

# Abrams blasts Trump, McConnell for ‘Power Grab’ After State of the Union Address



Abrams

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Stacey Abrams may not be the governor of Georgia, but she did make history Tuesday, Feb. 5.

After patiently waiting in the wings as President Donald Trump used 90 minutes to deliver what was supposed to be a 45-minute State of the Union Address, Abrams provided a scathing Democratic rebuttal to the president’s highly-scripted speech to Congress, Feb. 5.

In doing so, Abrams became the first black woman for either party to deliver a formal response to the State of the Union.

Speaking firmly and with a fervor that has earned her the national stage, the former Georgia Gubernatorial candidate said the “hopes of American families are being crushed” by Republican political leadership.

“In Georgia and around the country, people are striving for a middle class where a salary truly equals economic security,” Abrams said.

“But instead, families’ hopes

are being crushed by Republican leadership that ignores real life or just doesn’t understand it.”

The response is a tradition undertaken by a representative of the president’s opposing party, who gives a speech immediately after the State of the Union to rebut claims made in his address.

According to CBS News, the first rebuttal was delivered by Republican Sen. Everett Dirksen and Rep. Gerald Ford in response to President Lyndon B. Johnson’s 1966 State of the Union. Since 2011, there have been responses in English and one in Spanish given by a separate speaker.

The address has usually been given by a member of Congress or a sitting governor, making Abrams an intriguing choice given she doesn’t currently hold a political office.

Only one other time has an elected official not holding statewide or federal office given

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# State of the Union: Trump calls for ‘choosing greatness’ as black leaders say his ‘racist rhetoric’ overshadows hope for change



President Donald Trump gives State of the Union as Vice President Mike Pence and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi watch. PHOTOS BY CHERISS MAY/ TRICE EDNEY NEWS WIRE

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President Donald B. Trump’s 2019 State of the Union speech, delivered Tuesday night, following a government shutdown that left many people irreparably damaged, was taken in stride by African Americans and Democratic leaders who express little hope for change.

“We meet tonight at a moment of unlimited potential. As we begin a new Congress, I stand here ready to work with you to achieve historic break-

throughs for all Americans,” Trump said in the speech in which he never mentioned the hardships of the historic shutdown which, for weeks, put thousands of Americans either out of work or caused them to work without pay. “Millions of our fellow citizens are watching us now, gathered in this great chamber, hoping that we will govern not as two parties but as one nation. The agenda I will lay out this evening is not a Republican agenda or a Democrat agenda. It is the agenda of the American people.”

The lofty words of the president resonated little with Democrats and black leaders as he ignored the pain of the shutdown for which he initially claimed credit. Besides that, America had heard it all before. Even during his inaugural address, he promised to be president for all the people after which his administration has become one of the most racially and culturally divisive in history.

Former Georgia gubernatorial candidate Stacey Abrams

pointed to Trump’s sins of omission as the official Democratic respondent to his speech.

“Just a few weeks ago, I joined volunteers to distribute meals to furloughed federal workers. They waited in line for a box of food and a sliver of hope since they hadn’t received paychecks in weeks. Making livelihoods of our federal workers a pawn for political games is a disgrace. The shutdown was a stunt, engineered by the president of the

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# JSU National Alumni president honored by the Mississippi Senate



Dr. Earlexia M. Norwood (3rd from left)

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Jackson State University National Alumni President Dr. Earlexia M. Norwood, MD, of Detroit, Mich., was honored by the Mississippi Senate with presentation of Senate Con-

current Resolution 534 commending her professional and community successes while growing JSU’s alumni following.

Dr. Norwood is a native of Jackson, Mississippi, and is

the first Jackson State University National Alumni president in many years who is from the city of Jackson.

Dr. Norwood is a board-

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# Harris and Booker presidential races stir pride, excitement and high hopes

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Shiela Harmon Martin said she recently got two very pleasant surprises within days of each other when Sens. Kamala Harris (D-Calif.) and Cory Booker (D-N.J.) announced that they are joining the race to become America’s next president.

Harris, a former San Francisco prosecutor and California attorney general, set off serious buzz after her announcement and African Americans have been digging into her law enforcement record and perusing her policy platforms and prior statements in order to discover what type of president she might be.

Martin, division chair and professor of political science at the University of the District of



Harris



Booker

Columbia, said she hopes and expects both black senators to do well.

“I hope one of them emerges as the top contender and at a minimum in second place,” Martin said. “African Americans have been the most loyal

constituency to the Democratic Party. I don’t feel that because we had one African-American president we shouldn’t have another one for the next 20 years... Hopefully the Democratic pool

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# Get Ready to Run Kids' One-Mile Fun Run hits the streets at St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Ridgeland with record participation

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Following the biggest year of participation ever in Central Mississippi, the Get Ready to Run Kids' One-Mile Fun Run, presented by Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi, hit the pavement Saturday, February 2, at St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Ridgeland.

More than 1,300 students in grades K-5 took to the streets in the culminating event of the sixth year of the Get Ready to Run School Program which continues to be Mississippi's largest children's running event. This year's participation was the highest in six years, with 62 schools participating in the Get Ready to Run School Program.

"This is my son's second year to participate, and I loved seeing his excitement leading up to the race and the kids' camaraderie along the course as they encouraged one another," said Tameka Johnson, mother of a third-grade participant from Mannsdale Upper Elementary School. "The organization on race day is such a peace of mind for parents. You know exactly what to expect, from arrival to picking your child up after they cross the finish line."

The Get Ready to Run School Program introduces students to the benefits of running, physical fitness and healthy choices



More than 1,300 Central Mississippi students in grades K-5 took part in the sixth Get Ready to Run Kids' One-Mile Fun Run Saturday, February 2 at St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Ridgeland. It was the culminating event of the Get Ready to Run School Program, which was developed by health and wellness experts at Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi. Learn more about Get Ready to Run at [www.getreadytorunms.com](http://www.getreadytorunms.com).

through seven lessons which encourage and teach the importance of healthy lifestyles and tips on running. The Get Ready to Run Lessons and Activities were developed by health and wellness experts at Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi in

cooperation with the Mississippi Department of Education to ensure the lessons fully supported the Mississippi Framework for Physical Education and the National Association for Sport and Physical Education Standards. "This program is a perfect

fit for our school," said Susan Mims, P.E. teacher at Bowmar Avenue Elementary School in Vicksburg. "This was the first time for us to participate in the Get Ready to Run School Program. We taught all the lessons, and the information that came in

their bags was right on. It was so self-explanatory. The parents were very happy with what they got, and our kids were really excited to get out here and run today." To reward participation on race day, schools also have the

opportunity to win \$2,000 for their schools' P.E. programs.

The winning schools include:

- Large Category Winner** – Gary Road Elementary School
- Medium Category Winner** – St. Andrew's Episcopal School
- Small Category Winner** – Barack H. Obama Elementary School

"We are extremely excited about the continued increase in interest each year, and we look forward to helping even more Mississippi students learn the importance of physical activity in the future," said Eugenia King, health & fitness coordinator with Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi. "We are committed to a healthy Mississippi and educating our future generations on how to start and continue healthy lifestyle habits."

In addition to Central Mississippi, the Get Ready to Run School Program is currently taking place in the Pine Belt, Golden Triangle and North Mississippi Regions. The Get Ready to Run Kids' One-Mile Fun Run – Pine Belt will take place February 9, 2019 in Hattiesburg, followed by Fun Runs in the Golden Triangle March 30, 2019 in Starkville and North Mississippi April 13, 2019 in Oxford.

Learn more at [www.getreadytorunms.com](http://www.getreadytorunms.com).



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their party’s response: Elizabeth Guzman, a Democratic member of the Virginia House of Delegates, delivered the Spanish-language response for Democrats in 2018, CBS reported.

California Attorney General Xavier Becerra gave the Spanish address this year.

However, since losing her gubernatorial bid, Abrams has said she is open to running for political office again.

Abrams talked about family values – taught by her parents.

In one instance on a cold winter night, her family went looking for her father and when they found him walking along a road, he was shivering and without a coat.

“He had given his coat to a homeless man,” Abrams said. “I knew he would still be alone when I left him, but I knew you were coming for me,” she said, relating her father’s words.

“I hold fast to my father’s credo, we are coming for a better America,” Abrams said.

Abrams railed against Trump and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell over the government shutdown.

Abrams noted McConnell’s recent verbal assaults on a House Democratic voting rights and an election bill that he has labeled a Democratic “power grab.”

“Voter suppression is real ... we can no longer ignore these threats to Democracy. We cannot accept efforts to undermine our right to vote,” Abrams said.

“This is the next battle for our democracy, one where all eligible citizens can have their say about the vision we want for our country,” she said.

“We must reject the cynicism that says allowing every eligible vote to be cast and counter is a ‘power grab.’”

She blasted Trump and McConnell noting the missed paydays and the struggles of more than 800,000 federal workers who could still face another shutdown in just a couple of weeks because Trump wants to build a \$5 billion wall on the southern border.

“Just a few weeks ago, I joined volunteers to distribute meals to furloughed federal workers. They waited in line for a box of food and a sliver of hope since they hadn’t received a paycheck in weeks,” Abrams said.

“Making their livelihoods a pawn for political games is a disgrace,” she said.

Further driving home her point, Abrams continued:

“The shutdown was a stunt engineered by the president of the United States, one that defied every tenet of fairness and abandoned not just our people, but our values.”

Trump, who continues to garner headlines over a myriad of alleged misdeeds, misstatements, and the division that’s enveloped the country since he took office, called for bipartisanship in his address.

He claimed outstanding records on jobs and the economy and America’s global standing. He also again took credit for low African-American and Latino unemployment, saying more people – 157 million – are working now than anytime in the past in America.

The president also talked about the 300 or so judicial nominees that are in the Senate, ignoring that President Barack Obama’s high court choices were blatantly disregarded by the Republican-controlled Senate.

Abrams, who was once the Democratic Leader in the Georgia House of Representatives, dismissed those claims.

Abrams also firmly rebutted the notion that the Trump administration has the best ideals for the country going forward.

“We may come from different sides of the political aisle, but our joint commitment to the ideals of this nation cannot be negotiable,” she said.

“The Republican tax bill rigged the system against people. Wages struggle to keep pace with the cost of living. We owe more to the folks who keep our country moving.

“We know bipartisanship can craft a 21st-century immigration plan, but this administration chooses to cage people. Democrats stand ready to secure our borders, but we must understand America is made stronger by immigrants, not walls.”

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United States, one that betrayed every tenet of fairness and abandoned not just our people but our values,” Abrams said.

Trump’s speech got intense applause from Republicans, especially as he mentioned his quest for a “border wall” which has become widely known as a dog-whistle to his base and a core race issue. As he pushed the need for the wall in the speech, he never mentioned his campaign promise that “Mexico will pay” for the wall.

“In the past, most of the people in this room voted for a wall, but the proper wall never got built. I’ll get it built,” he said.

But, Abrams was clear on how millions of others view the wall.

“Democrats stand ready to effectively secure our ports and borders,” she said. “But we must all embrace that from agriculture to healthcare to entrepreneurship, America is made stronger by the presence of immigrants, not walls.”

Trump laid out some key bi-partisan goals such as research to end childhood cancer and HIV/AIDS as well as successes, including economic gains, infrastructure and criminal justice reform.

Guests in the gallery included formerly incarcerated offenders who he had pardoned under new bi-partisan criminal justice reform. Those guests included Alice Johnson, who had served nearly 22 years of a life sentence as a first-time drug offender and Matthew Charles, sentenced to 35 years for selling drugs now “the first person to be released from prison under the First Step Act,” Trump said.

Despite the bipartisan highlights in the speech, black leaders note that his “racist” views and policy omissions far outweigh the positives.

“Once again the president used the State of the Union as an opportunity to spew the same racist rhetoric, that does nothing but bolster his detachment and disinterest towards the real issues that plague our nation,” NAACP President Derrick Johnson said in a statement. “While President Trump rallied for a wall on the border and credited his presidency for



Former prison inmate Alice Johnson, with hand-raised, had been serving a mandatory life sentence without parole for charges associated with a nonviolent drug case. She was incarcerated for 22 years before she was released by President Trump last June based on new bi-partisan criminal justice policy.

lowering unemployment numbers, which he touted after the longest government shutdown in our nation’s history, he conveniently overlooked the voter suppression, over policing, gun violence and detrimental and xenophobic immigration policies that his administration has instituted that disproportionately affect communities of color.”

Johnson continued in his statement, “As racism continues to permeate through every level of our society, it’s clear from his failure to protect the right to vote and civil rights for ALL, that this president’s agenda represents nothing but pain and suffering for communities of color, the poor, the LGBT community, women and immigrants. Because of this, the state of our union is not strong.”

Jim Clyburn, the most powerful black member of Congress as House majority whip, pointed out that Democrats are ready to work with the president, but their disagreement on

the meaning of “greatness” is a major barrier.

“We welcome his words of comity and are hopeful there will be issues like infrastructure, prescription drug costs and defeating the spread of HIV where we can find common ground. However, as House Democrats, we know the role we were elected to play and, as my faith teaches me, we know we will be judged on our deeds not our words.

“The president’s theme tonight was ‘Choosing Greatness,’ but I question how he defines that term. I believe that America is already great, and, like historian Alexis de Tocqueville wrote in Democracy in America, the country’s greatness ‘lies not in being more enlightened than any other nation, but rather in her ability to repair her faults.’ Democrats stand ready to work with the president when possible, but in strong opposition when necessary, to repair our faults so we may become a more perfect union.”

## Hopes

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will look like America.”

Because both candidates have been watched by political observers for years, their formal announcements may also impact the strength of the electorate, Martin says. She hopes their candidacies will lead to increased voter registrations and voter turnout in black communities.

The announcements of Harris and Booker are already attracting the attention of people from diverse walks of life.

Rev. Derrick Harkins, national director of Faith Outreach for the Democratic National Committee who served as a faith issue advisor to the Obama campaign, says both Harris and Booker will soar because of what will prove to be energetic campaigns and their donors and support will be competitive. But Harris’ first move may have given her an advantage. And the number and the excitement of the people who showed up for her Oakland announcement was reminiscent of the Obama enthusiasm.

“The energy and focus around her announcement was impressive. I haven’t seen that energy and momentum in other people,” Harkins said. “This was important to her and those waiting in the wings.”

However, political observers agree that no contender – at least not in the near future – will rise to the euphoria of the candidacy of America’s first black president, Barack Obama.

“2008 was lightning in a bottle,” Harkins noted. “The energy, fervor and enthusiasm won’t probably be replicated in our lifetime... We’re in a different place. For them, it will probably be more ‘retail,’ pushing people out there. They have to mobilize, organize to make sure people will come out.”

“There is always the down side for both candidates. Because Harris has such a long record, even as a first-term senator, she is already be-

ing buffeted by scrutiny and criticism,” said political analyst and media commentator Avis Jones-DeWeever.

“Her challenge is that she has a long and controversial record, I will admit. But she’s being held to an extremely high level of scrutiny,” Jones-DeWeever says.

Jones-DeWeever also points out that Harris has ties to the ‘system’ that raises a lot of people’s suspicions.

“I think she needs to lay out her own criminal justice agenda, have a specific speech on this, spell out the issues and detail what she’ll do going forward,” said Jones-DeWeever, who is president and CEO of the consulting firm, Incite Unlimited, LLC. “We have to be careful not to be over-critical and not hold her to a different standard. A lot of people aren’t asking this of other candidates.”

But, for African Americans in many quarters, Harris has struck the right chord in the way she entered the race with the announcement on Martin Luther King Jr. Day; her first news conference held at her alma mater, Howard University; and her ability to draw a large crowd to her formal announcement at Frank Ogawa Plaza in front of City Hall in her hometown of Oakland, CA. She also got kudos for her remark in front of her Alpha Kappa Alpha sorors in South Carolina.

But in walks the popular orator and politician Sen. Corey Booker.

Kansas City resident and political observer Emily Brown says Booker’s entrance into the presidential fray surprised her.

“I followed Sen. Booker as mayor. He’s an excellent senator, very strong,” she said. “I was shocked that he’s running but having multiple candidates of color is a very positive thing. I’ve never seen a more diverse group running. We saw that in the midterms. I am concerned

but think she’s a strong candidate.”

Gloria Murry-Ford said she recently met Booker at a fundraiser for former Georgia State Rep. Stacey Adams and left impressed.

“I took a selfie with him. He’s a very nice, very personable, very smart man,” she said. “I know he’s a Rhodes Scholar but I don’t know a lot about him and I don’t know how he’s doing. They are two powerful black people. I watched Sen. Harris. I saw the town hall and liked what I saw. I think she’s smart, she’s good, knows what questions to ask and has gotten her message together. She had a great rollout.”

Murry-Ford, a former CNN reporter and now a communications expert specializing in crisis management and strategic communications in Washington, DC, said she was less than impressed with the junior New Jersey senator’s announcement.

“Booker’s rollout was light,” she said. “Standing at a chain link fence? Optics is important and his optics weren’t as great. She had a great roll out. It was magnificent. She claimed her blackness. It’s not bad to be black anymore. With him it was a different atmosphere. He’s got to nail down his message, tighten up stuff.”

Political scientist Harmon Martin said she’s confident that Booker and Harris will campaign well, even as they deal with the rough and tumble nature of politics and the often coarse and abrasive criticism and attacks that come with it.

“Hey, cheers to Sen. Harris and Sen. Booker,” she said. “I’m a little biased because she’s my soror. She’s an African-American woman and attended an HBCU. I really like Booker too. He’s an outstanding choice, a good mayor, committed to black people. I despise when people place a litmus test on whose black enough. Allow both candidates to do well, and may the best woman win.”

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certified family medicine physician, who has practiced at Henry Ford Health System (HFHS) since 1993. She seeks partnerships and alliances to make Detroit the healthiest city in the country, as well as opportunities to educate communities and organizations on health and wellness.

She is currently the service chief of Family Medicine for Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital, director of Practice Development and Community Health Education, ambassador for Healthcare Equity and Global Health ambassador for the Breaking Walls Organization.

Dr. Norwood is an assistant clinical professor for Wayne State University School of Medicine and serves on the Multicultural Leadership Committee for the American Heart Association, among many other honors.

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# HCHRA receives donation to promote Early Childhood Literacy

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Hinds County Human Resource Agency's (HCHRA) Early Head Start program received a cash donation and a collection of children's books from Mary S. Jones to help promote early childhood literacy.

Jones presented a \$200 donation to LaTessa Long, HCHRA's director of Children's Services, in support of the agency's Early Head Start literacy program. Jones said she wanted to make the donation because she enjoys helping children. She specifically requested that the books be donated to The Della J. Caugills Early Head Start, which was named in honor of her sister, Della J. Caugills, who worked at HCHRA for more than 41 years and served as education director for the agency's Head Start programs.

HCHRA is a public non-profit Community Action Agency dedicated to helping families and strengthening communities. For more than 41 years, HCHRA has built its solid reputation in eradicating poverty by empowering disadvantaged Hinds County citizens to become self-reliant and realize their full potential.

For more information about the agency's Head Start and Early Head Start programs, or to learn how you can support program development and provide additional opportunities for disadvantaged citizens, visit [www.hchra.org](http://www.hchra.org).



Mary S. Jones (L) presents donation to LaTessa Long in honor of Della J. Caugills.

# BankPlus and FHLB Dallas to Award More Than \$40K to Mississippi Nonprofits



CSE, Dress for Success Metro Jackson and MadCAAP received grants from BankPlus and HHLB Dallas.



Jackson City Councilman Charles Tillman, Dr. Safiya Omari, Jean Liston and Fannie Ware at the presentation. PHOTOS BY KEVIN BRADLEY

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BankPlus and the Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas (FHLB Dallas) awarded more than \$40,000 in Partnership Grant Program (PGP) funds to three local nonprofits during a ceremonial check presentation February 1 in Jackson.

The Center for Social Entrepreneurship (CSE), a nonprofit that focuses on enhancing the quality of life in areas such as education, economic business development and housing, received \$16,000; Dress for Suc-

cess Metro Jackson, an organization that provides women career development support, received \$10,470; and Madison Countians Allied Against Poverty (MadCAAP), an organization that provides resources for education, nutrition and housing repair for families living in poverty in Madison County, received \$16,000.

The PGP grant enables FHLB Dallas member institutions like BankPlus to make contributions to community-based organizations (CBO),

which FHLB Dallas will match at a 3:1 ratio.

In 2018, FHLB Dallas awarded \$300,000 in PGP funds through its 31 member institutions to assist 32 CBOs. Combined with the \$114,010 contributed by FHLB Dallas members, a total of \$414,010 has been awarded to the organizations.

The check presentation was held at BankPlus, 912 Dalton Street in Jackson.

For more information about the PGP, visit [fhlb.com/pgp](http://fhlb.com/pgp).

# 2018 Hyundai IONIQ Electric Limited: An autoganic delight

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My perspective on alternative energy sources is quite simple. I absolutely love electric vehicles (EV) and the potential they have for impacting and reducing human reliance on crude oil. Global Warming is not a myth folks, so we have to absolutely do all we can to sustain Mother Earth's future by righting many of the wrongs committed through pollution.

Therefore, I become enamored when automotive brands like Hyundai commit to resolutions that help rectify the quandary by way vehicles running off our electrical grid such as the 2018 IONIQ Electric Limited we recently tested.

Our midsize sedan came in a Symphony Air Silver exterior hue and black on black interior which was rather roomy and designed with recycled and ecologically-sensitive materials. In the backrow the kids had all the legroom needed for their daily antics without complaints and the headroom for my 6-foot frame was more than adequate. Moreover, to reduce battery usage, Hyundai's climate control system can be switched to 'Driver only' mode.

The IONIQ Electric rolls on chunky 205/55R16 Michelin tires wrapped around eco-spoke alloy rims. The package was pleasantly impressive during driving periods in extreme wintry conditions in the Northeast part of the country. HID Xenon headlamps with Dynamic Bending Lights (DBL) and LED taillamps enhance the IONIQ's technology capabilities.

EVs are fun to drive being that their electric torque creates instantaneous acceleration. I experienced the IONIQ



Electric Limited in the city, on longer highway stretches and in smaller community neighborhoods and enjoyed each manner of maneuverability. Keep in mind the IONIQ (as with most EVs) decelerates just as fast as it takes off when you let off the accelerator. Even without mashing the brake pedal the vehicle will feel like you mashed the brake pedal unless constant pressure is kept on the e-gas.

The autoganic Korean darling features a 118-horsepower 88kW electric powertrain, 28 kWh 360V lithium-ion polymer battery, 6.6 kW on-board charger and DC Fast Charging capabilities. The typical drive selector is replaced with individual push buttons and regenerative braking can be actuated through the steering wheel control paddles. Get this, the flat-bottom steering wheel is just as sporty as some of Hyundai's other sedans.

The mindset of an EV driver is unique. You want to give back to the planet by rewarding it with consciousness but simultaneously do not wish to be inconvenienced. With a fully-charged driving range of 124

miles Hyundai's EV is perfect for intown errands and short roundtrips to the grocer and picking up the kids.

Yet, in my opinion the household will need to own at least one other vehicle due to the time it takes to charge and the unpredictability of life events. For example, I wanted to use the IONIQ for every stop I needed to make in a 14-hour span but had to come home to juice when the e-miles were counting down. My daughters would have lambasted me if I stopped at a station to charge after their long day of school and practices.

In my garage using the normal AC 120V the IONIQ needed an entire day and night for rejuvenation. If I were an EV owner I would have installed an AC Charger 240V so that the re-ups would only take 4 hours or so. Some popular charger models are the ClipperCreek, Juicebox Pro 40 and the AeroVironment TurboCord.

As well, at Home Depot you can pick up a ChargePoint charger for \$778 or a Siemens for \$433. According to Home Advisor the national average for the actual installation of a standard

240V EV charging station ranges between \$425 and \$978.

Thankfully the IONIQ's onboard Energy Information computations provided me with the time allotments each energy source required to charge. The fastest at 30 minutes is the industrial DC Fast Charger that supplies Direct Current (DC) to an EV without the need for a rectifier. You'll find these at airports, dealerships and large retailers. The AC Charger (Alternating Current) requires conversion to DC power utilizing the EV's onboard charger (rectifier). Since spacing is limited they are usually small, which in turn requires more time to charge the EV.

With my loaner I took a drive to Electrify America(EA) to learn about the company's EV station rollout. Our IONIQelectric was thrilled to be receiving fresh juice after the hour-long trip down to Reston, VA from Silver Spring, MD.

EA isdevoting \$2 billion over a 10-year period to expand the Zero Emission Vehicle infrastructure, educate curious consumers and increase access to their nationwide charging net-

work.

Millions of Americans will become enlightened by the advantages of electric driving stemming from 17 metropolitan locations and high-traffic corridors in 42 states including two cross-country routes. Owners and vehicle manufacturers can also expect more than 2,000 EA chargers across 484 stations sites in the U.S. by July 1, 2019.

Thus, I'm looking forward to seeing EA populate shopping centers so EV lovers can become more secure with their daily routines without worrying about range anxiety which is that expressed emotion when running low on power without a charging station in site. Mike Moran in communications explained that Electrify America will place stations – in clusters of 4 to ten chargers – at more than 100 Walmart stores.

Just because your vehicle is electric doesn't mean it will be basic, especially if we're referring to the iconic IONIQ. For \$36,885 my ride was adorned with a power tilt and sliding sunroof, 8" touchscreen navigation system and rearview camera, SiriusXM, Android Auto

and Apple CarPlay, a power driver's seat, heated front seats and wireless phone charging which I used often.

The IONIQ Electric Limited was additionally enhanced with Blue Link Connected Services and Blue Link Connected Care. For safety and convenience Hyundai empowered the EV with Smart Cruise Control featuring start/stop technology, a proximity key and push button starter, Vehicle Stability Management, Lane Keep Assist System and Automatic Emergency Braking to name a few.

The world is advancing through innovation quicker than a blink of an eye, and rightfully so. We must all begin adapting. Gasoline-powered autos still rule the land but it's inevitable that electric vehicles will become our future, and in time their reign will increase precipitously.

**Pros**  
Quick electric charge  
Extensive multi-media features  
Roomy interior

**Cons**  
Range anxiety still kicks in





# Governor’s Arts Awards to broadcast Feb. 15 on MPB Television and MPB Think Radio

Mississippi Link Newswire

The 31st annual Governor’s Arts Awards will air on MPB Television and MPB Think Radio at 8 p.m. Feb. 15. An encore television broadcast is set for 2 p.m. Feb. 17.

Each year the awards are presented to outstanding individuals or organizations that have made significant contributions to or achieved excellence in Mississippi arts. This year’s ceremony will take place at 6 p.m. Feb. 7 at the Old Capitol Museum in downtown Jackson. A public reception at 4:30 p.m. will precede the ceremony.

Established in 1988, the awards event is presented by the Mississippi Arts Commission in partnership with the Governor’s Office.

The seven recipients this year are as follows:

• Dr. London Branch: Excellence in Music and Education – An accomplished classical and jazz musician as well as a music educator, Branch is the founder of Jackson State University’s Symphony Orchestra.



Canton Spirituals

• The Canton Spirituals: Lifetime Achievement Award – One of the nation’s most popular and influential gospel groups, The Canton Spirituals formed in 1943 and still perform today. The group pioneered an urban sound, which blends R&B and the blues with gospel.

• Ruth Miller: Excellence in Visual Art – She is a textile artist who creates realistic portraits, landscapes and abstract works made entirely of yarn.

Miller is a past recipient of Mississippi Arts Commission’s visual art fellowship. She has taught at Tougaloo College and the prestigious Penland School of Crafts.

• New Stage Theatre: Excellence in Theatre – Founded in 1965, it is the only professional theatre in Jackson, Miss., with more than 50 years in operation. The theatre has been committed to presenting diverse voices through its productions



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and casting.

• James Patterson: Excellence in Photography and Community Support – The late Jackson-area portrait, commercial and fine art photographer was a regular contributor to such publications as the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal* and many other respected publications and in advertisements for well-known brands. Patterson was a longtime friend to the Mississippi

arts community and promoted artists and events.

• Hartley and Mary Peavey: Governor’s Choice Award – The Peaveys own and operate Peavey Electronics founded by Hartley Peavey in 1965. Peavey is an internationally known brand serving musicians everywhere with quality sound products. The Peaveys are active supporters and advocates of arts education.

• Julia Reed: Cultural Am-



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bassador – The Greenville, Mississippi native’s long career in journalism led her to posts at *Elle Décor*, *Garden & Gun*, *Wall Street Journal*, the *New York Times*, *Newsweek* and *Vogue*. Though she traveled the world in her various roles, Reed has long served as a cultural ambassador for the state. She is the author of six books and is also an instrumental organizer of the Delta Hot Tamale Festival.

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# Callaway Mock Trial team advances to state bar championship



Members of the Callaway High School Mock Trial Team are (from right) Justin Nichols, Joi'Dawn Smith, Kristie Moore, Dr. Brian Grizzell, Areianna Reddick, Reign Grizzell, Madison Singleton, Cameron Moore.

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The Callaway High School Mock Trial team won the Mississippi Bar Regional Mock Trial Competition January 19. The team has advanced to the State Mississippi Bar Championship and is now one of the top seven teams in the competition. Brian Grizzell is their teacher-coach. The team's attorney coaches are Kellie Grizzell, Esq.; Candace Gregory Mayberry, Esq.; and Marc Perez, Esq.

The simulated trial was a civil action brought forward by a student-athlete who was hit in the back of the head with a baseball by a rival player. The plaintiff brought forth the case in

an attempt to prove willful intent. Members of the team were: Justin Nichols, plaintiff attorney Areianna Reddick, plaintiff attorney Joi'Dawn Smith, plaintiff attorney Madison Singleton, defense attorney Cameron Yarber, defense attorney Kristie White, defense attorney Reign Grizzell, witness Jaiden Vaughn, witness, Charlicya Wilson, timekeeper

At the end of the regional tournament, all six attorneys were ranked Most Effective Attorney and the two witnesses were ranked Most Effective Witness.

Callaway competed against teams representing top high schools in the area such as Brandon High, Madison Central, St. Aloysius, St. Andrews, Holy Cross and others. Theirs was the only team from a JPS school to compete in the tournament. They received a special invitation from the Mississippi College School of Law to participate in advocacy activities at the law school.

U.S. Attorney Michael Hurst sponsored the Callaway Mock Trial team. He and U.S. Senator Michael Guest were present to encourage and congratulate them. The team goes back to trial March 1 and 2.

# CDC robotics team pitches project to MS Manufacturers Association



Kathryn Ragsdale, external affairs manager (MS, MO & TN), Toyota (left) and CDC engineering and robotics students Latez Ward, Brianna Green and Amari Gaynor

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The Horlucks Robotics Team from the Jackson Public Schools Career Development Center presented at the Mississippi Manufacturers Association reception January 22.

Lydia Allison, the coordinator of the Mississippi BEST Robotics program at Mississippi State, supported the team as they showcased their robot to the business and legislative attendees of the event. This oppor-

tunity gave the students real-life experience delivering formal presentations which are helpful in achieving project objectives.

The participating students were Brianna Green, a senior at Province, and Forest Hill students Latez Ward, 11th grade and Amari Gaynor, 10th grade. Their instructor is Oluwafemi Oloko, the engineering and robotics instructor at the career development center.

# Hardwood Hero of the Week for January 28

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Timisha Smith of Murrah High School is the Hardwood Hero of the Week for January 28. Smith is a 5-7 junior guard for the Lady Mustangs. She had 15 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists and 3 steals in a win over Warren Central.

Circle B will donate \$120 in Smith's name to the WJMI Circle B Brand Foods JPS High School Basketball Fund.

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# MSU recognized as top 10 Military Friendly School

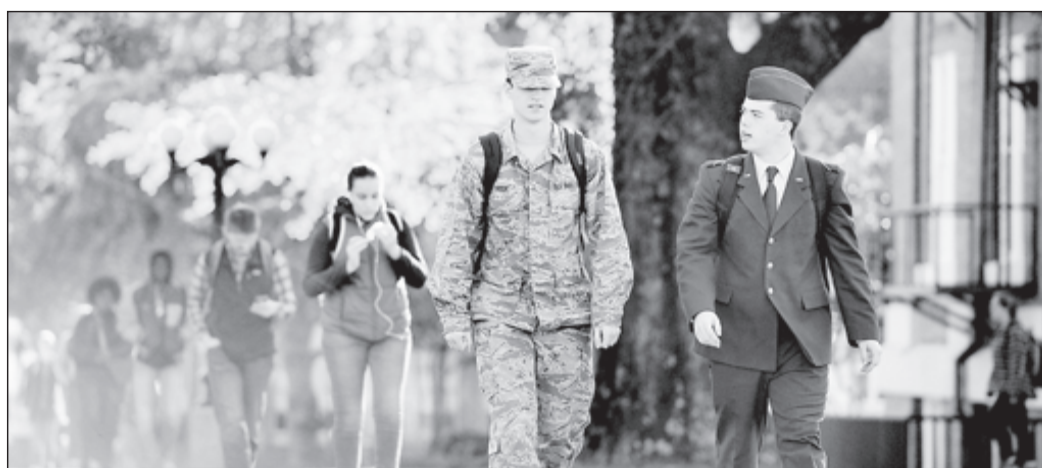
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Mississippi State University is being recognized as a 2019 top 10 Military Friendly school for its commitment to supporting service members, veterans and their dependents.

The distinction was recently awarded to MSU by VIQORY, formerly Victory Media, which annually evaluates post-secondary schools for support of student veterans. For the second consecutive year, MSU has earned the Military Friendly Gold Medal.

Building on historical military roots, MSU has long been recognized as one of the nation's most veteran-friendly universities. Including dependents, the veteran community at MSU now comprises 2,810 students. These students are served by MSU's G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery Center for America's Veterans and a network of specially trained university personnel.

The Montgomery Center for America's Veterans is led by Brian Locke, a retired U.S. Army lieutenant colonel. Locke said MSU continues to look for ways to do more for veterans. Recently, MSU has worked with the Mississippi National Guard to create a free tuition program for Guard members enrolled full time at MSU, and the university has



Mississippi State is once again being recognized for its commitment to America's service members, veterans and dependents, earning a top 10 Military Friendly school designation from VIQORY, formerly Victory Media. PHOTO BY MEGAN BEAN

waived application fees for undergraduate and graduate student veterans.

"I am proud to belong to a university that strives to support all of our military-connected students," Locke said. "Many universities claim to be military friendly, but here at Mississippi State we prove it through our actions. This recognition is further evidence of the promises and commitment we make to all of our service members, veterans and dependents who choose Mississippi State to pursue their educational goals."

In 2016, MSU completed construction of the G. V. "Sonny" Montgomery Center for America's Veterans at Nusz Hall, a 7,500 square-foot campus facility featur-

ing administrative offices, meeting areas, study rooms, a computer lab, and indoor and outdoor spaces for social and recreational activities. The center serves as a one-stop shop for processing of all veteran educational benefits.

This year, MSU was ranked No. 5 among tier 2 research universities by VIQORY, placing it among the top schools for military personnel and their students. After data was gathered for this year's Military Friendly rankings, MSU became a Carnegie Foundation "Very High Research Activity," or tier 1, institution. This classification represents the highest level of research activity for doctorate-granting universities in the country.

MSU was designated a "Purple Heart University" in 2015 by the Military Order of the Purple Heart for outstanding service to military veterans, service members, dependents and survivors.

VIQORY's evaluation showed that MSU exceeded standards in all measured categories, including culture, financial aid, military student support and retention, as well as academic policies and compliance.

For more, see <https://www.militaryfriendly.com/schools/mississippi-state-university/>.

For more on MSU's services available to veterans, visit [www.veterans.msstate.edu](http://www.veterans.msstate.edu).

MSU is Mississippi's leading university, available online at [www.msstate.edu](http://www.msstate.edu).

## Phil Hardin Foundation Awards grant to Millsaps College for new summer internship program

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Millsaps College has received a \$122,000 grant from the Phil Hardin Foundation to establish a summer internship program in Meridian.

The program, which will get under way this summer, will provide paid internships at numerous organizations in Meridian plus housing for 10 Millsaps students.

Ryan Colvin, director of the Millsaps Center for Career Education, said the program will provide students the opportunity to obtain skills that will prepare them for meaningful work after graduation and give them a connection to Meridian, all while getting paid.

"Students who need income over the summer are often forced to choose between an internship that will advance their career goals and a summer job that may not progress or complement their desired career outcomes, but they won't have to make that choice with this new internship program," he said.

Each Millsaps student selected as an intern will receive \$5,000, plus paid-for housing, for an eight- to 10-week internship.

The Mississippi Arts & Entertainment Experience (The MAX), the Meridian Museum of Art, East Mississippi Business Development Corp., Rush Health Systems, the Meridian Freedom Project, the Meridian Council for the Arts and the Community Development Department of the city of Meridian have agreed to accept interns.

The summer internship program will benefit not only Millsaps students but also Meridian and, hopefully, the state of Mississippi, said Kenneth Townsend, director of the Institute for Civic and Professional Engagement at Millsaps.

"News reports in recent months have confirmed that Mississippi is losing its millennial population at a faster rate than any state in the nation," he said. "Many young people are leaving the state, including communities such as Meridian,

not because they want to leave but because they feel forced out because they are unable to find suitable and meaningful work opportunities after they graduate from college.

"If Mississippi is to slow, and eventually reverse, the so-called brain drain of our millennial population, we must be creative, intentional and tireless in cultivating student populations that can thrive amidst adversity, and we must establish programs and pipelines that connect our state's young people with opportunities beyond college."

"We're excited about this program from multiple perspectives," said Lloyd Gray, executive director of the Phil Hardin Foundation, which is based in Meridian and funds educational initiatives statewide. "We know Millsaps will provide exceptional students as interns, and several of the organizations they will work for are our local grantees as well. By the same token, we know these organizations will provide a high-quality work experience for the students."

"It's our hope that after an immersive experience in the history, culture, and current opportunities in Meridian, some of the students may consider locating in Meridian at some point after graduation."

The initial Hardin grant funds the internships for the summers of 2019 and 2020.

Anna Watson, director of the Meridian Freedom Project, an academic and leadership program for sixth through twelfth graders, has provided assistance with considerations such as where interns will live and opportunities for them to socialize.

Housing will be provided at Meridian Community College and periodic programming will allow students to get to know each other and the local community as well as the cultural organizations.

For more information, contact Ryan Colvin, director of the Millsaps Center for Career Education, at 601-974-1346 or [colvird@millsaps.edu](mailto:colvird@millsaps.edu).

## Mississippi Public Universities conduct research to improve health of Mississippians

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

The United Health Foundation recently released the 2018 America's Health Rankings Annual Report®, the 29th annual report on a wide variety of health and health-related topics. Using the latest publicly available data, the report looks at 35 core measures across a comprehensive set of behaviors, community and environmental conditions, policies, clinical care and health outcomes. The report ranks Mississippi as 49th for overall health, surprising no one.

Mississippi Public Universities work hard to change the statistics that lead to this ranking. Through research across the system, scientists housed within the universities are finding ways to improve the health and lives of Mississippians.

The Jackson State University School of Public Health is engaged in research funded by the National Institutes of Health that focuses on cardiovascular disease (CVD) and obesity through its Jackson State University Jackson Heart Study Graduate Training and Education Center (JSU JHS GTEC) and Center of Excellence in Minority Health and Health Disparities (CEMHD), respectively.

Through the JSU JHS GTEC, students in social, behavioral, and medical sciences are trained in the Daniel Hale Williams Scholars Program (DHWS). The DHWS provides training and education to prepare them for careers in biomedical sciences to combat health issues such as CVD.

The CEMHD focuses on obesity. Among the research in the CEMHD is its community engagement and outreach. The

CEMHD provides community health education and promotion through its annual health conferences and meetings and encourages the public to live a healthy lifestyle to reduce health disparities such as diseases and health conditions related to obesity. This research contributes to some of the most pressing health issues in Mississippi.

Mississippi State University is involved in several research projects and initiatives that address health problems Mississippians, and all Americans, face each day.

In September 2018, MSU Extension was awarded a \$5.5 million grant from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention to fund AIM for CHange, or "Advancing, Inspiring, Motivating for Community Health Through Extension," to combat obesity in Mississippi. The AIM for CHange initiative goals include reducing obesity rates through a comprehensive approach that not only addresses issues within food systems, such as access to healthy foods, but also takes environmental and policy-level approaches to help communities address issues such as outdoor recreation, community walkability and educational programming.

In addition to several initiatives aimed at reducing obesity rates, MSU is leading multiple projects to combat the opioid crisis in Mississippi. MSU Extension recently received a \$310,000 grant from the USDA for the "Preventing Opioid Misuse in the South East," or PROMISE program.

MSU's National Strategic Planning and Analysis Research Center received a feder-

al grant in October to leverage data resources in efforts to prevent opioid abuse, treat addiction, and help law enforcement across the state combat the crisis. NSPARC plans to establish a statewide clearinghouse where data from multiple entities can be collected, integrated and aligned, providing partner agencies with data-driven decision-making tools and maximizing efficiency of Mississippi's resources strategically and in high-needs areas.

Establishment of this clearinghouse is in direct response to a major objective outlined in the Governor's Opioid and Heroin Study Task Force final report released in 2017 as directed by Governor Phil Bryant's Executive Order 1388.

Since 2016, MSU has partnered with the University of Mississippi Medical Center and the Myrlie Evers-Williams Institute for the Elimination of Health Disparities at UMMC to address the social determinants of health by focusing on areas such as child health disparities, HIV/AIDS disparities, minority male health disparities and cancer health disparities.

Mississippi University for Women biology professor Dr. Ghanshyam Heda recently received a \$55,000 grant from the Mississippi IDEa Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE) to aid student research related to cystic fibrosis. This is the eighth consecutive year for his research to be funded. Heda currently has three research projects in progress, all with an overall goal to identify drug reagents that can help cystic fibrosis patients.

Undergraduate students, primarily those majoring in biology, are major contribu-

tors to the progress made in his various research projects. Heda said the students are doing not only well in their classroom, but also becoming confident, developing their writing and presentation skills and successfully obtaining admissions into graduate and medical schools.

In addition to the renewal of research funds, Mississippi-INBRE also approved Heda's request of about \$14,500 to upgrade a state-of-the-art analytical scanner, called Azur Bio-system c300 that was acquired about a year ago.

This work was supported by the Mississippi INBRE, funded by an Institutional Development Award (IDeA) from the National Institute of General Medicine Sciences of the National Institutes of Health under grant number P20GM103476.

At Mississippi Valley State University, the Valley in Motion grant, sponsored by the Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi Foundation, has been transformative for the university and the Delta where there's a prevalence of chronic diseases—heart disease, stroke, hypertension and diabetes. The grant is designed to help Mississippians take small steps and help them learn best practices to maximize results.

MVSU Assistant Professor of Environmental Health Dr. Mark Dugo has joined the board of directors for the Fannie Lou Hamer Cancer Foundation (FLHCF). The Ruleville-based non-profit was founded and is led by MVSU alumna Freddie White-Johnson. Its mission includes preventing cancer in the Mississippi Delta by increasing awareness and establishing a public agenda for the prevention of cancer.

## Invitation to attend Mississippi Valley State University's Spring 2019 Career Fair



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The Career Services Center at Mississippi Valley State University cordially invites you to attend the Spring 2019 Career Fair, Tuesday, March 19, 2019, Harrison HPER Complex-Concourse Level, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Registration will begin at 9:15 a.m.

This career fair is designed to provide you with an effective and efficient way to recruit students and alumni seeking full-time, part-time, internship and co-op opportunities in Engineering Technology, Education, Social Work, Business Administration, Criminal Justice, English & Foreign Languages, Fine Arts (Music & Design), Health, Physical Education &

Recreation, Mass Communication, Mathematics, Computer & Information Sciences, Natural Sciences & Environmental Health and Social Sciences programs.

The registration fee for the fair is \$200 per organization. The registration fee includes the cost of the display booth (i.e. table with tablecloth, chairs and sign), registration pack, refreshments, and luncheon.

Please complete our online registration process by clicking on the link below:

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# JSU alum Lottie Joiner talks humanitarian crisis, challenges JSU community to serve

By Rachel James-Terry  
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As a JSU student, Lottie Joiner said she never imagined returning to her alma mater more than 20 years later to keynote the Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Convocation hosted by the Margaret Walker Center at the Rose E. McCoy Auditorium.

“I want you guys to remember, eyes haven’t seen, and ears haven’t heard all the plans God has for you,” Joiner, editor-in-chief for *Crisis Magazine*, the official publication of the NAACP, told the audience Friday, Jan. 18.

Created in 1910, *Crisis Magazine* was founded by W.E.B. DuBois and remains the nation’s oldest African-American magazine in circulation. Topics found in *Crisis* focus on social justice, civil rights, black history, and African-American art and culture. Margaret Walker, noted writer, poet and former JSU professor, had her first poem published in the *Crisis*.

A graduate of Callaway High School, Joiner graduated from JSU in 1994 magna cum laude with a degree in mass communications. The alum reminisced about her days at Jackson State University working for WJSU as a radio host on Sunday mornings. It was a time before social media; Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. It was a time, Joiner shared, when she didn’t need glasses, concealer or Spanx and could dance all night in heels.

**Pride and civic duty**  
“It was a time where the professors at Jackson State instilled in us a sense of pride and civic duty, although we probably didn’t realize it at the time,” she said.

Joiner recalled having to learn all the words to “Lift Every Voice and Sing” for her first assignment in an English class. “We could sing it or recite it, but we had to get in front of the whole class and prove we knew the song,” she explained.

In her political science class, Joiner and her peers had to be registered to vote. “You had to have the card sitting on your desk in plain sight before he would give you the test questions,” Joiner explained.

Her African-American history professor challenged students to attend class, one day, as someone they admired. So Joiner showed up as Madame CJ Walker complete with a faux fur and straightening comb.

“Here on this campus, our professors saw so much promise in us. They were preparing us for our future,” she said. “We were becoming productive citizens. We were training to enter the world of work and give back to society.”

Joiner then asked the audience to imagine being at JSU excited about their future when suddenly their lives are interrupted because of their skin color.

**The real humanitarian crisis**

“Today, as we celebrate what would’ve been Dr. Martin Luther King’s 90th birthday, I would like to talk about the real humanitarian crisis,” said Joiner, before launching into various heart-wrenching examples of racial discrimination like the Groveland Four, who in 1949 were falsely accused of raping a white woman.



Lottie Joiner was the keynote speaker for the 51st Annual Martin Luther King Jr., Birthday Convocation hosted by the Margaret Walker Center. Joiner is the editor-in-chief of *The Crisis Magazine*, the official publication of the NAACP, and a Washington, D.C.-based freelance writer. PHOTOS BY CHARLES A. SMITH/JSU



“We are proud of the fact that we have one of the longest-serving MLK celebrations in the country. We thank Margaret Walker and the Margaret Walker Center for continuing the tradition at this great institution,” Dr. William B. Bynum Jr., 11th president of JSU, told the audience inside of the Rose E. McCoy Auditorium.



Chokwe Lumumba, mayor of the city of Jackson, offered greetings at the 51st Annual Martin Luther King Jr., Birthday Convocation at JSU.



Gabrielle Baker, Miss Jackson State University, presented the occasion.



Toward the end of the MLK birthday celebration at JSU, students locked hands and sung “We shall overcome” in tribute to the life of Martin Luther King Jr.



From left to right: Dr. Robert Smith, advisory board chair for the Margaret Walker Center; Pamela Junior, director of the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum; Grace Sweet co-author of *Church Street: The Sugar Hill of Jackson, Mississippi*; Dr. Robert Luckett, director of the Margaret Walker Center; Lottie Joiner, JSU alum and editor-in-chief of *The Crisis Magazine*; Dr. Mario Azevedo, dean of the College of Liberal Arts; and Charlie Braxton, JSU alum, writer and cultural critic. (Benjamin Bradley not pictured)

An angry mob chased and killed one of the young men. The other three were convicted and put in prison; one for life and two on death row. In 1951, the United States Supreme Court ordered a retrial of the latter two. However, on the

way to the new trial, both men were shot by the sheriff, who claimed they tried to escape. One man succumbed to his injuries, while the other was sent back to prison. In 2017, the four were posthumously exonerated.

Joiner, talked about Kalief Browder, a 16-year-old imprisoned in 2010 for three years without a trial for the alleged theft of a backpack. He faced senseless abuse and solitary confinement while incarcerated. Two years after his release,

Browder committed suicide.

“Hope Unborn,” Joiner said from the podium. “All examples of lives lost to an unjust criminal justice system that preys on poor and minority populations, draining our communities of brain power and talent.”

She then pointed out that although African Americans make up 13 percent of the population, they are the majority of individuals wrongly imprisoned.

- “Ladies and gentlemen, this is the real humanitarian crisis. The thousands of lives lost to wrongful convictions,” she stated with compassion. However, Joiner did not stop there; she included the following social injustices as an example of the humanitarian crisis:
- Poverty and a failed education system
  - Voter suppression
  - Racially motivated violence
  - Unarmed black people killed by police.

She also referenced the arguably alarming number of incidents where the police were called on people of color for doing seemingly ordinary things like black men meeting at Starbucks; black women

playing golf; black children selling water, mowing the lawn or taking a swim; or black families reuniting in a park over barbecue and potato salad.

**For my people**

Joiner then charged the JSU community to vote, illustrating the power in voting.

“We are voting for our families. We are voting to protect our communities. We are voting so that no harm comes to our children. We are voting so that our water will not be poisoned like in Flint,” she said. “We are voting so that future generation will not be murdered without consequence like Emmett Till, Trayvon Martin and Laquan McDonald. We are voting so that 800, 000 federal workers can support their families.”

“Serve” was the second charge made by Joiner. “Dr. King said life’s most persistent and urgent question is what are you going to do for others. Dr. King also said, ‘Everybody can be great because everybody can serve,’” she shared. “You don’t have to have a college degree to serve. You don’t have to make your subject and verb agree to serve.

You only need a heart full of love and grace; a soul generated by love, those are Dr. King’s words.”

Immediately following the MLK Convocation, the Margaret Walker Center held its 24th Annual For My People Awards” in the student center ballroom. Joiner and the following individuals were honored for their contributions to African-American history and culture: Pamela Junior, on behalf of the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum; Charlie Braxton, writer, poet, playwright and journalist; and Grace Sweet and Benjamin Bradley, co-authors of the book “Church Street: The Sugar Hill of Jackson, Mississippi.”

Robert Luckett, associate history professor and director of the Margaret Walker Center, explained that the recipients made their marks on local, state and national levels.

“We were proud to lift up the work of the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum in its first year of existence, the research and writing of Grace Sweet and Benjamin Bradley, the literary contributions of Charlie Braxton, and the social impact of Lottie Joiner through her role as editor-in-chief of the NAACP’s *The Crisis magazine*,” Luckett said.

Braxton, JSU alum and former Student Government Association president, said he was naturally honored beyond measure. “As a poet, Dr. Margaret Walker was one of my idols and to win an award named after her historical poem, ‘For my People,’ is a supreme accolade for a poet.”

Junior, director of the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum, said when accepting the award, she was reminded of the reason the museum was built. “It was built ‘For My People.’ This place, this museum, the people’s museum has become an educational tool to the masses, and we wear this title with humility and courage.”

All award recipients offered their appreciation to Luckett and the Margaret Walker Center’s board of directors.



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Sunday, Feb. 3: The Greatest Showman – Join the museum for the screening of two-time GRAMMY® nominated film, The Greatest Showman. This film is nominated for Best

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Your birdhouse can be a traditional or original design. You may purchase an unfinished store-bought house or build the house yourself. However, HAC encourages creativity and design. Judging scores will be based on originality and creativity.

Birdhouses entered in the contest will be displayed at the Hattiesburg Cultural Center during HAC’s “Art in the Garden” exhibit Saturday, March 23, from 2-4 p.m. Participants can choose to sell their birdhouse at the event and contest winners will be announced Saturday, March 23, at 3 p.m. following the presentation of Mississippi’s own, award winning gardener, Felder Rushing.

Deadline for the delivery of birdhouses and fees (\$5 per entry; limit of five) are due Monday, March 18, or Tuesday, March 19, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Hattiesburg Cultural Center, 723 North Main, 39401.

Guidelines for birdhouse entry can be found on our website: [HattiesburgArtsCouncil.org](http://HattiesburgArtsCouncil.org) under the “Call for Artists” menu page.

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## #FirstThem has many detractors, but supporters want to ‘stay on code’

By Stacy M. Brown  
NNPA Newswire Contributor

The #FirstThem movement has gained a lot of support, particularly among Twitter users who continue to highlight what they see as a wave of corporate-sponsored movements created under the narrative of addressing sexual misconduct, particularly in the entertainment industry.

However, in noting that the #MeToo movement has meet a crackling of backlash, an Oct. 29, 2018, *New York Times* analysis revealed that since the *New Yorker Magazine* investigation that outed movie mogul Harvey Weinstein as an alleged predator two years ago, at least 200 prominent men have lost their jobs after public allegations of sexual harassment.

A few, including Weinstein, face criminal charges, while at least 920 accusers have come forward to say that a powerful and/or prominent man subjected them to sexual mistreatment.

Nearly half of the men who have been replaced in their positions were succeed by women, according to the analysis.

Still, supporters argue that those reporting on #FirstThem need to “stay on code” because they say that many of the organizations behind those movements have racially tailored their agenda, and the mission of #FirstThem is to counter those who focus on race when targeting alleged perpetrators of sexual misconduct.

#FirstThem has also received some pushback from Tarana Burke and others that believe that the movement has wrongly targeted some white stars.

“While I agree completely with the premise here, I am compelled to speak out on behalf of someone I know is wrongly named,” Bob Ezrin wrote in an email response to a recent NNPA Newswire story about #FirstThem.

“Alice Cooper has been my friend and creative partner for nearly 50 years and, aside from being a devout Christian and committed monogamist, he’s also the most decent man I know,” Ezrin continued in response to a January 19 Tweet that implied that Cooper, among other rock stars of the same era, was involved in activity with underage girls.

Indeed, Cooper proved to be the only celebrity named by the #FirstThem movement in which NNPA Newswire could find no previous allegations of misconduct.

“The stage persona is just that,” Ezrin said of Cooper. “In all the years we have known each other, I have only ever seen Alice with two women: his wife Sheryl and before that, his girlfriend Cindy Laing. That’s it,” he said.

And, while supporters said it’s wrong to say #FirstThem founder Tariq Nasheed defended R. Kelly and



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the late Michael Jackson, Nasheed, a media personality who has a large presence on social media, has issued numerous tweets denouncing those who have shone a spotlight on Kelly and Jackson.

In a Jan. 28 tweet, Nasheed wrote: “Shout out to the Jackson family for their strength. It’s painful to see a black family having to endure these attacks, by a white supremacist-driven movement to take the focus off white predators. Targeting a deceased black man with vicious lies is disheartening.”

While Nasheed may not have technically defended Kelly or Jackson, it can be argued that he is certainly guilty of what-aboutism: pointing out the alleged misdeeds of whites instead of also acknowledging those same deeds when they are perpetrated by blacks.

In a Jan. 15 tweet regarding R. Kelly, Nasheed wrote: “The media wants to keep using #RKelly as a smoke-screen, but they stay quiet on actors like Don Johnson who was openly dating Melanie Griffith when she was 14 and he was 22.”

Nasheed may have been reacting to an article about Griffith on the site, *NinjaJournalist*, which stated, “At only 14 years of age, Griffith started seeing actor Don Johnson, who was 22-years-old at the time. Their romance became a heavily criticized one in the media, especially when it was exposed that Don had such a negative influence on the woman he would marry four years after meeting her.”

In another tweet Jan. 17 about Kelly, Nasheed said the “people keep focusing on R. Kelly and there are literally sexual predators – monsters – out

there.”

Mostly, though, Nasheed and those in the #FirstThem movement say they make sure that the hundreds of accused sexual predators from the dominant – or white – society, who work in the entertainment industry, will not be conveniently skipped over in order to target entertainers based on race.

“We will ensure that the focus will be on them first,” the founders wrote on their website.

It is why Nasheed has taken issue with Tarana Burke, the founder of the #MeToo movement, and others.

Following a planned rally by LG-BTQ and other organizations to show solidarity with actor and entertainer Jussie Smollett who was viciously attacked late last month, Nasheed wondered in a Jan. 30 tweet:

“Why are all these rallies about violence towards black LGBT people being held, and no one is talking about the dead gay black men found in the home of Ed Buck,” after for the second time in two years, Los Angeles detectives in January found a man dead inside Buck’s apartment.

Nasheed has called out Burke and #MeToo, and as recently as Jan. 30, noted that “the #MeToo movement has rolled out a new campaign featuring Terry Crews talking about being sexually assaulted and how black society is somehow complicit.”

But, Nasheed continued: “#MeToo is silent about the white man who sexually assaulted Terry Crews.”

Nasheed also posted Burke’s response in which she asks: “Why is it my job to go after white men?”

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## Governor Northam would be wise to step down

By Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr.  
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Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam has admitted that he blackened his face as part of a Michael Jackson costume for a dance party. He also initially admitted that he was one of the participants in a racist photo – of one person dressed in full Klan regalia and another in blackface – that appeared on his 1984 yearbook page.

The next day, however, he reversed himself, saying it could not have been him, bizarrely arguing that given how difficult it was to get shoe polish off his face after the dance contest, he surely would not have done it again.

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The governor apologized, noting: “In the place and time where I grew up, many actions we rightfully recognize as abhorrent today were commonplace.” Yes, 1984 was a long time ago, but it was two decades after the Voting Rights Act and the Civil Rights laws, and three decades after *Brown v. Board of Education* declared segregation unconstitutional.

In 1984, I made my first run for the presidency. In 1985, Douglas Wilder became the first African American elected statewide as lieutenant governor in Virginia, on his way to being elected governor four years later. Northam’s actions were offensive and wrong even at the time he committed them.

America’s long, sordid tradition of blackface minstrelsy – white people in blackface – was designed to burlesque black people, to portray them as dumb, grotesque and lascivious and was not incidentally part of propaganda for slavery.

The governor said that his actions then do not reflect his attitude, his views or his policies now or at any time throughout his military, medical and public career. All of us are sinners. Grace and redemption must be accorded to all who atone. I believe deeply that a person can be redeemed from a hideous past.

Northam’s record has been positive. In stark contrast to President Trump, he acted bravely during the racist protests in Charlottesville, Va., that resulted in the murder of Heather Heyer. Trump infamously embraced the proto-Nazi protest-

ers, arguing that there were “good people on both sides.” Northam has advocated taking down the Confederate statues in Virginia.

In stark contrast to Republican Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, portrayed in an infamous picture celebrating the Confederate flag, Northam has pushed to advance voting rights in Virginia. McConnell recently scorned legislation to expand and defend voting rights as a “power grab” while defending Republican efforts to suppress the vote across the country.

Trump and McConnell remain in power, yet the right-wing talking heads who celebrate Trump and McConnell are condemning Northam, demonstrating not their virtue but their rapacious partisanship.

Trump and McConnell have plenty of company on their side of the aisle. Former Attorney General Jeff Sessions contended the Voting Rights Act was “intrusive” on states’ rights.

Then there’s Republican Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith of Mississippi. She was elected in November despite saying she’d happily sit in the front row of a “public hanging” if invited by a supporter. She didn’t say it 35 years ago. She said it a few months ago.

The recently elected Republican governor of Florida, Ron DeSantis, also played the race card with little to no blowback from his party. He warned the voters of his state not to “monkey this up” by electing his African-American opponent, Andrew Gillum.

And before narrowly defeating African-American gubernatorial candidate Stacey Abrams, Brian Kemp was the Georgia secretary of state and purged hundreds of thousands of Georgians from the voting rolls, most of them African Americans.

As a practical matter, it will be impossible for Northam to lead the state of Virginia after this revelation. His press conference in which he denied what he had admitted the day before did not help his cause.

Our leaders must represent the values that we espouse and honor the diversity of the coalition that we seek to build. Virtually the entire leadership of the Democratic Party in the state has called on the governor to resign. He would be wise to accept their advice.

## A resolution in support of the UAW and its role in civil and human rights

The Mississippi Link Newswire

BE IT HERE RESOLVED, that the National Newspaper Publishers Association recognizes and supports the International Union, UAW in its efforts to further civil and human rights in the United States and abroad.

The International Union, UAW, has played a historic role in pioneering civil rights and freedoms in the workplace, in communities and throughout the world.

Whether it was hosting Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as he wrote his historic “I Have a Dream” speech in Solidarity House or providing bail for Dr. King’s 1963 release from Birmingham city jail, the women and men of the UAW have and continue to play an historic role in our nation’s civil rights movement.

The UAW, in fact, integrated bowling alleys in our nation, supported the early civil rights movement and plays an important role to this day in the civil rights movement.

Integrated into the UAW structure is a Civil Rights Committee for each of its local unions that brings focus and resources on these matters to all UAW communities, and provides the ability and mechanism for individual members to become actively involved in furthering these commitments.

In fact, it is this commitment that helped lead the historic effort to free

Nelson Mandela, to integrate civil rights provisions in labor contracts, to integrate the American labor movement, and to promote leadership within and outside of the UAW that reflects the diversity of its members.

In the DNA of the UAW is the creed that no UAW member should ever feel the sting of racism in the workplace. The UAW has long believed as part of our core values that discrimination has no place in the workplace.

As such, the UAW has created a series of avenues that allows their members to address discrimination, including through the UAW civil rights committees, UAW Constitutional procedures, the grievance process and other workplace mechanisms.

But the fact is, even in 2019, there are still members who are touched by unacceptable behavior. We, along with the UAW, take this seriously and our goal is to make all Americans feel safe and welcome in their workplace, always.

NOW, THEREFORE, do the members of this body hereby resolve to support and work with the International Union, UAW to continue the hard and never-ending work of creating a workplace and societal culture free from the sting of racism, sexism and discrimination of any kind in the workplace and in our communities.

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# What kind of fruit are you bearing?

PART 2

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



When God planted the Heavenly Vine, it was that its fruit might bring life and strength to dying men. The very life of God, which man had lost by the fall, was to be brought back to Him by Christ from Heaven; Christ was to be to us the True Tree of Life. In Him, the True, the Heavenly Vine, in His Word and Work, in His life and death; the Life of God was brought within reach of men and all who should eat of the fruit should live forever.

Good fruit is that which is produced by the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). The more we allow the Holy Spirit free rein in our lives, the more this fruit is evident. Jesus told His followers, "I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit, fruit that will last" (John 15:16).

Jesus told us clearly what we must do to bear good fruit. He said, "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless

it abides in the Vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. I Am the Vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing" (John 15:4-5). A branch must stay firmly attached to the trunk to stay alive.

As Disciples of Christ, we must stay firmly connected to Him to remain spiritually productive. A branch draws strength, nourishment, protection and energy from the vine. If it is broken off, it quickly dies and becomes unfruitful.

The word abide means to remain. Every Christian remains inseparably linked to Christ in all areas of life. We depend on Him for grace and power to obey. We look obediently to His Word for instruction on how to live. We offer Him our deepest adoration and praise submitting ourselves to His authority over our lives. In short, Christians gratefully know Jesus Christ is the source and sustainer of their lives. Abiding in Christ evidences genuine salvation. The Apostle John alluded to

that when he referred to defected professors who "went out from us, but they were not really of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but they went out in order that it might be shown that they all are not of us" (1 John 2:19). People with genuine faith will remain, they won't defect; they won't deny Christ or abandon His truth. Jesus reiterated the importance of abiding as a sign of real faith when He said, "If you abide in My Word, then you are truly Disciples of Mine" (John 8:31).

Jesus, Himself, is the truth that makes us free. He is the source of truth, the perfect standard of what is right. He frees us from the consequences of sin, from self-deception and from deception by Satan. He show us clearly the way to everlasting life with God. Thus Jesus does not give us freedom to do what we want, but freedom to follow God. As we seek to serve God, Jesus perfect truth frees us to be all that God meant us to be.

Again, to abide in Jesus means to keep His commandments, and to keep His com-

mandments mean to love God with all our hearts and souls and minds and to love our neighbor as ourselves (Matthew 22:37-39). One way that we display our love for God is through our trust, prayer and devotion to Him. We abide through relationship. We pursue in love. We pray in love. We obey in love. And here is the Good News: We love Jesus because He first loved us (1 John 4:19). We didn't choose Him, He chose us and He chose us to walk out our faith in obedience to Him (John 15:16). Apart from Christ, we cannot do anything (John 15:5). This is also good news to the weary person who thinks he must muster up strength to pursue and know Christ and to love his neighbor, a first which Jesus emphasizes. Jesus provides the grace and the strength.

Next week "Are you remaining faithful?"

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P R E S E R V E D

# Loving without limits

By Shewanda Riley  
Columnist



A few years ago, the church I was attending hosted a national prayer conference with a few hundred prayer leaders from all over the nation in attendance. The focus of the conference was to strengthen those whose specific ministry is to pray for local, national and global church communities.

One of the speakers, Dana Olson, gave a very thought-provoking workshop on how to pray the scriptures. He said that many people who struggle in their prayer life should focus on reading the scripture then spend time praying for God to show what he wanted them to learn from the scripture.

Olson also said that when you start praying God's word, you are less inclined to pray your fleshly desires. However, according to Olson, praying scriptures is not simply reciting memorized prayers or praying your favorite biblical verse (i.e. Jesus wept).

Praying scriptures is a disciplined way to reading and then reflecting on the scriptural passage. He added that it's about letting the scripture lead you into prayer and not the other way around. Most importantly, it's about going broader, higher and deeper in your intimate relationship with God.

A key part of being able to praying the scripture means that you know which one to go to or you have a way of finding out the scripture that might work for you.


Olson also said that praying the scripture means that we strive not to get ahead of God

in any area of our lives but remain submitted to his perfect will. We will work to live out the truth found in Ephesians 3:17-19: "And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."

Thinking about the connection between praying scripture and having a closer walk with God brings to mind numerous natural examples of this type of spiritual discipline. During this Valentine's season, the most wonderful time of the year for some, flowers, chocolate and jewelry symbolize the depth of love and appreciation for others. Whether you have someone, wish you had someone or wish you had a different someone, it's still a beautiful time to think about how to show genuine love to your significant other, co-workers, family and friends.

What does this have to do with praying the scripture? During this time of the year, many will go to great lengths to show how deep their love is because they value the impact it has on strengthening their relationship. In much the same way, praying the scriptures gives us the chance to show that we are willing to have the same sense of passion and devotion in building a stronger relationship with God.

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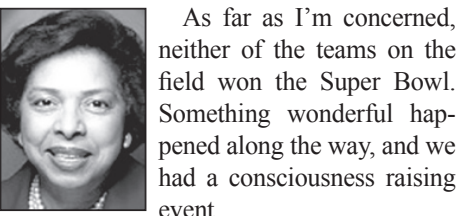
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# Who really won the Super Bowl?

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As far as I’m concerned, neither of the teams on the field won the Super Bowl. Something wonderful happened along the way, and we had a consciousness raising event.

So many who could’ve been performers for the half time show said “NO” to invitations to be there. Others made it known before being asked that they would not perform if asked because they were supporting former NFL quarterback Colin Kaepernick. What they did was spectacular, but the issue is bigger than Colin. They were making a score for black dignity. Some of them have made mistakes in the past, but on this issue they’re right.

Roger Goodell, the NFL commissioner, claims that NFL teams don’t believe Kaepernick could win games for them. A similar excuse is one many of us have heard all of our lives when it comes to getting an opportunity to try. Even when we have super proven skills and a massive amount of education and training above our competitors, we often lose to those who’re inferior on all accounts – so as we say down South, “That dog won’t hunt.”

I’ve had my problems with some of those who are supporting the cause for which Kaepernick took a knee, but their speaking out now says to me they at least know right from wrong.

I’m not so sure if others get it – whether they understand the power of unity. Jermaine Dupree didn’t have to support the event. His work is already well known and appreciated by many people. He’s already earned a lot of money, so why? The Super Bowl needs people like him more than he needs the Super Bowl. It’s no sacrifice for him to support the cause; but instead, he chose to host a concert series called Super Bowl Live. I guess social justice has no meaning for him. Maybe nobody told those who insisted on performing that Colin does not protest for himself; he does it to raise awareness to police brutality, racial inequality and other social issues.

The performer that hurts most is Gladys Knight singing “America the Beautiful” because she’s so widely admired for her music. I realize Atlanta is her hometown, but she didn’t need the exposure. She has long been a superstar.

Those who refused to support the Super Bowl are the real winners. I can only hope that those who could not resist performing will do something to redeem themselves. In the black community, we always have important causes for which we have to fight, so all is not lost for them. They can still help to do something good for Black America.

There is a bill in Congress on Voting Rights and Anti-Corruption they can support. Bennett College urgently needs funds to stay open – as do many Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Congresswoman Lucy McBath from Atlanta already has challengers for the next election after winning her race just a few weeks ago; she could use early support to protect her seat. Senator Kamala Harris is leading the Presidential race and could use help. The Progressive National Baptists need support for their campaign against Wells Fargo for causing so many in the black community to lose their homes; they ask that we stop banking with Wells Fargo. The National Congress of Black Women, National Black Alliance and Clear the Airwaves need help with the Respect Us campaign by refraining from spending money with McDonald’s, Subway Restaurants, Kohl’s, JCPenney’s and Adidas so long as they spend their advertising dollars on radio stations that play hateful, derogatory, misogynistic rap. Those are some of the ways all of us win something bigger than the Super Bowl.

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# Trump cranks up the miseries of the People of Venezuela

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President Trump apparently has decided that intervention in Venezuela’s agonies can help repair an image scarred by the government shutdown debacle. In recent days, he recognized an obscure, right-wing opposition leader when he declared himself acting president. Trump has blustered that “I am not going to rule out a military option.” Mike Pompeo, his secretary of state told the world’s nations to “pick a side” in the internal Venezuelan standoff. Trump is ratcheting up sanctions, increasing the miseries inflicted on the Venezuelan people.

And most recently, he named as point person for Venezuela the notorious Elliott Abrams, ardent advocate of dictators and war criminals, a cheerleader for virtually every catastrophic U.S. intervention from Reagan’s covert

war on Nicaragua to the Bush’s invasion of Iraq, and a convicted perjurer (withholding information about the Iran-Contra scandal).

This is like putting Al Capone in charge of enforcing law and order. Venezuela is in deep crisis. Inflation is soaring, the currency is in free fall, corruption is crippling. Oil – it has the largest known reserves in the world – is its blessing and curse. For decades, the rapacious elite pocketed the wealth, leaving the vast majority in poverty. When a popularly elected president, Hugo Chavez, took over oil production, redistributed land and provided greater resources for healthcare, food and housing for the poor, the elites sought to overthrow him in a 2002 failed coup – one the U.S. shamefully supported (including Abrams as a member of the Bush National Security Council).

When the price of oil plummeted, the economy went into crisis; government mismanagement and corruption made things worse. Millions have fled the country. The opposition exacerbated

the situation by refusing to recognize the 2013 electoral victory of Nicolas Maduro, sponsoring violent attacks, boycotting future elections and calling for military and foreign interventions.

The agonies were worsened by U.S. economic sanctions, illegal under treaties of the Organization of American States and the UN. Now, the U.S., joined by a significant number of Latin American countries as well as an increasing number of European allies, is calling for Maduro to resign and for new elections. Abrams’ appointment signals that the pressure will be ramped up even more. Most likely, Trump will follow the textbook used in the overthrow of Chile’s democratically elected leader, Salvador Allende. Then U.S. sanctions were tightened to “make the economy scream.”

Covert efforts were made to enlist generals to overthrow the president. The CIA helped fuel strikes and demonstrations from the opposition. The result was the Augusto Pinochet dictatorship that consolidated itself with

savage brutality. The U.S. has a long sordid history of regime change – military and covert interventions aimed at overthrowing governments – in Latin America, a record that belies our proclamations about international law and a rule based global order.

We would do well to avoid adding to that regrettable record. Last week, an open letter signed by 70 scholars and other experts on Latin America called on the Trump administration to “cease interfering in Venezuela’s internal politics, especially for the purpose of overthrowing the country’s government.” Given how polarized the country is, the experts argued, “the only solution is a negotiated settlement.” They called on the U.S. and outside countries to support negotiations between the government and its opponents, rather than to risk fostering a coup that might plunge the country into further violence. It is a time for diplomacy and for restraint, not another intervention that unleashes violence that we surely will come to regret.

# Moments and migrations

By Julianne Malveaux  
NNPA News Wire Columnist



Every year the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) chooses a theme for Black History Month. This year they have chosen, Black Migrations emphasizing “the movement of people of African descent to new destinations and subsequently to new social realities.” Their theme is important, especially when we think of the “Great Migration,” the time after World War I when black folk fled the oppressive south looking for a new reality.

Why not flee? Black men were lynched in their uniforms when they came back into enslavement-type realities even as they embraced a country that did not appreciate them. Just a few years after black men returned from World War I, white people in Tulsa, Oklahoma, so jealous of African-American economic accomplishment, torched the 30 block black-owned Greenwood community on a pretense. Nowhere to run, nowhere to hide from virulent racism.

And yet, black folks had mobility. Often, we came together to create community. We left oppressive spaces to find new ones that were only marginally less oppressive. As ASALH puts it, “African-American migration patterns included relocation from southern farms to southern cities; from the South to the Northeast, Midwest and West; from the Caribbean to U.S. cities as well as to migrant labor farms; and the emigration of noted African Americans to Africa and to European cities, such as Paris and London, after the end of World War I and World War II.”

Here’s what it means – black folks were moving, migrating, making it happen, grasping at reality and opportunity despite every barrier. Black folks moved because they were looking for safe places to survive and thrive, to enjoy life despite the racial obstacles that were thrown at us. Black folks moved because movement was preferable to standing still. We moved because we had to.

At the same time, migration is not only about a movement of space, but also about a movement of mindset. The Mississippi men and women who moved to Chicago had to change the

way they chose to encounter the world. They had to move from being sharecroppers to being entitled voters. Their movement changed the way that politics and economics influenced major cities. Even though their movement did not necessarily result in “fairness,” their movement and their changed participation made things far more fair, and the political process somewhat more representative.

Migration. Movement. Mobilization. A shifting of the brain. A shifting of the heart. While ASALH would like us to focus on the physical migration that happened in the 20th century, I would also like us to focus on the necessary heart migration that must take place to propel us through the 21st century. Our Black History Month story can’t simply be a story of the ways we moved to accommodate economic shifts, but it must also be a story of the ways we have moved our hearts.

What do we mean when we say black community? What do we mean when we embrace the theme of “migrations”? Are we aware of the rigors our people experienced when they moved South to North? Do we honor them with our presence?

I never had the opportunity to meet Dr. Sadie Tanner Moselle Alexander, but because she was the first African-American woman to receive the Ph.D. in economics (and one of the three who were the first to receive the degree on the same weekend), I feel a bond with her and have written about her life and her career.

She wrote about migration, about the folks who came from the South to cities like Philadelphia to find a space for themselves. She wrote about the many ways cities were unwelcoming to new residents. She wrote then, like we might write now, about the many ways our urban landscape changes with mobility and migration.

In choosing Black Migrations as a Black History Month theme, ASALH has chosen to examine the mobility that is part of African-American life in this country. We move because we want safer space and place. We move because we flee structural danger. We move because we are African and American and moving is part of our DNA.

We move. We migrate. We seek the best that our nation has to offer, and when it does not provide what we need, we move, and we move again!

# Raise the Wage Act is a long overdue dose of economic reality

By Marc H. Morial  
President and CEO  
National Urban League



*“In my Inaugural I laid down the simple proposition that nobody is going to starve in this country. It seems to me to be equally plain that no business which depends for existence on paying less than living wages to its workers has any right to continue in this country. By “business” I mean the whole of commerce as well as the whole of industry; by workers I mean all workers, the white collar class as well as the men in overalls; and by living wages I mean more than a bare subsistence level – I mean the wages of decent living.” – President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, upon signing the National Industrial Recovery Act in 1933*

Nowhere in the entire country can a full-time worker earning the federal or state minimum wage afford a two-bedroom apartment at fair market rent.

One in nine U.S. workers are paid

wages that can leave them in poverty, even when working full time.

Over the last 40 years, wages for the lowest-paid workers have barely budged, while wages for the wealthiest have more than tripled.

In a nation that calls itself the land of opportunity, where we claim as a value an honest day’s pay for an honest day’s work, our dismally insufficient federal minimum wage is practically a crime. That’s why the National Urban League has thrown its support behind legislation recently introduced by Rep. Bobby Scott, the Raise the Wage Act of 2019.

The bill would gradually raise the minimum wage to \$15 by 2024, index future minimum wage increases to median wage growth and guarantee that all workers are paid at least the full federal minimum wage by phasing out the subminimum wages for tipped workers, youth workers and workers with disabilities.

Had the minimum wage kept pace with worker productivity since the 1940s, it would be just under \$22 per

hour – more than triple what it is now. Instead, the vast majority of the gains from that increased productivity have gone to the wealthiest. The average CEO pay is 271 times the average pay of the typical American worker. In 1978, CEO earnings were about 30 times the typical worker’s salary.

The Urban League Movement has long advocated for a federally-mandated living wage tied to the rate of inflation, and it is a central element of our comprehensive blueprint for eliminating economic disparity, The Main Street Marshall Plan.

A fair living wage not only raises the living standards of workers, but also stimulates the economy to benefit the nation as a whole. When he signed the National Industrial Recovery Act in 1933, in the throes of the Great Depression, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt asked skeptics to consider “the improvement of operating figures by greatly increased sales to be expected from the rising purchasing power of the public.”

In fact, researchers estimate that a 10

percent increase in the minimum wage would increase sales by around \$2 billion each year.

Raising the minimum wage to \$15 by 2024 would lift wages for 41 million American workers, including 40 percent of all African-American workers. The average age of workers who will benefit from the bill is 36.

Contrary to claims by opponents of a fair federal living wage, moderate increases in the minimum wage have little to no impact on employment.

A University of California at Berkeley study last year examined the effect of minimum wage increases in six cities and found pay increases for workers and no significant employment reductions. A more extensive study by the London School of Economics examined the impact of 138 separate minimum wage increases implemented between 1979 and 2016, and found no overall reduction in low-wage jobs.

Income inequality in the United States is out of control and threatens not just economic stability of our nation, but our democracy itself.



# SuperTalk Mississippi named MBS 2018 Media of the Year

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

Mississippi Blood Services (MBS) held their annual meeting and awards presentation January 24, at their headquarters in Flowood. Blood donors are the essential ingredient of the organization, for without them all the state of the art equipment, the fleet of coaches and the biggest building on the street are useless.

It always comes down to the individual donor to get that needed unit of blood and Mississippi Blood Services is thankful for those individuals who roll up their sleeves and give blood. However, Mississippi Blood Services recognizes those groups and individuals who put in that

extra effort to ensure there is an adequate and safe blood supply for Mississippi's patients.

When it comes to getting the word out about critical blood needs, MBS relies heavily on media partners. One partner that can always be counted on to help at a moment's notice is SuperTalk Mississippi.

Over the past year SuperTalk has helped MBS reach donors statewide, with top of mind advertising, emergency blood crisis media alerts, news coverage and live on-air interviews. They are a true supporter of the Mississippi Blood Services mission, making SuperTalk Mississippi the MBS 2018 Media of the Year.



Beth Ballard of SuperTalk Mississippi accepts the MBS 2018 Media of the Year Award from David Allen, president and CEO of Mississippi Blood Services.

# Melvin Miller receives the MBS 2018 Hamilton C. Bush Sr. Award

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Mississippi Blood Services relies on volunteers – volunteers who help on drives, in our draw centers and throughout the community getting the word out about the need for blood. We also rely exclusively on volunteer blood donors. In addition to volunteer blood donors, it takes volunteers of all types to make us successful. One such volunteer is Melvin Miller. Melvin is a long time board member and past chairman of the board. He currently serves as chairman of the Nominations Committee and chairman of Board Solicitation Fund. Melvin has consistently gone above and beyond as a volunteer and supporter of Mississippi Blood Services. This year's Hamilton C. Bush Sr. Award goes to Melvin Miller.



Melvin Miller (left), accepts the MBS 2018 Hamilton C. Bush Sr. Award from David Allen, president and CEO of Mississippi Blood Services.

# Nearly \$8 million awarded through the Stuart Scott Memorial Cancer Research Fund

*23 grants dedicated to supporting projects benefiting minority populations and minority researchers*

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

The V Foundation for Cancer Research, a top-rated cancer research charity, is pleased to announce the Stuart Scott Memorial Cancer Research Fund has awarded nearly \$8 million since its 2015 inception. The fund has awarded 23 grants at 17 cancer centers nationwide to support research dedicated to the aggressiveness, therapeutic responsiveness and ultimate outcomes experienced by cancer patients from diverse ethnic populations, as well as supporting researchers from minority populations.

"Understanding and helping to remedy cancer disparities is an important priority at the V Foundation," said Susan Braun, CEO of the V Foundation. "We're honored to fund important projects in memory of our dear friend Stuart Scott."

The V Foundation, through the Stuart Scott Fund, recently awarded a Translational Grant to Yanis Bumber, M.D., Ph.D., assistant professor in the Department of Hematology/Oncology at Fox Chase Cancer Center, for his work with lung cancer. A Translational Grant is a \$600,000 grant over three years that supports bench to bedside research.

For some lung cancers, African Americans may have a more aggressive disease than those of European descent. Bumber's research will explore using a combination of therapies to improve



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survival rates, and he will try to determine which patients are the best candidates for immunotherapy combination therapy. Bumber will investigate tumor tissue and blood-based biomarkers for all lung cancer patients enrolled in the investigator-initiated, multi-center immunotherapy combination study, led by Fox Chase, which was developed in collaboration with Dr. Hossein Borghaei and Dr. Kerry Campbell. At least 25 percent of the enrolled patients in Bumber's trial will be African Americans. His research may show great promise in helping lung cancer patients and especially those minority patients so disproportionately affected by certain cancers.

"I am grateful to the V Foundation for its support of this important work," Bumber said. "Our research is aimed at creating a better understanding of the biologic basis for the disparities in lung cancer between ethnic

groups by developing new biomarkers that demonstrate why certain ethnicities have better and worse therapeutic responses."

The Stuart Scott Fund was launched in January 2015 in loving remembrance of the longtime V Foundation friend and ESPN anchor. Even near the end of his life, Scott was a champion for cancer research and was involved in a clinical trial himself. He was a passionate voice for improving outcomes for African Americans and other minorities with cancer.

At the 2014 ESPY Awards, he was awarded the Jimmy V Perseverance Award for epitomizing Valvano's message, "Don't Give Up . . . Don't Ever Give Up!"®. While giving his speech at the ESPYS, Scott added these words that help thousands in their fight against cancer: "Live and fight like hell, and when you get too tired to fight . . . let someone else fight for you."

"Sydni and I are very enthu-

siastic about the outcomes from the funds raised and grants given in honor of our dad. His fight has become our inspiration as we continue to see families all around us, just like ours, continuing to be traumatized by this disease," said Taelor Scott, Stuart Scott's daughter. "Through the hard work and guidance of the V Foundation and the dedication of researchers, we remain encouraged that healthcare disparities that disproportionately harm vulnerable communities will hold a spot of importance until we find a cure. We are very grateful for the commitment to bringing awareness and resources to this critical issue in the name of our father. We remain grateful to the V Foundation for their leadership in this arena."

For more information about the Stuart Scott Memorial Cancer Research Fund or to donate, please visit [www.jimmyv.org/stuartscott](http://www.jimmyv.org/stuartscott).

# Join Forrest General for Walk the Red Line

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

Forrest General Hospital will celebrate American Heart Month by hosting a fun walk on Friday, February 8, at 10:30 a.m. The walk will be held at The District at Midtown to show busy professionals how quick and easy it can be to fit it a 10-minute walk into the work day.

Physical activity can improve your heart health in some drastic ways, including:

- Decreased risk of heart disease, stroke, and diabetes
- Improved blood flow
- Lowered cholesterol
- Lowered risk of high blood pressure
- Less weight gain, obesity and related chronic health conditions
- Reduced chances of heart arrhythmia, like atrial fibrillation (AFib)
- Better quality of life and sense of overall well-being.

Walking is one of the simplest ways to get active and stay active, because it can be done just about any time, any-

where.

The American Heart Association recommends that adults try for at least 150 minutes (2.5 hours) a week of moderate intensity activity. That's just 30 minutes of brisk walking on at least five days a week; these 30-minute sessions can be broken into smaller blocks of 10 or 15 minutes to fit more easily with a busy schedule.

There are plenty of great places to walk right here in Hattiesburg such as Kamper Park, Town Square Park, or Long Leaf Trace, or get creative and walk a few laps at Turtle Creek Mall, Midtown Market or The District at Midtown.

Go for a walk! Then encourage and challenge others by taking a selfie while walking and tag it using #walktheredline on social media posts throughout American Heart Month (February).

For more information about heart health, visit [forrestgeneral.com/heartmonth](http://forrestgeneral.com/heartmonth).

# Dare to C.A.R.E. free P.A.D. screening set for February

*Vascular Screening Program offers awareness, encourages early detection for number one health problem in America*

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

Pine Belt residents have an opportunity to attend a lecture about Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD) Monday, February 18, and participants who qualify will receive a free screening Tuesday, February 19, at Forrest General Hospital. You must attend the lecture to qualify for the free screening.

The screening includes a non-invasive ultrasound of the carotid arteries in the neck, the aorta in the abdomen and an evaluation of leg circulation. The first day in the two-day event includes a talk by a local physician presented at 6 p.m. in Forrest General's Elm and Hickory rooms located inside Forrester's Cafeteria. Following the talk, those participants who qualify will schedule an appointment that evening for their screenings to be performed beginning at 1 p.m. the next day.

Early detection is the key. If you are over age 60 or over age 50 with risk factors such as smoking, diabetes, high blood pressure or high cholesterol, you can qualify for this screening. Dare to C.A.R.E., a comprehensive cardiovascular

disease early detection and education program, is a partnership between Forrest General and Hattiesburg Clinic Vascular Surgeons. The program is offered to qualifying men and women in the Pine Belt.

Space is limited, so register now for the event by calling Forrest General at 601-288-4445.

**About Cardiovascular Disease**

Cardiovascular disease is a systemic disease that affects the heart and arteries in the body. It is called coronary artery disease (CAD) when the heart is involved and peripheral arterial disease (PAD) when it involves the other arteries in the body such as the arms, legs, kidneys, intestines and the brain. Risk factors for vascular disease include a family history of vascular disease, age, gender, race and several risk factors that can be controlled, including high blood pressure, smoking, high cholesterol, obesity, lack of exercise and diabetes.

For more information about Forrest General and its Heart and Vascular Services, visit [forrestgeneral.com](http://forrestgeneral.com).

**SUBSCRIBE TODAY!**

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For more information please call:

601-896-0084

or e-mail:

[jlinskads@bellsouth.net](mailto:jlinskads@bellsouth.net)



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Notice of Sale is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles that the following vehicle will be sold for repair and storage charges and for cost of this sale.  
Vehicle Type: 1998 Honda UEX - VIN #1HGCG1655WA064864  
Registered to Aldairiah Adreanna  
TitleMax, Lien Holder  
Date of Sale: 2/11/19  
Place of Sale: Archie Towing Services;  
6700 Medgar Evers Blvd., Jackson, MS 39213  
Sellers reserve the right to bid on the above property and to reject any and all bids.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR  
ON AIRPORT HOTEL DEVELOPMENT  
BY THE JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY  
PROJECT NO. 7000-005-19  
January 9, 2019

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (“JMAA”) requests Proposals (“Proposal”) from experienced firms for the design, construction and operation of an on-airport hotel at the Jackson Medgar-Wiley Evers International Airport (“JAN”).

JMAA will receive Proposals at the offices of JMAA, Suite 300, Main Terminal Building, Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39208, until 3:00 p.m. Central Standard Time on March 14, 2019 (the “Deadline”).

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

Jackson Municipal Airport Authority  
100 International Drive, Suite 300 (39208)  
Post Office Box 98109  
Jackson, Mississippi 39298-8109  
Attention: Robin Byrd, Procurement Manager  
Telephone No.: (601) 360-8616  
Facsimile No.: (601) 939-3713  
E-Mail: rbyrd@jmaa.com

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

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

JMAA will hold a Pre-Submission Conference at 10:00 a.m. Central Standard Time on February 13, 2019, in the Community Room, 3rd Floor Mezzanine Level, at the Main Terminal Building at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, MS 39208. Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference is highly encouraged for all those interested in submitting Proposals as a Prime Consultant for the Services and persons seeking opportunities to provide work as a Sub-Consultant. The benefits of attendance include networking opportunities between Prime Consultant and Sub-Consultants, as well as the opportunity to be on a list of contacts that will be published to interested parties as part of the minutes from the Pre-Submission Conference; and a detailed review of the scope of work. No additional conferences or meetings will be scheduled.

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

JMAA has established a ACDBE participation goal of 15% for the Services solicited by this RFP.

JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY  
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Office  
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Garrett  
Enterprises  
Building

(Near Jackson Medical Mall)

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Jackson, MS 39213

2500 Square Feet

Call: 601-209-9199

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Advertisement for Electronic Bidding

Bid 3090 Roof Replacement for Boyd Elementary School

Sealed, written formal bid proposals for the above bid will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time) March 8, 2019, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. A Pre-Bid Conference concerning the project for Boyd Elementary School will be held at 4531 Broadmeadow Drive, Jackson, MS 39206, on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is non-mandatory but strongly suggested. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date bids are opened.

Plan holders are required to register and order bid documents at [www.majordesignstudioplans.com](http://www.majordesignstudioplans.com). A \$100.00 nonrefundable deposit shall be required on each set of hardcopy bid documents and \$50.00 for digital set and must be purchased through the website. All plan holders are required to have a valid email address for registration. Questions regarding website registration and online proposal, please contact Plan House Printing at (662) 407-0193. Questions regarding bid documents, please contact Major Design Studio, PLLC, 414-1 Main Street, Columbus, MS 39701, Phone: 662-425-2485, Fax: 662-356-1460.

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Invitations for Bid (IFB)#2019-01  
Bus Stop Improvement Program

The City of Jackson is seeking sealed bids from qualified firms for the Bus Stop Improvement Program: Site Design, Engineering and Project Management Services for Bus Shelters, Benches, Bust Stop Signs and Associated Improvements on a Multi-Year Contract.

Interested firms may obtain a copy of a detailed Request for Proposals, and any proposal addenda by emailing [mguice@jacksonms.gov](mailto:mguice@jacksonms.gov). Official proposal documents can be downloaded from Central Bidding at [www.centralbidding.com](http://www.centralbidding.com). Please reference IFB#2019-01.

Six copies of the offeror's Proposal together with a PDF file of the Proposal on a flash drive shall be deposited with the City of Jackson, Office of City Clerk at 219 South President Street, Jackson, MS 39205 until Tuesday, February 26, 2019 by 3:30 pm, Central Standard Time (CST). Electronic bids and/or reverse auction bids can be submitted at [www.centralbidding.com](http://www.centralbidding.com). For any questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814. Submittals received after the specified date and time shall not be accepted.

The City of Jackson is committed to the principle of non-discrimination in public contracting. It is the policy of the City of Jackson to promote full and equal business opportunity for all persons doing business with the City as a pre-condition to selection, each proposer shall submit a completed and signed Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Plan with the proposal submission, in accordance with the provisions of the City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Executive Order. Failure to comply with the City's Executive Order shall disqualify a proposer from being awarded an eligible contract. For more information on the City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity Program, please contact the Division of Equal Business Opportunity at 601-960-1856. Copies of the City of Jackson's Executive Order, EBO Plan Applications, and a copy of the program are available at the following location: 200 South President Street, Room 223, Jackson, Mississippi.

The City of Jackson, Mississippi is committed to cultivating and ensuring the quality of life of its citizens, through various programs, employment, initiatives, and assistance. The City of Jackson encourages all persons, corporations, and/or entities doing business within the City of Jackson, as well as those who seek to contract with the City of Jackson on various projects and/or conduct business in Jackson to assist the City of Jackson in achieving its goal by strongly considering City of Jackson residents for employment opportunities. The City of Jackson reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any informalities or irregularities therein.

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Request for Proposal (RFP) #2019-01  
Mobile Surveillance Camera System

The City of Jackson is soliciting Request for Proposals (RFPs) based on a firm fixed price basis to purchase, install, train, and maintain a new surveillance camera system for its fixed route and paratransit fleet.

Interested firms may obtain a copy of a detailed Request for Proposals, and any proposal addenda by emailing [mguice@jacksonms.gov](mailto:mguice@jacksonms.gov). Official proposal documents can be downloaded from Central Bidding at [www.centralbidding.com](http://www.centralbidding.com). Please reference RFP#2019-01.

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Vehicle Type: 2007 Buick UXL – Vin #1G4HD5726U133095  
Registered to Robinson Dominique and Funches  
Car Nation, LLC, Lien Holder  
Date of Sale: 2/11/19  
Place of Sale: Archie Towing Services;  
6700 Medgar Evers Blvd., Jackson, MS 39213  
Sellers reserve the right to bid on the above property and to reject any and all bids.  
Time: 10:00 A.M.

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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION  
BUREAU OF BUILDING, GROUNDS AND  
REAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT  
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed and electronic bids will be received at the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, 501 North West Street, Suite 1401 B, Jackson, Mississippi, 39201, until 2:00:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 03/12/2019, for:

RE: GS# 108-285 Cook Library Renovation (Phase 1)  
University of Southern Mississippi  
RFx #: 3160002715

at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Contract documents may be obtained from:

Professional: Wier Boerner Allin Architecture, PLLC  
Address: 2727 Old Canton Road, Suite 200  
Jackson, Mississippi 39216  
Phone: 601-321-9107  
Email: [mboerner@wbaarchitecture.com](mailto:mboerner@wbaarchitecture.com)

A deposit of \$150.00 is required. Bid preparation will be in accordance with Instructions to Bidders bound in the project manual. The Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject any or all bids. NOTE: Telephones and desks will not be available for bidders use at the bid site.

Calvin R. Sibley, Bureau Director  
Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management  
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Advertisement for Electronic Bidding  
Bid 3088 Roof Replacement  
for Lee Elementary School  
Bid 3089 Roof Replacement  
for Sykes Elementary School

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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 29<sup>th</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.

HINDS COUNTY MISS. CHANCERY COURT

Eddie Carr  
CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY  
Mississippi

2/7/2019, 2/14/2019, 2/21/2019







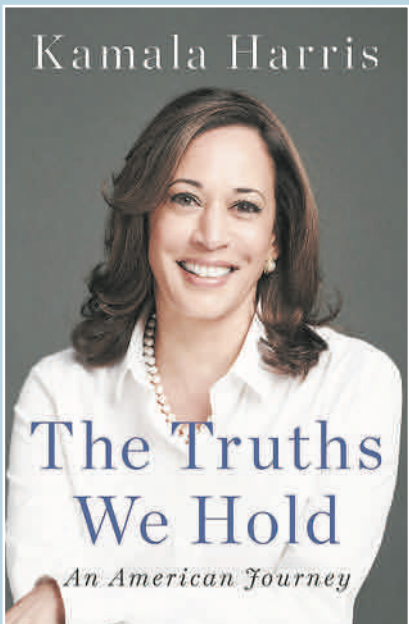
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# BOOK REVIEW: “THE TRUTHS WE HOLD: AN AMERICAN JOURNEY”

BY **KAMALA HARRIS**  
**PENGUIN PRESS**  
**HARDCOVER, \$30.00 • 336 PAGES**

By **Kam Williams**  
*Columnist*

*“We’ve seen... [the Trump] administration align itself with white supremacists at home and cozy up to dictators abroad; rip babies from their mothers’ arms in grotesque violation of their human rights; give corporations and the wealthy huge tax cuts; derail our fight against climate change; sabotage health care and imperil a woman’s right to control her own body; all while lashing out at... the very idea of a free and independent press...”*

*Americans know we’re better than this... But we’re going to have to fight for it... This book grows out of that call to action, and out of my belief that our fight must begin and end with speaking [the] truth... that racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia and anti-Semitism are real in this country, and we need to confront those forces.”*

*Excerpted from the Preface (pages xiv-xv)*

Kamala Harris has officially thrown her hat in the ring for the 2020 Democratic presidential nomination, launching her campaign with a spirited rally in her hometown of Oakland attended by over 20,000 enthusiastic supporters. The first term senator from California’s bid is reminiscent of Barack Obama’s in that she’s racially mixed and has conveniently published a very timely autobiography which also lays out her political platform.

In it, we learn that Kamala’s father, Donald, was from Jamaica and taught economics at Stanford, and her mother, Shyamala, a cancer researcher, was born in India. The book is very engaging and reads like she actually wrote it herself, unlike most celebrity bios nowadays.

She reflects fondly on a culturally rich childhood growing up in the Bay Area until the age of 12 when her mother took a job in French-speaking Montreal. In high school, Kamala

developed an interest in becoming an attorney, and decided to attend Howard University (where she would join the debate team and pledge AKA sorority) because it was the alma mater of her hero, Thurgood Marshall.

After graduation, she returned to Oakland to study law at UC Hastings before kick-starting her legal career. She enjoyed a meteoric rise from assistant prosecutor to San Francisco district attorney To California attorney general to U.S. senator.

Because she spent so much time representing the state in criminal cases, Kamala positions herself here as a political progressive, ostensibly to convince skeptics of the criticisms she now levels at the justice system as racist.

Overall, I’d say this opus serves as a persuasive introduction to a charismatic candidate likely to be in the presidential race for the long haul.

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By **Kam Williams**  
*Columnist*

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### Wide releases

**Cold Pursuit** (R for profanity, drug use, sexual references and graphic violence) English language adaptation of In Order of Disappearance, the 2014 Norwegian crime thriller about a snow plow driver-turned-vigilante’s (Liam Neeson) hunt for the cocaine kingpin (Tom Bateman) responsible for his son’s (Micheál Richardson) murder. With Emmy Rossum, Laura Dern and William Forsythe.

**The LEGO Movie 2: The Second Part** (PG for rude humor) Animated musical adventure finds the citizens of Bricksburg facing a new threat, namely, invaders from outer space. Voice cast includes Will Arnett, Tiffany Haddish, Alison Brie, Chris Pratt and Elizabeth Banks.

**The Prodigy** (R for violence, disturbing images, a sexual reference and brief graphic nudity) Jackson Robert Scott stars as the title character in this horror flick about a young genius whose mother (Taylor Schilling) takes him to a therapist (Paula Boudreau) when she suspects he’s become possessed by a demonic supernatural force. With Colm

Feore, Brittany Allen and Peter Mooney.

**What Men Want** (R for drug use and pervasive profanity and sexuality) Romantic comedy about a female sports agent (Taraji P. Henson) who gains a competitive edge over her male colleagues when she develops the ability to hear men’s thoughts. Ensemble cast includes Tracy Morgan, Wendi McLendon-Covey, Shaquille O’Neal, Erykah Badu, Kellan Lutz, Aldis Hodge and Mark Cuban.

### Independent & Foreign Films

**Chokehold** (Unrated) Action thriller about an MMA fighter (Melissa Croden) who stops training for a title fight to avenge the murder of her father by Russian mobsters. With Casper Van Dien, Lochlyn Munro and Kip Pardue.

**Everybody Knows** (R for profanity) Introspective drama about a married woman (Penelope Cruz) who rendezvous with an ex-boyfriend (Javier Bardem) to reminisce about what might have been when she returns to her tiny hometown without her husband (Ricardo Darin) for her younger sister’s (Inma Cuesta) wedding. With Eduard Fernandez, Barbara Lennie and Elvira Minguez. (In Spanish, English and Catalan with subtitles)

**Jimi Hendrix: Electric Church** (Unrated) Reverential rockumentary featuring concert footage of Hendrix’s historic performance in front of 300,000 fans at the Atlanta Pop Festival staged July 4, 1970 at the Middle Georgia Raceway. Includes commentary by Paul McCartney, Billy Cox and Steve Winwood.

**The Man Who Killed Hitler and Then The Bigfoot** (Unrated) Sam Elliott plays the title character in this action adventure as Hitler’s assassin who finds himself recruited by the U.S. government decades later to track down the legendary Bigfoot deep in the Canadian wilderness. Supporting cast includes Larry Miller, Aidan Turner and Ron Livingston.

**St. Agatha** (Unrated) Horror flick, set in Georgia in 1957, about a pregnant cast artist (Sabrina Kern) who takes refuge at a convent only to learn that its Mother Superior (Carolyn Hennesy) has a twisted agenda. Featuring Courtney Halverson, Seth Michaels and Trin Miller.

**Under the Eiffel Tower** (Unrated) Midlife crisis comedy about a 50 year-old guy (Matt Walsh) who proposes to his BFF’s daughter (Dylan Gelula) half his age after tagging along on their family’s Paris vacation. With Reid Scott, David Wan and Gary Cole.

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### 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.

		5				1		2
	6				2		8	
9							3	
			4					6 8
		3		1				
	5	2			4			
		7		2			5 6	
3	9		6				7	

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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 Cindy Crawford**

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
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H C H F ' K W E F ' R G D Q H T B L O O J E E Q K F T  
L J K Q H ' P K F W A ' P V D G S E V W '

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(For puzzle answer keys, see page 15)



# “Coming to America: The Struggle, The Strength, The Survival, The Success”

The Mississippi Link Newswire

“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. So, Wednesday, February 6, 2019, the program is orchestrated by the adults with a message to the ones coming behind, that they must continue the legacy of showing that unwavering commitment and success are inextricably intertwined.

Join us for a night of reflections shown through singing, dancing, drama, comedy and a parade of success. You don’t want to miss Rita B, the world renown comedian, who will have us bursting at the seams with laughter. And you don’t want to miss Errick L. Greene, superintendent for the Jackson Public School District, who will focus on the survival of African Americans through education, community involvement and mentorship.

On February 23, 2019, we are privileged to have as our guest speaker for our banquet 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 pro-

BLACK HISTORY MONTH  
FEBRUARY 1 - 28, 2019

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

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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 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 6:30 p.m. in our all purpose building, except for movie night which is at the Bennie G. Thompson’s Center on Tougaloo College’s campus; seating starts at 6 p.m., and we are asking for a \$1 donation. The banquet 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 and leave a message. Carolyn Upkins, Othor Cain or someone from the office will return your call.

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THURSDAY, February 7<sup>th</sup>

“New Hope Legacy Night”

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THURSDAY, February 14<sup>th</sup>

“Tribute to Mississippi Living Legends”

Featuring: Mr. John Eze Urodimma, II & New Hope Christian School

Mrs. Dillion L. Williams

Isaac R. Boyd, Executive

Dr. Frankie A. Johnson

Dr. John M. Perkins

THURSDAY, February 21<sup>st</sup>

“Youth Heritage Night: Committed to Moving Forward”

Guest Speaker: Mr. Marquise S. Hunt

President, MS State Conference Youth and College Division of the NAACP

Special Guests: New Hope JPS Principals and Educators

THURSDAY, February 28<sup>th</sup> • (Walkins Drive Location)

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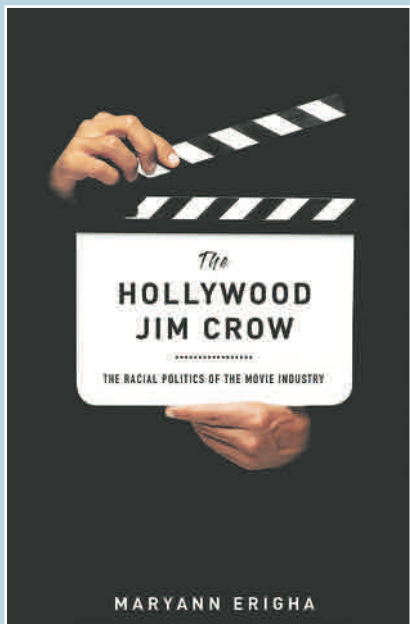
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BOOK REVIEW:

“THE HOLLYWOOD JIM CROW:  
THE RACIAL POLITICS OF THE  
MOVIE INDUSTRY”

BY MARYANN ERIGHA

C.2019, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY PRESS

\$25.00 / HIGHER IN CANADA • 224 PAGES

By Terri Schlichenmeyer  
Columnist

The movie you’ve been waiting for is finally available.

Sure, you saw it in the theatre, but you’re happy to watch it again. It has adventure, a little romance and plenty of action – plus, it features your favorite actor, so what’s not to love? Better question, asks author Maryann Erigha in her book “The Hollywood Jim Crow:” what color is the cast?

The movie industry’s awards will be given out soon, and there’s something about it that

you may notice again: the faces you’ll see at the awards show could be predominately white. This issue is old but it came to a head in 2015 with the hashtag #OscarsSoWhite, and it still hasn’t changed much.

Racism in Hollywood started when Hollywood itself began: from the outset, black directors were “barred” from directing studio films. That led to a twofold issue: so-called “race movies” had to be made without studio money; and because there was no one to advocate for them, few African Americans landed roles

in major movies. In those early years, producers did manage to make limited-run films with black casts and crew, and audiences saw the occasional black performer here or there, but it wasn’t until the late 1960s that a black director landed a job in a mainstream film.

As many actors, actresses, directors and movie-goers have seen, today’s black movie-makers still struggle to land jobs. Like their predecessors, they fight Jim Crow laws within the industry, and the same old reasons have a few twists: the assumption that

white audiences won’t pay to see a movie with a black cast means that fewer “black” films are given big budgets or green lights. Fewer “black” films mean fewer jobs are offered to African Americans, from behind-the-camera crew to the director’s chair to the cast.

Hollywood insiders further believe that all-black casts will not make any money in overseas theatres, which limits African-American moviemakers even more. This leads black films and directors to receive the label of “unbankable,” despite that there are obvious exceptions to that

dubious belief.

And it’s all happening through “completely legal practices....”

Movies make us happy. They put us in another mood, another country, or another planet. After reading “The Hollywood Jim Crow,” they may make you angry.

Though there’s a good bit of repetition inside here, even occasional movie-goers will be clear on (and shocked by) how deep the racism goes in Hollywood and how it affects what we see at the cinema. That makes for a meaningful and solution-driven

read in this book.

Still, there are times when it’s about as easy to follow as a foreign-language film without subtitles: author Maryann Erigha presents some information in ways that could fluster fans who go to the movies to be entertained, not to keep records.

Still, like most movies, the book is better. This book, specifically, especially if you’ve noticed #OscarsSoWhite and it bugs you.

For cinema fans who want to see what they want to see, “The Hollywood Jim Crow” is a real good read.

Hinds County School District Weekly Update

ENGAGING-EMPOWERING-ENSURING-EXCELLENCE

Raymond High School host Reality Fair

The Reality Fair is a hands-on experience in which students, after identifying their career choice and starting salaries, are provided a budget sheet requiring them to live within their monthly salary while paying for basics such as housing, utilities, transportation, clothing and food. And some not-so-basics like entertainment and travel.



The Reality Fair is a unique opportunity for students to experience some of the financial challenges they will face when they start life on their own. Sponsors and volunteers for this annual event include: BankPlus; Community Bank; Merchant and Planners Bank; Mississippi State; Mutual Credit Union; Trustmark Bank; Regions Bank; Parents and Hope Credit Union.



Hinds County School District will be  
hosting its 2019 Job Fair March 2

Hinds County School District 2019 Job Fair will be held Saturday, March 2, 2019, from 9 a.m. -12 p.m. The event will take place at Byram Middle School, 2009 Byram Bulldog Blvd., Byram, MS 39170. Candidates attending the 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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Counseling Week

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THS Softball Team gets a lesson in banking and a donation

Elaine Toney, Mortgage Loan originator with Community Bank conducted classes on money management with students of the Terry High School Softball Team last week and donated \$1,000 to the girls’ softball team.



Byram Middle School Jr. Beta Club  
learning the meaning of service

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