



## Black community divided over whether Va.'s Gov. Northam should resign



John W. Boyd, president of the National Black Farmers Association, urges Gov. Northam to stay in office Monday at a Capitol news conference. With him, from left, are Richmond City Treasurer Nichole Armstead, former Richmond City Councilman Henry W. “Chuck” Richardson, American Indian Farmers and National Women Farmers’ Association President Kara Boyd and the Rev. Rodney Hunter, president of the Richmond Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. PHOTO: AVA REAVES/RICHMOND FREE PRESS

By Jeremy Lazarus  
TriceEdneyWire.com

To condemn or to forgive? That question is dividing African-American clergy, congressmen and others dealing with the revelations that Virginia’s governor and attorney general decades ago wore racist blackface while pretending to be black entertainers.

The Rev. Al Sharpton took center stage on the condemnation front Feb. 7 as he took part in a Virginia Union University pro-

gram titled “Reflections on Faith, Community and Racial Reconciliation in the Commonwealth.”

The political commentator and leader of the National Action Network was quick to lend his voice to the call for Gov. Ralph S. Northam and Attorney General Mark R. Herring to resign.

“If the governor wants to repent and grow, if the attorney general wants to repent and grow, then good,” Rev. Sharpton said.

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## ACLU executive ready to lead Attorney General’s office in Mississippi

### Jennifer Riley Collins says she’s prepared

By Othor Cain  
Editor

Jennifer Riley Collins, who currently serves as the executive director for the ACLU in Mississippi, announced to a standing room only audience that she is seeking the state’s top legal post. Collins shared with well wishers that included family, friends, church members and colleagues that she is running for attorney general.

A native of Meridian, Miss, Collins has an extensive military background that she says has prepared her for such a time as this. “In 1985, I lifted my hand then and swore to protect and defend the Constitution from all enemies, foreign and domestic. I went on to serve as a U.S. Army intelligence officer for 32 years,” she said. “I lift my hand today and promise that when elected, I will protect and serve this state and its wonderful and beautiful people...I will be the attorney general who serves and protects the best and legal interest of all Mississippians.”

Collins, 53, currently resides in Clinton, Miss, and has been the executive director of the ACLU since 2013. “Every time I’ve been away from this state, my home, I’ve longed to come back,” she said. “There’s no place like home.” Collins has dedicated her life to protecting Mississippians and striving for justice. She said her legal career has put her on the front lines fighting

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Collins

# Former Hattiesburg Mayor Johnny Dupree enters race for Secretary of State



Dupree

By Othor Cain  
Editor

The slate of democrats running for statewide office this year is quite impressive by many accounts and Tuesday, another well-known democrat qualified to run for secretary of state.

Former longtime Hattiesburg mayor Johnny Dupree returns to the political scene as a candidate to replace Delbert Hosemann as secretary of state.

Hosemann, 71, who isn’t seeking reelection for secretary of state, is running for lieutenant governor on the republican ticket.

Dupree, 65, served as mayor of Hattiesburg from 2001-2017. He said Tuesday that election reform will be his top issue, and that his experience as a mayor, a school board member and president, a real estate agent and a small business owner makes him uniquely qualified for the office.

In 2011, Dupree was the Democratic nominee for governor, the first African American to be elected nominee for governor for a major party in Mississippi since Reconstruction. “I was just about content with private life,” Dupree said when asked why he decided

to run. “But I started teaching a policy course at (the University of Southern Mississippi) and I talked to and interacted with a lot of young people. It totally surprised me how much work we still need to do with voting, elections – the underpinnings of our democracy.”

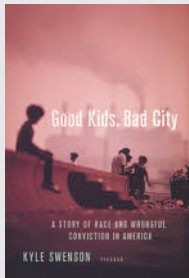
Dupree understands the value the secretary of state’s office brings to Mississippi and is certain he has the fortitude to increase voter awareness and other issues crucial to the electoral process.

“There needs to be some election reform in Mississippi,” Dupree said.”

How can we make it easier to vote? How do we improve access to the process that is the foundation of our democracy?”

As a small business owner, a leader in his church Mt. Carmel Ministries, DuPree knows first hand the importance of land assessment and property being on tax roles.

DuPree, who owns a consulting firm and a trucking company, said he has experience with 16th Section lands, business and corporation regulations and filings and other issues the secretary of state’s office oversees.







# Hanging Moss Church of Christ presents Coming to America: the Struggle, the Strength, the Survival

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“Coming to America: The Struggle, The Strength, The Survival, The Success” is the foundational theme for Black History Month at the Hanging Moss Road Church of Christ. The congregation’s focus is on exemplifying the epitome of who we are and how we pushed, fought, stood and achieved the illimitable.

The plight of the black man is an interesting and profound story that will always stand out on the pages of any history book in this nation. Yes, we are black, and we are proud.

The month began with a program orchestrated by the adults to a message to the ones coming behind, that they must continue the legacy of showing that unwavering commitment and success are inextricably intertwined. The evening featured reflections shown through singing, dancing, drama, comedy, and a parade of success.

Joining the kick-off celebration was world-renown comedian Rita B and Dr. Errick L. Greene, superintendent of the Jackson Public School District.

On February 23, 2019, we are privileged to have as our banquet guest speaker Dr. Beverly Wade Hogan, president of Tougaloo College. Hogan will focus on the foundation theme.

The banquet starts at 6 p.m., and tickets are \$40 for adults and \$15 for children under 12 years old. All proceeds are donated to Christian education.

On February 27, 2019, the youth are in charge and will rock our world with a diverse program focusing on what’s important to them and their quest for continuing to build upon the awesome foundation that has been laid. The program focus will be on HBCS’s and will involve community stars from across the city of Jackson. You don’t want to miss the Jim Hill High School Chorus and many others performing for your enjoyment. Come out and be a witness and support our youth as they showcase their talent. This is a success story waiting to happen.

We have planned activities throughout the month for the entire community.

All Wednesday night events are free and start at 6 p.m. in our all purpose building.

The banquet on Saturday starts at 6 p.m. in our all purpose building. These activities encompass all ages from the youth to the adults.

The Hanging Moss Road Church of Christ is located at 5225 Hanging Moss Road, Jackson, MS.

*For more information, please call the church at 601 982-5219.*





## Collins

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for criminal justice reform, juvenile justice, poverty and voting rights.

If elected, she said she will work to protect vulnerable populations, combat the opioid epidemic, strengthen protections for victims of crime and fight for working people.

She received her undergraduate degree from Alcorn State University. She received a Master’s degree in criminal justice administration from the University of Central Texas and a law degree from Mississippi College School of Law.

Collins has coordinated legislative advocacy efforts aimed at reforming Mississippi’s juvenile justice system and de-institutionalizing at-risk youth. She has authored a number of professional publications and training materials.

Collins is a classic example of what success is...’when preparation meets opportunity.’

*See photos page 16.*



Collins announcing her run for attorney general, surrounded by family, friends and supporters, February 15. PHOTOS BY JAY JOHNSON

## Northam

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“The best example of that is to say, ‘I’m resigning, and I’m going to tour and tell people that I gave up my seat for a greater seat.’ But you can’t commit an injury, and then say, ‘I’m going to hold everything I got’ – that it’s business as usual.”

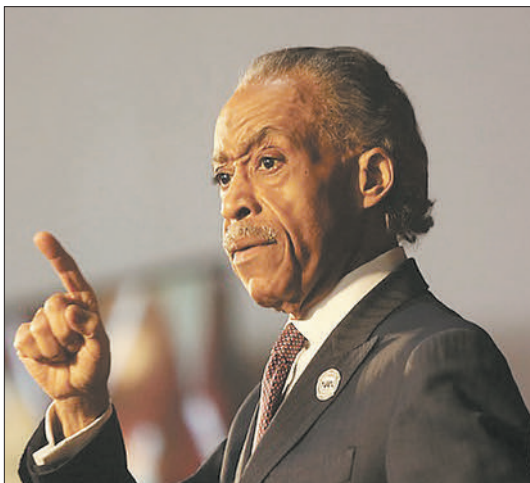
In Rev. Sharpton’s view, “if you sin, you must pay for the sin,” or else it is “a pass.”

Richmond Delegate Delores L. McQuinn and Richmond City Councilman Michael J. Jones, both ministers, were among the program speakers at VUU who, in their turn, urged the governor to leave office to show support for racial reconciliation.

But that doesn’t sit well with the Rev. Rodney Hunter, pastor of Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church in the city’s East End and president of the Richmond Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

In his view, Rev. Sharpton is taking an Old Testament approach rather than following Christian teachings that make forgiveness a major element of dealing with sinners, while leaving judgment to God.

Rev. Hunter led a group that included John W. Boyd, founder and president of the National Black Farmers Association; Bernice Travers, president of the Richmond Crusade for Voters; and former City Councilman Henry W. “Chuck” Richardson to the



Rev. Al Sharpton condemns blackface and calls for Gov. Ralph S. Northam to resign in his keynote address Feb. 7 at Virginia Union University's Reflections On Faith, Community and Racial Reconciliation program. PHOTO: REGINA H. BOONE/RICHMOND FREE PRESS

State Capitol to urge people to take a breath and end their rapid-fire calls for resignation.

Their news conference came as the first public polling on the issue of the governor’s tenure suggested that a majority of African Americans are

supportive of Gov. Northam staying in office.

“Should a man who once put black paint on his face in a tasteless, thoughtless and insensitive exhibition resign as governor of this state?” Richardson said in noting the outpouring of calls for Northam to step down.

Richardson joined others Monday in finding that those calls were made “without sophisticated or reflective thought beyond politics. We are drawn here under the Christian doctrine that it is human to err, but divine to forgive.”

As importantly, he and others said that based on the governor’s performance, he should not resign. Among other things, Gov. Northam was cited for his call to remove Confederate statues from public spaces.

Boyd noted that the governor was quick to react when the federal government shutdown threatened payments to black farmers, reaching out to him to find out what the state government could do to assist. Boyd said that since the blackface uproar, he has met and prayed with the governor and believes Gov. Northam is sincere about wanting to learn and grow.

“He is a good and decent man. He has stood with us on issues both popular and controversial,” Richardson said, noting with the others that the public

saving the governor has taken has been more than enough punishment.

Labeling the calls for resignation an over-reaction, the group concluded that the governor’s actions, thus far, are “inconsistent with those who would portray him as a racist. We have seen no evidence of such.”

They cited others, including U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine and former Gov. L. Douglas Wilder, who have made comments or at times taken stances that were hurtful or damaging on the racial front.

“There are countless other instances where good people, some of whom have called for the governor’s resignation, made thoughtless comments or were on the wrong side of history and changed course,” Richardson said.

“We cannot allow these missteps by those who support us to overshadow their accomplishments or growth in support of our cause.”

Northam now has an opportunity “to help us continue on the long road to racial and social justice through self-examination and reconciliation,” Richardson said.

Travers said that she and representatives of other African-American organizations are seeking to meet with Northam to talk with him about that opportunity.

## TD means ‘Tone Deaf’ – intentionally and willfully – in the NFL

By Howard Robertson  
*Special to The Mississippi Link*

I watched the 2019 Stupor Bowl. I have been watching Super Bowls since I was fourteen years old back in 1967. That was the very first one, by the way.

I don’t blame the Patriots or the Rams for their offensively anemic performances. Although I’m not a fan, I certainly don’t blame New England for doing their job and becoming champions, yet again. I don’t even blame Gladys, Big Boi or young Travis for performing and doing their jobs.

People, businesses and organizations are often tone deaf. My mother was a church organist and Lord knows, I’ve been around too many choir members that could not hear the right notes no matter how many times she played it. That’s ignorantly tone deaf. Conversely, there are notes that musicians dare not play together because they clash and create dissonance. But sometimes the dissonance is what the musician wants. That’s being intentionally tone deaf. That’s what the NFL has become.

So, it’s Super Bowl Sunday in the ATL, one of the blackest cities in America, during Black History Month. Well of course, they’re going to recognize Dr. King and civil rights icons like Congressman John Lewis, Ambassador Andy Young and others. These were the soldiers who protested, marched, sat-in, broke laws, were bitten by dogs, beaten with nightsticks and buffeted by fire hoses. But thousands of other deserving souls weren’t honored that day because they were the nameless, faceless folk who were hung, burned alive, shot, castrated or died broke and bro-



Robertson

ken.

How is it that the NFL was intentionally tone deaf to the dissonance of rightfully honoring revolutionaries of the past while wrongfully castigating a current revolutionary named Kaepernick and others of like mind who didn’t break any laws or create any disruption?

And what representation of Atlanta was made during the Adam Levine, Maroon 5 Halftime Show. Sure they trotted Big Boi and Travis Scott out for quick cameos to give the appearance of keeping it real. But there was no doubt whose show it was...topless, tats, intentionally tone deaf and all.

But wait a minute. Maybe the NFL is crazy and tone deaf like a fox. We’re talking about a lot of money here. In 2017, the NFL grossed somewhere north of \$13 billion with a workforce that’s about 70 percent African-American. Last year, of the Top 50 television shows watched by the biggest audiences, 40-something of them were NFL or NCAA football games.

Life’s really good right now for NFL Czar Roger Goodell and all the rich, old white dudes (and dudettes), average age of 70.1, that own pro football teams. Life’s going to stay good too...in the near term at least.

For a symphony of reasons, the NFL’s future looks bleak. Studies show that fewer and fewer families are allowing their sons to play tackle football due to the potential for concussion and brain injury. That means fewer next generation players and fans are being created. While fewer middle and upper income kids are playing football, more lower income kids of color are playing football because it may be their ticket out of the projects, to college and beyond. Football is predicted to become a “Glad-iator” sport...like boxing.

But that won’t happen for 10, 12 or maybe 15 years. Meanwhile, they protect the brand. NFL powers just have to hold on, keep raking in that money and stick some of it in their ears while singing, “la, la la la I can’t hear you.” They’ll remain intentionally tone deaf and they’ll keep playing to their base audience (not really us).

They’ve done the math and they know, they’ll die before the National Football League does.

*Howard Robertson is the co-host, along with Larry Robinson, of “R&R on Sports,” which is available on the Sirius XMnetwork, iHeart Radio, Apple Podcast, Spotify, Stitcher, Tune-in Radio and other podcast providers.*







# LOCAL KAPPAS HONORED



Senator Derrick T. Simmon, February 19, 2019, presented Senate Concurrent Resolution 588 to fellow members of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc., which declared it “Kappa Day at the State Capitol.”



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**AAMD DIVERSITY INTERNSHIP**  
**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**  
**DEADLINE: MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019**

Through a grant from the Association of Art Museum Directors (AAMD), the Mississippi Museum of Art is seeking candidates for a pilot internship program focused on college students from underrepresented communities. Research indicates that fewer than 20 percent of art museum leadership positions are held by people of Asian, Black, Hispanic, Native American, or multiracial backgrounds. The **12-WEEK SUMMER INTERNSHIP** is a paid initiative intended to address the demographic disparity of American art museum leadership.

The selected participant will be paired with the Museum’s **Center for Art and Public Exchange (CAPE)** Managing Director, Monique Davis, and assigned to work on one defined project, so that they will be able to see the culmination of their work at the end of the internship. The internship will begin in June, 2019, and end in August, 2019, and the intern will be provided a stipend of \$6,300.

**Required Qualifications**

- Current enrollment as a college sophomore, junior, or senior
- Availability to attend two out-of-state American Alliance of Museums (AAM) conferences (May 19-22 in New Orleans and Fall 2019 in New York City)
- Interest in a career in the museum field
- Strong academic record
- Excellent communication skills
- Punctuality and reliability

**How to Apply**  
Submit the following via email to [mdavis@mimuseumart.org](mailto:mdavis@mimuseumart.org). (No phone calls, please.)

- 500-word statement of interest
- Resume
- College transcript
- Two faculty recommendations

**DEADLINE TO APPLY: March 18, 2019**

The AAMD Diversity Internship program is supported by a generous grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, as well as additional financial and logistical support from AAMD and the participating member museums.

## MSH and Hudspeth Center honor state legislators



Pictured are (l to r) MSH Clinical Director Robert Maddux, Rep. Kathy Sykes and Department of Mental Health Officer Marc Lewis.

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Supporters of Mississippi State Hospital and Hudspeth Regional Center recently hosted an appreciation luncheon for the state’s legislators at Galloway United Methodist Church in Jackson.


Rep. Kathy Sykes, District 70, Hinds County, was one of

the attendees.

The legislative appreciation event is an annual program hosted by Friends of MSH and Friends of Hudspeth Center. The volunteer organizations are dedicated to raising funds and awareness for their respective programs and those Mississippians served through

them.

Employees, volunteers, advocates and other members of the Friends groups hosted the event in order to thank lawmakers for their work in the legislature and for their continued support of the Mississippi Department of Mental Health.



**Public Notice**

All interested public and private transit and paratransit operators within Hinds, County, are hereby advised that the Jackson Medical Mall Foundation is applying to the Mississippi Department of Transportation, Jackson, Mississippi, for a grant under Section 5310 of the Federal Public Transportation Act, as amended, to provide transportation services to elderly and disabled persons. These services will be beyond those required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Service is being provided within Hinds, County. This program consists of existing services with no environmental impact, and no relocation resulting from the project.

The purpose of this notice is to advise all interested parties, including transit and paratransit operators, of the service being planned for providing transportation services for persons with disabilities within the area as described above, and to ensure that such a program would not represent a duplication of current or of proposed services provided by existing transit or paratransit operators in the area.

Comments either for or against this service will be received at any time within **15** days from the date of this notice. All comments should be addressed to The Jackson Medical Mall Foundation at 601-982-8467.

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*In Memoriam*

# *Dr. James Anderson*

## March 7, 1936 - February 18, 2019

Dr. James Anderson, physician and civil rights activist, died February 18, 2019 at Merit Health Central Hospital in Jackson, Mississippi.

Dr. Anderson was born in Jackson, Mississippi March 7, 1936. He attended Lanier High School, and while in the 10th grade earned early admission to Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia. After graduating in 1956, Dr. Anderson entered Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee.

On December 27, 1959 Dr. Anderson married Selena Velma Helm in Jackson. Together, they lovingly raised three children. He was a devoted husband and father.

Dr. Anderson briefly had a private medical practice in McComb, Mississippi. He then entered the U.S. Army and served as Chief Medical Examiner for the Recruiting Station in Syracuse, New York and as Company Commander of the 624th Medical Dispensary in Jackson, Mississippi.

Upon receiving an honorable discharge from the Army in 1963, Dr. Anderson established a private practice in Jackson. In addition, He was Director of Health at Jackson State University for more than thirty years.

In 1970, Dr. Anderson assisted Dr. Aaron Shirley in founding Jackson-Hinds Comprehensive Health Center, one of the oldest community health centers in the United States and the largest in Mississippi. Over the years, Dr. Anderson served not only as a physician at Jackson-Hinds, but also as Medical Director and Chief Executive Officer.

Dr. Anderson held professional memberships in the National Medical Association, Mississippi Medical and Surgical Association, National Association of Community Health Centers, and the Mississippi Primary Health Care Association. He is also a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), the Monday Evening Club, and Alpha Phi Alpha and Sigma Pi Phi Fraternities. Dr. Anderson is former member of the Board of Directors of The Algebra Project, Inc.

Among Dr. Anderson's many honors and achievements are: Black History Month Citation for Service; Healthcare and Pioneer in Civil Rights, presented by the Board of Trustees State Institutions of Higher Learning; Executive Director of the

Year presented by Jackson-Hinds Comprehensive Health Center; President's Award and Practitioner of the Year, presented by the MMSA; the Aaron Shirley Distinguished Community Service Award, from the Mississippi Primary Health Care Association; and the Community Service Award, from the National Association of Medical Minority Educators.

In 2004, Dr. Anderson was honored in Washington, D.C. by the Congressional Black Caucus as Mississippi's Unsung Hero. In 2014, he received the Community Service Award from the Mississippi State Medical Association.

Dr. Anderson was a member of Pearl Street A.M.E. Church. His beloved wife Selena passed away August 2, 2018. They were both predeceased by their eldest daughter Karen Renee Anderson.

Dr. Anderson is survived by his daughter, Ruby Anderson Fitzpatrick (James) of Newtown, Connecticut; son, James Anderson Jr. (Laura) of Terry, Mississippi; brother, Lawrence Anderson of Jackson; and grandchildren, Garrett and Daniel Fitzpatrick, Kristen, Caleb and Matthew Crittle, and Samantha Anderson; and a host of other relatives and friends.





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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Jackson Public Schools celebrates Black History Month

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In observance of Black History Month, Jackson Public Schools would like to share a brief history of the notable African-American namesakes of several of our schools.

In 2018, we renamed one of our schools after former U.S. President Barack Obama. In 2010, we opened three new schools, each named after Mississippians who have left an indelible legacy within our region. Lanier High School and Rowan (formerly a middle school) are two of the oldest buildings in our district named after African-American men.

Namesakes are presented in alphabetical order by last name.

Gladys Noel Bates Elementary

Gladys Noel Bates was born in 1920 in McComb, Mississippi. She was a civil rights pioneer and educator who filed a lawsuit, Gladys Noel Bates vs. the State of Mississippi, in 1948. Though the case sought salary equality for African-American teachers and principals, it was also a forerunner for school desegregation cases of the 1950s. Bates moved to Denver, Colorado, where she received numerous awards for her achievements as an educator and a community leader. She was the only living namesake of a JPS school when Bates Elementary opened September 14, 2010. She died one month later October 15.

Thomas W. Cardozo Middle

Thomas W. Cardozo was born in Charleston, South Carolina, in 1838, to a freeborn African American and a Jewish journalist. After he was married, he moved to Vicksburg, Mississippi, where he became involved in building up the education, economics and political power of African Americans in Mississippi. He was the first African American to serve as superintendent of education



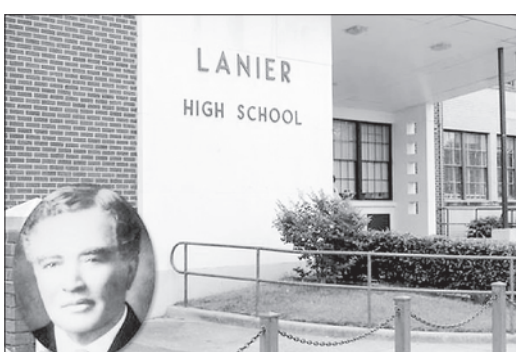
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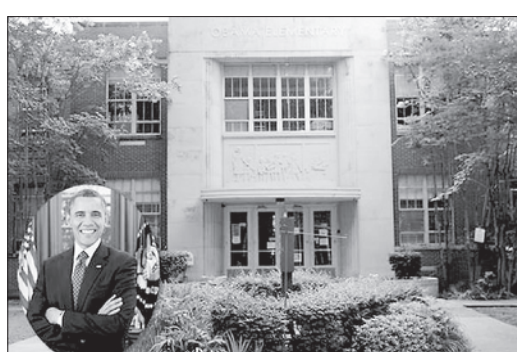
Thomas Cardozo Middle School



Henry J. Kirksey Middle School



William Henry Lanier High School



Barack Obama Magnet Elementary School



Rowan Middle School

for the state of Mississippi. As state superintendent, he was interested in the education of all children even though the public schools were segregated. The statewide adoption of uniform textbooks was a reform that he supported. At the end of his tenure as superintendent, he moved to Massachusetts where he died in 1881.

Henry J. Kirksey Middle

Henry J. Kirksey, born in Lee County, Mississippi, in 1915, is the namesake for Kirksey Middle School. The election of more than 600 African Americans to public office in the state can be credited in part to Kirksey's

service as a plaintiff, expert witness and community organizer. Kirksey was the primary plaintiff to bring Mississippi in compliance with the 1965 Voting Rights Act. A planning consultant and outspoken activist for civil rights, he challenged the countywide election of state legislators. His lawsuit led to the adoption of single-member legislative districts in 1979. Also in 1979, he became one of the first African-American men elected to the Mississippi Senate after the Reconstruction Era. He served two consecutive four-year terms. Kirksey died at the age of 90 December 9, 2005.

William Henry Lanier High

William Henry Lanier was born a slave in Huntsville, Alabama, in 1851. He attended Tougaloo College, Oberlin College and Fisk University and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Roger Williams University. For six years, he was president of Alcorn Agricultural and Mechanical College, which we now know as Alcorn State University. He taught in Forest, Winona, Black Hawk, Carrollton, Yazoo City and Jackson. He served as principal of the Smith Robertson School in Jackson from 1912 until the year he died in 1929.

## Callaway students win healthcare essay contest and cash

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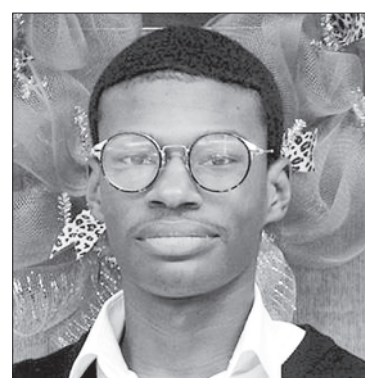
Callaway students Evelyn Henderson, Kameron Odies and Nijah Norn are the 2019 winners of the Callaway High School Healthcare Awareness Essay Contest. The winners received Visa gift cards ranging from \$300 for first place to \$100 for third place.

The contest was sponsored by Quinn Healthcare, Mississippi Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians and Mississippi State Medical Association. It was part of a campaign to increase awareness of the importance of yearly physicals for children.



2019 Callaway Healthcare Essay contest winners are (from left) Evelyn Henderson, 1st place; Kameron Odies, 2nd place; and Nijah Norn, 3rd place.

## Eight young men selected to attend 2019 Nissan Resume Challenge



Banks



Campbell



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King



Powell



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Eight young men from five JPS high schools were selected for the 2019 Nissan Resume Challenge. They are:

Ruben Banks, Jim Hill  
Manuel Campbell, Jim Hill  
Jordan Holt, Jim Hill  
Le'Jaric Humphrey, Forest Hill  
Valery King, Wingfield  
Justin Powell, Callaway  
Warren Reed Jr., Provine  
DaeAndre' Smith, Wingfield

These scholars traveled to Nissan's corporate offices in Franklin, Tennessee, February 13-15 for the Nissan Resume Challenge and Summit.

Participants attended leadership development workshops and toured Nissan's headquarters and assembly plant.

During the site visits, they meet and interact with Nissan executives and managers. They also met with their peers from high schools in six other regions of the country.

Nissan partners with the 100 Black Men chapters in Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Jackson, Nashville and Washington D.C. These organizations provide leadership development workshops that include resume writing and other job skills. They then review resume submissions and conduct interviews in order to recommend young men to represent their chapters at the national conference.

About 50 students from across the country attended the all-expenses-paid career development seminar hosted by Nissan.

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## Tougaloo College holds its 31st Annual Business Luncheon

*“Transforming the Future Through Strategic Partnerships: A Sesquicentennial Event”*

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

Tougaloo College will hold its 31st Annual Business Luncheon at the Hilton Jackson February 22, 2019 at 11:45 a.m. Each year, this by invitation only event is held as a major forum for information exchange between the college and the business community.

It is a platform where prominent national speakers come to share their views and expertise with more than 300 business and community leaders, policy makers and educators who exchange ideas on economic opportunities and challenges from a state, national and global perspective. This event also serves as a platform to honor corporate partners who invest in the futures of Tougaloo College students by providing resources such as, internship opportunities, scholarships and advi-

sory board participation. For over three decades, this event continues to flourish and add value to the community and state, as well as, expand the importance and relevance of the college.

The speaker for this year’s event is Mike Petters, president and CEO of Huntington Ingalls Industries, America’s largest military shipbuilding company and a provider of manufacturing, engineering and management services to the nuclear energy, oil and gas markets. He is also a member of HII’s Board of Directors. Having served as president of Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding and as president of Northrop Grumman’s Newport News sector of Newport News Shipbuilding, Petters’ current and previous leadership is a model for Tougaloo College students, as well as the local, state and national

business community.

Petters is a native of Florida. He earned a bachelor’s degree in physics from the U.S. Naval Academy, served aboard the nuclear-powered submarine USS George Bancroft (SSBN 643) and spent five years in the U.S. Naval Reserve before earning an MBA from the College of William and Mary. With tremendous leadership experience, Petters’ speech is highly anticipated to be the springboard for great conversation and the conceptualization of other great business partnerships.

As the College celebrates its 150th anniversary, business partnerships are essential in advancing the College’s legacy as a nationally recognized institution of higher learning committed to academic excellence and social relevance.

## Hammitte named acting superintendent for the Jefferson County School District

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

Fayette, Mississippi in Jefferson County is where Alcorn State University alumnus Adrian Hammitte’s roots lie. So to be named acting superintendent of the Jefferson County School District is now one of his standout career achievements.

“As a graduate of Jefferson County High School, it is an honor to serve as acting superintendent for this school district,” said Hammitte, who earned a master’s degree in secondary education from Alcorn in 2010. “This is something I do not take lightly. I consider it a blessing to be able to impact the lives of our students positively.”

Hammitte began serving in his new role Jan. 15. In his short stint as acting superintendent, the school district has already displayed success under his leadership. Jefferson County’s graduation rate increased from 86.2 in 2016-2017 to 87.6 for the 2017-2018 school year, according to a report released by the Mississippi Department of Education. This rate is higher than the state and the national average of 84 percent.

Also for the second straight year, Jefferson County is among the state’s top ten school districts with the low-



Hammitte

est dropout rates. The report found that only 3.4 percent of students in the district dropped out. An average of ten percent of students dropped out of high school across all Mississippi public schools.

The consistent graduation improvement in Jefferson County is a feat that Hammitte is proud of. He credits his colleagues for their commitment to inspiring excellence.

“It is an amazing feeling to witness our graduation rate increase. It is a testament to the hard work and dedi-

cation of our administrators, teachers, students and parents. We are proud to see that we are continuing to make gains by graduation more students.”

The district’s success falls in line with Hammitte’s plans during his tenure, which is providing students in Fayette with a valuable education.

“My highest priority is to make sure every child receives a quality education. We are putting systems in place to ensure student achievement improves at each school. Also, we are promoting teaching and learning by fostering in a positive school climate.”

Although happy with the latest accolades, Hammitte still sees room for improvement. He said that his team is implementing strategies that would help them reach their goal of graduating 100 percent of Jefferson County’s students in the future.

“Our administrators are utilizing leading and lagging indicators to determine which students are at-risk of dropping out of school. These students will receive additional support to ensure that they are on track to meet graduation requirements. We will provide focused interventions to meet the needs of each student.”

## Students, faculty contribute to communities through volunteers

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

Students and faculty members at Mississippi Public Universities represent a powerful force for good when they devote their time and talent to numerous community service opportunities. In the 2018 fiscal year, more than 15,000 student and staff volunteers gave more than 400,000 hours of their time to work on more than 3,700 projects. This equates to more than \$33,000,000 in volunteer time. University volunteers raised almost \$650,000 through their efforts.

**Jackson State University** students volunteer in the Jackson Public Schools system to promote academic excellence and post-secondary education. Students help combat and raise awareness of hunger and homelessness by volunteering and donating to the local Salvation Army, Stew Pot, and Mississippi Food Network.

JSU Students also assist with the revitalization of the social, economic, and physical conditions of the surrounding neighborhoods, and greater Jackson metropolitan area. Through these volunteer efforts, students are able to raise awareness of issues such as hunger and homelessness; develop a thorough understanding of themselves, their community, and the complexity of social problems and potential solutions; and analyze community action to differentiate acts of charity from transformative change.

**Mississippi State University** students engage in volunteer efforts through approximately 276 community partners and state and non-profit agencies. Students are connected to local community agencies and non-profits through 300 campus organizations or clubs, Greek organizations, leadership programs with a service component, the Maroon Volunteer Center (the campus volunteer center led by students), and academic classes with a service or volunteer component through the Center for Community-Engaged Learning. Approximately 12,043 students volunteered last year through the Office of Student Leadership and Community Engagement, the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life, the Center for Community Engaged Learning, and the Department of Housing and Residential Life.

An estimated 3,800 MSU faculty and staff members regularly participate in community engagement and volunteer activities each year. Faculty and staff regularly volunteer with approximately 276 community partners and non-profit agencies through campus and community organizations, and through the campus volunteer center (the Maroon Volunteer Center) and the community volunteer center (Volunteer Starkville). Faculty and staff also serve volunteer leadership roles as advisors for over 300 campus groups and organizations.

Mississippi State students, faculty, and staff completed 3,772 community development projects and volunteer events from 7/1/17-6/30/18. Volunteer events and projects include K-12 and GED mentoring and tutoring at local schools and non-profits, building nine homes for local families through Habitat for Humanity, serving as volunteers for seven local food pantries and food banks, maintaining and building community and campus gardens, leading healthy eating and living programs through local schools and daycare center, building paved walkways at the Noxubee Wildlife Refuge, beautifying local parks and roadways, participating in hurricane and tornado disaster relief efforts, raising money for local and national non-profits, serving as part of alternative service breaks within the state of Mississippi, participating in AmeriCorps National Service programs, and taking care of animals at local animal shelters.

In addition to ongoing volunteer efforts, over 2,000 students participated in large-scale one-day service days, including MLK Day and National Volunteer Week Events. These 2,000 students volunteered at one of 30 community locations completing over 6,000 volunteer hours.

Among **Mississippi Valley State University’s** most impressive programs is its Community Service/Service Learning component that requires students to

assist Delta communities through tutoring, mentoring and working with needy citizens. Each MVSU student is required to complete service projects. Freshmen must earn 60 hours and transfer students must earn 40 hours. This program has contributed more than 60,000 community service hours per year since its inception in 2003.

MVSU Office of Community Service Learning is gearing up to kick-off its “READ with Valley” program, which gives student athletes the opportunity to visit local elementary schools to read to the kids. The athletes also carry posters to sign and leave so that interested students will know when games are and encourage community support at athletic events.

Through the RISE (Raising Inspirational Sons of Excellence), the Valley Men’s basketball team members visited Greenwood, Carrollton and Winona to mentor fifth grade youth on better eating habits, sports and etiquette skills and inspire them to be great.

**The University of Mississippi’s** comprehensive strategic plan, Flagship Forward, includes the M Partner component, which was unveiled in March, was outlined in the university’s comprehensive strategic plan, an ambitious new approach to the university’s longstanding commitment to improving quality of life in Mississippi. Held last Spring, M Partner Community Day engaged students in the three partner cities, Charleston, Lexington and New Albany through volunteer projects.

UM Students in the McLean Institute’s Catalyzing Entrepreneurship and Economic Development initiative also worked with youth from each M Partner city to help them understand how the entrepreneurial mindset can be used to address challenges.

In the largest day of community service each year at the University of Mississippi, known as the Big Event, thousands of students say “thank you” to residents of Oxford and Lafayette County by volunteering for projects that may include painting, yard work, washing windows, cleaning, assisting the elderly and much more.

The Big Event began in 2011 with more than 1,200 students who participated in volunteer projects across the community. The following year, the effort enjoyed a large increase in both volunteers and projects, resulting in more than 3,000 students signed up and nearly 300 service projects.

The 2018 RebelTHON dance marathon at the University of Mississippi exceeded all expectations from years past by raising a record-breaking \$265,912.30 to aid children in need of medical treatments.

After the 2017 fundraising goal of \$150,000 was exceeded by nearly \$20,000, the 2018 RebelTHON committee set a goal of \$225,000 to benefit the Blair E. Batson Children’s Hospital at the UM Medical Center and exceeded the goal by \$40,000.

**University of Southern Mississippi** students annually engage in more than 100,000 in volunteer service hours. Service projects include everything from students creating architectural designs or communication plans to tutoring in area schools to fundraising for area nonprofits.

Since 2010, USM has participated in The Big Event, an annual event in which service projects are conducted by University volunteers to benefit the Hattiesburg and Gulf Coast communities.

USM faculty play an instrumental role in helping to develop a strong sense of community engagement among students. Nearly 18 percent of USM’s service hours in 2017 were performed by students as part of a class initiative.

Recognized with the prestigious Carnegie Community Engagement classification, USM continues its commitment to cultivate and sustain stronger communities through the work of the Center for Community Engagement (CCE).

Chi Omega annually raises more than \$50,000 for the Make-a-Wish Foundation through its annual event, Songfest. Delta Delta Delta’s support of St. Jude Hospital topped \$86,000 in 2017-18.

## Hinds Community College Student Voices visited the Capitol



From left to right are: Oscar Castro, Emily Sullivan, Senator Norwood, Jeffrey Hughes, Nadia Tompkins, Grace Smith and Chris Cudo.



# JSU alumna receives education's top honor



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oratively with Dr. Kristie Lipford, a post-doc fellow at Emory University School of Medicine, has recently published a paper titled "A Small, Observational, Randomized Pilot Study to Test the Effects of Music on the Pain Perception of Sickle Cell Disease Patients" in The Journal of the Interdisciplinary Society for Quantitative Research in Music and Medicine.



## Employees honored for service at MSH



Front row (from left): Jenny Graves (Ellisville, 25 years), Mary Tutor (Brandon, 15 years), Mel Bailey (Jackson, 5 years); Middle row (l-r): Cherry Collins (Pearl, 10 years), Terry Norwood-Stevens (Pearl, 25 years); Back row: Javon Stamps (Edwards, 1 year), Autery Dunbar (Raymond, 30 years), Monica Woodruff (Pearl, 25 years)

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Mississippi State Hospital recently honored employees with February anniversaries for their years of service to the hospital.

Service awards are given to MSH employees in the month of their date of hire, beginning

with one year and followed by every fifth anniversary year. Employees receive a Certificate of Appreciation and a Service Award Pin.

The program is sponsored by Friends of Mississippi State Hospital, Inc.

MSH, a program of the Mis-

issippi Department of Mental Health, was founded in 1855 and helps the individuals it serves achieve mental wellness by encouraging hope, promoting safety, and supporting recovery. The hospital is accredited by the Joint Commission.

## Ten Mississippi counties declared Federal Disaster Areas

### The Mississippi Link Newswire

Gov. Phil Bryant announced that President Donald Trump declared Clarke, Covington, Forrest, Greene, Jasper, Jones, Marion, Newton, Perry and Wayne counties as federal disaster areas February 14. The declaration is in response to the severe storms, tornadoes and flooding that impacted Mississippi December 27-28, 2018.

Those 10 counties are eligible for public assistance, which is reimbursement grants to local governments and non-profit organizations for things like damage to infrastructure,

debris removal and overtime to responders.

Individual Assistance (assistance to individuals and households) is not included in the declaration.

"I am grateful to President Trump's administration for its complete approval of our request," Gov. Bryant said. "This declaration will help these 10 counties in rebuilding their infrastructure that was damaged at the end of 2018".

"I was very happy to get the call from FEMA confirming approval of Governor Bryant's request for federal assis-

tance, said MEMA Executive Director Greg Michel. "I want to thank everyone for their great teamwork at the local, state and federal level over the course of this weather event".

Mississippi is also approved statewide for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, which is for measures/actions taken that reduce or eliminate long term risk to people and property from natural hazards.

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## 31 attorneys general sign multi-state letter supporting FTC Identity Theft Rules

### Mississippi Link Newswire

Attorney General Jim Hood joined a coalition of 31 attorneys general recently in a letter to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) urging the FTC to continue its Identity Theft Rules, which were originally adopted November 2007. The letter cites the proliferation of identity theft in many states and the growth in technology since the rules were adopted.

The current rules require certain financial institutions and businesses that grant credit or issue debit or credit cards to take steps to detect, prevent and mitigate identify theft by implementing reasonable safeguards. The letter also suggests adding a requirement that cardholders

must be notified by email or cell phone if an email address or cell phone number is changed. This is in addition to the existing requirement to mail notification upon change of account address. The attorneys general also ask that suspicious account activity also include account access by new and previously unknown devices and repeated unsuccessful access attempts.

A report cited in the letter found that in 2017, 16.7 million Americans were victims of identity fraud, where \$16.8 billion was stolen.

"With the rise in technology comes the increasing number of ways a person can easily become a victim of identity theft. That is why these rules are abso-

lutely necessary and should not be repealed by the FTC," Hood said. "Our Consumer Protection Division steadily receives calls from consumers for requests for identity theft packets, which are then returned to us for review and investigation."

The letter was also signed by Alaska, California, Colorado, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Delaware, Hawaii, Iowa, Illinois, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Maryland, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Carolina, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, Nevada, Oklahoma, Oregon (lead state), Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, Vermont, Washington and Wisconsin.

## Gov. Bryant declares Spring Severe Weather Preparedness Week

### Mississippi Link Newswire

Gov. Phil Bryant has declared Feb. 18-22 as Spring Severe Weather Preparedness Week in Mississippi.

Mississippi is making the transition into spring, opening the severe weather season. The state has been hit by 886 tornadoes in the months of March, April and May since 1950, according to the National Weather Service (NWS). Tornadoes cause an average of eight deaths and 108 injuries per year in Mississippi.

"The spring months have produced some of our most historic severe weather events," said Bryant. "I encourage all Mississippians to discuss their emergency plans with their family members, so that you and your loved ones are ready when severe weather strikes."

Severe weather extends far beyond the impacts of damaging winds and lightning. Year after year, flooding is a top cause of weather-related deaths, only behind heat. And the impacts of flooding reach far

"The floods that ravaged counties in the southeast portion of the state just after Christmas this past year destroyed nearly \$8 million of public infrastructure," said MEMA Executive Director Greg Michel. "Like flooding, tornados happen very fast and often catch people ill prepared.

The only thing predictable about the weather this time of the year is unpredictability. Pay attention to MEMA's weather alerts when severe weather is forecast and act accordingly. Stay alert; stay alive!"

MEMA and the NWS feature its partnership by focusing on specific types of severe weather each day of the week on social media and websites, including MEMA's new website, [www.msema.org](http://www.msema.org).

Monday, Feb. 18: Severe Thunderstorms – Lightning, large hail and damaging winds from severe storms can be just as dangerous as tornadoes.

Tuesday, Feb. 19: Flooding and Flash Flooding – Flooding is the number one cause of weather-related deaths behind heat. Remember...Turn Around, Don't Drown.

Wednesday, Feb. 20: Tornado Safety. NWS will issue a statewide tornado drill at 9:15 a.m. Schools, government agencies and businesses are encouraged to participate.

**Note** – If rainfall or adverse weather is expected during the morning, the tornado drill will be postponed until the next day.

Thursday, Feb. 21: Lightning – All thunderstorms have lightning and this hazard can be deceptively deadly.

Friday, Feb. 22: Alerts and Warnings – There are numerous ways to receive weather

alerts from your cellphones to NOAA weather radios to mass notification systems. You can also download MEMA's free preparedness mobile app on your phone or tablet by searching "Mississippi EMA" in your app store.

Local weather information and alerts are available through the NWS online at the following websites:

- Central Mississippi counties: [www.weather.gov/jan](http://www.weather.gov/jan).

- Coastal Mississippi counties: [www.weather.gov/mob](http://www.weather.gov/mob) or [www.weather.gov/lix](http://www.weather.gov/lix).

- Northern Mississippi counties: [www.weather.gov/meg](http://www.weather.gov/meg).

Federal, state and local governments have invested millions of dollars in more than 100 safe rooms across Mississippi that are intended to protect citizens from severe weather. The buildings are constructed to withstand 200 mph winds. Check with your county emergency manager to find out the closest one in your area or where a local shelter will be available.

For detailed preparedness information, contact your county emergency management agency, or go to MEMA's new website at [www.msema.org](http://www.msema.org). The best way to get up-to-date information is to "Like" MEMA, @msemaorg and the National Weather Service on Facebook, or "Follow" us on Twitter; @msema.

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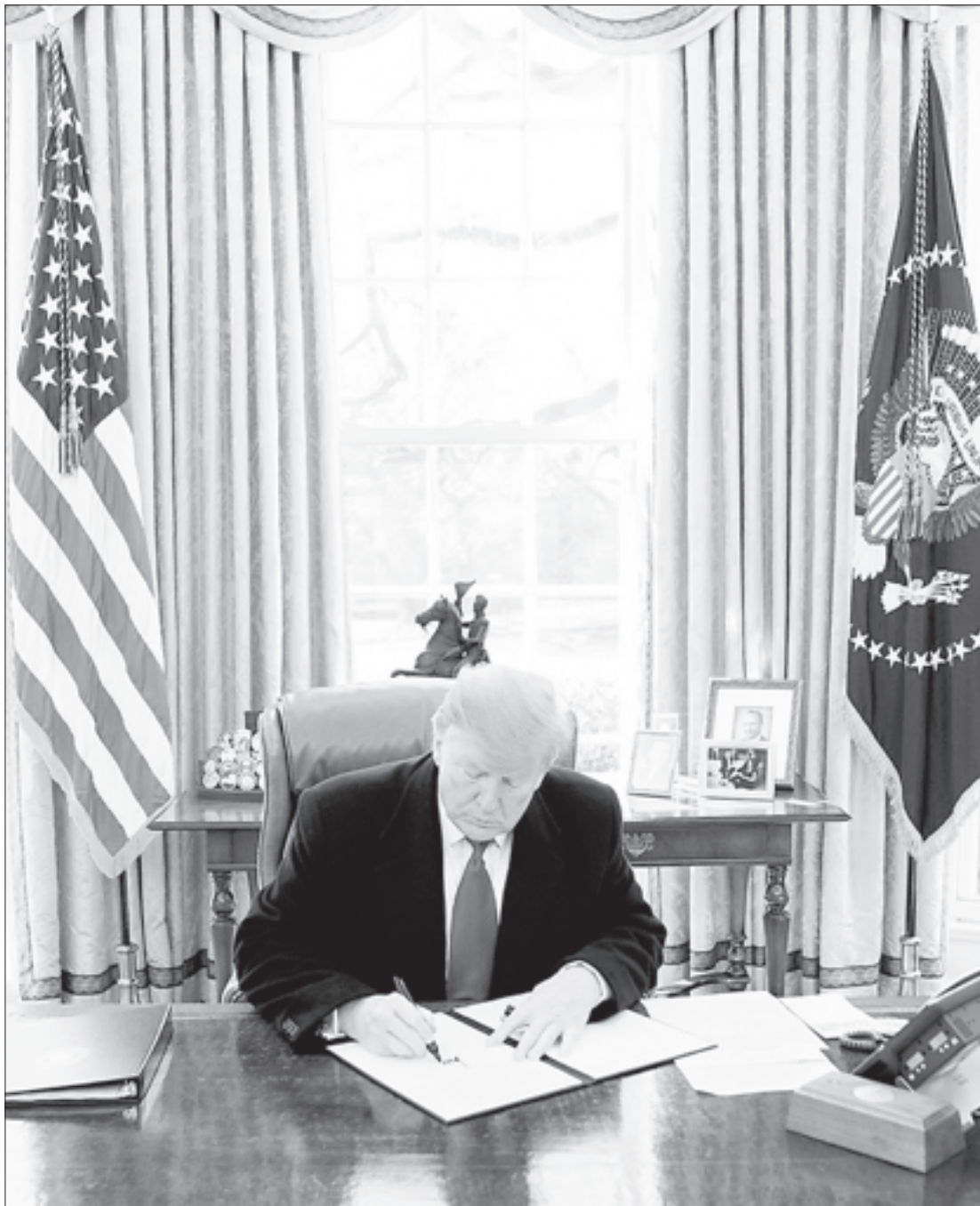
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# Trump’s fake national emergency moves America closer to an autocracy



President Donald J. Trump signs a Presidential Proclamation on “Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Southern Border of the United States” Friday, Feb. 15, 2019, in the Oval Office of the White House. PHOTO: SHEALAH CRAIGHEAD/THE WHITE HOUSE

By Jesse Jackson  
*TriceEdneyWire.com*

President Trump’s decision to declare a national emergency in order to fund his border wall triggers a crisis for our Constitution and our democracy. This is no longer about the shameless lies, exaggerations and slanders that the president has trotted out to justify his silly campaign promise to build a wall (that he promised Mexico would pay for).

It’s no longer about wasting billions of dollars, of shutting down much of the government for weeks or squandering the time and attention of the Congress and the American people for an inane campaign promise. Trump now poses a fundamental challenge to our democracy: Does Congress have the essential power of the purse that the Constitution gave it, or can a president at his whim declare a national emergency and spend what he wants on what he wills? This is the line between a constitutional republic and a presidential autocracy.

Trump’s petulant response to not getting the money he wants now puts that question before the Congress and the courts. This is no exaggeration. Trump wants money for the wall. Congress – both the Republican Senate and the Democratic House – voted not to give him as much as he demanded. So the president declares a national emergency and uses money appropriated by the Congress for other purposes to fund his wall.

Only there is no national emergency. Congress and presidents have been debating and legislating about our immigra-

tion policy and about border security for years. Contrary to the president’s hysterical lies, arrests for illegal entry have declined. With the economy near full employment, there is no economic crisis sparked by undocumented workers. Contrary to the president’s claims, the wall won’t stem the flow of illegal drugs into America, the vast bulk of which come through legal ports of entry.

Even the president in his news conference admitted that he didn’t need the money; he just wanted to build the wall faster. All we have is a normal dispute between a president and a Congress about spending priorities. Trump is saying that since he can’t get what he wants, he’ll simply do it on his own.

That effectively erases the congressional power of the purse – a foundation of a constitutional republic. If Trump’s decision is upheld by the Congress and the courts, a chilling precedent will be set. Most Americans agree with the Congress and don’t support wasting money on the wall. Declaring a national emergency to build it is even more unpopular. When the White House invokes eminent domain to take over hundreds of miles of privately owned land on the border, public opposition will grow. But what will stand in the way of a willful president? Under the National Emergencies Act of 1976, passed by Congress after Watergate to curb presidential abuse of national emergency declarations, the Congress can reject the president’s declaration.

The House – with its Demo-

cratic majority – will surely vote to reject. Republicans in the Senate will then have 15 days to decide whether they are prepared to back Trump or stand up for our republic against the president, his Fox TV allies and the right-wing echo machine. If the Senate rolls over, or the president vetoes the rejection, the issue will end up in federal courts, many packed with right-wing activist judges appointed by Trump.

Right-wing judges are normally skeptical of exaggerated claims of executive power, worried that they will be used by liberal presidents to expand the public sphere. But increasingly, these judges have put partisanship over constitutional precedent and their own judicial philosophy. Most recently, for example, in *Trump v. Hawaii*, the right-wing gang of five on the Supreme Court voted – in a 5-4 decision – to overrule the lower courts and to uphold the president’s Muslim travel ban, emphasizing the need to show “deference” to presidential authority in matters of immigration and national security.

If the Senate folds and the courts roll over, we will be well on our way to an elected autocracy. Many people treated Trump’s posturing over the wall as a diversion, a low-rent, offcolor vaudeville act used to rouse his audiences. The racial and ethnic slurs that he spread always made it more poisonous than that.

Now his declaration of a national emergency has turned it into a direct assault on our democracy. Now we will see who stands with the Constitution, and who does not.

# State Department raises travel warning over Haiti unrest

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Demonstrators are filling the streets of downtown Port au Prince in Haiti as anger and frustration over government mismanagement, corruption and grinding poverty boils over.

Protestors are now demanding the resignation of Haitian President Jovenel Moise over the disappearance of nearly \$2 billion for a program earmarked for the poor.

The Venezuelan PetroCaribe Discount Oil program provided cheap petroleum products and generous credit terms to Central American and Caribbean nations, throwing them an economic life-line when oil was selling for \$100 per barrel.

But instead of paying for hospitals, schools, roads and other social projects, the money was mostly diverted into other projects, according to a January report from Haiti’s Superior Court of Auditors.

As demonstrators chanted: “Kot kòb PetroCaribe a?” – “Where’s the PetroCaribe money?,” the president and Prime Minister Jean Henry Céant, in an address to the nation, promised to conduct a full investigation into the missing funds.

The straw that broke the camel’s back, according to Kim Ives, writing for *Haiti Liberte*,

was the apparent treachery of Moise against the Venezuelans after their display of solidarity. On Jan. 10, 2019, in a vote at the Organization of American States (OAS), Haiti voted in favor of a Washington-sponsored motion to say that Nicolas Maduro was “illegitimate,” despite winning an election in May 2018 with over two-thirds of the vote.

“Today’s revolution shows all signs of being as profound and unstoppable as that of 33 years ago against playboy dictator Jean-Claude “Baby Doc” Duvalier,” Ives wrote. Duvalier escaped from Haiti Feb. 7, 1986 to exile in France on a U.S. Air Force cargo plane. It was the beginning of five years of popular tumult.

The spreading unrest, now in its second week, is beginning to take a humanitarian toll as protesters clash with police, stone ambulances and erect roadblocks shutting off major highways and roads.

Canada has advised citizens to avoid all travel to Haiti and the U.S. State Department raised the travel warning to a level 4, telling U.S. citizens: “Do not travel to Haiti due to crime and civil unrest.” The Department of State also ordered the departure of all non-emergency U.S. personnel and

their family members.

“We are living in misery and hunger,” Harold Lazard, 43, a chemistry professor, said in a media interview. The population wants the president to go, “so there can be change, there can be another system, one where we have hospitals that function, healthcare, education, security. With this system we have here the poor are dying of hunger with only dirt to eat.

“It’s not the opposition who closed the country but the population,” he said. “It’s the population that has decided it no longer wants to live in hunger, in misery.”

Ives added: “Ironically, it was Venezuelan solidarity which may have postponed for a decade the political hurricane now engulfing Haiti.”

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# Are you remaining faithful?

P A R T 2

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



Paul challenged the Corinthians to consider whether Christ Jesus was really in them. Christ dwelling in a Christian is a wonderful thought. Certainly, it is promised by Jesus Himself. In John 14:21-23 we read: “He that hath My commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me: and he that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him. Judas saith unto Him, not Iscariot, LORD, how is it that thou wilt manifest Thyself unto us, and not unto the world? Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love Me, he will keep My words: and My Father will love him, and We will come unto him, and make Our abode with him.”

Here is the test: “Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith.” You may say, “I don’t know whether I am or not.” Are you keeping His Word? That is

how you know whether you are in the faith.

Sometimes people wish they knew the future so they could prepare for it. God has chosen not to give us this knowledge. He alone knows what will happen, but He tells us all we need to know to prepare for the future. When we live by His standards, He will not leave us; He will come to us, He will be in us, and He will show Himself to us. God knows what will happen and because He will be with us through it all, we need not fear. We don’t have to know the future to have faith in God; we have to have faith in God to be secure about the future. If you love Christ, then prove it by obeying what He says in His Word.

Paul said to examine yourself, whether you are in the faith. Are you being faithful? There are folks who were faithful at one time in their lives, but they are no longer faithful. You know that is true. So, friend, you cannot appropriate the promise in the Word of God if you are no longer being faithful to God.

The Bible lets you know in Revelation 2:10, “Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.” How long must you be faithful? Again, Jesus said, “Be thou faithful unto death.” The message to the Smyrna Church was to remain faithful during their suffering because God is in control and His promises are reliable.

Jesus never says that by being faithful to Him we will avoid troubles, suffering and persecution. Rather, we must be faithful to Him in our sufferings. Only then will our faith prove to be genuine.

We remain faithful by keeping our eyes on Christ and on what He promises us now and in the future. We read in Philippians 3:13-14 these words: “Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”

The Apostle Paul says that his

goal is to know Christ, to be like Christ and to be all Christ has in mind for him. We should not let anything take our eyes off our goal – knowing Christ.

We have all done things for which we are ashamed, and we live in the tension of what we have been and what we want to be. Because our hope is in Christ, however, we can let go of past guilt and look forward to what God will help us become. Don’t dwell on your past. Instead, grow in the knowledge of God by concentrating on your relationship with Him now.

We close with these words from Second Corinthians 5:17 from the Apostle Paul: “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

Next Week – Part 2 “Are you remaining faithful?”

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P R E S E R V E D

## Sweetness of singleness

By Shewanda Riley  
Columnist



A few years ago, I participated in a women’s bible study panel at Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship where the focus was relationships.

The group of about 25 ladies had a hearty nearly 2-hour discussion on how our marital/relationship statuses impacted our lives.

One question that came up for singles (especially those of us who are over 40) is how to respond to the dreaded question, “Why are you still single?” Thinking about how to graciously respond to this question made me think about a few years earlier when my mother taught me how to make 7-Up pound cake.

It was Thanksgiving and when I saw her getting the ingredients together, I asked her what she was planning on baking. She responded with a broad smile and a twinkle in her eyes, “A 7-Up pound cake. I just kind of have a taste for it.” Having eaten many slices of 7-Up pound cake but never having made one, I decided to help so I could learn how to make one. I got the bowls, 7-Up soda and pre-heated the oven as she directed.

One hour later as I saw the sweet-smelling golden masterpiece cooling on the kitchen counter, I asked her what she needed to make the frosting. She quickly replied, “Oh no...no frosting. It’s fine just like it is.” I’d had cake without frosting before, but I just kept thinking that a little drizzle of frosting would make the cake look prettier and taste better. To me, the cake just looked plain without it.

But I was a believer when I tasted the still warm cake a few minutes later. As good as it tasted plain, I think frosting would have messed up it up.

I’ve thought about that 7-Up pound cake in relation to how some single people may feel as though they are somehow incomplete if they are not in a relationship. I’ve even heard some singles share how they feel invisible and forgotten (especially in churches that promote their marriage ministry every week but say nothing about singles).

Psalm 34:8 says, “Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.” The season of singleness can be a sweet time of connection with God and others.

If you are single by choice or default, please consider your singleness like that 7-Up pound cake...fine all by itself. You may think that a relationship may make you look better but like the cake, your life should be sweet and satisfying with no added extras (unhealthy relationships). However, if you do meet somebody (like the 7-Up pound cake that was introduced to a scoop of homemade vanilla ice cream,) it can only enhance your life by complementing it.

Join me and the Singles ministry of St. John Baptist Church as we celebrate the Sweetness of Singleness Feb. 22 at 7 p.m., 1701 W. Jefferson St. in Grand Prairie.

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## REIGNING ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Green Pastures Baptist Church, at 2239 Flag Chapel Road,** will experience their annual black history program this sunday, february 24, 2019 @ 3:00 p.M. Please join us again as we “lift every voice and sing!” The brotherhood appreciates you sharing in this worship.

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Sunday Sch: 10 a.m.

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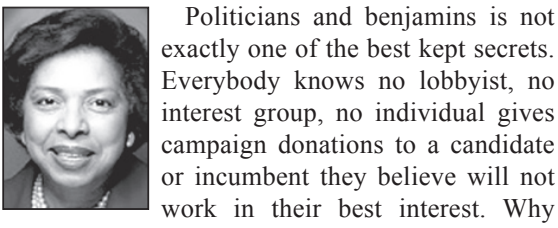
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# Politicians and benjamins

By E. Faye Williams  
Trice Edney Newswire



Politicians and benjamins is not exactly one of the best kept secrets. Everybody knows no lobbyist, no interest group, no individual gives campaign donations to a candidate or incumbent they believe will not work in their best interest. Why should they? I certainly would not.

Why is it that Congresswoman Ilhan Omar simply saying what is so well-known somehow winds up being classified as anti-Semitic? There’s got to be more to it. Racism never gets this kind of reaction. I have run for office, and been called on the carpet by pro-Israel groups simply for having my best friend from law school as my campaign manager who just happened to be Palestinian with no particular views on the Middle East. He was apolitical. It didn’t matter to those complaining that my policy director was Jewish and did have views about the treatment of Palestinians. That was a totally humane position.

I have been to Israel and to the areas where Palestinians live. I’ve seen the devastation of homes. I’ve seen the olive trees bulldozed. I’ve seen Palestinians punched with the barrel of guns and more. I’ve also been to Holocaust museums in different parts of the world. I’ve read stories and heard the testimonies of families impacted by such cruelty.

I’ve heard the unbelievable tragedy of many families, and my heart bleeds for the pain of all involved. I can’t allow my heart to ache for my Jewish friends while ignoring my Palestinian friends.

So, in my campaign, I couldn’t swear my loyalty to anyone while seeing a wrong against another. During my campaign for Congress, a man by the name of Shelly Beychok who at the time was an activist in AIPAC, and as I was told a board member, tried to force me to sign a “loyalty to Israel” document before supporting me. Just days before the election, polls had me leading my opponent (a well-known racist Republican who’d called for burning down schools before allowing black and white children to attend school together).

When I refused to sign such a document, a headline suddenly appeared in a major newspaper that I was a PLO sympathizer. That meant that no benjamins should be given to me as a campaign donation, and it meant many of my supporters should back off from supporting me. Beychok preferred to have my opponent win because I would not pledge my loyalty to anyone. I was a politician who refused to take benjamins to vote against my conscience. There are others who do the same, but there are also many who will pretend the issue doesn’t matter so long as the group gives them campaign donations. I am absolutely sure of that. Some have even told me so and of their fear of the PAC in question. It’s no different from some of our community leaders who take money from groups that are not working in the best interest of our community. I see that frequently, and it’s painful.

With my background in politics, I cannot understand the furor surrounding Congresswoman Ilhan Omar saying it’s about the benjamins. Maybe some would vote the way they do without a campaign donation, but donors certainly don’t give their money to those perceived to be against their position on issues.

Truth is always a defense. I had to stop watching CNN because of what they did to Marc Lamont Hill who called for justice for Palestinians, and in no way called for harm to Israel. Why should his remarks be called controversial or anti-semitic?

I am convinced that many politicians support issues because of the benjamins – not because of what they believe is just.

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# Vaping – More dangerous than once thought – is an epidemic among teens that we must end

By Marc H. Morial  
President and CEO  
National Urban League



*“We must take aggressive steps to protect our children from these highly potent products that risk exposing a new generation of young people to nicotine. The bad news is that e-cigarette use has become an epidemic among our nation’s young people. However, the good news is that we know what works to effectively protect our kids from all forms of tobacco product use, including e-cigarettes. We must now apply these strategies to e-cigarettes, including USB flash drive shaped products such as JUUL. To achieve success, we must work together, aligning and coordinating efforts across both old and new partners at the national, state and local levels. Everyone can play an important role in protecting our nation’s young*

*people from the risks of e-cigarettes.” – U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams*

A decade after the introduction of vaping – the inhalation of nicotine vapor rather than smoke produced by a cigarette – a growing body of evidence shows the practice is far more dangerous than assumed, and is a major gateway for teens to become addicted to nicotine.

The U.S. Surgeon General calls vaping among teens an epidemic. A recent study suggested that teens who vape are more likely to smoke cigarettes, and more likely to start smoking at a younger age.

Furthermore, the new generation of devices are capable of delivering higher doses of nicotine, leading to greater incidence of addiction as well as nicotine toxicity and psychiatric symptoms among teenagers that haven’t been observed in adult smokers.

“We let this Frankenstein loose without knowing what was going to happen,” Dr. Sharon Levy, director

of the Adolescent Substance Use and Addiction Program at Boston Children’s Hospital, ominously observed in a report by CNN.

Research has also shown another possible danger in vaping among African Americans. Black smokers were more likely than whites to turn to vaping as a means of quitting smoking, but former smokers who began using e-cigarettes were more than 16 times as likely to resume tobacco smoking.

Monica Webb Hooper and Stephanie K. Kolar, who studied racial differences in e-cigarette use, concluded: “If e-cigarette use truly lowers the chances of cessation, this could have a negative impact on the health of African-American/black smokers and widen disparities in quitting.”

For these reasons, we were glad to see recent efforts at the state and federal level to curb the use of e-cigarettes and battle nicotine addiction. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has said it will limit sales of many flavored e-cigarettes to bricks-

and-mortar outlets that require proof of age for purchase or do not admit people under 19. Stricter verification will be required for online sales. And the agency held a hearing last month to consider the potential role of drug therapies in helping teens quit e-cigarettes.

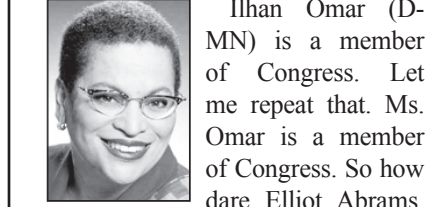
Meanwhile, on the state level, legislators in Maine are considering a bill that would ban the use of e-cigarettes or vaping on school grounds. In Florida, a House committee has just approved a measure that would ban electronic smoking devices in workplaces.

As the Surgeon General noted in his advisory: parents, teachers, health professionals, elected officials and community leaders must work together to address the vaping epidemic.

Talk to the young people in your life about the risks of vaping. Support community efforts to restrict the use of e-cigarettes, and tell your representatives to enact tough laws aimed at restricting access to nicotine.

# White privilege and black power Ilhan Omar checks Elliott Abrams

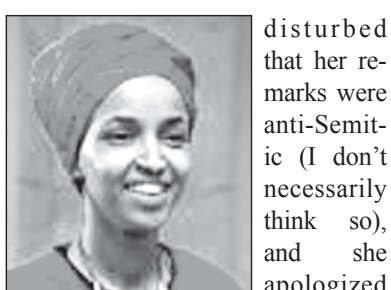
By Julianne Malveaux  
NNPA News Wire Columnist



Ilhan Omar (D-MN) is a member of Congress. Let me repeat that. Ms. Omar is a member of Congress. So how dare Elliot Abrams, 45’s nominee as Venezuelan envoy presume to interrupt the congresswoman as she made a statement and interrogated him? He was relatively docile when white people questioned him, but was angry and ignorant in his response to the congresswoman. His behavior was disgraceful. He said he “would not respond to a personal attack,” although he was the one who pled guilty to withholding information from Congress and was later pardoned for his perfidy.

I must commend Omar on her focused and poised interrogation. I must condemn Abrams for his rude defiance to the congresswoman. Their exchange is illuminating because it encapsulates the change in tone and tenor in Congress. Old white men can hold onto their privilege, but younger women, some women of color, aren’t having it. They are doing what they need to do to provide for the people who elected them.

Omar’s interrogation of Abrams has a back-story. Last week she tweeted that the blind congressional support of Israel is “all about the benjamins.” Jewish people were



disturbed that her remarks were anti-Semitic (I don’t necessarily think so), and she apologized in the face of pressure. But now the deranged “leader” in the White House has called for her resignation (despite his own hateful, racist, anti-semitic and other statements) and Vice-President Pence said there should be “consequences” for her comments (although no one has ever experienced consequences for genital grabbing). There have been calls for Omar to lose her seat on the House Foreign Relations Committee. She prevailed, with dignity, in her questioning of the corrupt Abrams. She is to be applauded.

Again, let me say, how dare that man. How dare he disrespect a member of Congress; something he would not have done if a white man were questioning him. How dare he interrupt her, how dare he talk over her, but thank you, Abrams, for projecting the many experiences that black women and other women of color have had in corporate boardrooms and in other places where our voices are not valued.

Abrams, you are a pardoned liar. You are a shady scandal. You ought not to be walking out among free

folks, but 45 has pulled you out of the disgraceful slush pile (yes, Hillary was right when she called some folks “deplorables”) to help our country interfere in yet another free nation, Venezuela. You needed to sit at that table and behave humbly, but humble is not in your vocabulary when your white privilege collides with the black power of a congresswoman who has the right to interrogate you. I get it; you didn’t like it not one bit.

So here’s a message you need to send back to your circle of aging troglodytes – get ready for it.

Here’s the deal and here’s the bottom line. There are 110 women in Congress. There are congressional committees co-chaired by women on both sides of the aisle. These are women who are not planning to put up with your over-talking shenanigans. These are women who are out of time regarding you.

And while democratic and republican women aren’t always on the same page, the fact that of the 110 women in Congress, only 13 are republican speaks to the failures in your party. With 435 members in the House of Representatives, equity means that at least 217 are women. On the democratic side, this increasingly means women of color, who are staring down your white privilege and eviscerating it.

She had the right response in a tweet, “You have trafficked in hate your whole life – against Jews, Mus-

lims, indigenous, immigrants, black people and more. I learned from people impacted by my words. When will you?” The fact is that 45 doesn’t learn. If he did, he would stop tweeting.”

As Omar has noted, “anti-semitism is real.” At the same time, it is important to note that criticism of Israel is not anti-semitic. The Israeli occupation of the West Bank is simply wrong and violates every notion of human rights. The backlash against Angela Davis, Marc Lamont Hill, Tamika Mallory and Alice Walker is also wrong. While we must address anti-semitism, we must also address the ways that Israel has been oppressive to Palestinians and the ways that Israel advocates have, especially, attempted to shut down black voices that embrace the human rights of all people, including Palestinians.

We must also address the ways that a white male criminal was allowed to behave badly and arrogantly when an elected member of Congress made a statement and asked reasonable questions. Omar is to be commended for her work. Abrams is to be condemned for his rude and futile clinging to his sick white privilege!

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# It’s time to stop marginalizing African Americans in public higher education

By Spencer Overton  
The Joint Center for  
Economic Studies

Students across the country are putting final touches on their applications for some of our country’s most prestigious public institutions. Higher education officials and policymakers alike need to ensure that these universities are not underserving black students.

Unfortunately, there’s a lot of work to do. A new study from the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce shows that African Americans

aren’t attending selective colleges (e.g. the University of Michigan, University of South Carolina, University of Houston, and others) at the same rates as their white peers. Even states with a sizable population of average-college-aged black people (18-24 years old) are falling short. In Delaware, for example, African Americans account for 26 percent of 18-24 year olds, but only 6 percent of students at the University of Delaware.

These public colleges should serve a representative cross-section of students, and be engines

of mobility for all students. Unfortunately, they are not. White students make up 54 percent of 18-24 year olds, but account for 64 percent of freshman enrollment in selective public colleges. Meanwhile, black students account for 15 percent of 18-24 year olds in the United States, but only 7 percent of students in public selective colleges.

Some argue that African-American students are less qualified to attend selective enrollment schools, but that isn’t the case. Among students who score in the upper half of standardized

test scores, 31 percent of white students enroll in a selective college, but only 19 percent of black students get that chance. All of these students are highly likely to graduate – students in the upper half of high school test distribution scores have an 85 percent chance of graduating from college. And evidence suggests that some schools may over-rely on these scores, a practice that may over-emphasize affluence and access to quality K-12 schooling. This can hide race and class inequality behind a façade of quantitative metrics.

The Georgetown study also acknowledges Black students may be choosing to attend colleges other than the highly selective public universities. In fact, Black students are going to college in greater numbers than ever. Unfortunately, the open-access colleges they are attending are overcrowded and under-resourced. This is likely affecting their chances of obtaining a degree, as graduation rates are significantly lower for students at open access colleges than they are at selective schools.

America’s higher education

system sees the problem, but it is getting worse, not better. Over the last decade, Black representation at selective public colleges fell. For every 100 average college-age African Americans, four fewer are attending public selective colleges than a decade ago. The largest Black underrepresentation in selective public colleges is in the Deep South. In Mississippi, for example, African Americans account for 44 percent of 18-24 year olds, but only 11 percent of students at the state’s selective public college (the University of Mississippi).



# Burgeoning School of Nursing program increases reach in Oxford

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

Beginning in the fall, the University of Mississippi School of Nursing will expand its footprint in Oxford with a new space and more students.

The next cohort of students pursuing the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree will number 45, an increase from this year's class of 30. The eventual goal is to admit 60 students each year, according to Dr. Mary Stewart, interim dean for the School of Nursing.

And students will be doing their work in a new space: the South Oxford Center, or what was formerly the old Baptist Memorial Hospital before being purchased by the University of Mississippi in 2017.

The hospital's former intensive care unit will be converted to a high-fidelity simulation practice lab for nursing students.

"With 12 bays, faculty will be able to run several scenarios simultaneously," Stewart described. "In the end, space matters. Having this dedicated area for the School of Nursing will enrich the educational experiences for students."

The decision to grow the program was based on the demand from both applicants and the work force. In addition, students pursuing their accelerated nursing degree undergo a more intense schedule and need different resources and spaces than a traditional undergraduate student requires.

"The A-BSN requires intensive study for 12 months. Students do not work outside school, so they spend much of their time in classes, labs, clinicals and other program-related activities," said Stewart. "They need space for all of these things. Additionally, students need dedicated areas to study, work on projects and sometimes simply retreat for some solitude. The new space affords all of these opportunities and more."

The School of Nursing is currently housed on two floors in Kinard Hall on the Ole Miss campus. The new space in the South Oxford Center will include an administrative suite for faculty and other offices, a 60-student classroom with full technological abilities, student lounges and other common areas.

Dr. Eva Tatum, assistant professor of nursing on the Oxford campus, has overseen much of the planning for the expansion.

"We can't grow (without more space)," Tatum ex-



**Eva Tatum (left), assistant professor in the UM School of Nursing, shows one of the future simulation labs in the former Intensive Care Unit of Baptist Memorial Hospital-North Mississippi to students Piercen Burchfield, Katelyn Hazelgrove and Charles Gill. Photo by Joe Ellis/UMMC**



**Chad Hunter (left), associate university architect, takes UM nursing students Piercen Burchfield, Katelyn Hazelgrove and Charles Gill, along with Eva Tatum, assistant professor in the School of Nursing, through the school's new space at the South Oxford Center. This room will become a 60-student classroom. Photo by Joe Ellis/UMMC**



plained. "There's all this talk of nursing shortages, and our accelerated students really are highly desired as nursing graduates by employers."

The School of Nursing in Jackson began offering the accelerated nursing program in 2006, and UMMC is the only institution in the state to offer an accelerated nursing degree for students who already have

one degree. The program has been offered in Oxford since 2014.

The Accelerated BSN program is designed for those who have a bachelor's degree in another field and wish to change career paths quickly. It contains a continuous three-semester curriculum in which students participate in clinical training and classroom in-

struction.

The goal on the Oxford campus is to collaborate with the Health Professions Advising Office to promote the program and develop pipelines for current Ole Miss students, especially in programs such as nutrition and biology, to easily move into this degree, Stewart said.

# First Forrest General patient treated using Da Vinci Xi Ser surgery



**Danny McGee (left) with his physician, Sean Douglas, MD (right)**

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

Danny McGee looks forward to celebrating several big milestones within the next few years. In 2024, just five years from now, he'll be old enough to retire from his position as production manager at the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation.

McGee has a large family – 3 daughters, a son, and 5 grandchildren – which he enjoys spending his time with and helping them celebrate special occasions of their own. These are just a couple of the reasons why being diagnosed with prostate cancer was so overwhelming for him and his family.

McGee wasn't feeling sick when he went to visit his primary care physician for a regular yearly check-up.

He said, "I wasn't feeling sick. I went in for some blood work one day, and my primary doctor said, 'Your levels are up. We're going to wait 3 more weeks and check it again, and if it's up, we're going to have to refer you to Hattiesburg Clinic.' When the levels were up again, she referred me to Hattiesburg Clinic."

The levels McGee refers to are prostate-specific antigens (PSA). PSA levels under 4 nanograms per milliliter of blood are considered normal. A patient's chance of having prostate cancer increases as PSA levels increase. It is common for patients with early-stage prostate cancer to experience no symptoms. Once prostate cancer produces signs or symptoms, like frequent urination or traces of blood in urine, it is usually found to be in the late stages.

Sean Douglas, MD, urologist at Hattiesburg Clinic, diagnosed and treated McGee's prostate cancer at Forrest General Hospital using the state-of-the-art da Vinci Xi Surgical System by Intuitive. The da Vinci Surgical System is a complex robot that assists physicians in minimally invasive surgical procedures.

"The first day I found out about the cancer, it was kind of overwhelming, but Dr. Douglas said, 'I'm going to take care of you.' That was comforting, and after that day, I didn't really think about it anymore until the day I had the surgery," said McGee.

Douglas performed a robotic prostatectomy to remove the cancerous prostate. The robotic prostatectomy is less traumatic than the tradition open prostatectomy, involving significantly smaller

incisions, less pain, easier recovery, and better patient outcomes. The robot allows the surgeon to perform fine computer-controlled movements. This precision protects the patients' delicate prostate nerves that control bladder and sexual function, damage to which would often be unavoidable during open prostatectomy.

McGee was the first patient at Forrest General to have a procedure using this revolutionary new system.

"Any surgery that is performed laparoscopically can be performed with a robot. Da Vinci benefits our patients through shorter hospital stays and enhanced cautery ability. The improved range of motion allows the physician better control of bleeding, which is safer for patients. More advanced procedures can be done this way, so having a more complex problem does not mean it has to be treated with a more invasive procedure," said Douglas.

In addition to urologic procedures, Forrest General will soon offer options for gynecological and general surgical procedures using the da Vinci Xi Surgical System.

Around an hour after surgery, McGee told his daughters that he was ready to get up and start walking. He said, "I didn't have any pain. It was just a little where I had the surgery. I didn't even have to take any pain pills. I got them, but I didn't have to take them."

I feel fine now. I'm just taking it easy."

McGee will have a follow-up visit in March to check his PSA levels again, but he's confident that he is now cancer-free.

"Dr. Douglas says my levels should be at zero. It feels really good to have this burden lifted. When Dr. Douglas told me I wouldn't have any pain, I didn't have any pain. When he said he was going to take care of me, he did."

Like many patients working through the mental and emotional strain of cancer, McGee says his family and faith helped him on this journey. Since his diagnosis, he spends time in prayerful meditation every morning and every afternoon. After the procedure, he recovered at his aunt's home surrounded by his family.

He said, "My aunt wouldn't let me do a whole lot. She did spoil me when I was there."

# MORA holds groundbreaking ceremony for donor tribute garden

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

Mississippi Organ Recovery Agency (MORA) held a groundbreaking ceremony February 14 for "Garden of Hope"– a reflection and memorial garden set to open in April at MORA's Flowood office located at 4400 Lakeland Dr. February 14 is observed as National Donor Day to increase awareness for organ, eye and tissue donation.

Representing life, hope and healing, the garden will be a place of remembrance for those who have given the Gift of Life as well as a place of inspiration to all those touched by donation.

"We are honored to create a space that not only serves to remember the lives of donors, but also celebrate the hope that their gifts have brought to

so many," says Kevin Stump, MORA CEO. "It's our hope that the garden will come to symbolize this beautiful gift and inspire more Mississippians to register to donate life."

Donation advocates are encouraged to celebrate the Gift of Life with a personalized brick or paver to be placed in the garden's pathway. Namesake bricks and pavers may be purchased at [msora.org/gardenofhope](http://msora.org/gardenofhope).

"I will come here to reflect and remember my loved one and the time that I spent with her," says donor mom Cynthia Camel. Camel's daughter Danielle was an organ and tissue donor in 2012.

To learn more about MORA to register as an organ, eye, and tissue donor, please visit [msora.org](http://msora.org).



**MORA Garden of Hope Groundbreaking. Pictured (L to R) Bill Carruth, William Carruth, Leslie Carruth, Vicki Shoemaker, Cynthia Camel, Timothy Lewis, Annie Lucious, Carrie Deese.**



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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
JAMES HUGHES, DECEASED

BY: Bobbie Ball, Eunice Wells, Willie Bailey, and Roosevelt Hughes

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JAMES HUGHES, DECEASED

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Bobbie Ball, Eunice Wells, Willie Bailey, and Roosevelt Hughes. Plaintiff, seeking the adjudication of heirs of James Hughes.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 o'clock a.m., on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2019, in the Chancery Courtroom of Hinds County, Mississippi, before Honorable Dewayne Thomas and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

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

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019.

Eddie Carr  
CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY  
Mississippi

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RFP 2019-01 Wireless Access Points, Installation and Management Services for Blackburn Middle School

RFP 2019-02 Wireless Access Points, Installation and Management Services for Various Schools

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RFP 2019-04 Network Switch Replacements for Various Schools

Sealed, written formal rfp proposals for the above rfp 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 2:00 P.M. (Local Prevailing Time) March 01, 2019, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all rfps, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any rfp if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date rfps are opened. Proposal forms and detailed specifications may be obtained free of charge by emailing Bettie Jones @ bjones@jackson.k12.ms.us, or documents may be picked up at the above address or downloaded from JPS website at www.jackson.k12.ms.us.

2/14/2019, 2/21/2019

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
SAM JOHN OLIVER, DECEASED

CAUSE NO. 2019-00035 T/1

AMENDED NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on February 6, 2019, by the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Mississippi to the undersigned Executrix upon the Estate of Sam John Oliver, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probation and registration according to the law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

This the 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 2019.

Sam Oliver, DDD  
Sam John Oliver, III Executor

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF Hinds

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

Stevenson Legal Group, PLLC  
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

CITY OF JACKSON

Notice is hereby given that Proposals will be received by the City Clerk of the City of Jackson, Mississippi until 3:30 p.m., Friday, March 15, 2019. The City of Jackson, Mississippi requests proposals from art groups and other community development groups providing services to the citizens in the City of Jackson.

Financial assistance is available to support arts and community development activities designed to increase awareness, understanding and appreciation of the arts and improve the quality of life among the citizens of Jackson. This solicitation seeks proposals with an emphasis on community exposure, history and education.

Grant awards offered by the City of Jackson shall only represent supplemental funding in support of arts projects and community development based projects. To be eligible for funding, proposing organizations must have verifiable cash match contributions that equals to at least 50% of project cost.

A workshop on the Request for Proposals packet is scheduled for MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2019 beginning promptly at 2:00pm. It will be held at the Municipal Art Gallery located at 839 North State Street Jackson, MS 39202. Those interested in submitting proposals should attend this Workshop.

For the Request for Proposals packet, please contact Beverley Johnson-Durham at 601 960 0383. All proposals must be sealed and plainly marked on the outside of the envelope: Proposal for general funds Arts and Community Based Grants. Proposal packets must be received by the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, 219 South President Street by 3:30pm on March 15, 2019. The city reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

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By: Adriane Dorsey-Kidd, Director  
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4	2	1	7	3	8	6	9	5
6	3	9	2	1	5	4	7	8
8	5	7	4	9	6	1	2	3
9	4	3	6	5	7	2	8	1
1	7	8	3	4	2	9	5	6
5	6	2	1	8	9	7	3	4
7	1	4	5	2	3	8	6	9
3	9	6	8	7	4	5	1	2
2	8	5	9	6	1	3	4	7

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WBGQNTOMSI EU PKJYXZDLVFRHCA

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# Meet five individuals who are making Black History in Mississippi

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The 2019 Young, Gifted & Empowered Awards (YG&E) makes five years since the awards show first debuted. Dedicated to highlight young professionals between the ages of 25-45 who are positive representation of blacks in Mississippi, YG&E has honored 24 individuals over the years. They all have been catalysts for change in education, innovation, art, entrepreneurship, philanthropy and leadership.

“The success stories of African Americans from Mississippi are hardly ever celebrated and are often overshadowed by negative portrayals of us in the media. People need to know that there are many successful blacks from and in Mississippi who are having global impact,” shares YG&E founder Shameka Reed. “Now more than ever we need to take control of our narratives and tell our stories. That’s exactly what Young, Gifted & Empowered is all about...telling our stories.”

Young, Gifted & Empowered is a black-tie awards show that is free and open to the public. It is scheduled for Saturday, March 2, 2019 at Jackson Prep’s Performing Arts Center. The red carpet begins at 5:45 p.m. with the awards show at 7 p.m. For free tickets or more information visit [www.yge19.eventbrite.com](http://www.yge19.eventbrite.com).

The 2019 Young, Gifted & Empowered honorees are:

**Leader of the Year Attorney Tiffany Graves**

**Tiffany Graves** is an accomplished attorney and visionary leader with over twenty years of experience zealously advocating for marginalized children, individuals and families. Her



Tiffany Graves

fight for equity and justice for the underserved began while she was in law school at the University of Virginia School of Law, where she was honored for logging the most pro bono hours of any graduating student with the law school’s Pro Bono Award. Tiffany led the Mississippi Volunteer Lawyers Project, a statewide non-profit dedicated to providing pro bono legal services to low-income Mississippians, and the Mississippi Access to Justice Commission, a Supreme Court-created entity aimed at promoting initiatives to improve and expand access to justice to the over 700,000 people living in poverty in Mississippi. She now serves as the first-ever, national pro bono counsel for Bradley Arant Boult & Cummings LLP, a law firm with nine offices in seven states throughout the Southeast.

**Educator of the Year Dr. Pamela Scott Bracey**

Pamela (Scott) Bracey is currently a professor in the Department of Instructional Systems and Workforce Development at Mississippi State University where she has taught in the business technology educa-



DeMario Davis

tion and information technology services undergraduate programs, and instructional technology graduate programs since 2013. In this role, Bracey has been awarded Mississippi’s Outstanding University Business Educator of the Year for two consecutive years (2013 & 2014), the 2018 Mississippi’s Excellence in Higher Education Award by Mississippi Association of Educators, and regional Collegiate Educator of the Year by the Southern Business Education Association (2017). She also serves as the director and co-founder of MSU’s Global Academic Essentials Teacher Institute, as well as the president/CEO of Urbane Enterprises LLC consulting firm, which she founded in 2009.

**Entrepreneurs of the Year Dr. Jerrick Rose and Dr. Chandra Minor**

Jerrick W. Rose is a board certified pediatric dentist and Dr. Chandra Minor is Mississippi’s first and only African-American female orthodontist. Together they are the business partners of state’s only pediatric-ortho dental office, The Pediatric Dental Studio and Smile Design Orthodontics.



Dr. Chandra Minor, Dr. Jerrick Rose

Both Dr. Minor and Dr. Rose grew up in Mississippi, attended the University of Mississippi Medical Center School of Dentistry and graduated with a Doctorate of Dental Medicine. Dr. Minor then completed the post-doctoral orthodontic residency program at Howard University in Washington, DC., while Dr. Rose completed an additional two years of specialty training in pediatric dentistry at Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children.

Dr. Rose has extensive training in pediatric oral conscious sedation, operating room treatment under general anesthesia, treatment of dental emergencies and trauma, and treatment of special needs patients.

**Philanthropist of the Year DeMario Davis**

Demario Davis was born in Collins, Mississippi but grew up in Brandon. Demario played in 48 career games at Arkansas State before being drafted by the New York Jets in 2012 in the 3rd round 77th overall pick. In 2018 Demario signed a 3-year deal with the New Orleans Saints in free agency. Demario is a leader on and off the field.

DeMario and his fam-



Pamela Scott Bracey

ily strive daily to live lives that are pleasing to God, ones based on the truth of His word. Acts 20:35 says, “It is more blessed to give than receive.” He has contributed more than \$100,000 to help establish and staff the foundation for Pearls for Girls. He used his platform to help strengthen the partnership between United Way and NFL Players. He also currently, supports the salaries of five full time missionaries. DeMario and his wife, Tamela, founded the Devoted Dreamers Foundation and provide a free summer enrichment program that helps equip youth spiritually, mentally and financially.

**Host Rita Brent**

Rita Brent discovered her love for the arts as a young girl in church where she began singing and playing the drums. By age 18, she joined the United States Army as a drummer in the 41st Army National Guard Band and earned the rank of sergeant. Rita served in the military for 9 years. While in the military, she obtained a Bachelor’s Degree from Jackson State University and pledged Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Rita launched her radio broadcasting career as a



Rita Brent

student at JSU and after graduating, became a radio host and producer for N-P-R-affiliate, Mississippi Public Broadcasting.

In 2013, Rita made a sharp career turn and responded to a nudging from God to do stand-up comedy. Since then, she has made great strides in the entertainment industry in a very short time. She has been the opening act for some of the biggest names in standup comedy, including Jay Anthony Brown, Sommore, and the late Dick Gregory. In 2016, she met comedian and radio-personality, Rickey Smiley, and he took her under his wings as a mentee. She often tours with him on “The Rickey Smiley and Friends Tour.”

Summer 2017, Rita made the big decision to become a full-time comedienne, and soon thereafter met comedy mogul Kevin Hart. She was one of four comedians from Mississippi selected by Hart to feature on his Comedy Central television series, “Hart of the City.” With great dedication and divine guidance, Rita is working toward becoming “the next big thing” from Mississippi.

## Jennifer Riley Collins announces candidacy for Attorney General

Civil Rights Museum • February 15, 2019 • Jackson, MS

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# FILM REVIEW: BLACK

## TRAFFIC STOP DEATH TRIGGERS REVOLT IN BLACK LIVES MATTER DRAMA



By Kam Williams  
Columnist

Joseph Grant (Toussaint Morrison) was riding in a car with his brother Cole (Malick Ceesay) and BFF Derek (Geoff Briley) one afternoon when they suddenly found themselves being tailed by a police cruiser. Although they hadn't violated any rules of the road, they were inexplicably pulled over by a couple of overly zealous cops (Addison Pennington and Matt Cedarberg), ostensibly for merely "driving while black."

Sitting in the back seat, Cole asked the officers for an explanation for the stop, if they weren't being profiled. Their response was that he matched the description of a suspect they were looking for.

After being asked for his ID and ordered him out of the car, Cole lost his temper. The next thing you know, he wound up on the ground with a pistol to his head. And the bigot with

a badge in control of whether he lived or died yelled, "What you looking at boy?" before callously pulling the trigger.

Witnessing the senseless shooting of his only brother leaves Joe traumatized and Derek is understandably shaken, too. But the two have distinctly different feelings about what to do next.

The former has no faith in the criminal justice system, given the long history of police being found not guilty for the deaths of unarmed African Americans. So, he would just like to get some guns, recruit an army, and lead a violent revolution against the U.S.

By contrast, Derek is interested in mounting a traditional protest, like a Black Lives Matter march. After all, he has no confidence Joe will be able to find any followers, especially since blacks are so brainwashed they mostly kill only other blacks, not whites. The ensuing debate of how to

respond to Cole's untimely demise sits at the center of Black, a thought-provoking morality play written and directed by David J. Buchanan.

Besides the badinage between the buddies, the film intermittently takes a break from the drama for brief, revealing tete-a-tetes with real-life black folks about their first encounters in life with the cops. The heartfelt recollections shared in these mini-documentaries combine to paint a widespread pattern of discrimination and abuse on the part of the police.

A compelling polemic revolving around a grief-stricken sibling's relentlessly making his case, like a latter-day Nat Turner, for armed insurrection! Excellent (4 stars)

Unrated  
Running time: 80 minutes  
Production Studio: BLACK Productions  
Studio: We-Co Films  
To see a trailer for Black, visit: <https://vimeo.com/black>

## Kam's Kapsules

### Weekly previews that make choosing a film fun

By Kam Williams  
Columnist

For movies opening February 22, 2019.

#### Wide Releases

**How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World** (PG for action and mild rude humor)  
Final installment in the animated fantasy trilogy finds Hiccup (Jay Baruchel) and Toothless embarking on an epic journey to protect their peaceful village from the darkest threat it has ever faced. Voice cast includes America Ferrara, Cate Blanchett, Jonah Hill, Kristen Wiig, Gerard Butler and Craig Ferguson.

#### Independent & Foreign Films

**The Changeover** (Unrated)  
Adaptation of Margaret Mahy's young adult novel, set in

Christchurch, New Zealand, about a 16 year-old girl (Erana James) drawn into a battle with the evil spirit draining the life out of her little brother (Benji Purchase). Supporting cast includes Timothy Spall, Melanie Lynskey and Lucy Lawless.

**The Iron Orchard** (R for profanity and some sexuality)  
Depression Era drama chronicling a young man's (Lane Garrison) effort to work his way up the ranks from laborer to wildcatter in the oilfields of West Texas. With Ali Cobrin, Austin Nichols and Lew Temple.

**Prosecuting Evil** (Unrated)  
Reverential retrospective about Ben Ferencz, the sole surviving prosecutor of Nazi war criminals at the Nuremberg trials. Featuring commentary by Alan Dershowitz, Wesley Clark and

Fatou Bensouda.

**Run the Race** (PG for teen partying and mature themes)  
Sports saga about two teen-aged siblings' (Tanner Stine and Evan Hofer) struggle to survive in the wake of their mother's death and being abandoned by their father (Kristoffer Polaha). With Mykelti Williamson, Frances Farmer, Mario Van Peebles, Tim Tebow and Eddie George.

**Total Dhamaal** (Unrated)  
Third installment in the zany action series revolving around a small time crook's (Ajay Devgn) attempt to recoup his losses after being double-crossed by his partner in crime (Manoj Pahwa). Cast includes Arshad Warsi, Javed Jaffrey and Anil Kapoor. (In Hindi with subtitles)

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### Cryptogram

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

Hint: Quote by George Washington

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
W	B																								

S L S D T W Z A B B N L L N Z L J B B N A W U J K N A B A B A A L M W K L J B N S K B W Q G J P Y W K C

### Crossword Puzzle

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8
9				10		11		
12						13		
14				15	16		17	
			18			19		
	20	21						
22				23		24	25	26
27			28		29	30		
31					32			
33						34		

#### ACROSS

- Syrian bishop
- Not many (2 wds.)
- Subatomic particle
- Cook quickly
- Unmarried
- Peter, for short
- Sign language
- Loudness unit (abbr.)
- Type of Buddhism
- City
- Religious song book
- Promissory note
- 1000 megabytes
- Usage
- Charge
- Virile
- Not cons
- Prove
- In \_ (together)
- Globes

#### DOWN

- Turquoise
- Tush
- Sob
- Is
- Viper
- Hard impact
- Diner
- Small bird
- Musician (3 wds.)
- Working
- Length measure
- Place (abbr.)
- Gray
- Alaskan territory
- Pixies
- Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
- Pencil end
- Potato sprouts
- Escudo
- Card game

### 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.

			7	3				5
8		7		9			4	
		3		5				1
	7	8	3			9		
5								4
7	1					8		
	9							2
2					1		4	

(For puzzle answer keys, see page 15)



# Hinds County School District Weekly Update

ENGAGING-EMPOWERING-ENSURING-EXCELLENCE

## Hinds County School District will host its 2019 Job Fair March 2nd

Hinds County School District announces the 2019 Job Fair Saturday, March 2, 2019 from 9:00AM-12:00PM. The event will take place at Byram Middle School, 2009 Byram Bulldog Blvd., Byram, MS 39170. Candidates attending the 2019 Job Fair will be able to speak with district administrators and contracted employers. The goal of the event is to showcase all schools in the district and provide an opportunity for candidates to apply in-person.

HCSD will be seeking to hire all positions, including Certified Teachers, Teacher Assistants, Substitute Teachers, Bus Drivers, Custodians and Food Service Workers. To view a list of all open positions at HCSD and to apply online, visit [www.hinds.k12.ms.us](http://www.hinds.k12.ms.us). Should you have questions, please contact HCSD Human Resources Department at 601-857-5222.



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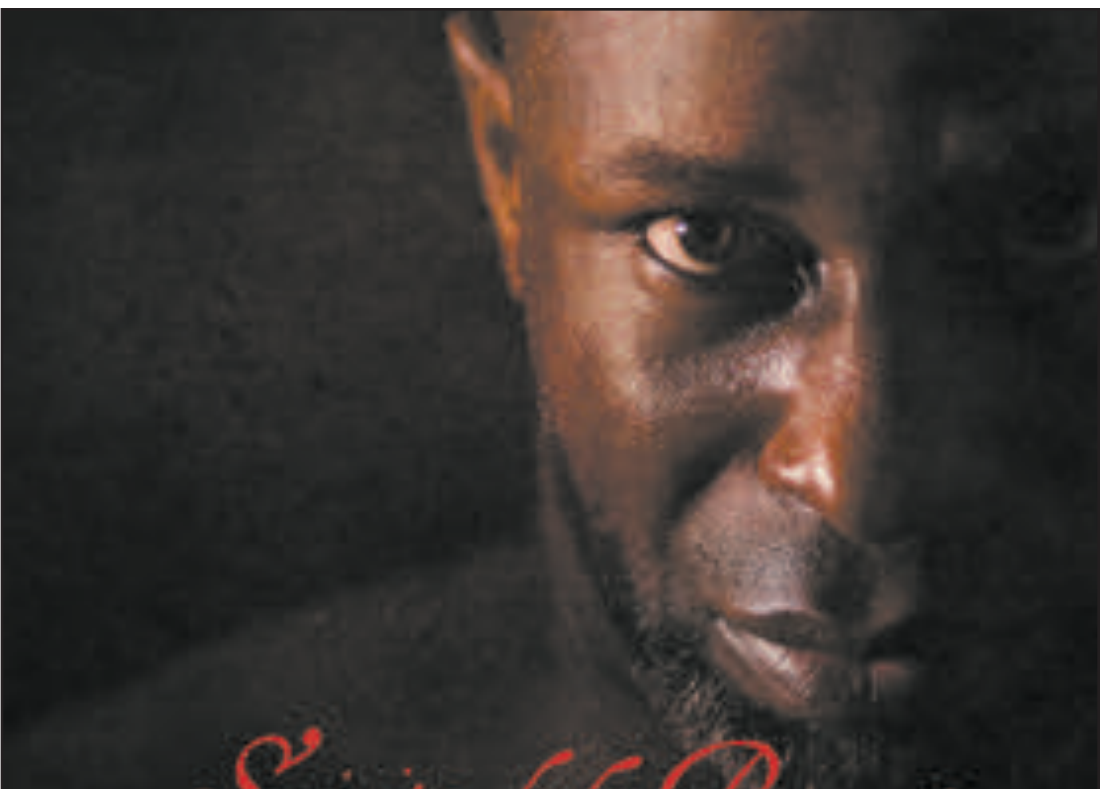
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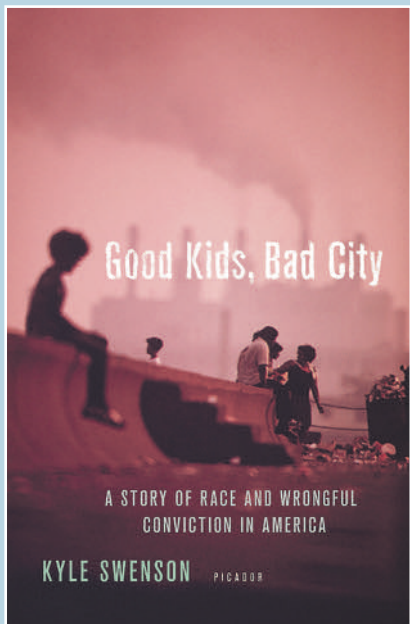
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# BOOK REVIEW: “GOOD KIDS, BAD CITY”

BY KYLE SWENSON  
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By Terri Schlichenmeyer  
*Columnist*

Your hands were clean. Freshly washed, not a speck of dirt, they were as clean as your conscience. You did no wrong; instead, you promoted what was good and right. But in “Good Kids, Bad City” by Kyle Swenson, past actions sometimes don’t matter. Over a decade ago, somewhere near Kyle Swenson’s desk at a Cleveland-area weekly newspaper, letters piled up from prisoners begging for journalistic investigation of denied crimes. Like many news-

folk, Swenson was skeptical of those vows of innocence, so he dismissed the letters and others like them. Still, because he was fresh out of ideas for his monthly feature story, he agreed to meet someone to talk about a crime that happened before Swenson was even born. Kwame Ajamu arrived with a box of papers that shocked Swenson to his core. On May 19, 1975, as Swenson learned, salesman Harry J. Franks was collecting from his accounts when he was shot and killed on a Cleveland sidewalk. Coming home from a pick-up

basketball game, Ajamu, Wiley Bridgeman and Rickey Jackson pushed into a surrounding crowd and saw the white man bleeding on the concrete, but they didn’t stick around. The situation seemed under control. Franks was dead; there was no reason to linger. They hadn’t been there when Franks was shot, but on May 25, Bridgeman, Ajamu and Jackson were arrested and charged with murder on the basis of a false account given by a 12-year-old boy, a lie that folded into more mistruths encouraged by corrupt police.

Jackson, Ajamu and Bridgeman swiftly went to trial and were ultimately sentenced to death. Their sentences were later commuted to life. Released in 2003 after making parole, Ajamu had “talked about his case to anyone who would listen” but no one believed him. That changed in 2011, when a lawyer suggested he take his story to a newspaper reporter. They arranged to meet at a coffee house. Ajamu “was nervous.” “That’s when,” says Swenson, “I walked through the

door.” That sentence reads as though it should have a cape and SuperPowers, doesn’t it? But no, there’s much more to “Good Kids, Bad City” and author Kyle Swenson was merely a catalyst: he was the listener Kwame Ajamu needed. To help readers better understand the subtleties of this tale and its full impact, Swenson shares the history of Cleveland, Ohio, a highly progressive city nearly two centuries ago but one that slowly fell victim to racism further complicated by corruption. Thorough accounts

put things into keen perspective here, especially when we’re invited into the homelives of the accused men and their families and we get to know the men as boys. And yet, even with those once-happy sightlines, this story might’ve been just another tale of wrong accusations, except for one thing: Swenson also tracks the accuser, the boy, as he grows up. That story-within-a-story mushrooms in a way that you’ll want to see. It’ll outrage you as it fascinates. It’s a draw that makes “Good Kids, Bad City” a book to get your hands on.

# FILM REVIEW: COLD WAR (ZIMNA WOJNA) STAR-CROSSED LOVERS REPEATEDLY RENDEZVOUS IN POLISH POSTWAR DRAMA

By Kam Williams  
*Columnist*

Dateline: Poland, 1949. The countryside is still devastated by the blight left behind in the wake of the Second World War. It is amidst these ruins that we find young Zula Lichon (Joanna Kulig) auditioning for a spot in the national entertainment ensemble. The aspiring singer-dancer should be thankful for her good looks, since she only survives

the tryout because the repertory company’s powerful musical director, Wiktor Warski (Tomasz Kot), is quite taken by her beauty. The pretty peasant girl, in turn, is quite flattered by the attention being lavished on her by her handsome and relatively-sophisticated advocate, even though he’s old enough to be her father. Before long, the two start sleeping together, indulging an animal magnetism during stolen

moments between their traveling troupe’s performances at various ports of call behind the Iron Curtain. Sadly, they are far less passionate about their work than they are about each other. That’s because the group finds itself pressured to stage productions that are pure propaganda, given how Poland, as part of the Soviet bloc, is under the thumb of Stalinist Russia. In fact, the political paranoia of the era so deeply affects Zula, that

she meets weekly with a Communist Party boss (Lech Kaczmarek) to secretly snitch on her unsuspecting lover’s conduct. The jaded artists hatch a plan to defect to the West in 1952 following a concert in East Berlin. But when only one of the two follows through with the plan, they end up separated and terribly frustrated for the next dozen years. Thus unfolds Cold War, a melancholy masterpiece writ-

ten and directed by Pawel Pawlikowski. His previous picture, Ida, won the Best Foreign Film Oscar in 2015. This black & white romance drama has deservedly landed a trio of nominations, in the Foreign Film, Director and Cinematography categories. Between a sobering score and haunting settings, Pawlikowski has created the perfect backdrop for a maudlin postmortem contemplating the fate of a couple

of star-crossed lovers. Excellent (4 stars) Rated R for sexuality, nudity and profanity In Polish. French, Russian, German, Italian and Croatian Running time: 89 minutes Production Companies: Opus Films / Polish Film Institute / Film4 / BFI / MK2 Films Distributor: Amazon Studios To see a trailer for Cold War, visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BvPkDdFeTk8>



# Who will win, who deserves to win, who was snubbed

By Kam Williams  
*Columnist*

2018 was a banner year for black cast films, including BlackKkKlansman, Black Panther, Green Book and If Beale Street Could Talk. Might Spike Lee (BlackKkKlansman) finally win the Best Director and Best Picture Oscars which have eluded him over the course of his 40-year career? Not likely, despite the academy’s history of rewarding overlooked legends more for their body of work than for their latest offering. How about Black Panther, the highest-grossing (\$1.34 billion) superhero movie of all time? It was nominated for seven Academy Awards, but only in one major category, Best Picture. None of its actors were recognized. The snub is reminiscent of how in 2001 none of Crouching Tiger,

Hidden Dragon’s cast members received nominations, although the film landed 10 overall. If Beale Street Could Talk, Barry Jenkins’ critically-acclaimed adaptation of the James Baldwin novel of the same name, wasn’t even nominated for Best Picture, though Regina King is the favorite to win for Best Supporting Actress. The crowd-pleaser Green Book might have had a shot at Best Picture were it not for the Mexican drama Roma. It looks like the semi-autobiographical, black & white adventure, written and directed by Alfonso Cuaron, is destined to garner the most glory on Oscar night, including Best Picture and Best Director. Why the Academy lavished Roma with 10 nominations and Crazy Rich Asians with none is beyond the ken of this

critic. Two of my other faves, Eighth Grade and Private Life, were also totally ignored. Below, see my pick to win in each major category, followed by which nominee is the most deserving, followed by the best pictures and performances not even nominated. The Oscars will air live Sunday, February 24 at 8 p.m. ET / 5 pm PT on ABC-TV. The show will have no host, since the producers couldn’t find a replacement for Kevin Hart, who withdrew in the wake of condemnation for some homophobic tweets. **Best Picture** Will Win: Roma Deserves to Win: Green Book Overlooked: Crazy Rich Asians, Eighth Grade, Private Life **Best Director** Will Win: Alfonso Cuaron

(Roma) Deserves to Win: Spike Lee (BlackKkKlansman) Overlooked: Jon M. Chu (Crazy Rich Asians), Bo Burnham (Eighth Grade), Tamara Jenkins (Private Life) **Best Actor** Will Win: Rami Malek (Bohemian Rhapsody) Deserves to Win: Rami Malek Overlooked: Chadwick Boseman (Black Panther), Paul Giamatti (Private Life), Henry Golding (Crazy Rich Asians) **Best Actress** Will Win: Glenn Close (The Wife) Deserves to Win: Yalitza Aparicio (Roma) Overlooked: Viola Davis (Widows), Elsie Fisher (Eighth Grade), Nicole Kidman (Destroyer) **Best Supporting Actor**

Will Win: Mahershala Ali (Green Book) Deserves to Win: Mahershala Ali Overlooked: Michael B. Jordan (Black Panther) **Best Supporting Actress** Will Win: Regina King (If Beale Street Could Talk) Deserves to Win: Regina King Overlooked: Michelle Yeoh (Crazy Rich Asians), Letitia Wright (Black Panther) **Best Original Screenplay** Will Win: The Favourite Deserves to Win: Green Book Overlooked: Eighth Grade, Private Life **Best Adapted Screenplay** Will Win: BlackKkKlansman Deserves to Win: BlackKkKlansman Overlooked: Crazy Rich Asians, Black Panther **Predictions for the Rest of**

**the Categories** Animated Feature: Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse Foreign Language Film: Roma Documentary Feature: Free Solo Cinematography: Roma Costume Design: The Favourite Production Design: The Favourite Film Editing: Vice Makeup and Hairstyling: Vice Original Score: If Beale Street Could Talk Best Song: “Shallow” (A Star Is Born) Sound Editing: First Man Sound Mixing: A Star Is Born Visual Effects: Avengers: Infinity War Animated Short: Marguerite Documentary Short: Black Sheep Live Action Short: Bao



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