears and appendages as everybody else and your requirements are food, air, water, shelter and love. Indeed, you’re just like other humans – but as you’ll see in the new book “We Are Not Yet Equal” by Carol Anderson with Tonya Bolden, you may’ve been set apart.

We are all the same. Or, at least that’s what you’ve been told and you know that’s right, despite that racism is alive and

(un)well in America .

It comes, say Anderson and Bolden, from “white rage” driven by “black advancement” that “wreaks havoc subtly, almost imperceptibly.” It’s often silent, in other words, and it’s been around awhile: our third president approved the idea of shipping black people away and out of the U.S., but Anderson and Bolden start with the Civil War.

At the very beginning of the war, Lincoln held a meeting with several influential black citizens and tried to get them to lead “their people” to South Ameri-

ca. He seemed to believe that if they did, there would no longer be a war. That, of course, didn’t happen and there was a war. At the end of it, the Thirteenth Amendment was introduced to seemingly abolish slavery.

Or not quite: Plantation overseers and landowners in Southern states discovered ways to keep newly-freed blacks enslaved with the sharecropper system and jails to ensure that newly-gained rights were lost, sometimes for good. Many Southern states passed laws that further held black people from

getting ahead, economically, politically, emotionally and educationally, even though legal and constitutional efforts were made to squash those states’ efforts. Every time there was progress, it was thwarted in some way.

And so it continues.

Though the Constitution guarantees equality, say the authors, white rage still affects the day-to-day existence of most African Americans today, in that “black achievement” continues to be seen as threatening.

“We know the consequences” of it, say Anderson and Bolden.

So are we bold enough to choose a “different future” instead?

As an “adaptation” of an adult book entitled White Rage, “We Are Not Yet Equal” is supposed to be a book for young adults. That’s close – but not quite.

There’s still a lot to absorb inside this book that alterations didn’t change. Author Carol Anderson (with Tonya Bolden) didn’t pander to a younger audience in adapting this book to fit them; instead, they fit heavy-duty history into a narrative that still seems more like something an adult might easier

grasp. Younger “young adults” – those who are twelve to perhaps fourteen – still may not be able to fully grasp the concepts of what’s inside; older teens may not have any trouble, but if they can handle this book, why not give them the original?

To the good, “We Are Not Yet Equal” is filled with a history that’s disturbing and real, hidden and little-known, and it’s absolutely compelling – for an adult.

Give it to a teen who’s not ready for it yet, though, and it might make them see red.

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The award winning Mississippi Mass Choir to appear on Discovery Channel's #1 Series "Expedition Unknown"

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The award-winning Mississippi Mass Choir will appear on Discovery Channel's #1 series "Expedition Unknown." The episode entitled "Search For The Afterlife – Heaven and Hell," explores religions and cultures from around the world. It will air on the Discovery Channel Sunday, October 7, 2018, 9 p.m CT / 10 p.m. ET. Please check your local listing.

About Mississippi Mass Choir

For thirty years, the awe-some talent of the Mississippi Mass Choir has touched gospel fans. Some faces have changed, but the choir's mission remains the same; "evangelizing the world in song."

Reaching down to the root of this gospel powerhouse, one finds a very humble beginning. Frank Williams, founder of the group, began singing gospel music in churches as a child, spending his evenings immersed in the sounds and ways of the gospel under the guiding hand of his father, Leon. Frank performed with his siblings, the acclaimed Williams Brothers, and later joined his brother



Mississippi Mass Choir

Huey Williams with the legendary Jackson Southernaires.

After many years of touring as an artist, Frank had a vision that the great and soulful voices of Mississippi needed to be captured in a choir. For nine years, this idea grew in his mind until he could contain it no longer. He approached his gospel-writing friend, David Curry, with his ambitions and the rest is history.

On October 29, 1988, Five months after their first rehearsal, the 150-voice aggregation

recorded its first album and video. It can truly be said that they were an "overnight success. The album entitled "Mississippi Mass Choir Live" remained in the No. 1 slot atop the Billboard Magazine Top Gospel Charts" for 45 consecutive weeks – setting a record for a debut recording of any genre.

Their next three recordings "God Gets the Glory," "It Remains to be Seen," "Rev. James Moore Live with Mississippi Mass, and "Rev. James Moore

Live with Mississippi Mass at Jackson State University" all reached the No. 1 position. Their first album after the untimely passing of Frank Williams in 1993, "I'll See You in the Rapture" reached the No. 2 slot on the Billboard Chart; second only to Kirk Franklin's recording-setting release.

All of their subsequent recordings reached the top ten or top twenty positions. They have either won or been nominated numerous times for every music industry award, including the Stellar, Grammy,

Soul Train, Dove, National Association of Record Merchandisers, 3M Visionary, Mississippi Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts and a host of others. Billboard Magazine recognized them on several occasions as "Gospel Artist of the Year."

They have ministered in song in over 40 states within the USA, including Alaska. They have been fortunate enough to travel to international stages in countries such as

Japan, Italy, Spain, Bahamas, and Greece; becoming the first gospel group to perform at the Acropolis. While attending the famed Umbria Jazz Gospel and Soul Easter Festival in Terni, Italy, the choir was unexpectedly invited to sing for Pope John Paul II at his summer residence. On Christmas day in 2000 they performed with the 90-piece Tenerife Symphonic Orchestra on a live telecast throughout the Canary Islands and Spain.

Their body of work includes a national commercial for Nissan, and their indefatigable song "I'm Not Tired Yet" just completed a seven-month run as the theme song for the Scott Van Pelt Show on ESPN's Sport Center.

Their tenure in the gospel music industry has already reached legendary status and continues to grow.

Jerry Mannery, executive director of the choir, states, "We are all about our Father's business. Our mission remains constant; to evangelize the world through music, and to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Hinds County School District Weekly Update

ENGAGING-EMPOWERING-ENSURING-EXCELLENCE

Hinds County School District hosts Parent Engagement Network seminar



Linda Laws, School Board president, greeting the parents



Delescia Martin, Superintendent of Education sharing educational updates with parents



Superintendent Delescia Martin, district administrators and school administrators hosted the fall the HCSD Parent Engagement Network (PEN) Team Seminar September 22, 2018, at Byram Middle School. One of the primary goals of establishing this team initiative is to foster deep relationships between our schools and the communities we serve in order to build a bridge to engage parents and families in meaningful ways. The district hopes this effort will enhance and extend its efforts to build strong parent-child relationships and school partnerships while providing support and education around issues that impact students and families. This group will also serve as ambassadors and connectors to make sure all of our parents are informed and engaged throughout the year. The theme for the event was "Connecting the Dots – Schools, Parents and Administrators Collaborating for Success."



Parents from BEEMS



Arlandra Earl, director of State and Federal Programs, sharing information with parents on funding through title



Deputy Helen Brown, Human Trafficking coordinator with the Hinds County Sheriff's Department and No More Tears Organization sharing information on human trafficking



Frankie Blackmon, Director of Instruction, sharing information on standards based instruction



Michelle Ray, Director of Student Services, explaining required district assessments



Parents from GRI, CMS, and RES



Parents



Chasedy Bergold, Curriculum Coordinator, sharing information on the ELA and Math Curriculum



Lisa Jones, Director of Technology, sharing information about internet safety, cyber bullying and social media



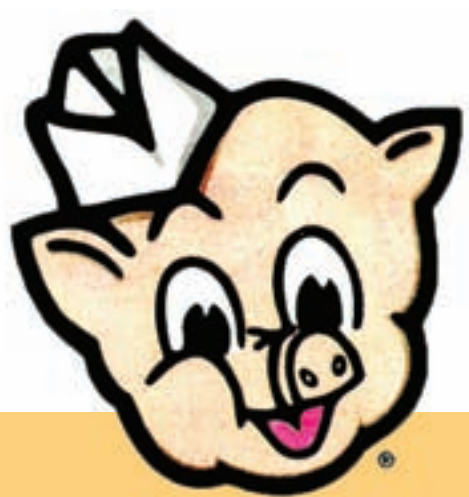
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Sgt. Kenny Bryant, Sgt. Otis Clark and Sgt. Helen Brown from the Hinds County Sheriff's Department

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