

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH SPOTLIGHT

State Representative Alyce Griffin Clarke



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By Othor Cain
Editor

First elected to office in 1985, District 69 Rep. Alyce Griffin Clarke was the first black woman in the state Legislature. At the time of her election, Clarke was a co-chair of a neighborhood committee when some of her neighbors had the bright idea that she should run for office.

“At first, the plan was to run for Jackson City Council,” Clarke said. “Once I made up my mind to do it, one of my neighbors informed me that the committee had changed its mind and decided that I should run for the Mississippi House of Representatives



instead.

Clarke, who is on the ballot for re-election in August, remembers some of the most trying moments at the Capitol, including when she was first elected and there

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Ronnie Crudup Jr. wins special election House District 71



Ronnie Crudup Jr. and wife Andrea PHOTO BY KEHINDE GAYNOR

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In what was an extremely low voter turn out, political newcomer Ronnie Crudup Jr. captured a win in Tuesday’s special election to fill the Mississippi House of Representative seat in District 71.

This seat was formally held by Adrienne Wooten, who in 2018, became a Hinds County Circuit Court judge.

Crudup, who previously

ran for mayor and has been a staunch advocate for South Jackson, ran on a platform of blight elimination and improvements to the state’s educational system, garnered 63 percent of the votes in a very dismal voter turn out.

There are 13,734 registered voters in District 71, Crudup received 320 votes to claim victory.

In a FaceBook post Wednesday, Crudup thanked his sup-

porters. “Its been hard to get my thoughts together since last night, because my mind was all over the place on much of the day. It still hasn’t quite sunk in yet...a thank you goes to everyone who made a contribution and helped in any form or fashion,” his post reveled in part.

Crudup also thanked the other two candidates vying for the same seat.

Edelia J. Carthan, a profes-

sor at Tougaloo College received 123 votes or 24 percent and Stephanie Skipper, a state employee received 62 votes or 12 percent.

Crudup, who currently serves as the executive director for New Horizon Ministries, Inc., is a graduate of Murrah High School in Jackson and Belhaven University.

All three candidates have filed paperwork to seek this office in the August primaries.

What blacks have already lost under Trump

By Richard Prince
TriceEdneyWire.com

When candidate Donald Trump appealed for African-American votes in the 2016 campaign, he famously asked, “What the hell do you have to lose?”

According to U. S. Rep. Karen Bass (D-Calif.), and chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, blacks have ruefully found out under now-President Trump, to their detriment.

What rights and protections have African Americans lost? “Off the top of my head,” she said, answering a question at Sunday’s Journalism Roundtable from Lottie Joiner, editor of the NAACP’s Crisis magazine, “essentially, the assault on civil rights.

“Almost every cabinet secretary that he appointed, he gave them a mission of destroying and dismantling this agency that they were in charge of. And most of those agencies have civil rights areas. So you’re



Bass

talking about education, you’re talking about the Environmental Protection Agency, you’re talking about Health and Human Services, you’re talking about the Department of Jus-

tice. So it’s the elimination, or the watering down, of civil rights protections across the board.

“One of the things he did right away, within a couple of weeks of being sworn in, was to reverse the consent decrees from police departments. . . . All of the voter suppression stuff that’s just been allowed to run amok. I could certainly get you more specific information, but that is a general way of looking at it. So environmental protection is huge in our communities, because you can go back to the Flint water [crisis], but loosening up regulations when it comes to the environment disproportionately impacts our neighborhoods.

“For example, in Los Angeles, this might be a little different now, but a few years ago, the leading cause of death of black children was asthma,” she continued. “Asthma, why? Because they live near freeways. It was the toxins in the air.

“And then when cap and trade kind of came in, which was meant to help the environment, you know that part of the way that works is, if I’m a polluter, then I put in money to allow myself to continue polluting, by buying trees someplace else. . . .

“So even in an environmentally aggressive state like California, you still have disproportionate impacts on communities of color. In the Central Valley in California, which is predominantly Latino, there’s a really high miscarriage rate. Why? Because of chemicals in the water.

“And then in immigration, of course, there was that story [about a woman in the United States for more than 20 years] . . . her country was Liberia, which she lived in as a little kid, and now he’s getting ready to kick out 800 Liberians; and then there are the Haitians that have been kicked out.

There is also Lana Marks, Trump’s choice for ambassador to South Afri-

ca. Bass said, “. . . Trump appointed a woman to be ambassador to South Africa, and I believe her primary reason for being there is that she is a dues-paying member of Mar-a-Lago. She is, and this is the height of insult, a white South African.

“And professionally she is known for making purses. She sells purses. I’m not sure if anybody in the room can afford her purses. They cost \$10-\$15,000. That’s who we’ve appointed to South Africa, and that’s really significant, because can you imagine the message that sends to the South Africans?”

Yet there might be a silver lining amid the negativity. “One of the things that I hope will be said about this time period is that he was the catalyst for an awful amount of activism. . . . We recognized that he was so horrific that we can never relax again and have to be involved. . . . You make us mad, you make us vote.”

AARP Mississippi applauds legislators for passing broadband legislation

The Mississippi Link Newswire

AARP Mississippi applauds the Mississippi Legislature for passing House Bill 366, The Mississippi Broadband Enabling Act. Governor Phil Bryant recently signed the legislation into law. Broadband expansion was a priority for AARP Mississippi this legislative session.

“Expanding access to broadband is an important quality of life issue for Mississippians who live in rural areas,” said AARP Mississippi State Director Kimberly L. Campbell, Esq. “High-speed internet access can provide opportunities for Mississippians to use telehealth, distance learning and other technologies. It also could help combat social isolation by among older Mississippians.”

The Mississippi Broadband Enabling Act will allow the state’s electric power associations to provide broadband services. The legislation changed a 1942 law that said electric power associations could only provide electricity. The Mississippi Broadband Enabling Act allows the EPAs to own, build, maintain and operate a broadband system as part of its electric delivery system.

According to America’s Digital Divide, a report by the U.S. Congress Joint Economic Committee, 60 percent of rural Mississippians do not have access to broadband. The Federal Communications Commission has found that 79 percent of Mis-



Gov. Phil Bryant signs the Mississippi Broadband Enabling Act into law at the state capitol.

issippi households are not connected to the internet at speeds defined as broadband – 25 megabits per second download speed and three megabits per second upload speed.

“Our volunteers were very engaged in this issue by talking with their legislators and attending a broadband town hall that AARP Mississippi sponsored

with Public Service Commissioner Brandon Presley.

We also thank Speaker Philip Gunn, Lt. Gov. Tate Reeves, Chairman Sally Doty and Chairman Jim Beckett for their leadership in passing this legislation.”

AARP Mississippi will offer technology workshops this summer across the state.

To receive information about

the workshops, email msaarp@aarp.org or call 1-866-554-5382.

AARP is the nation’s largest nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to empowering Americans 50 and older to choose how they live as they age. With nearly 38 million members and offices in every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Vir-

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were separate restrooms for black and white elected officials. “I remember a white female being given a key to a private restroom outside the chamber and I was not...instead I was pointed to a restroom further away than my white counterparts,” she remembers vividly.

During those times, male representatives had a bathroom in the House chamber.

Clarke told the news media what had happened – and declined the bathroom key that was, inevitably, offered to her the next day.

Clarke says she has otherwise enjoyed her three

decades in the House. She has worked hard on education and public health bills, and tries to improve the futures of as many young people as possible.

She also wants to see more women support each other in political endeavors.

“We had three highly qualified women run for

governor before, and they didn’t even make the runoff,” she said. “That was embarrassing. (Robert Gray, who won the Democratic primary) was a truck driver, versus a lawyer and a doctor.”

Clarke remains committed to serve and looks forward to another four years in office.

UNCF delivers first ‘State of HBCUs’ Address in Washington

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Contributor

Nana-Ama Brookman, a senior at Virginia Union, said she wouldn’t be on the cusp of graduating with honors and with a degree in mass communications and criminal justice, if it weren’t for the United Negro College Fund.

When she started college, Brookman worked three jobs as she struggled to pay rising tuition and other costs, fighting to stay awake and keep up with her studies.

But, after receiving a scholarship from the UNCF, Brookman was able to focus more on her education and a little less on the side jobs. And, it’s paid off as she now sports a 4.0 grade point average.

“That was a game changer,” she said.

Brookman was among the attendees at a Capitol Hill luncheon where the UNCF issued its first “State of HBCUs Address.”

The organization, who for 75 years have championed the cause that ‘A mind is a terrible thing to waste,’ also launched its HBCU Congressional Honor Roll.

During the event, UNCF president and CEO Michael L. Lomax outlined a comprehensive legislative agenda for Congressional members that he said should help level the playing field for the nation’s HBCUs.

A number of lawmakers and a host of HBCU presidents attended the event where Lomax called on federal policymakers to make significant investments in HBCU infrastructure and innovation, reform financial aid and evaluate regional accreditors’ treatment of HBCUs.

“We want our institutions to be vibrant, vital and strong,” Lomax said.

“We want our partners, federal and otherwise, to invest at



Master of Ceremonies Bakari Sellers

a level that is not simply about surviving, but thriving,” he said.

During the luncheon where attorney and CNN political analyst Bakari Sellers served as master of ceremonies, UNCF officials and others outlined the benefits of HBCUs and the impact those schools have had.

HBCUs represent 17 percent of African Americans with a bachelor’s degree and 24 percent of African Americans with a bachelor’s degree in the STEM field.



Virginia Democratic Sen. Tim Kaine said HBCUs have “persisted and thrived because your mission is right.”

HBCUs meet the needs of low-income, first generation students with 70 percent of enrollees considered low-income versus 39 percent at all other colleges.

Fifty-five percent of African-American graduates of HBCUs report more support and higher engagement – a figure that’s two times more than African-American graduates of other colleges.

Just as important, HBCUs generate a \$14.8 billion eco-

nom ic impact annually, producing 134,900 jobs each year and \$130 billion in lifetime earnings.

“The forerunner to good legislation is good education,” said South Carolina Republican Sen. Tim Scott, who spoke at the luncheon.

“It’s not easy running an HBCU, there are challenges,” Kaine said, noting that his children’s teachers were products of HBCUs and they’ve become successful in part because of it.



Dr. Michael Lomax, president and CEO of the United Negro College Fund (UNCF)

Bennett College President Phyllis Worthy Dawkins also praised the UNCF for its role in helping raise \$9.5 million over a 60-day period in a bid to help save the historic all-girls’ school’s accreditation.

Lomax promised that the fight isn’t over.

He also laid out the top priorities for HBCUs, noting that the country should invest more heavily in those institutions.

Among the priorities:

- A White House Initiative

that should implement policies that increase the federal investment in HBCUs.

- Fully funded Title III HBCU Programs that would include \$85 million in annual mandatory funding which would enable HBCUs to prepare more minority students for the workforce and economy.

- Annual discretionary funding for the strengthening of HBCUs Program should increase from Fiscal Year 2019 levels of \$282 million to \$375 million, the authorized level.

- Endowment Challenge. Grants which would help HBCUs increase their self-sufficiency and build endowments that, today, are half the typical size of non-HBCU endowments.

- Reform Federal Student Aid.

- Invest in HBCU facilities and infrastructure to the tune of a \$1 trillion national infrastructure program that should include grants, no or low-interest loans, and tax incentives through a national infrastructure bank and, or, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Commerce, Education, Interior and Treasury programs to renovate and construct HBCU facilities.

- Fund New HBCU Centers of Innovation for National Needs.

- Repeal and Reform burdensome higher education regulations.

“HBCUs are the engines that help power and deliver much-needed economic and workforce diversity,” Lomax said. “By that standard alone, our institutions are worth the federal investment we are asking for. During a time, when college is increasingly more unaffordable and student debt is growing, HBCUs continue to represent a tremendous value and opportunity for many students and families.”

CNN ignores ‘moral’ issue in refusing to meet with NABJ

By Stacy M. Brown
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NABJ President Sarah Glover said she’s stunned that CNN canceled a planned meeting to discuss the importance of diversity and black representation within the ranks of the network’s executive news managers and those who report directly to the cable channel’s president Jeff Zucker.

“It’s a moral issue,” Glover told NNPA Newswire in an interview, March 12.

“The diversity discussion is not a buzz word, it’s really serious discussions we are seeking to have with major media companies,” she said.

After AT&T agreed to a deal last summer to acquire Time Warner and CNN, NABJ officials reached out to AT&T CEO Randall L. Stephenson who responded in a positive manner, Glover said.

The plan was to then meet with CNN and Zucker – a meeting was scheduled for Jan. 22.

A pre-meeting between CNN and NABJ officials was held two weeks earlier to discuss the Jan. 22 agenda.

In the pre-meeting, NABJ shared who would be present at the Jan. 22 meeting, which included news personality and



NABJ President Sarah Glover CRUSADER NEWSPAPERS PHOTO

NABJ Executive Board Member Roland Martin as part of a four-person NABJ delegation.

At that time, CNN did not express any concerns, Glover said.

“It was not until the business day before the Jan. 22 meeting that CNN expressed their desire to not have Roland Martin present,” she said.

Glover and NABJ said that was insulting and they would not dis-invite anyone from their delegation, particularly a long-time board member like Martin.

As the meeting approached and after five months of preparations, CNN canceled the session only hours before the scheduled time of the meeting.

“We’ve had discussions with

other broadcasting companies as well as print and digital companies and we’ll continue to have those discussions,” Glover said.

She said CNN likely doesn’t understand that the meetings are part of NABJ’s three-year Strategic Plan, which includes bringing advocacy issues front and center.

“We’re implementing the strategic plan which is very thoughtful and it’s important to our mission,” Glover said.

Other networks like Fox, CBS, ABC and NBC all have complied with NABJ requests for meetings, Glover said.

Other organizations like the National Newspaper Publishers Association, the Rev. Jesse

Jackson’s Rainbow Push and Color of Change have reached out to NABJ offering their support, Glover said.

The recent headlines about the refusal by Zucker, who has declined comment, has made public what was meant to remain private, Glover said.

“The majority of our meetings, no one hears about, but it is highly unusual that a news organization would place constraints upon how they will engage us,” she said.

Color of Change, a national online force driven by more than 1.4 million members, joined NABJ’s call for a civil rights audit at CNN and more black representation among its news leadership.

“When there’s more of us in the room fighting for our stories to be told, and raising awareness about the issues impacting our communities, we have an even better chance of creating change and ending the practices that unfairly hold us back,” Color of Change officials said in a statement.

“We support NABJ as they call for a civil rights audit and put pressure on CNN President Jeff Zucker to make diversity and inclusion improvements at the network.”

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., with more than 120,000 members, has also joined the fight.

In a statement, the organization said it “shares the concern of the National Association of Black Journalists about the lack of black representation within the ranks of CNN’s executive news managers and direct reports to CNN President Jeff Zucker.

“As an organization specifically concerned with the issues affecting the African-American community, we lend our voices to those who would encourage constructive dialogue regarding creating an inclusive workplace at CNN,” Alpha Phi Alpha officials said.

The Rev. Jackson tweeted that CNN has no African-American executive producers, vice presidents on the news side or senior vice presidents.

“Don’t crush the darkness. Fight back with shifting eyes,” Jackson said.

In a tweet, NNPA President and CEO Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., wrote, “NNPA supports the NABJ and NAACP.” Chavis used the hashtags, diversity and inclusion and end racism.

NNPA’s Chairman and Chicago Crusader publisher Doro-

thy Leavell, also spoke out.

“The National Newspaper Publishers Association is in full support of equal and fair treatment of blacks in the media and stands solidly behind NABJ’s efforts to diversify CNN,” Leavell said.

Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley (D-Mass.) added that, “the people of this country depend on our news organizations to deliver unbiased and fair reporting. That is impossible without equal representation. I stand behind NABJ’s investigation into the lack of diversity within CNN’s leadership.”

And, in its statement, the NAACP said, “CNN’s lack of black representation in leadership roles is troubling and another example of the media industry’s reluctance to address an issue that continues to plague newsrooms across the country.”

Meanwhile, Glover said the NABJ will continue to focus on diversity and inclusion issues.

“The meeting will be up to CNN now,” she said. “My focus is on improving diversity in the newsroom and seeing measurable improvement at CNN. That’s why CNN is on our special monitoring list and they will remain on there until there’s improvement.”

AAAE/USCTA lead coalition asking Congress to fully fund Contract Towers

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A coalition of aviation groups, including the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE)/U.S. Contract Tower Association (USCTA), recently wrote leaders of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees to reassert the vital role that contract air traffic control towers play in improving safety and saving taxpayer dollars. In the letter, the aviation groups made a simple request that language be included in a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) appropriations bill to ensure contract towers can continue to operate without interruption.

“The FAA Contract Tower Program has provided cost-effective and essential air traffic safety services for over three decades. Currently, 256 smaller airports in 46 states participate in the program,” wrote USCTA Executive Director J. Spencer Dickerson and the leaders of eight other aviation groups. “Together these 256 towers handle approximately 28 percent of all air traffic control tower (ATCT) aircraft operations in the U.S. but only account for about 14 percent of FAA’s overall budget allotted to ATCT tower operations and save FAA and taxpayers approximately \$200 million per year. More importantly, the safety and efficiency record of the FAA Contract Tower Program has been validated numerous times by the DOT Inspector General, as well as by FAA safety audits.”

There are numerous benefits of the Contract Tower Program, a successful 37-year partnership of government and the aviation industry. Among other benefits, contract towers:

- Save taxpayers approximately \$200 million each year;
- Enhance aviation safety at airports that otherwise would not have a control tower;
- Help airports in retaining and developing commercial air service and general aviation;
- Connect smaller and rural airports to the national air transportation system;
- Provide significant support for military readiness and national security operations (47 percent of all military operations at civilian airports in the United States occur at FAA contract towers); and
- Play an essential role in relief and recovery efforts during and after hurricanes, wildfires and other natural disasters in the United States.

As the House and Senate Appropriations Committees work on an FAA appropriations bill that will set the agency’s funding for FY 2020, the letter requests language ensuring that the contract towers are fully funded at \$170 million. That proposal, which has strong bipartisan support in both chambers of Congress, simply ensures contract towers are fully funded from existing accounts and does not require an additional appropriation of limited taxpayer dollars.

The letter was sent to the Republican and Democratic leaders of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees and the respective Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Subcommittees. Thanks to the efforts of these leaders, the program has enjoyed strong bipartisan support and funding in previous fiscal years.

In addition to USCTA, the letter was signed by leaders of the Regional Airline Association, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, the National Business Aviation Administration, the National Air Transportation Association, Airports Council International – North American, the National Association of State Aviation Officials, the Air Traffic Control Association and the Cargo Airline Association.

2019 Mississippi Spelling Bee will broadcast live March 19 on MPB Television

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The 2019 Mississippi Spelling Bee will broadcast live at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 19 on Mississippi Public Broadcasting Television. Forty students from several school districts will compete.

The spelling bee will take place in the television studio at MPB, 3825 Ridgewood Road in Jackson. Due to limited seating, the bee is not open to the general public. The winner of the Mississippi competition will advance to the 2019 Scripps National Spelling Bee set for May 30.



The event is sponsored by the Mississippi Association of Educators. Lead judge for this year’s bee is Dennis Watts, assistant to the president of Belhaven University. Other judges are the Rev. Carol Mead, rector at St. Peter’s by-the-Lake Episcopal Church in Brandon; Amber May, programs director for Operation Shoestring; and Ercilla Dometz-Hendrix, policy analyst for the University Research Center.

See chart for names, schools and districts of the Mississippi competitors.

Get more information online at <http://www.mpbonline.org/spellingbee/>.

Participant Name	Grade	Age	School Name	District
Tavia Morris	6th	13	Robert Lewis Magnet School	Natchez Adams School District
Alexis Price	7th	12	Carleth Junior High School	Carleth School District
Madison Ault	8th	14	Holmes Flat Attendance Center	Benton County School District
Ronald Alam	5th	11	Bell Elementary	Cleveland County School District
Aiden McGill	4th	10	Quikman Upper Elementary	Quitman County School District
Eliel Ellington	8th	14	W. A. Higgins Academy	Clarksdale Municipal School District
Yris Rue	7th	13	Desoto Central Middle School	Desoto County School District
Aaron Marston	7th	12	Presbyterian Christian	George County School District
Carley Bradley	4th	10	Central Elementary	George County School District
Matthew Simpson	7th	12	Saint Bernard	Catholic Diocese of Bay St. Louis
Elizabeth Simpson	5th	10	St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School	Catholic Diocese of Biloxi
Sam Connolly	8th	13	Homestead	Christian Home Education Connection
Nathaniel Edwards	6th	12	Rowamba Attendance Center	Rowamba County School District
Kamaria Herdman	7th	12	G. W. Carter Elementary	Jefferson Davis County School District
Lanae Plancy	5th	10	Mosselle Elementary School	Jones County School District
Kearthon Korthausen	8th	13	Oxford Middle School	Oxford School District
Yolanda Ni	8th	12	Oak Grove Middle School	Lamar County School District
Cannon Graham	7th	13	West Lauderdale Middle School	Lauderdale County School District
Bulford Bille	7th	12	Red Water Elementary	Choctaw Tribal Schools
Raymond Yang	5th	11	Sartilla Elementary School	Lee County School District
Adrianna Brown	7th	12	Greenwood Middle School	Greenwood Public School District
Quinn Beamer	8th	13	Alexander Junior High	Brookhaven School District
Sidney Staggell	8th	14	Heritage Academy	Lincoln County School District
Natalia Ignotzky	8th	13	St. Joseph Catholic School	National Catholic Educational
Haley Lowery	3rd	8	West Marion Primary	Marion County School District
Bernie Lechale	7th	12	Haley School	Monroe County School District
Kushi Raune	4th	10	Newton County Elementary	Newton County School District
Soyoun Parks	8th	14	Armstrong Middle School	Starkville Oktobaha School District
Audumna Comas	7th	13	Pope School	South Panola School District
Katie Davis	8th	14	Middle School of Poplarville	Poplarville Separate School District
Kaleb Staggell	8th	15	North Pontotoc Middle School	Pontotoc County School District
Taylor Bythe	7th	13	Wills Chapel	Prentiss County School District
Elabor Zeln	5th	11	Highland Bluff Elementary	Randall County School District
Jarrellus Thornton	8th	14	Mendenhall Junior High School	Simpson County School District
Chander Burton	5th	11	A.M. James Elementary School	Sunflower County School District
Penaghamie Tamm	4th	12	S.K. Bearden	West Tallahatchie School District
Ashley Rojas	8th	13	Belmont School	Tishomingo County SP Municipal School District
Christian Ponsosa	5th	10	New Albany Elementary	New Albany Public School District
Lauren Coady	8th	12	Beechwood Elementary	Waldorf Warren County School District
Madison Walker	8th	14	Clark School	Wayne County School District

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Madison students win prizes in C-span’s video documentary competition

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C-SPAN announced recently that students at Madison Central High School, in Madison, Mississippi are winners in C-SPAN’s national 2019 Student-Cam competition.

Annie Thomas and Olivia Es-sary will receive \$750 as third prize winners for their docu-mentary, “America: We Know How TWO Party,” about Amer-ica’s two-party system.

Jillian Russell and Luke North will receive \$250 as honorable mention winners for their docu-mentary, “America Through the Lens of Civil Rights.”

Elizabeth Barton, Vedanth Buddala and Tanbir Banipal

will receive \$250 as honorable mention winners for their docu-mentary, “Freedom of Speech: The Voice of the American Ex-perience.”

Each year since 2006, C-SPAN partners with its local ca-ble television providers in com-munities nationwide to invite middle and high school students to produce short documentaries about a subject of national im-portance. This year students ad-dressed the theme, “What does it mean to be American? Choose a constitutional right, national characteristic or historic event and explain how it defines the American experience.”

In response, a record 6,318

students (a 10 percent increase over 2018) from 48 states and Washington, D.C., participated. The most popular topics among the 2,923 submissions included First Amendment rights (17 percent), equality/discrimina-tion (13 percent) and immigra-tion (9 percent).

“Over the last 15 years, we’ve had the privilege of hearing viewpoints on a wide variety of issues directly from young filmmakers across the country,” said C-SPAN’s Manager of Ed-ucation Relations Craig McAn-drew. “This year, students clear-ly stepped up their approach to deliver thoughtful and diverse responses to our competition

theme, which reflect enormous time and effort put into the re-search and construction of their documentaries.”

C-SPAN is funded by Ameri-ca’s cable television companies, whom also support Student-Cam. In Madison, C-SPAN is available locally through Com-cast.

“Comcast is proud to part-ner with C-SPAN on its annual documentary competition, Stu-dentCam,” said Doug Guthrie, Regional SVP Comcast. “These Madison area students were challenged to think about our democracy and to creatively portray different views on what it means to be American. We

are delighted to see young lead-ers from Madison Central High School define the American experience through their short videos, and we congratulate them on their winning entries.”

These winners are among the 340 students across the country winning a total of \$100,000, including one grand prize win-ner, four first prize winners, 16 second prize winners, 32 third prize winners and 97 honorable mentions.

This year C-SPAN marks its 15th year of the competition and awards its 1 millionth dol-lar in StudentCam prize money.

The 150 winning videos can be viewed at <http://www.stu->

dentcam.org and may be used in a broadcast with attribution to C-SPAN.

To schedule an interview with one or more of the winning stu-dents, please contact Pam Mc-Gorry at pmcgorry@c-span.org.

The annual competition is sponsored by the C-SPAN Edu-cation Foundation. Videos were evaluated by a panel of educa-tors and C-SPAN representa-tives based on the thoughtful examination of the competi-tion’s theme, quality of expres-sion, inclusion of varying sides of the documentary’s topic, and effective incorporation of C-SPAN programming.

Democratic senators wished Tougaloo College basketball team good luck

Democratic senators wished Tougaloo College basketball coach Thomas Billups, (2nd from left on second row), and players, (2nd and 3rd from left on 3rd row), Dearius Griffin, a guard and forward Tonzell Handy, good luck at the Capitol March 13, 2019, as they prepare to travel to Kansas City, Mo. March 17, 2019, to prepare for the NAIA tournament where they will compete. Tougaloo’s men this season have run up a 28-4 record.

Others in the photo from left in front are Senators John Horhn, Debbie Dawkins, Barbara Blackmon, Tammy Witherspoon, Angela Turner-Ford and Hillman T. Frazier. Second row: Senator Willie Simmons, Coach Billups and Senators Sollie B. Norwood and Derrick T. Simmons. Third row: Senator Juan Barnett, Griffin, and Handy and Senators Robert L. Jackson, David Blount, Albert Butler and David Jordan.





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Literacy-Based Promotion Act



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Mississippi’s Literacy-Based Promotion Act requires all third-grade students to demonstrate at the end of the school year that they are ready for fourth-grade reading instruction. Under the law, third-grade students who do not read proficiently on grade level at the end of the year may be retained and not promoted to the next grade level. However, students may qualify for

an exemption.

Parents should ask their child’s teacher about “good cause” exemptions. The resources linked below are for parents, educators and others to help support successful reading outcomes for students.

Testing

The reading portion of the Mississippi Academic Assessment Program (MAAP) English Language Arts (ELA) test will determine whether

students meet the requirement for promotion. Students will have two retest opportunities. The test is multiple choice and given online via a computer or tablet at school.

MDE Literacy-Based Promotion Act Resources
Literacy-Based Promotion Act Assessments
Literacy-Based Promotion Initiative
Literacy-Based Promotion Act FAQs (PDF)

MDE Literacy Videos
Literacy-Based Promotion Act (YouTube)

Parent Involvement Helps Children Improve Reading Skills (YouTube)

Strong Leaders = Strong Readers – Mississippi (YouTube)

MDE Parent Reading Resources

Find more easy-to-understand reading resources for parents on the MDE website.

CDC robotics team pitches project to MS Manufacturers Association

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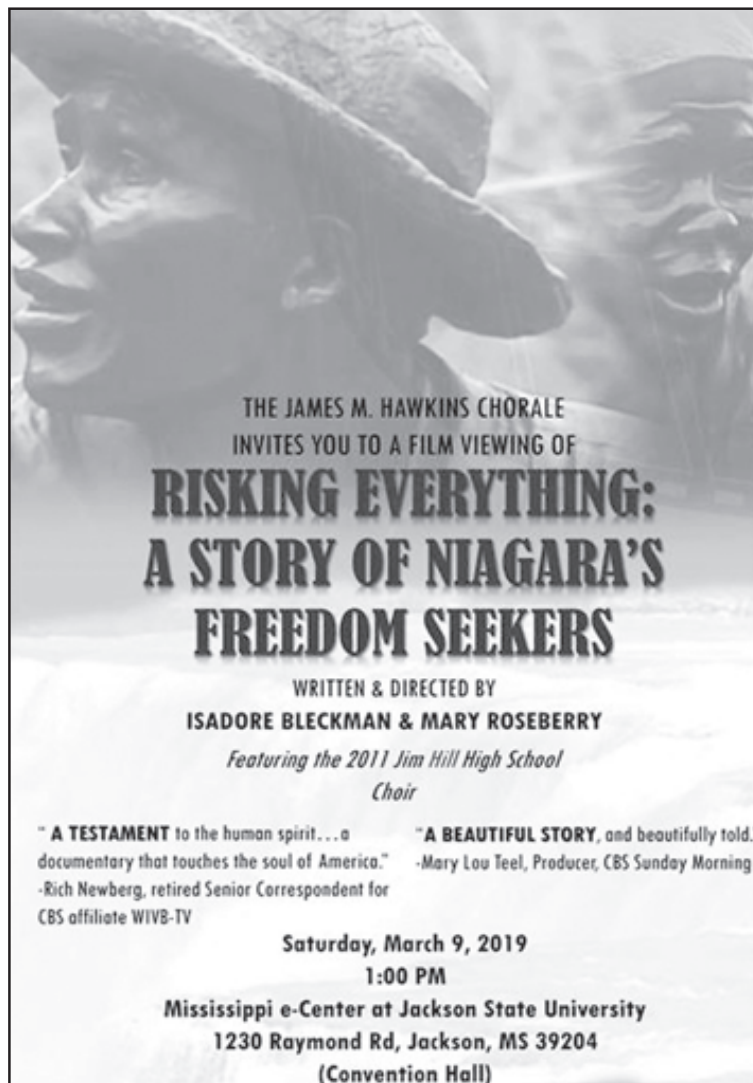
The Horlucks Robotics Team from the Jackson Public Schools Career Development Center presented at the Mississippi Manufacturers Association reception January 22.


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 opportunity 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 Provine; Latez Ward, 11th grade and Amari Gaynor, 10th grade, Forest Hill students. Their instructor is Oluwafemi Oloko, the engineering and robotics instructor at the career development center.




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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Pre-kindergarten screening for the 2019-2020 school year is underway and will continue until March 29.

Children must live in the city of Jackson, be potty-trained and be four years old by September 1. To request a pre-K screening appointment, parents should contact the nearest pre-K site.

JPS Summer Reading Kickoff Celebration

The 2019 Summer Reading Kickoff Celebration will be held from 10–11:30 a.m. Thursday, April 4, 2019, at Cardozo Middle School located at 3180 McDowell Road Ext. The purpose of the event is to encourage all JPS students and parents to engage in a culture of reading over the summer months.

The District requires all students to read three books over the summer and to complete a reading log for each book they read. Students must read the one book required for their grade but may choose the other two books they read.

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Delta Center for Culture and Learning's "Most Southern" teacher workshops earn rave reviews from National Humanities Alliance survey

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Delta Center for Culture and Learning's venerable summer workshop, "The Most Southern Place on Earth: Music, History and Culture of the Mississippi Delta," recently received further praise from the National Humanities Alliance (NHA), the official advocacy organization for the National Endowment of the Humanities (NEH). Alumni participants surveyed by the NHA consider the free week-long professional development for K-12 educators as invariably helpful and often revelatory.

Last year, the NHA called Most Southern "engaging" and "life-shaping" and included it in profiles of high-impact humanities initiatives nationwide. "Over the course of six days, teachers examine the Delta's past and present, experientially and intellectually, focusing especially on the region's place in the civil rights movement and the development of blues music. They listen to local musicians, walk the landscape and eat regional cuisine at local restaurants; they attend scholarly lectures and panels led by civil rights activists and FBI agents," stated the NHA on webpages called NEH for All. "When they return to their classrooms around the country, the teachers bring not only a new appreciation for the Mississippi Delta's role in our national history and culture, but also new methods – focused on food, music and landscapes – by which to teach regional history to their students."

This year, NHA got a second opinion – from participants. Feedback was anonymous and unanimous:

"This has been the best professional development I have ever attended."

"The highlight of a 30-year career."

"I came back to my daily life invigorated and transformed."

That the 10-year, \$1.57 million endeavor – funded by the NEH and attended by more than 600 teachers in public and private primary and secondary schools



NEH Most Southern workshop participants gather in June 2018 for discussions at the historic Flood of 1927 levee break site at the Mississippi River. PHOTO CREDIT: ROBERTSON SCHOLARS/THE DELTA CENTER

so far – would garner such acclaim makes sense to NHA Executive Director Stephen Kidd.

"We have long been impressed by the quality of Delta State University's program, 'The Most Southern Place on Earth,'" he said. "It is gratifying, now, to see the degree to which it is valued by teachers whose careers are shaped by their experience in the Delta and who bring its history and culture home with them, sharing the region with communities across the United States."

The survey included feedback from 137 Most Southern workshop alumni – more than 20 percent of participants. Among the findings:

100 percent said the workshop helped them grow as an educator, with 43 percent specifying "transformative growth" and 51 percent selecting "significant growth."

100 percent rated Most Southern superior to other professional development opportunities, 62 percent of whom called it "vastly superior."

92 percent were "extremely satisfied" with the return on their invested time and energy. The remaining 8 percent were "satisfied."

72 percent said the workshop inspired them to pursue additional education or professional development opportunities.

"We were honored that the National Humanities Alliance recognized Most Southern last year, and we were even more honored when the Alliance contacted The Delta Center about conducting this study," said Rolando Herts, director of the Delta Center for Culture and Learning, which is part of Delta State University, and co-director of Most Southern with Lee Aylward, who is program associate for education and community outreach at the Delta Center. "We knew anecdotally that our program has impacted teachers and their school communities positively. Based on the results of this study, we now have strong empirical evidence that the Most Southern program is empowering educators nationwide to teach Mississippi Delta heritage stories and their significance to American history and culture."

Most Southern returns for two 2019 sessions: Sunday, June 16 - Saturday, June 22; and Sunday, July 7 - Saturday, July 13, 2019.

For more information, go online to deltacenterdsu.com/mostsouthern.

Attendees receive a stipend for their participation via NEH funding.

The NHA is a nationwide coalition of organizations advocating for the humanities on campuses, in communities and on



NEH Most Southern workshop participants learn about the Delta Chinese Cemetery in Greenville, Miss., in July 2018.



NEH Most Southern workshop participants take photos of voting rights activist and Mississippi native Fannie Lou Hamer's statue in Ruleville, Miss., in July 2015.

Capitol Hill. Founded in 1981, the NHA is supported by more than 200 member organizations, including colleges, universities, libraries, museums, cultural organizations, state humanities councils and scholarly, professional and higher education associations. It is the only organization that brings together the U.S. humanities community as a whole.

The mission of The Delta Center is to promote greater understanding of Mississippi Delta culture and history and its significance to the world through education, partnerships, and community engagement. The

Delta Center serves as the management entity of the Mississippi Delta National Heritage Area, for which Herts serves as executive director, and is the home of the International Delta Blues Project.

About Delta State University

Delta State University is a four-year public institution whose more than 3,500 students come from most U.S. states and more than 50 countries. The university offers numerous unique programs, including the Delta Music Institute entertainment industry program, and is the only university in Missis-

issippi to offer undergraduate and graduate aviation programs. Situated in the heart of the Mississippi Delta, which is recognized as the birthplace of American music, Delta State has become the center of music and culture for the state and the region. The university is also the academic center for the blues, offering an online blues studies curriculum that leads to a certificate for advanced study of blues music. In addition, Delta State offers top-notch academic programs in business, arts, sciences, nursing, and education, among other areas.

MSU Alumni Association establishes Young Alumni Advisory Council

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Mississippi State University Alumni Association convened its inaugural Young Alumni Advisory Council this month. This newly organized group of volunteer leaders, which met for the first time during the association's annual leadership conference March 2, is dedicated to helping young MSU alumni transition into their professional lives while engaging them in lifelong relationships with fellow alumni and the land-grant institution.

Consisting of 38 MSU graduates under the age of 35, council members are ambassadors of the university in areas of the nation where high concentrations of young graduates reside. These areas include Atlanta, Georgia; Birmingham, Alabama; Houston, Texas; Memphis and Nashville, Tennessee; and Washington, D.C.

"The Alumni Association is excited about the addition of the Young Alumni Advisory Council," said Jeff Davis, the asso-



Pictured at The Mill at MSU during the MSU Alumni Association's annual leadership conference are the inaugural members of the Young Alumni Advisory Council. PHOTO BY BETH WYNN

ciation's executive director. "The council will provide a network for young alumni and encourage younger generations to consider making MSU their institution of choice for a college education."

The new council meets each spring and fall. Members over age 28 serve two-year terms, and younger members serve three-year terms. The council is led by chair and vice chair positions.

Inaugural officers are chair Paul Minor, a 2011 geoscience graduate of Houston, Texas, and vice chair Evann Berry, a 2014 biological engineering graduate of Mount Rainier, Maryland.

"It is a tremendous honor to chair the first Young Alumni Advisory Council," said Minor. "I am eager to serve alongside our bright and passionate council men and women, whose sole mission is to assist our recent graduates around the world with establishing a lifelong connection to their alma mater. At home or away, being a Mississippi State Bulldog is part of our identity."

The group also seeks to amplify involvement in volunteering and fundraising activities. Council members participate in one of four subcommittees: alumni chapters and clubs, alumni engagement and participation, marketing and communication and student recruitment.

"This newly established advisory council builds on the association's commitment to expand young alumni engagement," said Berry. "I look forward to serving Mississippi State and our esteemed alumni through this group."

Established in 1885 by the first

three graduating classes of the Mississippi Agriculture and Mechanical College, the Alumni Association is dedicated to maintaining relationships with the Bulldog family. These relationships foster support for the land-grant institution and involvement in university events, programs and activities of MSU's more than 143,000 living alumni. The MSU Alumni Association has 101 chapters and clubs worldwide. Alumni membership is complimentary for a one-year period following graduation and continues with an annual contribution through the university's annual giving program.

For more on the Young Alumni Advisory Council and association participation, contact Brady Sistrunk, assistant coordinator of Alumni Chapters and Young Alumni Activities, at 662-325-3349 or bsistrunk@alumni.ms-state.edu.

More on the alumni association is available at alumni.ms-state.edu.



Creative Arts Festival extended deadline for submissions: March 22

Jackson State University

The Margaret Walker Center invites proposals for papers, presentations and panels for the 13th Annual Creative Arts Festival, scheduled for Friday and Saturday, April 12 and 13, 2019. Proposals must be submitted by Friday, March 22. While the theme of the conference is “Arts as Activism / Activism as Art,” the organizers welcome proposals from high school, undergraduate and graduate students on any topic.

Proposal submissions should be 250-500 words and should fit in one of four categories:

Poetry/Spoken Word (10-15-minute presentations in original storytelling or poetry, including brief comments about inspiration &/or form of the work)

Visual Arts (up to 3 pieces of artwork in any media with 10-minute presentations)

Written (10-page essays with 20-minute presentations)

Performing Arts (10-minute dance, musical and theatrical presentations).

In the case of panel proposals, please submit the names of the participants and the moderator and provide a brief synopsis of the panel’s topic and of the individual paper proposals.

To submit a proposal, please send a document in Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF to mwa@jsums.edu.

For more information, contact the Margaret Walker Center (mwa@jsums.edu or 601-979-3935) or the Conference Coordinators, Dr. helen crump (helen.j.crump@jsums.edu) and Dr. Robert Luckett (robert.luckett@jsums.edu).

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Note that submissions in the written and poetry categories will be considered for publication, and the best essay by a JSU student on the “black experience in the American South” will receive the \$1,000 Margaret Walker Alexander Annual Award.

Submissions for the Margaret Walker Alexander Annual Award can be in many forms, including literary analyses, creative writing, research papers, biographical studies, autobiography and historical studies. JSU students who would like to be considered for this Award must present their papers at the Creative Arts Festival Saturday, April 13, and submit their 10-page essays by Thursday, March 28, 2019.

This project is supported in part by funding from the Mississippi Arts Commission, a state agency, and in part, from the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

JSU unveils its new strategic plan framework – ‘One JSU 2029: The Blue & White Print’



JSU President William B. Bynum Jr.

Jackson State University

JSU President William B. Bynum Jr. has announced his strategic plan framework that will guide Jackson State University through 2029.

The groups, representing a cross-section of campus, will focus on achieving five goals through 2029:

Students first and foremost: Making sure the HBCU is one of the most student-centered universities in the country by implementing relevant and appropriate student-success strategies; developing students holistically; and ensuring that students earn a return on investment (ROI)

Academic prominence: Becoming one of the most respected and prominent research universities in the country by maintaining JSU’s “higher-research activity” status; becoming a Top 10 U.S. News & World Report-ranked HBCU; having the largest and best HBCU online degree programs; and fulfilling JSU’s designation as Mississippi’s Public Urban Research University

Athletic prowess – return of the glory days of JSU Sports: Becoming one of the premier NCAA FCS sports programs in the country in which student-athletes compete fearlessly on and off the field; retaining their active status and graduate; having access to quality coaching, mentorship and facilities; and engaging actively in campus life beyond athletics

Campus aesthetics and sustainability: Retaining and growing JSU’s status as one of the most beautiful and attractive urban campuses in the country by continuously investing in its physical plant and grounds; repairing and renovating older facilities; and building new structures in order to compete favorably for students, faculty and staff

Changing the culture, defining “tiger pride” and embracing its status as a community pillar (fundraising, alumni engagement and branding): Becoming nationally known for quality customer service; having efficient and effective operations with a nurturing, caring and competent faculty and staff, and alumni who readily give of their time, talent and treasure; and fulfilling JSU’s desire to become a great community, city and state resource and partner

The following members make up the strategic plan steering committee:

Dr. Sheila Porterfield, co-chair, interim dean, College of Business

Thomas Hudson, co-chair, special assistant to the president and chief diversity officer

Maxine Greenleaf, executive director, University Communications

Dr. Rosella Houston, president, staff senate

Dr. Deborah Dent, chief information officer

Dr. Shemeka McClung, executive director, Institutional Research

Dr. Okechukwu Anyamele, president, faculty senate

Dr. Earlexia Norwood, president, Jackson State University National Alumni Association, Inc. (JSUNAA)

Dr. William B. Bynum Jr., president, ex-officio

Dr. Lynda Brown-Wright, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, ex-officio

The following co-chairs will work with dozens of others to fulfill the five goals:

Dr. Lashonda Jordan, executive director, Career Services Center

Dr. Roosevelt Shelton, interim dean, College of Public Service

Dr. Joseph Whittaker, associate provost and vice president for Research and Economic Development

Dr. Candis Pizzetta, interim chair, Department of English, Modern Foreign Languages and Speech Communication

Ashley Robinson, vice president and director of JSU Athletics

Dr. Daniel Watkins, dean, College of Education and Human Development

Dr. Mario Azevedo, dean, College of Liberal Arts

Dr. John Calhoun, CEO, Integrated Management Services

Gwen Caples, assistant vice president for Institutional Advancement

Tarita Benson-Davis, first vice president, JSUNAA.

HEADWAE salutes JSU business professor, CSET student for achievements in higher ed

Jackson State University

An associate professor of business and a senior biology and pre-med major from Jackson State University were among recent honorees from 34 Mississippi public and private universities and colleges during an annual HEADWAE luncheon celebrating academic achievements and other contributions.

Nicholas J. Hill, interim chair of the Department of Business and an associate professor in JSU’s College of Business was saluted along with Malik Nelson in the College of Science, Engineering and Technology.

HEADWAE (Higher Education Appreciation Day – Working for Academic Excellence) was established by a legislative resolution to honor individuals for their overall efforts to elevate the state’s public and private institutions of higher learning.

The honorees began the event with a visit to the state capitol, where they were greeted by Sen. Gray Tollison, president pro tempore. Also, they were recognized by the Senate and House of Representatives and given a tour of the capitol. At the awards luncheon, the honorees were recognized for their excellence and contributions in the classroom and beyond.

Nelson, a native of Detroit,



Malik Nelson, left, is a senior biology and pre-med major who wants to become a dermatologist. He’s an honors student with a 4.0 GPA. Nicholas J. Hill, an associate professor in the College of Business, has conducted published research. PHOTOS BY CHARLES A. SMITH/JSU

is 4.0 honor student in the Du Bois-Harvey Honors College.

He said, “This is my first and only college award. It means a lot to me that the state of Mississippi would recognize my accomplishments. Being rewarded like this will always remind me of what being in Mississippi is like.”

The 21-year-old also said, “All throughout college, I never thought about being formally rewarded for my grades, volunteering or mentoring. I always saw the reward as being the actions themselves. My mom always taught me to work hard, do my best and never see myself as a victim because even when people are not watching, God is.”

As for his future, Nelson said he’s preparing for medical school.

“A couple days before

that others value the work that you’re doing, too,” he said.

Hill added that he’s “always been one who has worked hard to connect research that I’m passionate about to my students here, especially those who look like me. I want to connect different types of learning styles and teaching methods in the classroom to what they can expect in the real world. I believe we’re connecting students in the College of Business to what they’re really passionate about. This makes teaching worthwhile.”

His research has been published in several journals, and Hill recently received \$500,000 in research dollars from the National Science Foundation.

Aside from that, he directs the Center for Research and Economic Education and Literacy and Finance. It partners with the Mississippi Council For Economic Education to train instructors how to teach economic education and financial literacy to K-12 students.

“By doing this, students are better prepared for economics. They’re also aware of personal finance and understand the stock market,” said Hill, whose other contributions include working alongside the NAACP for community outreach.

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EPA releases City of Vicksburg from Wastewater Operations Consent Order

The United States Environmental Protection Agency has released the City of Vicksburg from its order on consent regarding wastewater treatment operations.

In April of 2013, the City of Vicksburg entered into an agreement with the EPA due to violations of the Clean Water Act and agreed to take certain steps to improve its wastewater collection system to be in compliance with Act. On Friday, March 8, 2019, the City of Vicksburg Board of Mayor and Aldermen voted to accept a letter from the EPA closing the administrative order on consent.

"I applaud Public Works Director Garnett VanNorman for his tireless work to make this day a reality," Vicksburg Mayor George Flaggs, Jr. said. "This is some of the greatest news for infrastructure improvements the City of Vicksburg has ever seen."

The City of Vicksburg will continue to map, assess and repair its wastewater collection system to be in compliance with the Clean Water Act and Environmental Protection Agency.



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Re: Administrative Order on Consent
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Dear Mr. Van Norman:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 4 has determined that the City of Vicksburg (the City) has satisfied the requirements of the referenced Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) and hereby closes the AOC.

The closure of this AOC shall not be deemed an election by the EPA to forgo any administrative, civil or criminal action or other appropriate relief under the Clean Water Act or relieve the City of any obligation it may have under any applicable federal, state or local law.

The EPA appreciates your cooperation. If you have questions concerning this letter, please contact Ms. Sara Janovitz at (404) 562-9870, or send written comments to the address on the letterhead.

Sincerely,

Jeanne M. Gettle, Director
Water Protection Division

SBA Mississippi announces new procurement center representative

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The U.S. Small Business Administration's Mississippi District Office is proud to welcome Ashlei N. Donerson to its Jackson office as a Procurement Center Representative (PCR).

Donerson worked as a contracting professional with the National Guard Bureau – US-PFO Mississippi, the U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers and most recently with the Department of Veterans Affairs.

As PCR, Donerson will assist small businesses in Mississippi and Kentucky seeking federal contracts, determining performance ability, and reviewing small business concerns regarding contracting or payment issues. A key component of her responsibilities include oversight and review of 20 federal procurement agencies – 14 in Mississippi and 6 in Kentucky with respect to their buying processes and



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procedures.

Along with the duties described above, Donerson will also promote collaborative acquisition strategies as well as provide professional training, outreach, and contract assistance to small businesses.

"We are excited to have Ashlei housed in our Mississippi District Office in Jackson," says Janita R. Stewart, district director, "and look forward to the contributions she'll make toward the continued advancement of small businesses in Mississippi and beyond, and in working with federal buying agencies."

She reports to the SBA Office of Government Contract-

ing Area III, Atlanta, Georgia, led by Carol L. Thompson.

Donerson received her Bachelor's degree from Tougaloo College, her Master's degree from Belhaven University, and attained a Juris Doctorate from the University of Arkansas. In addition, she has a Level III Federal Acquisition Certification in Contracting (FAC-C Level III). She is married to Andrae and they have four children.

For more information on SBA programs, contact the SBA Mississippi District Office at (601) 965-4378 or the Gulfport Branch Office at (228) 863-4449 or visit the web site at www.sba.gov

Senator Horhn introduced bill to recognize African American contributions to legislature on Capitol grounds

Mississippi Link Newswire

A resolution asking management of the Mississippi House and Senate to find ways to secure and place in and around the Capitol art that pays tribute to African Americans was filed March 6, 2019, by Senator John Horhn.

Horhn seeks the formation of a committee by leadership of the House and Senate that would launch a study that reveals which African-American images should be placed in the Capitol or on its grounds. Horhn notes that paintings of past governors cover the walls of the Capitol and even stained glass windows bear no hint of minorities.

Among the things Ho-



Horhn

rhnh envisions are a statue or monument of former Senator

Henry J. Kirksey, one of the first African-American men elected to the Mississippi Senate after Reconstruction and a civil rights leader who challenged the establishment, especially over disparities in education funding. Another to be honored would be former Representative Robert Clark Jr. the first African American elected to the Mississippi legislature in the twentieth century and a passionate supporter of public education for minorities, including funding for public kindergartens.

"It's really about showing evidence of the black presence in Mississippi's history in the Capitol and representation on its grounds," Horhn said.

2019 spring fishing forecast for south Mississippi waters

Mississippi Link Newswire

Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks (MDWFP) fisheries biologists are anticipating a productive 2019 fishing season in south Mississippi waters. After the high water subsides and the spring rains diminish, the south region lakes and rivers should be primed for our anglers.

Anglers have already caught trophy bass ranging from eight to 12 pounds at Lake Bill Waller during the last few weeks and one angler recently harvested a 1.9 pound, lake-record crappie from Lake Columbia. These catches provide an early indicator of fishing success for anglers this spring and summer.

"Population sampling during fall 2018 revealed catch rates dominated by quality sized largemouth bass and sunfish in

the south region state fishing lakes," said MDWFP Fisheries Biologist Stephen Brown. "Fall sampling in Lake Bogue Homa produced numerous crappie over one pound and more quality sunfish than in previous years.

"With increased boat accessibility due to the continued reduction of water hyacinth, great electrofishing survey numbers, and larger bass being caught during tournaments in 2018, expect the numbers and sizes of fish caught to increase this spring at Lake Bogue Homa."

The state lake to target for largemouth bass this spring is Lake Jeff Davis. Tournament catches were at or near the best in the state with tournament anglers weighing in large 5 fish creels and lunkers at 10 pounds or better throughout the 2018 tournament season. Our fall electrofish-

ing survey produced numerous bass over five pounds with a few reaching almost eight pounds. Lake Jeff Davis is one to watch.

Biologists saw the highest catch rates of largemouth bass since 2009 in the Pascagoula Marsh during fall electrofishing. Increased numbers during surveys should bode well for anglers on the Pascagoula River and marsh this upcoming fishing season. In addition, the associated oxbows of the Pascagoula River will be popular and should produce large crappie and sunfish this spring.

For more information regarding fishing in Mississippi, visit our website at www.mdwfp.com or call us at (601) 432-2212. Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/mdwfp or on Twitter at www.twitter.com/MDWFPonline.

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Cops in two cities not charged in shooting deaths of unarmed black man and black man with hands raised in surrender

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California Attorney General Xavier Becerra said that he will not charge two Sacramento, California, police officers who shot to death an unarmed black man in the backyard of his grandmother’s home.

An independent investigation into the shooting death of Stephon Clark found that no criminal charges against the officers involved in the shooting can be sustained, Becerra said in a statement.

Sacramento police officers Jared Robinet and Terrence Mercadal, who is black, shot to death the 22-year-old Clark in March of 2018. The cops said they believed Clark was armed with a gun. They were wrong. He held only a cell phone in his hand.

An independent autopsy found that Clark was shot eight times: six times in the back, once in the side



Clark

and once in one arm.

Becerra announced his decision two days after Sacramento District Attorney Anne Marie Schubert said she would not charge the two cops.

During the same time period, the U.S. Justice Department said that it would not pursue civil rights charges against former Tulsa, Oklahoma, police officer Betty Joe Shelby, who shot to death Terrence Crutcher, 40, September 16, 2016. Crutcher’s car was disabled. Crutcher had his hands raised in the air to surrender when Shelby murdered him.

Insufficient training for pilots suspected in Ethiopian plane crash

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Fifty-three minutes. That was the length of time approved by the U.S. Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) for pilot training on the upgraded Boeing 737 Max 8 jet that crashed Sunday in Ethiopia killing all aboard, according to a spokesman for the Allied Pilots Association.

Nor was the 53 minutes for face to face training. It was “computer assisted” over a laptop with slides and imagery. Some of the pilots felt shortchanged.

Reports in *The New York Times* suggest that Boeing was able to convince the FAA that the 737 pilots would not have to undergo costly re-training because the upgraded plane was enough like the older model.

This worried the pilots group. The tragedy of Lion Air, the Ethiopia predecessor, was a focus of intense debate in aviation circles because of the determination by Boeing and the FAA that pilots did not need to be informed about a change introduced to the 737’s flight control system for the MAX.

Two U.S. pilots’ unions said the potential risks of a safety feature on Boeing Co.’s 737 Max aircraft that had been linked to a deadly crash in Indonesia weren’t sufficiently spelled out in their manuals or training.

The Lion Air crash took the lives of 189 people. The cause of the disaster is still under investigation.

Meanwhile, relatives, co-workers and friends of the Ethiopian Air victims remain stunned at the untimely loss of over 149 passengers and eight crew members. Flight 302, known as the “U.N. shuttle” to some, was carrying at least 32 Kenyans, 8 Canadians, nine each from Ethiopian and France, eight each from the U.S., China and Italy, seven from Britain.



P. Adesanmi (L) and ex-diplomat Abiodun Oluremi Bashua

Some were employed at the U.N.’s World Food Program, six were from the U.N. office in Nairobi, and two each for its Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights and the International Telecommunications Union.

The Food and Agriculture Organization, International Organization for Migration in South Sudan, World Bank and the UN Assistance Mission in Somalia (UNSOM) each lost one staff member. Six staff from the UN Office in Nairobi (UNON) were also tragically killed.

Among the private citizens lost in the crash was Pius Adesanmi, professor and news columnist, “a rare being, ebullient, with a razor-sharp mind,” wrote Nigerian author O.C. Osundu. “He was what the Yoruba call an Omoluabi yet when it came to polemics he could easily morph into a jaguda... good night my brother... we both came a long way. Nigeria has lost one of those who loved her most.”

The airline identified the pilot as Yared Getachew and the first officer as Ahmednur Mohammed. Ge-

tachew had more than 8,000 flight hours. He was a “confident captain” according to his family.

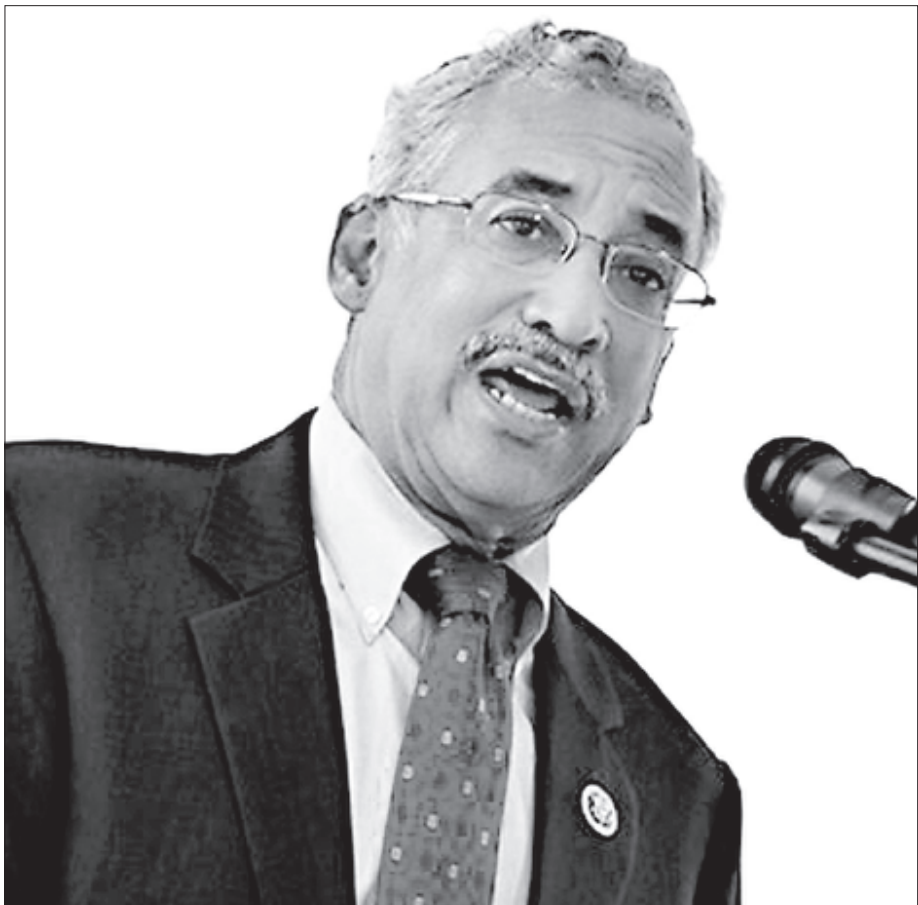
The flight was carrying a high number of UN workers because it was the day before a session of the UN Environment Assembly.

Adesanmi, before Sunday’s Flight, posted an eerily prescient photo of himself holding his Canadian passport, along with the text of Psalm 139.9-10.

“If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,” it read, “even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.”

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Congressman Bobby Scott refused to be distracted as he spearheads two important bills



Scott

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The controversial blackface and sexual assault scandals that have rocked the Virginia leadership and the drama that regularly surrounds President Donald Trump simply act as distractions, said Democratic Virginia Rep. Bobby Scott.

Those distractions lead the media and others to take their eyes off what’s vital to everyday life, particularly for African Americans, said Scott, the chairman of the House Committee on Education and Labor.

The congressman highlighted two important bills he recently spearheaded that’s received little or no attention.

His committee voted last month in favor of the Rebuild America’s School Act that would provide about \$100 billion for school infrastructure and Scott and his colleagues also advanced the Paycheck Fairness Act which toughens penalties that businesses face for gender-pay disparities.

“The first thing we have to do is focus on the issues. We can’t spend all of our time talking about [the scandals] and not talking about equity in education,” Scott said.

“In 1954, the Supreme Court ruled that it is doubtful that any child may reasonably be able to succeed in life if denied an opportunity of an education; that such an opportunity is a right that must be equal for all,” he said.

The congressman’s comments and the advancement of the Rebuild America’s School Act comes as a new report revealed that white school districts receive \$23 billion more in funding than non-white districts despite serving the same number of students.

The report highlighted that despite more than a half-century of integration efforts, the majority of America’s school children still attend racially-concentrated school systems.

Authors of the study said that’s a reflection of the long history of segregation with policies related to everything from voting to housing that have drawn lines and divided communities.

Because the school system relies so heavily on community wealth, the gap reflects both the prosperity divide in America and the fragmented nature of school district borders, designed to exclude outside students and protect internal advantage, according to the report’s authors.

For every student enrolled, the average non-white school district receives \$2,226 less than a white school district, the report revealed.

“After the 1954 Supreme Court ruling, we turned around and funded education with the real estate tax, guaran-

teeing that the wealthy areas will have more resources than low-income areas,” Scott said.

Adam Clayton Powell spearheaded legislation in the 1960s that put more money into low-income areas and the Higher Education Act passed under President Lyndon B. Johnson that assured that no child would be turned away from college because he’s poor, Scott said.

“Then there was the Pell Grant which assured that a child could go to any college and not incur that much debt. You can have equity in K-12 but you’ve got to have Head Start ... and we have to make sure that legacy continues,” he said.

Scott reiterated that Americans’ focus needs to change from indulging in the soap opera that has resulted from past actions of the current Virginia governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general as well as Trump.

After a hearing that resulted in the advancement of the Paycheck Fairness Act, Scott said reporters cornered him.

“Not about education or the Paycheck Fairness Act,” he said.

“They wanted to know, ‘What’s up with your governor? What’s up with your lieutenant governor? What’s up with your attorney general? No one wanted to talk about education and labor.’”

Scott said public schools in the U.S. are at a literal breaking point and noted that one estimate found that school infrastructure is shortchanged by \$46 billion every year.

Reportedly, Scott’s bill has 164 co-sponsors in the House, and all of them are Democrats, although Scott said he believes the proposal has bi-partisan appeal.

With the Paycheck Fairness Act, the bill removes many of the legal defenses that businesses use to claim that they aren’t discriminating and makes it unlawful for businesses to inquire about a worker’s wage history or use it as a hiring factor if they know, among other provisions.

“Even when wage discrimination is discovered, workplace rules that restrict information about wages and pay raises often keep working women from holding employers accountable for discrimination,” Scott said.

He continued:

“Our challenge is to try and ignore all of the distractions and do what I’ve done [getting important legislation advanced]. [The Black Press of America] is the only place you will read that these great things are happening because all the other news outlets will report on distractions.”

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Be strong in the Lord

PART 3

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



If you are going to make Heaven your home, you should not want a minister that speaks smooth things. You need one who will blow the trumpet and sound the alarm. God will not accept just anything. Just having the name “Church of God” does not mean that God has accepted it. It is not the name that makes the church; it is the people who possess that name. A building does not make the church; it is God’s people who are in it.

You need to be a strong person for the Lord so that other people can say, “He/she really lives it; he/she is truly God’s person.” Do you know what has hindered people whose hearts are full of doubt? It is the way they have acted, their attitudes and their spirits. Your attitudes reveal your character.

Division is a work of the devil. You need to stop arguing about who is right and take what is right and admit your own fault. Some people have so much pride and stub-

bornness, and they are afraid to confess their wrong attitudes, their unforgiveness and their own faults.

If you want to be in God’s church, you must repent of sin. If you have a faultfinding spirit, you must repent of it. You must get right with God and make an open confession of it. Do you have an old sulky spirit? Some people do not have a bit of love in their hearts. They are not even willing to help a brother. If someone were to make a mistake, they are ready to push him right on down. Galatians 6:1 reads, “Ye which are spiritual, restore such as one in the spirit of meekness.”

Some people are trying to be the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the One who condemns men and women.

When David fought Goliath, he found strength in the Lord. Gideon, even though he did not have a great number of men, still had the strength of God to defeat the enemy. Joshua 23:10 reads, “One man of you shall chase a thousand: for the Lord your God, He it is that fighteth for you, as He hath promised you.”

In Philippians 4:13 Paul said, “I can do all things

through Christ which strengtheneth me.”

As you serve the Lord, sometimes there are things that you must lay aside, things that weigh you down in running the race. You must shut off the works of darkness and get rid of anything that hinders you in running the race. You have to stay strong to keep running.

In Psalm 37:25 David said, “I have been young, and now am old, yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.” You ought to give God the best of your life. Sell out to Him completely and be strong enough to give up things.

Some people are so weak. Friend, to be strong, there are things you have to give up. David of old said in Psalm 101:3, “I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes.” David did not want anything to hinder him in the way. He said he would set no wicked thing before his eyes.

If the devil can get you to let down on one thing, you will let down on another and another and another. He is a slick and slimy devil. Do you go out and rent dirty movies? What do you look at on the In-

ternet? Internet pornography is of the devil and you had better stay away from it. It will destroy your virtue and your spirit. It is a trick of the devil. James wrote in James 1:14-16: “But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. Do not err, my beloved brethren.”

We can resist the temptation to sin by turning to God for strength and choosing to obey His Word. It is easy to blame others and make excuses for evil thought and wrong actions. A person who makes excuses is trying to shift the blame from himself or herself to something or someone else. A Christian, on the other hand, accepts responsibility for his or her wrongs, confesses them and asks God for forgiveness.

Next Week - “God’s People are a Holy People”

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Dressing (and Praying for Success)

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



“It’s a chilly 45 degrees outside now but the high later today will be close to 75 degrees.” As I listened to the morning television meteorologist finish the rest of his forecast recently with these words, I wondered how in the world I would dress for a day like today. It was not the first time I’d pondered this question. North Texas weather being what it is always gives the option of having two different seasons in a 24-hour day. On that day, it looked like we were going to have winter and spring in the same 24 hours.

After thinking about what I was going to wear for a few minutes, I decided to get out of bed and see what I had in my closet. Should I dress for what it would be like when I went to work in the morning or should I dress for what it would be like when I got off work in the afternoon?

It really wasn’t a hard decision but for some reason on days with a nearly 30-degree temperature spread, it always stumped me. I didn’t want to be overdressed (and burn up) or underdressed (and freeze). Unless it was really freezing outside, what I usually did was dress in layers so that I’d be able to shed the extra clothes as the day warmed up.

As I stared blankly at the short and long-sleeved clothes in my closet, I thought how my decision on how to dress was simi-

lar to something I’d heard years ago about tithes and offering. The minister said that you should not pay your tithes based on what you make now but based on what you’d like to make. The reason was that God would reward your faith and increase your finances. At first, I thought that was crazy advice... then I tried it, even though it was a sacrifice. Just like the minister said, God increased my finances to the level of the new tithes and offering amount.

Similar to wearing clothes based on the current or future temperature, the question is whether you plan your life for current circumstances or according to future and hoped for circumstances. Should you pray for where you are or for where you want to be? Should you worship based on your current situation or what you hope your future situation will be? In Isaiah 46:10 God says, “I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say, ‘My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.’”

God is not limited by time, situation or circumstance. We should also not be limited by time and our present circumstances, but honestly acknowledge where we are. At the same time, we can reach forward with our faith with hopeful expectancy toward where we desire to be.

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Leave it to Democrats

By E. Faye Williams
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Let me say up front that I am a Democrat. I am a black woman, and there is no other existing party in which I would rather be. Black women are the soul of the Democratic Party. We can be depended upon when most others go south in elections, but I just have to ask, “What is it about our party that gets so weird when everything seems to be going right for us?”

Congresswoman Ilhan Omar is a talented young woman who recently came to the Congress. From the time she arrived, she has been targeted not only by our adversaries, but she’s been harassed from within.

What she’s being harassed about now is beyond the understanding of those of us who are the most loyal Democrats. Calling attention to the fact that so many are more concerned about policies that benefit Israel than about policies that benefit our country. Whether or not you believe everything she says is your business, but are those thoughts worth tearing our party apart?

I’m not afraid to say that so much of what party members are fighting about is true. Let me give you a personal example of attacks against me over the same issue. Years ago, I ran for the U.S. Congress. I was leading my Republican opponent by at least 20 percentage points and was attacked by a gentleman who’d served on the AIPAC Board of Directors. I was targeted as one of the top 10 people to defeat. What was my sin? In law school I had two best friends who assisted me in my campaign. My campaign manager was Palestinian. My policy director was Jewish. Jewish friends supported me. Arab American friends supported me, and neither group was disturbed by anything I said about U.S. policies toward Israel.

Just days before the election, I was contacted by the labor chief in my state and told to sign a document that in essence said I was to pledge my allegiance to Israel. When I refused a headline appeared in the paper that I was a PLO terrorist sympathizer without proof. Obviously, that was not true, but it was enough to elect a well-known racist Republican instead of me. Some of the same people in Congress today didn’t say a mumbling word in my defense. I am not opposed to the resolution proposed to protect people from anti-Semitism, but what about racism, misogynists, Islamic haters, and the man in the White House who seems to hate everybody?

Certain Democrats need to grow up. When they begin to have concern for others, all of us will be there supporting a resolution about anti-Semitism.

I know there’re people who will make an effort to threaten me for saying what so many people believe. Many have told me there is an unfair overkill about Israel, while saying nothing about other evils. I know because they’ve told me they are too afraid of being targeted. As a writer once said, “We’re all human beings and nothing human should be alien to us.” Let’s stop the fighting over the feelings of one group of people while ignoring the rest of us.

Let us who call ourselves leaders have a conversation about how we end all of the hate against all of us. No, I am not afraid of being targeted by anybody because I have already been through and survived that fire. Those of us who work for the benefit of all people do not deserve all of this Democratic Party bickering and hatefulness toward certain groups for speaking out against unfair policies or words about any country. We’re better than that. Let’s prove it.

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Let’s clamp down on tobacco and vaping product access for young people

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Nearly half a million people die every year from complications from smoking. About a tenth of them never put a cigarette to their lips – they die from exposure to second-hand smoke. Death from tobacco is, according to the Centers for Disease Control, the leading cause of preventable death. But too many people, enticed by advertising, think that smoking is so “cool” that they embrace it. And the tobacco industry spent more than \$9 billion on smoking advertising, or about a million dollars an hour.

For too many, cigarettes are a desperate addiction, encouraged by pernicious advertising. The addiction hits folks of color – black and brown folks -- hardest. We are more likely to be exposed to heavy advertising, more likely to become addicted, and more likely to die from complications of smoking addiction. Public policy can help ameliorate this challenge, perhaps, by further restricting who can buy tobacco and when. Because addictions start early, public policy can help by supporting efforts under-way to limit the sale of nicotine to those who are under 21.

Instead, unfortunately, some would prefer to restrict the sale of vaping products in particular to keep them out of the hands of children. Why not just further limit the sale of all tobacco products? The companies that manufacture vaping products, like the market leader Juul, are to be commended for attempting to protect young people from the deleterious effects of their products. But their recently accelerated activism is only one small step toward ensuring that young people are protected from the harmful effects of smoking, and they cannot do it alone.

Very recently, the head of the Food and Drug Administration, Scott Gottlieb, resigned for “family reasons” (don’t you love it when white men suddenly discover their families when they are in hot water). At the same time, we learned that too many chains, like Walmart, Kroger and Walgreens, along with gas stations, are breaking the law by selling cigarettes and other nicotine products to young people.

But here’s the deal. It doesn’t make sense to regulate the sale of nicotine products, like vaping, without looking at the sale of nicotine products, like cigarettes. Children (yes, despite their protests, I think of anyone under 21 as a child) shouldn’t be purchasing

alcohol or tobacco. Period. End of conversation. They aren’t grown. They are susceptible to addiction. The law should protect them and penalize those who make it easy for them to access these products.

But the law does not protect. Instead, legislators selectively go after some products, while protecting others. If legislators understood the damage that nicotine and tobacco products do to people, especially young people, they’d be rushing to outlaw them. Instead, because tobacco is big business, the industry is protected. Furthermore, products that attempt to ameliorate the harmful sides of smoking, like vaping, are subjected to unreasonable scrutiny, even outlawed. To their credit, vaping companies are owning their role in possible addiction and standing for a ban on selling any nicotine products to children.

Part of this is personal for me. I’ve written before about my mom’s smoking addiction, which has led to her developing COPD and emphysema diseases in her ninth decade. But it’s more than the personal. It’s about the ways that public policy can protect young people, even as they make poor choices.

Follow the money, goes the trope. Who benefits from youngsters buying tobacco and nicotine

products? Why do legislators protect them? Why would legislators crack down on vaping, but not cigarettes? Who benefits? We follow the money, we have to monitor the lobby. Who has power in this game?

We always need to follow the money when we look at the ways that some products are offered to the market and others are restricted. We always need to follow the money when we realize that there are always beneficiaries in a society that has predatory capitalism at its roots. We don’t need more children being exposed to addiction. We shouldn’t outlaw vaping products without outlawing the sale of tobacco to children. I appreciate some manufacturers for joining many others in standing up against companies like Walmart, Walgreen’s and the others that are making big dollars selling tobacco and nicotine products to children. It needs to stop. Now. Legislators need to step up and protect our children from this destructive addiction!

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Senate must pass background check bill, passed by House, upported by 92 percent of voters

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Defenders of the status quo – advocates of the gun industry and the politicians paid to defend it – will tell you that events like these are virtual acts of nature, products of mental illness or bad parenting, beyond our ability to control. This couldn’t be further from the truth. Every day we fail to take action, we chose this fate. We tolerate politicians who fail to acknowledge this crisis and vote against our safety. We let our gun violence epidemic continue day after deadly day. – Former U.S. Rep. Gabby Giffords, responding to the February 2018 mass shooting at Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

A policy supported by 92 percent of American voters has just come before the United States Senate. It’s

supported by 89 percent of Republicans and 95 percent of Democrats.

But, because it’s opposed by 100 percent of gun industry lobbyists, it will be a fight to pass it.

H.R. 8, The Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2019, is the most significant gun safety bill approved by the U.S. House of Representatives in more than two decades. The legislation requires background checks on all firearm sales in the country. Currently, only licensed dealers are required to conduct background checks on firearm purchasers.

Timing of the bill was especially significant for freshman U.S. Rep. Lucy McBath of Georgia. This month would have marked the 24th birthday of her son, Jordan Davis. He was 17 when he was fatally shot by a man who opened fire on a car of unarmed teenage boys at a gas station in Jacksonville, Florida, in 2012.

“H.R. 8 will ensure mothers and fathers have one less reason to wor-

ry,” McBath said during debate on the House floor. “It will give students one less thing to fear when they walk into a school. Most importantly, it will make our communities and our nation a safer place to live. And every human being in America deserves that.”

More than 2,400 Americans have died in gun-related violence so far in 2019, an average of about 37 people per day, according to the Gun Violence Archive. Almost 480 children and teenagers have been killed or injured by guns this year.

Background checks have stopped more than 3 million illegal gun sales since 1994, according to the Department of Justice. But anyone who is not legally permitted to purchase a gun easily can acquire one at gun show, though an online seller or via a person-to-person “private” sale. An investigation by the firearm safety organization Mayors Against Illegal Guns found that people who bought guns from the online seller Armslist.com were nearly four

times as likely to have a criminal record that would prevent them from passing a background check.

Approximately one in five guns is sold in an unregulated transaction, and 80 percent of all firearms acquired for criminal purposes are bought through unlicensed sellers, according to the Center for Gun Policy and Research at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

No one argues that universal background checks alone can end the epidemic of gun violence. But it can restrict the illegal gun market. In states where private sales are regulated, there is less flow of guns from legal owners to criminals.

If the Senate fails to pass H.R. 8, it will be placing the financial interests of the gun industry above the interests of everyday Americans, including gun owners, who simply want to keep their families safe. Please call your Senators at (202) 224-3121 and tell them to vote to make America safer.

To help Venezuela, the U.S. must use diplomacy, not a military coup

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The United States is pushing for an overthrow of the government of Venezuela. The Trump administration has denounced Nicolas Maduro as a “dictator,” dismissing the 2018 election, which the opposition boycotted.

Instead of a good neighbor policy or a policy of non-intervention, the Trump administration has set out intentionally to overthrow the regime. Long before Trump, the United States was a bitter opponent of the Hugo Chavez regime.

The fact that Chavez was wildly popular and freely elected made no difference. He represented a revolution that embraced Fidel

Castro’s Cuba and implemented plans to redistribute wealth and empower the poor. In 2002, when the Venezuelan military moved to overthrow Chavez, an official in the Bush administration reportedly met with the coup leaders.

The coup attempt was frustrated, however, when Venezuelans rose up in mass against the plotters. Now with Chavez gone, the current president Nicolas Maduro unpopular, the economy a mess in significant degree because the price of oil is near record lows – the Trump administration is apparently orchestrating another attempt. It has continued to ratchet up pressure.

It has imposed brutal sanctions on Venezuela, making a bad situation far worse, all the while blaming the government for the misery. Trump has openly threatened a “military option” for Venezuela.

His bellicose national security adviser, John Bolton, boasted that “The troika of tyranny in this hemisphere – Cuba, Venezuela and Nicaragua – has finally met its match.”

The New York Times reported that Trump administration officials met with Venezuelan military officers who were considering a coup attempt. Then, Juan Guaido, an obscure politician from a right-wing party, declared himself interim president, claiming that he had that right as head of the National Assembly. The U.S. immediately recognized Guaido, and right-wing governments across the region did the same.

Trump then named Elliott Abrams, infamous for committing perjury before Congress over the Iran-Contra fiasco, and for championing vicious military

and paramilitary repression across Central America, as special envoy for Venezuela. Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Florida) pumped up demands for intervention, growing so rabid that he tweeted a gruesome picture of the murder of Libya’s Qaddafi as a prediction of Maduro’s fate.

Bolton admitted that he was “in conversation with major American [oil] companies now,” stating that “it would make a difference if we could have American companies produce the oil in Venezuela. We both have a lot at stake here.” Now Venezuela has been hit with a power blackout, taking out electricity, phone service and internet. In *Forbes Magazine*, an expert details how easily this could be done by the U.S. in a cyber first-strike.

The U.S. has a long and shameful history of intervention in this

hemisphere, too often aligning itself with rapacious elites and the military against the vast majority.

In the ’50s, the CIA overthrew a popularly elected government in Guatemala. After the Cuban revolution, the U.S. launched an invasion, terrorist attacks, economic sabotage and boycott, and assassination attempts to get rid of Castro. In 1973, the U.S. embraced the brutal Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet when he led the overthrow of the popularly elected government of Salvador Allende.

As recent as 2009, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton endorsed the overthrow of the elected government of Honduras, a disaster that has resulted in bands of desperate Hondurans seeking refuge in this country. Now Trump and his bellicose advisers seem intent on adding another chapter

to this shameful history. There is another way. Instead of starving the Venezuelans into submission, we should be engaging with them. Instead of seeking to control their oil, we should recognize their national sovereignty. Instead of fanning coup attempts, we should be leading international negotiations to seek a diplomatic settlement that might lead to new elections.

Nicolas Maduro is far from blameless, but no one nominated the United States to decide who should govern Venezuela. Fomenting regime change – by a soft coup, by economic sabotage, by fostering a military revolt – is likely to lead to more violence and more suffering. It is time for Congress to step up – to investigate exactly what the Trump administration is doing overtly and covertly, and to call for a return to diplomacy before it is too late.

Atlanta Hawks’ first-ever “Black History Month Assist Challenge” raises awareness and \$150,000 for prostate cancer research

First NBA campaign targeting African-American prostate cancer disparity reached millions



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The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Atlanta Hawks’ inaugural campaign to raise awareness to help defeat prostate cancer while raising funds to support life-saving research resulted in \$150,000 donated to the Prostate Cancer Foundation (PCF). In recognition of Black History Month and to bring greater awareness of this disease to the African-American community, the team kicked off the Black History Month Assist Challenge in February, pledging to donate \$250 per assist from the Hawks Foundation to PCF. With 295 assists during the month, the 8th most in the NBA during February, the team raised \$73,750 from the Hawks Foundation. Tony Ressler, Jami Gertz and the Ressler family matched the team and contributed another \$76,250 to reach a total of \$150,000.

Life-saving information about risks and screening for this cancer that disproportionately affects African-American men reached approximately 120,000 Atlantans at State Farm Arena during Hawks home games in February and millions more through digital outreach efforts.

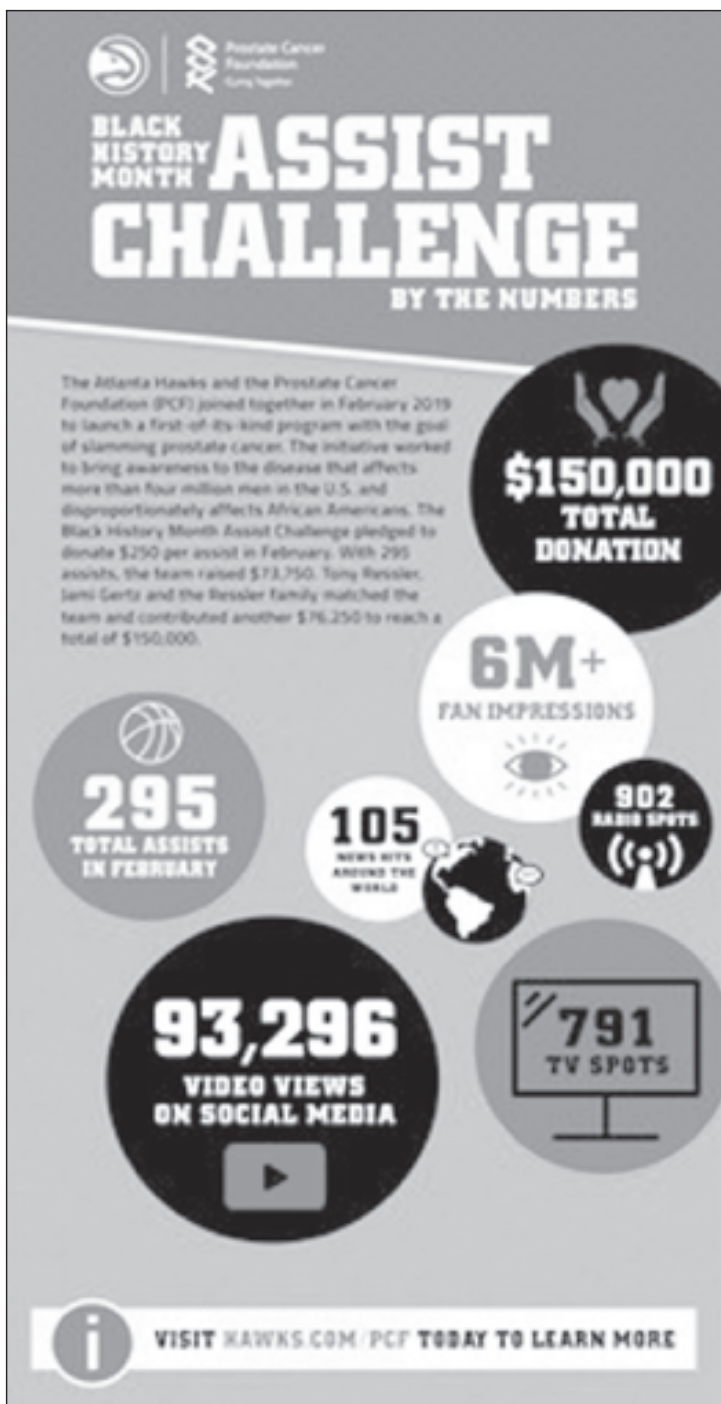
“We are deeply grateful to the entire Atlanta Hawks organization for their all-star efforts to engage their audience through basketball to address the real problem we face in the in this country of too many African-American men dying from prostate cancer,” said Jonathan W. Simons, MD, PCF’s president and CEO. “Lives will not only be saved through education and

awareness created about the disease, but also through the Hawks’ generous contribution to science which will be utilized for projects directly related to addressing the issue of disparity in African-American prostate cancer.”

The Hawks are the first team in the NBA to partner with PCF to raise awareness through basketball about the disease that affects more than four million men in the U.S. and 14 million worldwide. With one in six men of African descent in the U.S. diagnosed with prostate cancer in his lifetime, it is imperative that everyone understand the risks, especially African-American men who are 76 percent more likely to be diagnosed, more than twice as likely to die, and are much more likely to develop aggressive forms of the disease than other ethnicities.

As part of the month-long campaign, Hawks Vice Chair of the Board and Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Famer Grant Hill and his father, NFL Legend Calvin Hill, filmed a special public service announcement that was aired throughout the month on various Hawks channels (link). Additionally, the public had access to educational resources via a custom website: Hawks.com/PCF.

PCF is currently funding more research related to understanding and solving disparities in African-American prostate cancer than any other time in its 25-year history. The Hawks’ significant donation will be added to the



more than \$10 million committed to research teams focused on understanding why African-American men are affected by prostate cancer disproportionately to other ethnicities and how to address this issue with treatments and cures.

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Forrest General nurse reunites patient with family during Silver Alert

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Amber Chancellor, PhD, RN, CHPN®, had enjoyed a beautiful Saturday evening shopping and running errands when she stepped into At Home in Hattiesburg. Chancellor made casual small talk with the associate as she paid for her items, when the associate sighed and commented that she was concerned about one of the other customers in the store. After the clerk described him, Chancellor recognized the elderly gentleman she had spoken to when she entered the store.

Chancellor said, “About that time, he came and sat down behind us. I thought the best thing to do would be to just engage in conversation with him and see if something was going on.”

After asking a few questions, Chancellor realized the man was confused and began to suspect he might suffer from dementia. Fortunately, the man had a cell phone, and Chancellor was able to call his wife.

“I cannot describe the amount of relief I heard in her voice. She said they had been looking for him all day. They had put out pictures and a Silver Alert trying to find him. I asked the store employees to call the mall security, and they came along with the Hattiesburg Police Department. To make a long story short, someone from his family came to pick him up, and he’s safe at home with his family on the Coast,” said Chancellor.

As a nurse and with her current position as director of Palliative Care and Support Services at Forrest General Hospital, Chancellor has experience speaking with individuals with illnesses such as dementia. She says her awareness and persistence helped her get the answers she needed.

“He seemed like he needed some help, and I felt very safe about helping him. With the store closing, I definitely didn’t want him out on his own if something wasn’t right. Obviously, the store associates picked up that something wasn’t exactly right, but I felt they didn’t know how to handle the situation. He was very sure that he knew where he was and that he didn’t need

any help. Maybe it was some of my nursing background that picked up on the fact that he had some confusion. I just had to keep pressing on even though he was telling me all the right things to make me leave him alone,” Chancellor said.

According to the Alzheimer’s Association, six out of ten people with dementia are prone to wandering, and this may happen at any stage. While it is common for people with dementia to wander and become disoriented and lost, it is also very dangerous.

“Alzheimer’s and other forms of dementia can be difficult for caregivers, and patients often wander regardless of how vigilantly their family members look after them. It is important to have strategies in place to prevent wandering and an action plan of what to do if it happens. There are many resources available to help including support groups where you can learn from other caregivers or your physician, who can help you formulate a plan,” said Ronald L. Schwartz, MD, CPI, director of Memory Center at Hattiesburg Clinic.

According to Dr. Schwartz, here are a few tips to help with a loved one who wanders:

- Keep an updated picture of your loved one in case a Silver Alert is needed
- Get an Alzheimer’s disease medical alert bracelet for them to wear at all times.
- Install alarms and locks on exterior doors. There are door stopper alarms that will prevent the door from opening and sound an alarm.
- Purchase a GPS/tracking watch or Tile. There are several options originally designed for tracking kids or automobiles.
- Avoid caffeine or other stimulants in the late afternoon or evening.
- Encourage daytime activity/exercise in order to improve sleep and restfulness at night.
- Discuss the issue with your physician as there may be medications which will help with this behavior.

For more information about Forrest General, visit forrest-general.com/dementia.

Santé South Wine Festival announces Mercedes-Benz of Jackson as Presenting Sponsor benefiting Alzheimer’s Mississippi

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Santé South Wine Festival is excited to announce Mercedes-Benz of Jackson, one of Mississippi’s premier luxury car dealerships, as the Presenting Sponsor of the 14th annual Santé South Wine Festival to be held April 6 in partnership with the Ridgeland Fine Arts Festival April 6-7. The full weekend of events has become known as Art, Wine & Wheels to celebrate culture and brain health through exercise and social experiences.

“Mercedes-Benz is honored to be able to bring Santé South Wine Festival into our family of sponsorships. This relationship will allow us the opportunity to showcase luxury vehicles in the perfect setting,” explained Trudy Higginbotham-Moody,

co-owner and president of Mercedes-Benz of Jackson. “We place great emphasis on aligning with local events that strive for like-minded brand excellence. This alliance with Alzheimer’s Mississippi furthers our community outreach efforts with an elegant & interactive event.”

In its 14th year benefiting Alzheimer’s Mississippi, Santé South Wine Festival is now one of Mississippi’s destination wine and food events. The festival has emerged as an international showcase of the world’s premier wines and some of Mississippi’s most succulent culinary delights. On April 6, winemakers from around the world are returning to the metro area. Santé South offers enthusiasts the rare opportunity

of speaking directly with winemakers while sampling exceptional wines and food pairings from top regional restaurants.

To celebrate santé or health, the weekend is kicked off Friday, April 5 at 6:30 p.m. by the “Run Now, Wine Later” 5k an event open to walkers and runners. Registration includes a timed bib, t-shirt, Santé South Wine Festival bottle topper and a wine and cheese after social.

Alzheimer’s Mississippi is preparing for another record-setting year for Santé South where guests will enjoy more than 120 new release wines and fine food samplings from more than 20 outstanding restaurants from Mississippi and around the region. Since 2006, Santé South has generated more than \$750,000 in proceeds for Al-

zheimer’s Mississippi. Attendance numbers at last year’s event reached over 1000, which included over 30 winery participants.

“Santé South Wine Festival and the hundreds of guests attending the festival help Alzheimer’s Mississippi provide support to over 55,000 Mississippians living with Alzheimer’s disease and their caregivers,” said Patty Dunn, Alzheimer’s Mississippi Board director and Santé South chair. “We are excited to have Mercedes-Benz of Jackson as this year’s presenting sponsor. Their commitment to excellence and luxury is in keeping with Santé South Wine Festival as the luxury wine and food event in this region. We are also grateful for their commitment

to be a part of an event that increases concern and awareness of the disease and keeps 100 percent of funds raised in Mississippi.”

Founded by Norm Rush, of Beaumad & Associates, Santé South has grown into the largest wine and culinary extravaganza in the state of Mississippi and is renowned across the southeast among epicureans and connoisseurs alike.

“Wines poured at Santé South have an average value of \$40 per bottle which is a higher retail value than wines poured at similar events,” Rush said. “Whether the vintner is from Germany, South Africa, New Zealand or the United States, the selection of wines being poured at Santé South are some of the best wines these wineries

have to offer.”

In addition to the Grand Tasting where guests enjoy sampling exquisite wines and delectable foods, Santé South offers a VIP Tasting. This tasting is limited to 300 guests who want an exclusive chance to sample the wines at the top of their lists before the larger crowd arrives. This time also allows guests to cultivate a better understanding of what makes a quality vintage.

Santé South is held in the Euro Curve at Renaissance Saturday, April 6, 2019.

For more information and to purchase tickets visit www.santesouth.com. VIP Tasting, 6:30-7:30 pm, tickets \$150 (includes Grand Tasting) sold ONLY in advance; Grand Tasting, 7:30-10 p.m., tickets are \$100.



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BUREAU OF BUILDING, GROUNDS AND
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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, 04/16/2019 , for:

RE: GS# 108-288 Bond Hall Roof Replacement (Re-Bid)
University of Southern Mississippi
RFx #: 3160002795

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

Professional: Allred Stolarski Architects, PA
Address: 711 Church Avenue
Ocean Springs, Mississippi 39564
Phone: 228-762-1975
Email: hoppy@allredstolarski.com

A deposit of \$50.00 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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REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS
AND EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR THE JACKSON-MEDGAR
WILEY EVERS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (JAN) PASSENGER
BOARDING BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AT AIRCRAFT GATE NO. 2 –
EAST CONCOURSE
BY THE JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
JMAA PROJECT NUMBER 001-19

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (“JMAA”) requests Statements of Qualifications and Expressions of Interest (each, a “Statement of Qualifications”) to provide Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) for engineering design and construction administration services in support of the Passenger Boarding Bridge Replacement project at Aircraft Gate No. 2 located on the East Concourse at the Jackson Medgar-Wiley Evers International Airport (“JAN”).

JMAA will receive Statement of Qualifications to perform the Services at JMAA's administrative offices, Suite 300, Main Terminal Building, Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39208, until 2:00 p.m. central time on Monday, April 8, 2019 (the “Deadline”).

JMAA will not consider any Statement of Qualifications received after the Deadline for any reason whatsoever. Information for Respondents relating to this Request for Statement of Qualifications (“RFQ”) is on file and open for public inspection at the offices of JMAA. The Information for Respondents contains a copy of the RFQ, 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 Bonnie Spears, JMAA Procurement Specialist, as follows:

Jackson Municipal Airport Authority
100 International Drive, Suite 300 (39208)
Post Office Box 98109
Jackson, Mississippi 39298-8109
Attention: Bonnie Spears, Procurement Specialist
Telephone No.: (601) 360-8623
Facsimile No.: (601) 939-3713
E-Mail: bspears@jmaa.com

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

JMAA will hold a Pre-Submission Conference at 2:00 p.m. central time on Tuesday, March 19, 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-Submission Conference is highly recommended for all those interested in submitting a Statement of Qualifications as a Prime Consultant for the work and persons seeking opportunities to provide work as a Sub-Consultant. The benefits of attendance include networking opportunities between Prime Consultant and Sub-Consultants, 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 the opportunity to receive detailed scope related information from the project owner.

Based on the Statement of Qualifications, 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.

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

JMAA has established a DBE participation goal of 30% for the Services solicited by this RFQ. JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

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FOR
CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED SERVICES
IN CONNECTION WITH
5TH FLOOR & WEST CONCOURSE ROOF REPLACEMENT
AT THE
JACKSON-MEDGAR WILEY EVERS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
(JMAA PROJECT NO. 005-18C)

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (“JMAA”) will receive sealed bids at the Jackson- Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport (“JAN”), Main Terminal Building, Suite 300, in the City of Jackson, Rankin County, Mississippi, until 3:00 p.m. central time on April 11, 2019 (the “Bid Deadline”), for construction and renovations in connection with the 5th Floor and West Concourse Roof at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport (the “Work”).

JMAA will also accept electronic sealed bids as specified in the bid documents. Bids will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. central time on April 11, 2019, Electronic bids can be submitted at www.centralbidding.com. For any questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814.

Once registered, Suppliers can download bid specifications and upload bid documents.

JMAA will publicly open and read aloud all bids at 3:05 p.m. central time on April 11, 2019 (the “Bid Opening”), in the Staff Conference Room, Third Floor of the Main Terminal Building at JAN.

The outside or exterior of each bid envelope or container of the bid must be marked with the Bidder's company name and Mississippi Certificate of Responsibility Number and with the wording: “5th Floor & West Concourse Roof Replacement at JAN, JMAA Project No. 005-18C.” Bid proposals, amendments to bids, or requests for withdrawal of bids received by JMAA after the Bid Deadline will not be considered for any cause whatsoever. JMAA invites Bidders and their authorized representatives to be present at the Bid Opening.

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

The Information for Bidders, including plans and specifications, is on file and open for public inspection at JAN at the following address:

Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport
Suite 300, Main Terminal Building
100 International Drive
Jackson, Mississippi 39208
Telephone: (601) 939-5631 ext. 616
Facsimile: (601) 939-3713
Attention: Robin Byrd, Manager, Procurement

A copy of the plans and specifications for the Work are being made available via digital and original paper copy. Plan holders may register and order plans and specifications from the Jackson Blueprint Online Plan Room website <http://planroom.jaxblue.com>. There is no charge for registration or to view the documents online. Documents are non-refundable and must be purchased through the website. All plan holders are required to have a valid email address for registration. A printed bid set is \$50.00 plus \$15.00 shipping and applicable sales tax and an electronic downloadable set is \$20.00 plus applicable sales tax. For questions regarding website registration and online orders please contact Jackson Blueprint & Supply at (601)353-5803.

Bid Documents may be picked up or shipped to the person making the request. Documents will not be distributed or mailed, however, until payment is received.

JMAA will hold a Pre-Bid Conference at 2:00 pm. central time on March 21, 2019 in the Community Room, Third Floor of the Main Terminal Building at JAN. Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference is highly encouraged for all those interested in submitting bids as a Prime Contractor for the Work and persons seeking opportunities to provide work as a Sub-Contractor. The benefits of attendance include networking opportunities between Prime Contractors and Sub-Contractors, as well as the opportunity to be on a list of contacts that will be published to interested parties as part of the minutes from the Pre-Bid Conference; review of the plans and specifications; and a site visit of the area covered in the scope of work. No site visits will be scheduled other than the one provided during the Pre-Bid conference.

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

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

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

JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
DATE: March 6, 2019
/s/ Carl D. Newman, A.A. E.

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RE: GS# 374-004 Tenant Improvements (Parking Upgrades)
Office of Capitol Facilities (Department of Finance & Administration)
RFx #: 3160002800

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

Professional: Allred Stolarski Architects, PA
Address: 711 Church Avenue
Ocean Springs, Mississippi 39564
Phone: 228-762-1975
Email: hoppy@allredstolarski.com

A deposit of \$75.00 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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LEGAL NOTICE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CITY OF JACKSON

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

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

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

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

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

Request for proposal documents can be downloaded from the City of Jackson website: www.jacksonms.gov and may be picked up at the City of Jackson Department of Human and Cultural Services located at 1000 Metrocenter Drive Suite 101, Jackson MS.

By: Adriane Dorsey-Kidd, Director
Department of Human and Cultural Services

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
CHARLIE MAE CAIN, DECEASED CAUSE NO. P2019-38 O/

NOTICE OF KNOWN CREDITORS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF Hinds

I, Corrie Kimes, Executor of the Estate of Charlie Mae Cain, Deceased, after being first duly sworn, deposited and says:

1. That I am the duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of Charlie Mae Cain, Deceased.

2. That I have made reasonable diligent efforts to identify all persons having claims against the above-styled and numbered Estate and have given notice by mail to persons so identified, at their last known address informing them that a failure to have their claim probated and registered by the Clerk of the Court granting Letters of Administration within the ninety (90) day period provided by Miss. Code Ann. Section 91-7-151 (1972 as amended) will bar such claim.

3. At this time, there are any known creditors.


WITNESS MY SIGNATURE this the 26 day of February, 2019.

Corrie Kimes
Corrie Kimes

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Shavonda Smith
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ACROSS

1. Former president of U.S.
4. Breath mint
10. Downwind
11. New York Indian
12. Abridged (abbr.)
13. Inlets of the sea
14. Flowered dress
16. Time zone
17. Bunsen burner
18. Neodymium (abbr.)
20. Mrs.'s companion
22. Fluky
26. Tally
29. Put behind bars
31. City
33. Transgression
34. Dilute
35. Nosh
36. Speech organ
37. Epoch

DOWN

1. Glowing part of a fire
2. First public appearance
3. Show
4. Meat alternative
5. Native American
6. Chief executive officer
7. Wheel covering
8. Totals
9. Broken bone holder
15. Mayan language
19. Gloomy
21. Arose
23. Friction match
24. Religious person
25. Gossip
26. Bird
27. Whim
28. Rive
30. Tail-less cat
32. Heavens

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Sudoku Solution

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2030 N Siwell Rd
DOLLAR GENERAL
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FILM REVIEW: MISS BALA

GINA RODRIGUEZ PLAYS KIDNAP VICTIM IN TIJUANA ACTION THRILLER

By Kam Williams
Columnist

Gloria (Gina Rodriguez) is a Hollywood makeup artist sorely in need of a break from her abusive boss. The straw that broke the camel’s back came the day he condescendingly responded to her resourcefulness with the insulting, “Honey, we’re not paying you to think.”

So, on her way out the door, Gloria stole a couple of bags of cosmetics for her lifelong friend, Suzu (Cristina Rodlo), who is about to enter the Miss Baja beauty contest. Suzu still lives south of the border in their hometown of Tijuana with her little brother, Chava (Sebastian Cano).

Not long after arriving, the BFFs head out to a disco to attend a party sponsored by the pageant. But the two are soon separated when a gunfight breaks out between the police and La Estrella, a drug cartel led by the bloodthirsty Lino

Esperanza (Ismael Cruz Cordova).

Gloria ends up in the maniacal mobster’s clutches, and is unwittingly duped into blowing up a DEA safe house with three agents inside. She’s subsequently apprehended by agent Brian Reich (Matt Lauria) who doesn’t believe a word of her improbable alibi.

He forces Gloria to prove her innocence by infiltrating Lino’s gang in order to help the U.S. government bring down the vicious crime syndicate. Of course, that’s easier said than done since she’s a beautician unschooled in undercover detective work.

That’s the captivating premise established at the outset of Miss Bala, a frenetically-paced remake of the 2011 Mexican action thriller of the same name.

The film was directed by Catherine Hardwicke whose adaptation of Stephenie Mey-

er’s vampire romance novel Twilight netted around \$400 million at the box office.

Here, Hardwicke has crafted a compelling cross of Taken (2008) and Miss Congeniality (2000). The movie’s relentless sense of urgency is reminiscent of the former, while the protagonist’s grudging participation in a beauty pageant is similar to Sandra Bullock’s fish-out-of-water performance in the latter.

A two-fisted tale of female empowerment featuring a riveting roller coaster ride you’ll never forget.

Excellent (4 stars)
Rated PG-13 for violence, profanity, sexuality, drug use and mature themes

In English and Spanish with subtitles

Running time: 104 minutes
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Kam's Kapsules

OPENING THIS WEEK

By Kam Williams
Columnist

For movies opening March 15, 2019

Wide Releases

Captive State (PG-13 for action, violence, sexuality, brief profanity and drug use) Sci-fi thriller unfolding in a Chicago neighborhood about a decade after it was occupied by an extraterrestrial force. Co-starring John Goodman, Vera Farmiga, KiKi Layne, Alan Ruck and Machine Gun Kelly.

Five Feet Apart (PG-13 for profanity, mature themes and suggestive material) Romance drama about a couple of teenagers with Cystic Fibrosis (Haley Lu Richardson and Cole Sprouse) who fall in love while been treated in a hospital. With Moises Arias, Parminder Nagra and Claire Forlani.

Nancy Drew and the Hidden Staircase (PG for peril, mild epithets, mature themes and suggestive material) Sophia Lillis stars in the title role in this adaptation of the second novel in Carolyn Keene’s classic mystery series which finds the teen sleuth teaming with her BFFs (Zoe Renee and Mackenzie Graham) to solve a case of paranormal activity in a haunted house. Supporting cast includes Linda Lavin, Laura Wiggins, Andrea Anders and Sam Trammell.

Wonder Park (PG for action and mature themes) Animated fantasy about a motherless

10 year-old (Brianna Denski) who discovers that the magical amusement park she’s been imagining really exists in the forest outside of her math camp. Voice cast includes Jennifer Garner, Matthew Broderick, Kenan Thompson, John Oliver and Dr. Ken Jeong.

Independent & Foreign Films

The Aftermath (R for sexuality, nudity, violence and some disturbing images) Adaptation of Rhidian Brook’s best seller of the same name, set in the ruins of Hamburg in 1946, chronicling the tensions which arise when a German widower (Alexander Skarsgard) with a troubled daughter (Flora Thiemann) is forced to surrender his mansion to the British colonel (Jason Clarke) in charge of rebuilding the city. With Keira Knightley, Fionn O’Shea and Kate Phillips. (In English and Russian with subtitles)

Faith, Hope & Love (PG for mature themes) Faith-based romantic comedy about a recent divorcee’ (Peta Murgatroyd) and a grieving widower (Robert Krantz) who both get a second chance at love after they meet and enter a dance contest as partners. Supporting cast includes Michael “Kramer” Richards, Corbin Bernsen, Ed Asner and M. Emmet Walsh.

Finding Steve McQueen (R for sexual references and pervasive profanity) Crime thriller,

set in 1972, about a motley gang of thieves’ attempt to steal \$30 million from Richard Nixon’s slush fund of illegal campaign contributions. Co-starring Travis Fimmel, Forest Whitaker, Rachael Taylor, William Fichtner and Rhys Coiro.

The Hummingbird Project (R for pervasive profanity) Finance drama about a couple of cousins (Jesse Eisenberg and Alexander Skarsgard) who hatch a plan to make millions high-frequency trading by constructing their own fiber optic cable running from Kansas City to New Jersey. Featuring Salma Hayek, Michael Mando and Ayisha Issa.

The Mustang (R for profanity, violence and drug use) Rehabilitation drama about a convicted felon (Matthias Schoenaerts) who is given a shot at redemption when he is placed in a horse training program run by a no-nonsense vet (Bruce Dern). With Jason Mitchell, Connie Britton and Josh Stewart.

Yardie (Unrated) Idris Elba makes his directorial debut with this adaptation of Victor Headley’s crime caper of the same name, set in the Seventies, about a young Jamaican (Aml Ameen) hired by a local drug kingpin (Sheldon Shepherd) to smuggle a shipment of cocaine to a British gangster (Stephen Graham) located in London. With Shantol Jackson, Fraser James and Akin Gazi.

Sudoku

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

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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 Michelle Obama

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(For puzzle answer keys, see page 15)

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FILM REVIEW:

THE 5 BROWNS: DIGGING THROUGH THE DARKNESS

SHOCKING DOCUMENTARY REVEALS CLASSICAL PRODIGIES ABUSED BY DAD

By Kam Williams

Columnist

The 5 Browns is a musical quintet composed of siblings born in Houston, Texas between 1979 and 1986, all of whom started studying classical piano at an early age. In 1991, they moved to Utah where they were home schooled.

The promising prodigies eventually came to the attention of Juilliard which made the unusual gesture of enrolling them all to the exclusive conservatory simultaneously.

Desirae, Deondra, Gregory, Melody and Ryan skyrocketed to fame in the wake of a profile in the **New York Times** which led to further coverage in *People Magazine* and other popular periodicals as well as to appearances on Oprah, 60 Minutes and The Tonight Show with Jay Leno.

Meanwhile, they began releasing albums, three of which reached #1 on the Classical charts.

Managed by their parents, Keith and Lisa, The 5 Browns

went on numerous tours around the world where they would do charity events prior to performing in prominent concert halls. Between mom picking their repertoire and dad overscheduling them, the music wasn't fun anymore and the kids found themselves putting on fake faces on stage.

But far worse was the fact that Keith had been sexually abusing his daughters for years. In 2007, the devastated girls learned about each other and summoned the courage to con-

front him about the incest. But he failed to exhibit any contrition. Instead, he started representing some aspiring female teen musicians.

Alarmed, Desirae, Deondra and Melody decided to report their father to the police. Keith was arrested, pled guilty to child sex abuse, and is currently serving a sentence of 10 years to life.

When publicized, the tragic revelations shocked the fans of The 5 Browns, given their previously wholesome, happy

family image. However, being repeatedly sexually abused by their dad understandably left the girls traumatized, with the stress even causing one to go blind in an eye.

To their credit, Desirae and Deondra are now working with N.Y. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand to extend the statute of limitations for child sex abuse victims. And they have created a not-profit organization called The Foundation for Survivors of Abuse.

All of the above is chronicled

in engaging fashion in The 5 Browns: Digging through the Darkness. The revealing documentary marks the latest offering from director Ben Niles who figured out how to handle a very difficult subject with just the right balance of probing and sensitivity.

A moving tale of survival that's timely, too, given the emergence of the #MeToo movement.

Excellent (3.5 stars)
Unrated
Running time: 100 minutes

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Green Book

Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald

Over the Limit

Chef Flynn

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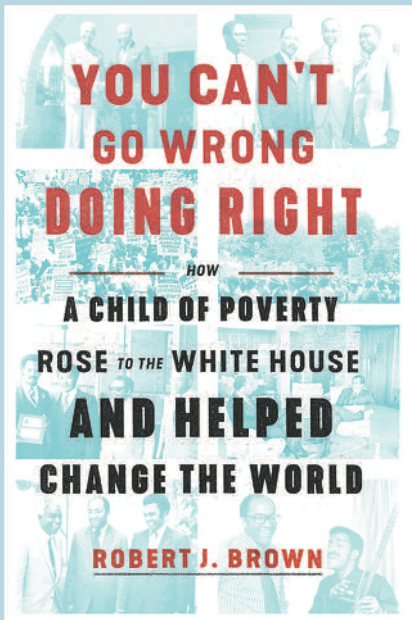
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“YOU CAN’T GO WRONG DOING RIGHT: HOW A CHILD OF POVERTY ROSE TO THE WHITE HOUSE AND HELPED CHANGE THE WORLD”

BY ROBERT J. BROWN
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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

Do unto others.

Three words that are a shorthand reminder to be nice and treat people in the manner that you’d want to be treated. Do unto others and make life smoother. Be good, and be of service because, as Robert J. Brown reminds readers, “You Can’t Do Wrong Doing Right.”

Almost from his moment of birth, “Bobby” Brown was the recipient of kindness: his mother was an impulsive teen who’d already had one son she didn’t

want, so Brown’s grandmother took both boys in and raised them at a time when she and her husband should’ve been thinking about retirement.

“We were raised in faith...” says Brown, and it was by example: nobody in need was ever turned away at Miss Nellie’s house, even though the Browns had little themselves. For Brown, that included medical care; he was a sickly child and because he couldn’t run or jump, he assumed a “role of peacemaker” instead.

“It’s funny,” he says, “how our childhood ways offer preview

into our adult lives.”

After graduation from high school, Brown attempted college but his grandparents’ health pulled him back home, where he ultimately joined the police force. There, he scaled the department through undercover work, and caught the eye of officials at the Federal Bureau of Narcotics; they offered him a job in New York City. Brown’s wife loved it there, but for Brown, the Big Apple wasn’t home and besides, he’d been thinking of changing careers.

He returned to High Point,

North Carolina, and opened a PR firm, B&C Associates.

This was during the early years of the Civil Rights movement, and opening a business was difficult for any black man in the South.

Brown had determined that his firm would stand on problem-solving and there was no bigger problem than Jim Crow, so he set his sights on working with corporations that needed his negotiating skills to avoid protests and boycotts. Emboldened by small successes, he ultimately requested a meeting with the head

of Woolworth’s – and he got the job.

Fifty-some years have passed since that time, so you can well imagine that there’s more to author Robert J. Brown’s story. The rest involves names you’ll recognize and a lively historical point-of-view that’s truly unique.

Indeed, what you’ll read inside “You Can’t Go Wrong Doing Right” isn’t your usual Civil Rights eyewitness report. As a business owner and a black man, Brown had a one-of-a-kind position within the movement: it was his fight, too, but “Woolworth’s

was my main client...” The tight balance he shares also keeps readers on their toes.

As for the rest of the story, you’ll surely appreciate the quiet grace and faith that Brown offers in its telling. His stories of Martin Luther King, Richard Nixon and Nelson Mandela are incredible, both in scope and in personality.

Overall, this is a humble, gracious memoir that will speak to readers who love uncovering history, and to business people needing inspiration. “You Can’t Go Wrong Doing Right” could be the exact right book for you.

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GRI recognized as Distinguished School by National STEM nonprofit organization

The following Raymond High School choir students auditioned and were selected for the Delta State University Honor Choir: Willie Hunt IV, Tamara Christian, Kiyanna Keyes, Jyrah Wallace, AlviYona West, and Jeremy Wright. Four of them (Tamara Christian, Kiyanna Keyes, AlviYona West, and Jeremy Wright) were able to participate in the three day music clinic, February 8-10, 2019 at Delta State University in Cleveland, MS. The singers learned and rehearsed challenging music selections taught by guest conductor, renowned composer Dr. Alan Raines. They also had an opportunity to work with DSU music majors and sing with over 100 singers from other schools. A culmination of this event was a free public concert Sunday, February 10, 2019, at the Bologna Performing Arts Center that showcased all the music selections they learned during the Delta State University Honor Choir event including one music selection arranged by Dr. Alan Raines. Their choral director, Pertrina Judon McIntosh, has been teaching choral music for 16 years with 5 years at Raymond High School.



Pictured Left to Right: Pertrina Judon McIntosh, choral director; Kiyanna Keyes; Alvi'yona West; Jeremy Wright; and Tamara Christian

Highlights of guests and parents at Community Engagement Meeting



Hinds County School District host Community Engagement Meeting

The Hinds County School District hosted its second Community Leaders and Parents Luncheon Sunday, February 10, 2019 at Raymond Elementary School. The theme for the luncheon was Bridging the Gap for a Brighter Tomorrow – “Schools, Churches, Parents, & Community Leaders Collaborating for Success.” In attendance were state representatives, community faith-based leaders, business leaders, parents, students and school educators. Entertainment was provided by the Raymond Elementary School Band and Strings Class.



Gloria Brister, parent/volunteer and LaShurn Williams, principal – BEEMS



RES 5th grade band performed under the directions of Anthony Wilson, conductor.



RES 4th grader, Harper Davis lead the Pledge of Allegiance.



Carolyn Samuel, board secretary – District 5 welcomed guest.



Bobby Taylor, RES principal greeted parents and leaders.



Delesicia Martin, Superintendent, provided district updates to the attendees.



Michelle Ray, director of Student Services, addressed district testing



Frankie Blackmon, director of Instruction, discussed career academies.



Deputy Helen Brown, Human Trafficking coordinator talked about school safety and human trafficking.



RES 3rd & 4th grade strings class performed under the direction of Ronaldo Teles, instructor/conductor