

Lightfoot wins Chicago mayor race; pledges end to corruption

By Sara Burnett
and Herbert G. McCann
The Associated Press

Former federal prosecutor Lori Lightfoot easily won the Chicago mayor’s race Tuesday, earning support from every part of the city to defeat a longtime political insider and become the first black woman and openly gay person to lead the nation’s third-largest city.

Lightfoot, who had never been elected to public office, delivered a commanding victory over Toni Preckwinkle, who served in the City Council for 19 years before becoming Cook County Board president. Preckwinkle also is chairwoman of the county Democratic Party.

Lightfoot promised to rid City Hall of corruption and help low-income and working-class people she said had been “left behind and ignored” by Chicago’s political ruling class. It was a message that resonated with voters weary of political scandal and insider deals, and who said the city’s leaders for too long have invested in downtown at the expense of neighborhoods.

“Together we can and will make Chicago a place where your zip code doesn’t determine your destiny,” Lightfoot told a cheering crowd at her victory party. “We can and we will break this city’s endless cycle of corruption and never again – never ever – allow politicians to profit from elected positions.”

She said people are seeing “a city reborn” – a place where race and “who you love” don’t matter.

Preckwinkle said she called Lightfoot Tuesday night to congratulate her on a “hard-fought campaign.”

“While I may be disappointed I’m not disheartened. For one thing, this is clearly a historic night,” she told a crowd gathered in her South Side neighborhood. “Not long ago two African-American women vying for this position would have been unthinkable. And while it may be true that we took two very different paths to get here, tonight is about the path forward.”

Congratulations poured in for Lightfoot, 56, who has one daughter with her wife, Amy Eshleman.

Brian Johnson, CEO of Equality Illinois, said the civil rights organization for lesbian and gay people was “thrilled” with the outcome.

“This victory is historic, and it is also an undeniably proud moment for the LGBTQ community,” Johnson said.

Pete Buttigieg, the openly gay mayor of South Bend, Indiana, who’s running for president in 2020, said on Twitter



Lori Lightfoot speaks at her election night victory party Tuesday, April 2, 2019, in Chicago. Lightfoot is the first African-American woman to lead the city. AP PHOTO/NAM Y. HUH



Toni Preckwinkle shown on the campaign trail in Chicago, called Lightfoot to congratulate her on being elected mayor.

that Lightfoot “will be a terrific new leader for her city and in the community of American mayors.”

Lightfoot emerged as the surprising leader in the first round of voting in February when 14 candidates were on the ballot to succeed Mayor Rahm Emanuel, who decided against running for a third term.

Lightfoot seized on outrage over a white police officer’s fatal shooting of black teenager Laquan McDonald to launch her reformer campaign. She got in the race even before Emanuel announced he wouldn’t seek re-election amid criticism for initially resisting calls to release video of the shooting.

“I’m not a person who decided I would climb the ladder of a corrupt political party,” Lightfoot said during a debate last month. “I don’t hold the title of committeeman, central committeeman, boss of the party.”

Preckwinkle countered that her opponent lacks the necessary experience for the job.

“This is not an entry-level job,” Preckwinkle said repeatedly during the campaign.

Joyce Ross, 64, a resident of the city’s predominantly black West Side who is a certified nursing assistant, cast her ballot Tuesday for Lightfoot. Ross said she believes Lightfoot will be better able to clean up the police department and curb the city’s violence.

She was also bothered by Preckwinkle’s association with longtime Alderman Ed Burke, who was indicted earlier this year on charges he tried to shake down a restaurant owner who wanted to build in his ward.

“My momma always said birds of a feather flock together,” Ross said.

Truly Gannon, a 39-year old mother of four who works as a dietitian, said she wasn’t bothered by stories that portrayed Preckwinkle as an insider

aligned with questionable politicians like Burke. She supported Preckwinkle, based on her experience.

“I’m not sure Lightfoot would be able to handle the job like Preckwinkle,” she said.

The campaign between the two women got off to a contentious start, with Preckwinkle’s advertising focusing on Lightfoot’s work as a partner at Mayer Brown, one of the nation’s largest law firms, and tagging her as a “wealthy corporate lawyer.”

Preckwinkle also tried to cast Lightfoot as an insider for working in police oversight posts under Emanuel and police oversight, procurement and emergency communications posts under Mayor Richard M. Daley.

But Preckwinkle had to spend much of her campaign answering for her ties to Chicago’s political establishment, including Burke.

Despite the barbs on the campaign trail, the two advanced similar ideas to boost the city’s deeply troubled finances, which include an estimated \$250 million budget deficit next year and billions in unfunded pension liabilities.

Both candidates expressed support for a casino in Chicago and changing the state’s income tax system to a graduated tax, in which higher earners are taxed at a higher rate – two measures lawmakers have tried unsuccessfully for years to pass.

It’s official: David McCarty sworn in as Court of Appeals Judge



McCarty

By Othor Cain
Editor

I had to check my pulse and do a double take to make sure I was sitting in a court room and not a church service last week when the investiture ceremony was held for Judge David Neil McCarty in the Court of Appeals Courtroom at the Gartin Justice Building in Jackson.

Because of press obligations here at *The Mississippi Link* on Wednesdays, I hardly ever commit to “out of office events.” However, I was determined to attend this event because of who McCarty is.

McCarty, of Jackson, was elected November 2018 to the Court of Appeals from District 4, which covers 13 southwest and south central counties and parts of Hinds and Jones counties. He took office Jan. 7.

Prior to becoming an elected judge, he was a solo practitioner who focused on appeals and complex litigation. He has handled numerous appeals before the Court of Appeals of Mississippi, the Mississippi Supreme Court, the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and the Eighth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. McCarty helped co-found the Appellate Practice Section of the Mississippi Bar, and from 2014 to 2015 was chair of the Section.

In his early career, he served as a law clerk to Justice Graves. He also served as a law clerk for former Presiding Justice Oliver E. Diaz Jr. He was admitted to the Mississippi Bar in 2004.

He is an adjunct professor at Mississippi College School of Law, having taught courses in trial practice, evidence, pretrial practice, appellate advocacy

and legal writing since 2005. He was honored as the Adjunct Professor of the Year for 2016-17.

McCarty is the author of the Evidence chapter of the Encyclopedia of Mississippi Law, and is a contributing author to the treatise Mississippi Civil Procedure. He regularly presents continuing legal education topics on appellate advocacy and ethics.

He earned his J.D. from Mississippi College School of Law in 2004, graduating cum laude. He was Articles editor on the Law Review and Competition chair of the Moot Court. He received a B.A. in political science from Mississippi State University.

But to know McCarty is to love him. He showed up one day at our office to tell us about himself and why he was running. He had me at hello. His breadth of knowledge, passion for service, treatment of the underprivileged and understanding of the law is second to no one. His investiture ceremony reflected that.

Judge James E. Graves Jr. of the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals administered the ceremonial oath to McCarty. McCarty’s first experience in appellate work was as a law clerk for then-Justice Graves on the Mississippi Supreme Court.

Guest speakers included U.S. District Court Judge Carlton W. Reeves; Dean Patricia Bennett, president of the Mississippi Bar and dean of Mississippi College School of Law; and William B. Bardwell, senior staff attorney of the Southern Poverty Law Center.

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Larry Hoover, Water & Waste Water Plant operator at Alcorn, looks forward to the future success of the plant. He believes that upgrades to the facility will allow Alcorn to

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Calvin Sibley, director of the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management for the Mississippi Department of Finance & Administration, reflected on the

Interim President Donzell Lee said that he anticipates

"This is monumental for Alcorn because we will save on appliances, so we're very grateful for this project," said Lee. "We look forward to visiting the contractor and seeing the project grow as it continues."



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MVSU to compete for championship title at 30th Annual Honda Campus All-Star Challenge in LA, April 13-17

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After winning a series of regional competitions, Mississippi Valley State University is one of 48 schools that will vie for the championship title at the 30th Annual Honda Campus All-Star Challenge (HCASC), America's premier academic competition for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

The HCASC National Championship Tournament will be held April 13-17, 2019, on the American Honda campus in Torrance, California. MVSU has the opportunity to win the HCASC top prize – a \$75,000 institutional grant from Honda.

Patrice D. Otero, a senior from Greenwood majoring in English Education; Jaylin R. Smith, a sophomore from Greenwood majoring in communications and media studies; Casandra CJ Newsom, a senior from Chicago majoring in business administration; and Andrew J. McDaniels, a sophomore for Eastvale, Calif., majoring in art will represent MVSU. MVSU Professor Abigail S. Newsome will coach the team.

"We are excited about the



Pictured, from left, are Casandra Newsom of Chicago; Andrew McDaniels of Eastvale, Calif; Patrice Otero of Greenwood; Jaylin Smith of Greenwood; and Dr. Abigail S. Newsome of Itta Bena.

opportunity to once again participate in the HONDA Campus All-Star Championship," said Newsome. "For several years, Honda has provided students from MVSU the premier opportunity to travel and compete against other students from across the country. We are thankful for this platform and

the opportunity to expose our students to this intense, challenging and rewarding experience."

Honda Campus All-Star Challenge connects the nation's best and brightest HBCU students who expand their scope of knowledge; learn teamwork and sportsmanship; and de-

velop a bond with their fellow competitors.

The fast-paced buzzer competition highlights students' academic prowess and ability to answer questions about history, science, literature, religion, the arts and pop culture. Outside of game play, the year-round program provides community

service activities, leadership, networking opportunities and mentorship.

"For 30 years, Honda Campus All-Star Challenge has provided a platform for the nation's top HBCU students to advance their dreams," said Steve Morikawa, vice president of Corporate Relations and So-

cial Responsibility at American Honda. "Honda congratulates the 'Great 48' for their incredible work ethic, teamwork and competitive spirit. We look forward to an exciting National Championship Tournament and crowning the 2019 HCASC National Champion in April."

In 1989, Honda established HCASC as a way to recognize and celebrate the academic achievements of HBCU students. More than \$9 million in grants from Honda to participating HBCUs have been used to fund tuition and book scholarships, student development initiatives, endowment and development campaigns, as well as facilities and equipment. Over its 30-year history, HCASC has built a network of more than 125,000 program alumni.

The 2019 Honda Campus All-Star Challenge finals will be live-streamed Tuesday, April 16, starting at 12 p.m. ET.

To view the live stream and for more information about HCASC, including a full list of the 48 qualifying teams, visit [HYPERLINK "http://www.HCASC.com"](http://www.HCASC.com)

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Annual Literary Luncheon features author/Mississippi native

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Mary Church Terrell Literary Club, Inc. will present its 17th Annual Literary Luncheon, Saturday, April 20, 2019, at the Hilton Hotel at 12 noon. Seating begins at 11:30 a.m. The purpose of Mary Church Terrell Literary Club, Inc. is to promote the intellectual, social and civic interests of members and the Jackson community.

In keeping with its tradition of presenting outstanding literary artists, this year the club will showcase a native Mississippian, author and distinguished leader in the field of higher education, Dr. Charrita Danley.

Danley, a Greenville, Mississippi native and Tougaloo College graduate currently serves as

Danley chief of staff to the president of Hampton University in Hampton, Virginia. Danley will discuss her book, *Through the Crack*, a novel set in the South that explores the physical, mental and emotional challenges one family experiences on the road from addiction to recovery. A book signing will follow her presentation.

Proceeds from the luncheon will support scholarships to deserving high school graduates, public service programs, and charitable donations to non-profit organizations.

Jackson Hinds Library System's Summer Reading Program begins

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If you're looking for exciting activities and programs that can help your children keep reading this summer, the Jackson Hinds Library System's Summer Reading Program is only a short drive or bus ride away.

The library has planned a wide array of free, live events on the theme 'A Universe of Stories' for local area children, teens, and adults throughout Hinds County. There are well over 200 free reading-related programs starting June 3 and continuing to July 12 in our 14 library branches.

"This year's theme, 'A Universe of Stories' has inspired library staff to design exciting space related craft activities, programs, reading activities, and to choose theme related movies to show. There will also be a live video chat with a NASA astronaut. The sessions will also focus on environmental issues."

Furr continued, "We invite all Hinds County kids, teens and adults to attend these wonderful programs and to read as many

books as they can this summer. Studies show that students who keep reading all summer long will start school ready to learn and carry their higher reading scores from summer in the fall."

Prizes will be given to the top readers at each of the 14 library branches, and every participant will receive a treat bag with coupons from local restaurants and other retailers.

Furr comments, "We want to thank our many donors for supporting the Summer Reading Program. We honestly could not have the high-quality programs that we offer without their generous support and donations."

For more information, stop by your local library branch for a branch calendar. The Summer Reading Program booklets, which will be out in April. The information will also be featured online at the Jackson Hinds Library System's website, www.jhlibrary.org.

Seats for many events are limited, so everyone is urged to come early to make sure they get a place.

Report highlights calls for quality teachers and strong leadership in JPS

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On March 28, 2019, One Voice released findings from its citywide survey of more than 13,000 Jackson residents conducted last summer to understand the perceptions and beliefs about educational opportunities.

The report, which marks an important milestone in the work of the Better Together Commission, which was created by the Office of Governor Phil Bryant, City of Jackson, W.K. Kellogg Foundation and Jackson Public School District (JPS), focused on identifying the assets and opportunities that can be leveraged to ensure every JPS student receives an excellent education.



“This report is extremely important because it gives us greater insight into what Jackson residents think about the education system and where they believe future efforts should be focused,” said Ivey Allen, co-chair of the Better Together Commission. “JPS and its leadership will benefit from valuable information and data as they develop an action plan to move the district forward.”

Many of the findings from community canvassing were consistent with other research conducted over the past 16 months. Residents indicated the three most pressing issues in JPS are teacher quality, district leadership and test scores, a finding that was consistent among all races and ages surveyed.

The report also highlights several opportunities for district growth identified by residents, including increasing access to early childhood education, improving parent engagement and enhancing the overall quality of learning environments throughout the district.

“We recognize that we cannot be successful without the input and support from the community, so we are extremely grateful to have this feedback representing a cross-section of the city of Jackson,” said JPS Superintendent Errick L. Greene. “Our leadership team has been working diligently to develop an ambitious action plan grounded in what we are hearing and learning from students, parents, faculty, staff and community members. We are eager to share the plan and begin work to implement it with the community in the coming months.”

The canvassing process began in July 2018 and included knocking on household doors and attending community events. Overall, the effort resulted in more than 13,000 conversations with residents, which informed the final report.

To complete this large-scale effort, One Voice hired a total of 325 canvassers who collectively earned about \$190,000 in wages.

“This was a huge effort that would not have been possible without broad support from the community and our partners,” said Nsombi Lambright, executive director of One Voice. “The Children’s Defense Fund

– Southern Regional Office and several other grassroots partners were instrumental in helping gather a range of perspectives from across the community. We’re also extremely thankful for all of the canvassers and the thousands of Jackson residents who participated in the canvassing effort.”

The full report can be downloaded on the JPS and Better Together Commission websites. One Voice will also present these findings at the final public Better Together Commission meeting later this spring.

For more information on the canvassing process or other commission-related activities, contact Monique Mosley.

Lanier High School Health Academy holds first career expo



Dr. DeKeith Stokes, a Lanier graduate and practicing physician, talks to students about the importance of staying in school and graduating as they begin the journey toward achieving their career goals.

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The Lanier High School Academy of Health Services held its first career expo this spring for promising scholars of the program. Coordinators of the event invited health academy students who have demonstrated a sincere desire to become future healthcare professionals. The auditorium was packed with dynamic presenters talking one-on-one with students about a wide range of health-related careers.

Students learned background information on the different departments, companies or businesses that employ health care workers in Jackson. They were exposed to the educational preparation and majors associated with certain careers, and the salaries and benefits they can expect to earn once they are employed in their chosen field.

Additionally, they learned the expectations and specific duties and responsibilities of the jobs they may undertake. This event also gave students and employers a chance to meet one another, establish professional relationships and discuss potential shadowing and/or internship opportunities for which they may wish to apply.

Local health industry professionals participating in the Lanier Health Academy Career Expo included:

Dr. DeKeith Stokes, physician
Dr. Channing Wells, optometrist
Koscher Jackson, family nurse practitioner
Diane Mounger, licensed social worker, Lanier Teen Wellness Center
DeAnna Simpson, dental hygienist, Mississippi Department of Health
Kristi Seymour, American Medical Response
Wanda Keahey, pharmacist
Marshay Heard, mortician
Dr. Alexa Lampkin, dentist
Terrence Shirley, administrator at the University of Mississippi Medical Center Cancer Institute
Dr. LaToya Moore, Med Labs at the University of Mississippi Medical Center
Andre Nathaniel, Mississippi Tobacco-Free Coalition
Christy Higdon, dental assistant

“It’s very important to provide students with every opportunity to engage with and learn from professionals,” said Felicia Jennings Wolfe, Academy coach at Lanier. “The objective of this event was to create interest, enthusiasm and knowledge about the many professions in the healthcare industry. This was an exciting opportunity that helps shape the future of our scholars at Lanier.”

2019 JPS open doors chess tournament winners



2019 Open Doors Chess Tournament Elementary Winners – Casey Elementary. Rosalind McCreary and Jessica Weems, teachers.



2019 Open Doors Chess Tournament Middle School Winners – Northwest Jackson Chess Team. Rick Cook, teacher.

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Casey Elementary and Northwest Jackson Middle were overall school winners of the 2019 JPS Open Doors Chess Tournament. These were repeat wins for both schools. The daylong competition was held in February at the JSU Mississippi e-Center.

The tournament drew 130 students in the district’s gifted education program which is offered in grades 3-7.

JPS gifted teachers incorporate chess into classroom instruction as a fun way to build critical thinking, problem-solving and reasoning skills in students.

The practice of playing chess improves students’ abilities in math and writing. They also develop comprehension strategies and learn the practice of reflection. In a way, as they strive to become better chess players, students also hone beneficial classroom skills.

“Chess is important because it teaches you critical thinking skills to understand what is logically possible,” said student John Perry IV. “I believe that learning and demonstrating these concepts will help me learn everything I can about myself and the world around me.”

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\$62 billion in education cuts proposed, key college aid could be slashed

By Charlene Crowell
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Every budget defines priorities and values. To put it another way, what’s really important in life gets supported financially. For many families, having a home, food and utilities usually rank pretty high. Then there are other budgetary concerns like saving for college or having a ‘rainy day’ fund to cover less frequent costs that can be much higher than the size of the next pay check.

Government budgets, built on taxpayer dollars, also reveal priorities. At the federal level, budgets are proposed by the executive branch, but it is the legislative branch that passes and funds budgets. What is in the best interest of the nation is supposed to be the guiding force in government budgets.

But as Sportin’ Life sang in the folk opera Porgy and Bess, “It ain’t necessarily so.”

The White House’s FY 2020 proposal cuts education funding by \$62 billion compared to that of FY 2019. Even worse, as the cost of higher education continues to climb, federal student aid would be seriously slashed while other programs would be totally eliminated.

Some of the most disturbing college federal cuts affect programs that lessen the amount of student loans that need to be borrowed for every academic term. As rising college costs have worsened the financial challenge faced by many black and other low-wealth families, the availability of grant programs that do not have to be repaid and/or work-study programs are key sources for many college students and their families.

Among its many revisions, the Trump Administration stands ready to risk a sizeable portion of the proposed \$7.25 billion in Pell Grant funding next year. This program is the single largest source of grant aid for low-income households for post-secondary education.

On March 26, the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 education budget was the focus of a hearing before the House Appropriations Subcommittee for Labor-Health and Human Services-Education. Secretary Betsy Devos delivered testimony that expanded upon previously released materials from the Trump Administration.

“Since President Trump took office, Congressional appropriations for U.S. Department of Education programs have increased dramatically – in spite of the administration’s call to slow spending,” said DeVos. “We are not doing our children any favors when we borrow from their future in order to invest in systems and policies that are not yielding better results.”

In response, Connecticut’s Rep. Rosa DeLauro, the subcommittee chairwoman did not mince words. “This budget underfunds education



at every turn,” said DeLauro who added, “This budget inflicts harm.”

Even Rep. Tom Cole from Oklahoma who serves as the subcommittee’s ranking member viewed the White House proposal as “short-sighted.”

DeLauro and Cole were absolutely correct.

The work-study program that brings campus-based jobs to students would suffer a double blow. Its monies would be reduced by 55 percent and remaining funds would be shared with proposed pilot program that targeted to private sector employers for workforce development of non-traditional and low-income students. That’s the window dressing on these cuts.

The work-study program that received over \$1.2 billion in 2019 would be cut to \$500.4 million. Secondly, instead of students working on campus, they would need to figure out how to reach employment at private business.

Not every student has a car. Nor is public transit always available near college campuses. These businesses would supplement their revenue streams with public monies but the profits derived would still be private. Previously, work-study was jointly funded by the federal government paying 75 percent of hourly wages, with the remaining 25 percent paid by the college employer.

What for-profit business wouldn’t want the government to pick up 75 percent of its labor costs? Seems that the private business – not the student – is the greater concern with this budget.

“Betsy DeVos has some explaining to do – her disinterest in prioritizing quality and affordable education for students is disheartening and erodes the confidence the public has in the Department of Education,” said Debbie Goldstein, an EVP with the Center for Responsible Lending.

Currently, the formula-based Pell Grant award averages \$4,251 per participating student. Next year as proposed, the program’s average award will be slightly less at \$4,149 and traditional grant recipient students

would be forced to share those funds with others enrolled in workforce development training that does not accrue credit hours or traditional academic terms.

Many career and technical training institutions are also for-profit entities that in recent years have either failed to provide the training promised, or the earnings assured by admissions personnel – or both. In the worst-case scenarios, tens of thousands of students have been enrolled at the time of closures that came with little or no notice.

The Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant is need-based and financially helps low-income, undergraduate students. For the past two fiscal years, this program was funded at \$1.7 billion. If the Trump Administration’s proposal holds, no monies will support this program next year.

The Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grants are available to students whose parent or guardian was a member of the Armed Forces and died as a result of their military deployment in either Iraq or Afghanistan after September 11, 2001. In FY 2019, the average grant in this program was \$5,293. In FY 2020, the White House would end it with no appropriation.

These are only a few of the cuts proposed to higher education at a time when education is more important today than ever before. The global economy requires a highly-skilled and knowledgeable workforce. It seems so ironic that this White House keeps placing businesses before the needs of people.

“Instead of punishing for-profit institutions that have deceived students and encouraged them to take on unaffordable levels of student debt, DeVos will defend President Trump’s proposal to extend taxpayer money to finance unproven short-term programs, many of which will be offered by these very same for-profit college,” added Goldstein.

Here’s hoping that Congress will hear a loud outcry on gutting federal financial aid. Enacting a budget that represents the needs of people should and must prevail.

Hinds CC to name tennis courts after longtime coach, educator

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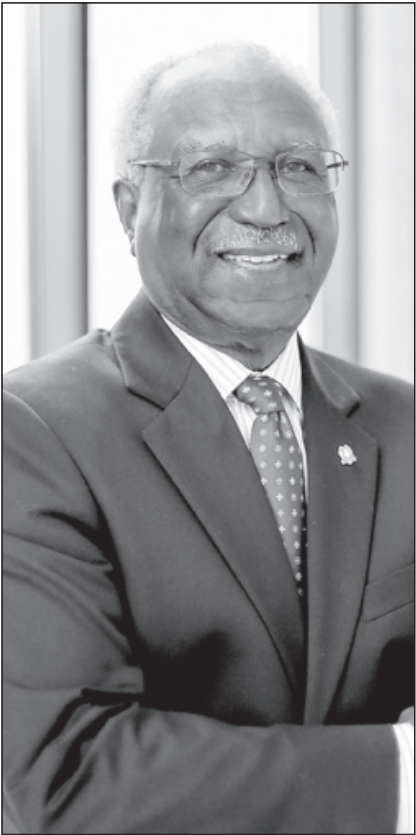
The Hinds Community College tennis courts on the Raymond Campus was dedicated and named April 2 in honor of Cleon McKnight.

McKnight retired in 2001 after 32 years as a tennis coach and chemistry instructor on the Utica and Raymond campuses.

Under his leadership, the men’s and women’s teams became national powerhouses, combining for a record of 430-49 by the time he retired. His men’s teams won nine state and eight regional championships to go along with five undefeated seasons, while his women’s teams won eight state and regional titles each, plus four undefeated seasons.

He won coach of the year honors 50 times from four different organizations during his career.

Twice, he received the Academic Achievement Instructor Award, in 1992 and 1999, and was named Academic Instructor of the Year in 1992 by Phi Theta Kappa. In 2009, he was inducted into the Hinds Community College Sports Hall of Fame.



McKnight

Free ACT Workshops



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Mississippi Valley State University’s Teacher Education Department is offering free ACT workshops. The workshops will be held in the O.P. Lowe Education Building, located on

MVSU’s main campus, from 8 a.m. until noon April 6 and April 27.

To register, contact Danelle Jackson at 662 254-3613 or stop by Room 220 of the O. P. Lowe Education Building.

State Board selects semifinalists for State Board Student Representative Program

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The Mississippi State Board of Education (SBE) has selected 11 semifinalists for the SBE student representative program, which will begin in the 2019-20 school year.


Student representatives will be non-voting members but will provide input on policy decisions that affect Mississippi public schools.

In December, the SBE invited applications from public school students who will be high school juniors or seniors in 2019-20. Through a competitive process, the SBE will appoint one rising junior and one rising senior to serve as student representatives consecutively in the initial year of program implementation. After

Rising Juniors		
Name	District	School
Meghan Coper-Garnache	West Jasper School District	Stringer Attendance Center
Ashton Duvall	Gulfport School District	Gulfport High School
Omar Jamil	DeSoto County School District	DeSoto County High School
Hayden Morgan	DeSoto County School District	Lewisburg High School
Lindsey Patrick	Rankin County School District	Brandon High School
Felicia Sherriff	Jackson Public School District	Murrah High School
Rising Seniors		
Name	District	School
Shelby Dean	Clinton Public School District	Clinton High School
Alvin Jones, Jr.	East Jasper Consolidated School District	Heidelberg High School
Robyn May	DeSoto County School District	Lewisburg High School
Andrew Welch	Monroe County School District	Hamilton Attendance Center
Aleshia Young	Tunica County School District	Rosa Fort High School

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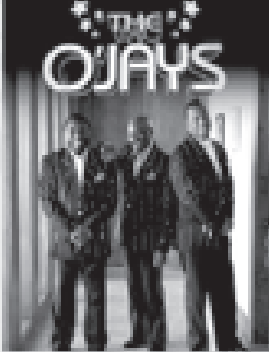


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\$390K grant helps fund major repairs for low-income apartments in Mississippi

BancorpSouth and FHLB Dallas award Affordable Housing Program funds

The Mississippi Link Newswire

BancorpSouth Bank and the Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas (FHLB Dallas) have awarded a \$390,000 Affordable Housing Program (AHP) grant to renovate Walter Vinson apartments, a low-income multifamily development in Bolton, Mississippi.

The grant was awarded to the Town of Bolton Development Corporation (TBDC), an organization that works to improve social and economic conditions in Bolton by providing affordable housing, nutrition, employment, case management and commu-

nity mobilization.

The AHP grant will be used to address critical repairs for the apartments, including appliance replacements, rewiring electrical lines, repaving its parking lot, addressing Americans with Disabilities (ADA) compliance and installing a property-wide security system.

A U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Capital Needs Assessment conducted on the property in 2017 revealed the areas that needed repairs. Without renovations, TBDC would not be able to continue serving the low-income tenants that cur-

rently occupy the 40 units.

"We are looking forward to giving our residents a renewed sense of home, where everyone is involved and can flourish," said TBDC board member Willie E. Robinson. "The AHP funds will allow us to make needed renovations without deferring needed maintenance items."

Built about 40 years ago, Walter Vinson has failed two HUD-REAC (Real Estate Assessment Center) physical inspections. Despite having a reserve account to help fund repairs, neither savings nor the rental in-

come could cover the expanding maintenance costs.

Thanks to the awarded funds, renovations have already started on the property.

AHP funds are intended to assist FHLB Dallas members, like BancorpSouth, in financing the purchase, construction and/or rehabilitation of owner-occupied, rental or transitional housing, as well as housing for homeless individuals in communities. AHP funds are targeted toward households with incomes at or below 80 percent of the median income for the area.

"The Walter Vinson apart-

ments were in dire need of repairs. Thanks to the AHP grant, TBDC is able to provide some of the most critical of repairs needed for the health and safety of the residents," said Evelyn Edwards, vice president and corporate community development grant specialist for BancorpSouth. "The AHP will provide so many solutions for the property managers who try their best to keep up with maintenance."

In 2018, FHLB Dallas awarded \$14 million in AHP grants to 29 affordable housing projects. In Mississippi alone, more than \$6 million AHP grants were

awarded, equaling to almost 900 units.

Greg Hettrick, first vice president and community investment director at FHLB Dallas, said the AHP continues to redefine what it means to invest in communities.

"BancorpSouth is a long-time partner that is extremely committed to improving housing conditions in the states it serves," said Hettrick. "We're pleased to assist in funding this worthwhile community initiative."

To learn more about the AHP, visit fhlb.com/ahp.

Museum hosts Sixth Annual Food Truck Festival May 16

Event hours expanded: 11 a.m.-10 p.m.



Mississippi Link Newswire

The Mississippi Museum of Art announces expanded hours for its annual Food Truck Festival, now in its sixth year. This year, the May 16 event will begin at 11 a.m. to include lunch service. The event is free and open to the public.

"Since it began in 2014, the Food Truck Festival has been a popular part of our May Museum After Hours, a monthly event that occurs every third Thursday

of the month from 5:30 to 10 p.m.

"The Festival has grown tremendously in popularity over the last five years, and this year, we decided that expanding the hours to include lunch service was the next logical step in giving even more diners the opportunity to visit downtown Jackson for a fun and tasty outdoor event in our beautiful Art Garden," said Museum Director of Events Shelley Yates.

The 2019 Food Truck Festival is generously sponsored by Hinds Behavioral Health Services.

The museum is now taking applications for food truck vendors for this year's event. Vendors will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

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Pledge of Allegiance



Senator Hillman T. Frazier (right) delivered a prayer to the state senate Thursday, March 28, 2019 and Senator Chuck Younger (left) led the Pledge of Allegiance before Lt. Governor Tate Reeves (center) led lawmakers into the day's business.

Prayer to the State Senate



Reverend David McCoy (left), pastor of Central United Methodist Church in Jackson, delivered an opening prayer to the state senate Wednesday, March 27, 2019, at the invitation of Senator Hillman T. Frazier (right), who led the Pledge of Allegiance before Lt. Governor Tate Reeves (center) led lawmakers into the day's business.

CBC, women and people of color ‘Fight to Regain the Soul of America’

By Hamil R. Harris
TriceEdneyWire.com

Empowered with a record 55 members on Capitol Hill, the chairwoman of the Congressional Black Caucus has teamed up with a coalition of Civil Rights groups to mobilize African Americans across the country behind a progressive legislative agenda to write a new chapter of American History that is now being led by women and people of color.

When she was sworn in as chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, Rep. Karen Bass (D-Calif.), said the occasion marked the beginning of “correcting the trauma that we have all experienced on a daily basis for the last two years.”

Recently on Capitol Hill, Bass teamed up with her female colleagues and a coalition of Civil Rights activists, led by the Black Women’s Roundtable, to expound upon that effort.

“Women are confronting the discrimination that represents the intersectionality of being black and being a woman,” said Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-N.J.), one of several CBC members who spoke at the March event about their legislative priorities. “We stand up for voting rights and the re-enfranchisement of individuals who have paid their debt to society. We stand up for social justice and comprehensive criminal justice reform.”

Rep. Brenda Lawrence (D-Mich.), a member of the House Appropriations Committee, said “we are in a fight to close the wage gap,” and Rep. Barbara Lee (D-Ca.) said with the record number African Ameri-



Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee takes the microphone during the Black Women’s Roundtable’s 7th Annual BWR Women of Power National Summit. PHOTO: CIT VISUAL WITH CG TAYLOR

cans and females in Congress, she is constantly reminded that “It is African-American women who will help us to regain the soul of America.”

Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-Tx), a member of the House Judiciary Committee, said that after years of trying in vain to get any type of gun control legislation through Congress, this year it might finally happen. “It’s our time for change and we are mobilizing through your efforts Sister Melanie: Black American women across the country.”

Jackson-Lee was referring to Melanie L. Campbell, president/CEO, of the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation and National Convener of the Black Women’s Roundtable. She hosted a five-day

gathering that brought more than a dozen female activists to the steps of the U.S. Capitol as just one of the BWR events that marked Women’s History Month in March. Thousands of young and pioneer leaders participated in the 7th Annual BWR Women of Power National Summit, themed, “Time for A Power Shift!!!”

Campbell, whose organization is dedicated to organizing voters and fighting against voter suppression said, “We are determined to make sure that we save our Democracy from peril,” and echoing those sentiments were a number of speakers from across the country.

Kristen Clarke, president/executive director, Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, declared “Now is the time

to hold corrupt officials accountable who take actions to harm voters.”

Cassandra Welchlin, co-convenor with Campbell and lead organizer of the Mississippi Black Women’s Roundtable, said poor women are dying because of federal cut backs.

Welchlin talked about how a young mother died in Houston, Miss. after she had an asthma attack because the emergency room at the closest hospital to her home had been closed because of Medicaid cutbacks.

“The closest hospital was 30 minutes away,” Welchlin said. “It’s criminal. Shateria Sade Shoemaker died. She had an asthma attack. Why did the hospital close? We need Congress to pass and fund the budget for safety net programs.”

Prayers and petitions call for Payday Loan Rule Enactment

By Charlene Crowell
NNPA Newswire Contributor

Every year the payday lending industry convenes in an effort to further expand and preserve the combined \$8 billion-dollars in fees generated each year by consumers caught in that and car-title loans.

This year, 2019, also marks the second consecutive year, that the organization representing sellers of these debt-trap loans, the Community Financial Services Association of America (CFSA), has held its event at the Trump National Doral resort in Miami.

Pardon me; but it appears that the payday lending industry is proud about its closeness to the White House. After all, once the Trump Administration began, its pledge to end consumer protections has been relentlessly and broadly pursued.

From Mick Mulvaney, CF-PB’s former acting director who was a beneficiary of the industry’s campaign donations as a Member of Congress, to Kathleen Kraninger, its new director, who is determined to block a rule that was set to go into effect this August, the payday lending agency has multiple reasons to be pleased.

But I suspect just as much resentment about these developments are felt by the broad-based coalition of concern that for more than 10 years has fought against these lenders. These are the people who contrast greedy glee with the distress of borrowers caught in loans that average \$361 and come with interest rates as high as 600 percent or more.

It’s enough to call a ‘Come to Jesus’ meeting. And March 18, that is exactly what faith groups representing 118 million Americans did.

As payday lenders registered for the first day of their conference, clergy and other activists came to proclaim the harms of predatory lending, and to pray for the souls of those who appear content with robbing the poor.

“Payday and car-title loans are an abomination in plain sight,” said New Orleans’ Rev. Willie Gable, the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc.’s Housing and Economic Development chair. “These lenders weave themselves into the fabric of our neighborhoods and purport to lend a helping hand. But they are wolves in sheep’s clothing.”

“Seeing this exploitative industry show up at the lavish resort of the current occupant of the White House and spending money they have collected from the millions struggling to break free from their traps is an obscenity,” declared Dallas’ Rev. Frederick D. Haynes, III, senior pastor of Friendship -West Baptist Church.

“Instead of taking from the rich and giving to the poor, payday lenders take from the poor to become richer,” added Bishop Frank M. Reid, III, Presiding Prelate of the Third Episcopal District and chair of the Social Action Commission and Ecumenical Officer of the African Methodist Episcopal (AME)



Rev. Dr. Cassandra Gould at Trump Doral Payday Loan Protest March 18. COURTESY PHOTO

Church in Columbus, OH.

Beyond these three pastors, other clergy and social activists joining them hailed from Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Missouri, North Carolina and Virginia. Together, their prayers and petitions called for the rule now suspended to take effect as planned.

Further, they seek a 36 percent interest rate cap at the federal levels and in states that have no rate cap protection. Currently, 16 states and the District of Columbia have enacted state rate cap protections. Additionally, the Military Lending Act extends protections to active-duty military.

The faithful protesters also carried signs that quoted scripture such as Proverbs 22:22, “Do not rob the poor because they are poor,” and Jeremiah 22:3 that teaches, “Do justice and righteousness, and deliver the one who has been robbed from the power of the oppressor.”

As Florida’s faith protest got underway, another form of outrage occurred in Washington. A group of 130 organizations representing 31 states and national organizations including Unidos, formerly the National Council of LaRaza; Military Family Association, Color of Change and the National Fair Housing Alliance, wrote Kraninger about the payday rule as well.

Noting that “Much more is at stake than industry revenue,” the coalition wrote, they also reminded Kraninger of CFPB’s own research that earlier found that 85 percent of payday loans are reborrowed, and further that 75 percent of all loan fees are due to borrowers being stuck in more than 10 loans a year.

“The bureau should not prioritize industry profits at the expense of the consumers it was created to protect,” states the letter.

That same sentiment was shared by Rev. Russell Meyer, executive director of the Tampa-based Florida Council of Churches. “Because their greed knows no shame, we must insist regulation is compassionate,” said Meyer.

Let the Church say, Amen.

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Markers unveiled honoring the Late Dr. Dorothy I. Height with small error

By Jeremy Lazarus
TriceEdneyWire.com

The unveiling of a new historical marker saluting late Richmond native Dorothy I. Height for her role as a national civil rights leader was a gala affair.

Sunday’s event drew a big crowd to the ceremony at First Baptist Church of South Richmond on Decatur Street that included several of Height’s relatives, Mayor Levar M. Stoney, Lt. Gov. Justin E. Fairfax, Gov. Ralph S. Northam and other officials and admirers of the woman former President Obama called the “godmother of the Civil Rights Movement.”

Speaker after speaker sang the praises of Height, who received the Congressional Gold Medal in 2004 and the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1994 in recognition of her fight to secure rights for women and African Americans as the longtime leader of the National Council of Negro Women.

And then came the unveiling of the marker that now stands in front of Richmond Public Library’s Hull Street Branch in the 1400 block of Hull Street.

Just one thing was missing – a second historical marker calling attention to Height’s



Jeffrey Randolph of Chesterfield, the great-nephew of the late civil rights icon, helped to unveil one marker, along with Connie Cuffee, president of the sorority’s Richmond Alumnae Chapter and Virginia First Lady Pam Northam. PHOTO: REGINA H. BOONE/RICHMOND FREE PRESS

The state Department of Historic Resources had announced March 18 that the two markers would stand together and be unveiled at the ceremony.

Department spokesman Randall Jones acknowledged in response to a Free Press query that the information had been inaccurate, but based on information he had at the time.

He stated that the department’s oversight board had been expected to approve the sorority marker at a March 21 meeting, but that meeting was

canceled.

In addition, the Richmond Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority also learned only two weeks ago that it would need city permission to install the marker, according to Doris Bey, a representative for the chapter on the marker committee. 6th District City Councilwoman Ellen F. Robertson introduced legislation to secure that permission.

The legislation, which could be adopted at the next council meeting, authorizes the city administration to accept the

Delta marker valued at \$2,700 to also be installed in front of the library.

Connie Cuffee, president of the sorority’s Richmond Alumnae Chapter, said the sorority’s marker was on view at a reception held after the unveiling of the state marker.

“We thought that our marker could just be put up beside the state marker, but then we found out it doesn’t work that way,” Cuffee said after City Council presented her and other chapter members with a certificate of recognition honoring Height.

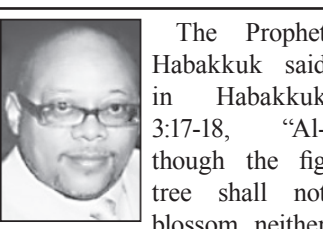
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By Pastor Simeon R. Green III
Special to The Mississippi Link



The Prophet Habakkuk said in Habakkuk 3:17-18, “Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation.” Speaking of the New Testament church, Galatians 4:26 says, “But Jerusalem, which is above is free, which is the

mother of us all.” Jesus said in John 8:32, “And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” Proverbs 29:25 tells us, “The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe.” Some people fear man more than they fear God. Some men even fear their wives: “If you go to that Church of God, I’ll leave you.” On the other hand, some men have the wife held in a cage where she cannot really do what the Lord tells her to do. Friend, you do not need to be in bondage, or in captivity. First John 4:18 reads, “There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because

fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.” I am glad for the freedom in Christ and for fellowship with saints. The church is wearing the wedding garments, and she is enjoying the marriage supper of the Lamb right now. In Matthew, Chapter 22, Jesus told a parable likening the Kingdom of God to a certain king who sent forth his servants to call people to the wedding of his son. When the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man who did not have on the wedding garment. In essence, he said, “Friend why are you here without a wedding garment?” The man was

speechless, so the king told his servants, “Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” Are you wearing the beautiful wedding garment? We read in Isaiah 4:2, “In that day shall the branch of the Lord be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel.” Rev. Simeon R. Green III is pastor of Joynes Road Church of God, 31 Joynes Road, Hampton VA 23669. He is a member of the National Association of Evangelism Church of God, Anderson, Ind.

PRESERVED Connecting the disconnected

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



Does relationship equal purposeful connection? I thought about this recently as I sat mesmerized watching too many hours of those infamous courtroom TV shows during a recent battle with a cold that had me stuck at home and in bed. From Judge Greg Mathis, Judge Lynn Toler to Judge Lauren Lake, daytime TV offers a peculiarly intriguing display of the best and worst of human relationships. I’m not sure what it says about me that I consider watching these shows a guilty pleasure. I really shouldn’t watch them, but I just can’t resist sometimes. I even try to convince myself that it’s “research” for my writing.

These shows also make me reevaluate how easily we can be fooled into believing that we have a connection with others because there is a superficial external relationship. After seeing the negative after-effects (paternity tests, lawsuits, name calling and outright cruelty) of all that “connection,” it seems like the external relationship sometimes masks an internal disconnection. The relationships on these television shows seem to be more about convenience than connection. Numerous couples discuss how they began living together after a few short weeks or days of meeting each other. One couple even proudly shared how they got married after just 2 weeks of knowing each other. It seems like some are more concerned about the temporary satisfying convenience of sharing their lives with anybody than with preparing themselves for something more meaningful: building a permanent bond with someone with whom they might

have a purposeful connection. The couples on these shows are examples of where there is convenience, there is often disconnection especially from purpose. It could be that the disconnection comes from a poor understanding or even worse: a hardening of the heart as a result of past hurts and not properly dealing with those past hurts. This results in no connection or worse, a connection that’s weak. Unfortunately, this is what we see so often on these shows and, for some of us, in our lives. Connecting to others is made easier when we reconnect with God. Ephesians 4:23-24 talks about the renewing of the mind which creates a new self and allows us to be honest with others. “and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.” This renewal often means that we stop seeing ourselves as we’d wish we were but acknowledge who we are through the eyes of God. Can you achieve your purpose with being connected to others? Some would say yes because after all you are doing the work. Others would say no because no one achieves success in a vacuum. What does purpose have to do with connection? When allowed, purpose forces acknowledgement of vulnerabilities. Oftentimes, authentic connection can heal the wounds that come from vulnerabilities. Once acknowledged, letting go of vulnerabilities can make you more open to healthy, authentic connections with others which will ultimately help you achieve your God-given purpose. Shewanda Riley is a Dallas, Texas based author of “Love Hangover: Moving From Pain to Purpose After a Relationship Ends.” Email preservedbypurpose@gmail.com or follow her on Twitter @shewanda.



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Love Vs. Hate

By E. Faye Williams
Trice Edney Newswire



Recently police arrested a young teen in Charlottesville, Virginia. He'd made a racist threat against minority students – both black and Latino. Why? Who will ever know, but it was apparently for no reason other than the color of their skin and the culture of their birth? One has to wonder if he experienced love or hate at home and is Donald Trump a regular of what the family hears on the news.

With so many people, not just in Charlottesville, still grieving over the tragic loss of Heather Heyer, how could a teenager reopen those wounds without adult leadership? My heart goes out to Heather's mom and family to have to face this same hate that killed their loved one who was out seeking justice when she was murdered by a hater. Every time some of us naively begin to think we're more civilized now than we were during slavery and the immediate aftermath, hate seems to rise again. This time, the hate is compounded because it not only includes black people, but it includes anybody who's deemed to be different from white people.

I wonder if the average white person feels a responsibility to come up with a solution to white hatred. I know where they can start. Rise up as black people so often have to do, and decide not to tolerate such reckless behavior. Hate is destructive to the hater, but it's also taking the lives of too many good and decent people. If we're going to be called a civilized nation, it's important to at least elect decent leaders.

Whenever something negative happens in the black community, we're expected to fix it. It's time for white people to fix their community because that is where so much hate is coming from against people who're not classified as white. Just as all black people aren't to blame for what all black people do, I'm not blaming all white people. I'm saying if anybody can fix the white community, it's white people.

Some of the most heinous crimes have been committed by white people. Look at the New Zealand tragedy. Fifty people are dead because of white Islamophobia. In Tulsa, many people were massacred by white people and a whole community was destroyed. At Texas A and M, nurses were killed by a white person. In Rosewood, Florida, black people were massacred for no reason. Thousands of black people were lynched by whites simply because of the color of their skin. Thousands of black people were stolen from their home and enslaved. An untold number of Native Americans were murdered and had their land stolen by white people. Isn't it time white people take some responsibility for the hateful acts by their people? They must teach their children about respect for others and about love for all of God's children.

They should take a lesson from the Superintendent of Schools in Charlottesville when she said, "In Charlottesville and around the globe, we stand firmly in stating there're not 'very fine people' standing on both sides of this issue."

Let's take another lesson from the PM of New Zealand when she not only rejected hate verbally, but showed what real leaders do. She began work with her legislature to try to prevent such a tragedy again. White people need to show the U.S. white president how to do something about hate other than say, "There are good people on both sides."

Hate is destroying America, and the rest of the world is looking down on us. We're no longer the leader, and we won't be the leader again until all of us begin to show some love for all instead of hate.

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By Julianne Malveaux
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It is unfathomable that the federal minimum wage has not been increased in more than a decade, since 2007, that the wage at \$7.25 per hour, has remained flat through recession and recovery, through extremely high unemployment rates and much lower ones. Republicans have absolutely refused to con-

sider minimum wage increases, and in early March rejected a bill that would increase the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour by 2024. Still, with the Democratic majority in Congress, the bill came out of committee on a 28-20 party line vote.

While the federal government drags its feet, six states, the District of Columbia and several other cities now have a minimum wage that will rise to \$15 in the next few years. In late March, Maryland joined California,

Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey and Illinois in increasing the minimum wage, even though Republican governor Larry Hogan vetoed the legislation. Both houses of the Maryland legislature overrode his veto, even though he melodramatically noted that a higher minimum wage would "devastate" the Maryland economy.

Unions, McDonald's workers, and the Fight for Fifteen have fueled the national push to raise the minimum wage, espe-

cially as people have noted that wage stagnation has resulted in an extremely uneven economic recovery. While those at the top are celebrating economic growth, those at the bottom have barely experienced it.

The current minimum wage of \$7.25 produces annual pay of \$15,080, assuming that someone works a full 40 hours a week all 52 weeks of the year, which is often unlikely because many minimum wage jobs are part-time jobs.

The poverty line for a family of three (a working mom and two children) is \$16,910. A woman working full time at the minimum wage is living below the poverty line. She qualifies for SNAP (food stamps), and possibly for federal housing aid if she can get it. All too often, the list for housing subsidies is full, as is public housing, so assistance is not an option.

What is a woman earning such a low wage to do, then, living at the economic periphery? She

house-shares with family or endures homelessness. She lines up to get food at food banks or from other charities. She struggles to make ends meet, while her Congressional Representative earns \$174,000 a year whether they produce or not.

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By Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr.
Founder and President of Rainbow PUSH Coalition



Donald Trump's madcap presidency is now seeking to strip 20 million Americans of their health care coverage. He has instructed the

Justice Department to join the lawsuit seeking to declare the Affordable Care Act unconstitutional. He then proclaimed that Republicans would offer a far better alternative, tweeting they'll become the "Party of Great Health Care."

Only there is no plan. Mitch McConnell, the Republican Senate majority leader, wants nothing to do with trying to develop one. Confusion reigns. This grotesque misrule might be funny were it not putting millions of people at risk. Trump has taken his animus against all things Obama to new heights in his obsessive drive to repeal or disembowel the Affordable Care Act.

After the Republican Senate rejected repeal — feeding Trump's disdain for Sen. John McCain, who cast the determining vote — Trump's administration has sought to undermine the act administratively. Seven million fewer people now have health care coverage since Trump was elected. Now he hopes to have the courts repeal the act.

That would end the expansion of

Medicaid, which covers more than 10 million low-wage workers and their families. It would repeal the requirement that insurance companies cover those with pre-existing conditions — putting anyone who is ill now covered under the act at risk. It would repeal the provision allowing the young to be covered under their parents plan to age 26.

Once more, insurance companies would be free to enforce lifetime limits on coverage, putting the most vulnerable at risk. Trump adds insult to this injury by proclaiming the big lie: that Republicans have or will have a plan that will cover more and be less expensive. But there is no plan. Trump aides say it will be developed in the Senate. McConnell, who rules Senate Republicans with a tight fist, says, "I look forward to seeing what the president is proposing and what he can work out with the speaker."

When asked if the two committees tasked with overseeing health care would come up with a plan, Sen. Charles Grassley responded tersely with a "no." Scrambling to put a cover on his barefaced lie, Trump announced that Sen. Rick Scott, Republican of Florida, would join with a couple of other senators to come up with a "spectacular" plan.

This is like naming Al Capone to design the tax code. In the 1990s, Scott was the CEO of Columbia/HCA. He resigned in 1997, the same

year the FBI announced an investigation of the company for massive Medicare fraud. In the end, Columbia/HCA pled guilty to systematic fraud — featuring false billing of Medicare on a breathtaking scale. The company pled guilty to 14 corporate felonies and paid out some \$1.7 billion in criminal fines and penalties in what the Justice Department called the "largest health care fraud case in U.S. history."

No doubt, if Scott were to come with a plan, it would be "spectacular" for the money guys, and savage for those in need of care. On health care, Trump's lies are dangerous to life. The U.S. is the only advanced industrial country that does not provide universal health care as a right. We are paying almost twice per capita as other countries with worse health care results. U.S. life expectancy has declined for three years, in part because of the opioid crisis, in part because of the absence of adequate health care.

Meanwhile, the insurance companies and the drug companies and the private hospital complexes rake in fortunes. What should be done is clear. The U.S. government should negotiate with drug companies to force lower prices for prescription drugs. Medicare should be strengthened and then extended to cover more people in stages. Cover those up to 30 and those 55 and over in the first stage. And then over years, per-

fect and extend the program to cover all.

Pay for it by requiring the rich and the corporations pay their fair share of taxes. We'd end up paying less and getting better coverage. That rational solution runs into the strongest of entrenched interests — the drug companies and the insurance companies and their legions of lobbyists. They are prepared to spend billions to protect their profits. They buy ads to scare the hell out of people, pay for politicians and blanket congress with lobbyists. Now they have Trump fronting for them. It will take an aroused public to overcome that resistance.

Trump believes that if you tell a big lie over and over and over again, pretty soon people will begin to believe it. His political debut was the big lie about Obama's birth certificate. He's done the same with his racist rants on immigrants and the border wall. Now he plans the same big lie technique on health care: slandering what is, claiming to have a better plan when there is no plan, posturing as a champion of the people when he's defending big money interests. The real deal is clear: the rich get a tax cut; the poor get a health care cut.

The rich are living longer in splendor. The poor are dying earlier in distress. The only thing "spectacular" about the Trump health care lie is his audacity to believe that he can sell it.

One year out, efforts to sabotage 2020 Census must be defeated

By Marc H. Morial
President and CEO
National Urban League



"The same folks who don't want people of color to vote don't want us to be counted. The Census is about three things: money, power and information. And unless we rise up to save Census 2020, this rigged, intentional undercount will cost us political power at all levels; billions in federal funding; and vital information to help lift up the communities that we fight so hard for." —U.S. Rep. Lacy Clay

The principle of "one person, one vote" is enshrined in the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution.

It means that one person's voting power should be equivalent to another person. While the Electoral College and the U.S. Senate give far more voting power to the citizens of sparsely populated states than densely populated ones, the one place where "one person, one vote" comes

closest to being true is in the U.S. House of Representatives.

But we can't achieve equal representation without a fair census.

April 1 marks the one-year countdown to the 2020 Census. Elected officials and communities across the country are holding special events to mark this important occasion and raise awareness about the 2020 Census.

African-American children and black men are undercounted in great numbers, disproportionate to their numbers in the overall population. The National Urban League has formed a 2020 Census Black Roundtable to address these concerns.

At the same time organizations like ours are working toward a fair count, sinister forces are trying to sabotage a full and complete count of the total American population — as required by the Constitution — by planning to add a controversial "citizenship question" to the 2020 Census questionnaire.

The question is intended to deter immigrants of all races, ethnicities and legal status from participating in the census, leading to a severe

undercount of vulnerable population and diminishing their voice in public life.

Census data also guide the allocation of more than \$800 billion in federal funding to programs that are crucial to families and communities. A skewed census means inequitable distribution of resources.

Federal courts in New York and California struck down the Citizenship Question in February and March of this year. The case has been appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, which will hear the case April 23, 2019.

The National Urban League joined other civil rights groups in filing a "friend of the court" brief opposing the citizenship question. As stated in the brief, "Given its foundational importance to American government and society, the census must be above partisan politics. The misguided decision to reverse seventy years of consistent census practice and insert an untested citizenship question undermines the integrity of the count, damages our communities, and violates the Census Bureau's constitutional and statutory duties

to conduct a full enumeration of the U.S. population.

Furthermore, deterring minority populations from participating in the census would undermine enforcement of the Voting Rights Act because it would undercount the minority populations who rely on that data to bring VRA claims.

The 2020 Census will take place at the height of the US Presidential Campaign. Dirty politics, racist messaging and campaign theatrics will detract from 2020 Census messaging encouraging the public to Be Counted.

Similar to what we saw in the 2016 Presidential campaign, "bad actors" on social media platforms will try to deter communities of color from participating in the Census to suppress redistricting efforts and the allocation of seats in Congress.

Conducting a fair count is a Constitutional obligation, that must not be subject to partisan sabotage. We're committed to spending the next year raising awareness about the importance of a fair census and fighting back against any attempts to deter minority participation.

Toward a living wage

April is National Donate Life Month: New liver means a new life for an Indiana toddler

The Mississippi Link Newswire

April is celebrated nationwide as Donate Life Month. National Donate Life Month was instituted by Donate Life America and its partnering organizations in 2003 and features an entire month of local, regional and national activities to help encourage Americans to register as organ, eye and tissue donors and to celebrate those who have saved lives through the gift of organ and tissue donation.

This month Zoe Anderson's family members, friends, business associates and likely most of the residents of Fishers, Indiana, will be promoting donor awareness as a way to thank the registered organ donor's family who selflessly donated the liver that saved Zoe's life one year ago.

Carly and Seth Anderson were very excited to meet their third child. They were the parents of two sons, Brody and Keegan, and they were very much hoping their family would include a daughter. When their little girl arrived in February 2017, Carly and Seth named her Zoe. She was the perfect baby and completed the Anderson family beautifully.

At just six weeks old Zoe was diagnosed with a rare liver disease called Biliary Atresia in which the bile ducts are abnormally narrow, blocked or absent. The infant's body is not able to remove bile, which causes more damage to the liver and other problems with growth and nutrition. In most cases Biliary Atresia leads to liver failure. The Andersons were told Zoe would soon need a surgery, Kasai Portoenterostomy, which would 'buy some time' before her second surgery – a life-saving liver transplant.

"A medical crisis, especially one that is unexpected, is one of life's greatest stressors. As we grew from a family of four to a family of five this unexpected news was earth shattering for us," Carly said. "This time of uncertainty and worry as we welcomed our precious baby girl to our family often felt like a roller coaster. We knew things were going to be bumpy, but we did not know when the bumps would be coming or how big they would be."

When Zoe was just about six weeks old, she required frequent and sometimes lengthy hospitalizations at Riley Hospital for



COTA Kid Zoe Anderson, Liver Transplant Recipient

Children in Indianapolis. Not knowing their baby was going to be born with a life-threatening disease, Carly and Seth had been planning and preparing for a move to a new home following Carly's delivery. That move became tremendously challenging as Seth and Carly had to take turns at the hospital at Zoe's bedside 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Carly remembers the stress of packing up and moving ... travelling back and forth to the hospital ... experiencing tense times at Zoe's bedside ... and trying to maintain a sense of normalcy for their boys. "At times it felt like we would not survive the coinciding of these two, major life stressors," Carly said.

According to Carly, 'Zoe' is the perfect name for their daughter because it means 'life.' It was during Zoe's first hospitalization that someone told me her name meant 'life,' and it was a very special moment – it gave us hope."

After Zoe's Kasai surgery, she was released to go home – the Anderson's new home in Fishers, Indiana. Due to the unknown progression of Zoe's disease, future hospitalizations and an eventual life-saving transplant, it was decided Carly would become a stay-at-home mom and put her career as an American Sign Language interpreter on

hold. It was a crazy time for this family of five, but especially for Carly who remembers constantly juggling the competing and demanding needs of three children, one of whom was medically compromised, which required management of medical records, non-stop appointments and constant care. There were also numerous trips back and forth to the transplant center in Indianapolis and to various doctors' appointments.

As the summer months faded into fall Carly continued to manage the family's hectic schedule. She describes Zoe's health as 'fair' during this time period. Feeding Zoe was an ongoing struggle for Carly and Seth. But with the help of a feeding (NG) tube that Carly and Seth had to learn to use at home, Zoe steadily gained weight.

Their baby girl was always pleasant and good-natured but simply did not have the energy to do anything. Zoe was hospitalized for a week during the fall due to adenovirus, but the Andersons once again made it through this inpatient stay due to the support of family and friends.

However, the inevitability of a liver transplant was always resting heavily in Carly and Seth's hearts. Zoe's liver numbers never really normalized after the Kasai procedure. Carly had done extensive research on Zoe's dis-

ease and was well aware it was only a matter of time before her condition would worsen. Since there was no way to know what was coming for Zoe, they decided to be as prepared as possible for what might lie ahead. Part of that preparation was researching pediatric liver transplants, which included reading about the lifetime costs associated with Zoe's disease and liver transplant. After much research Carly placed a call to the Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA) in late November 2017 to learn more about fundraising for transplant-related expenses.

COTA uniquely understands that families who care for a child or young adult before, during and after a life-saving transplant have enough to deal with, so COTA's model shifts the responsibility for fundraising to a community team of trained volunteers. COTA is a 501(c)3 charity so all contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law, and these COTA funds are available for a lifetime of transplant-related expenses.

"Something eye opening I read that will forever be etched in my mind is 'transplant is not a cure for liver disease, but a very good treatment.' We had been suddenly put into a medical situation that we could not have possibly predicted and it had a lot of implications for our family including financial," Carly said. She remembers feeling hesitant about starting a COTA fundraising effort in Zoe's honor until Zoe was officially listed for transplant. However, conversations with COTA staff members and even COTA's President Rick Lofgren helped Carly and Seth better understand the financial implications the family would face in the short term and also in the long term.

In mid-December, COTA sent a representative to meet with a group of COTA in honor of Team Zoe volunteers who gathered in Fishers to learn more about what needed to be done. "The thorough volunteer training and information sharing was invaluable," Carly said. "COTA made it so easy by providing a framework, resources and constant support so our volunteer team could organize quickly and start raising funds for transplant-related expenses."

The launch of the COTA in honor of Team Zoe A fundraising effort was actually perfectly

timed. Just after the holidays Zoe was hospitalized with a severe liver infection, which resulted in the baby girl being listed for liver transplant in January 2018. At this point transplant reality hit the family hard; the frequency of Zoe's medical appointments and lab tests started to increase even more as her health continued to decline.

During an evening in mid-March, Carly and Seth received the much-anticipated call letting them know there was a potential donor liver available for Zoe. "Prior to transplant, we not only had to grieve and experience so many emotions as we watched Zoe battle liver disease, we also had to start to wrapping our minds around the fact that another family had no idea what was coming.

Being the parents of young children and knowing Zoe's donor was likely going to be a young child caused us to experience a myriad of emotions," Carly said. "It is hard to find words to express what it means that in the midst of unfathomable grief, a family could make the decision to allow their little loved one to give the gift of life to others."

Zoe received her gift of life, a new liver, the day after they received the call.

Three months after Zoe's life-saving transplant Carly shared these observations. The difference before and after transplant is remarkable. Zoe truly started coming to life right after transplant. Her skin and eye color rapidly changed from yellow to very healthy and normal looking. Her appetite picked up and she is eating and drinking like a normal toddler. She no longer needs any fortified or special formula to gain weight, and she is drinking regular whole milk. She is talking, signing, moving and she is happy and healthy.

We finally feel like she is no longer a prisoner inside of her own body – she is able to finally interact and is full of energy. She has caught up so quickly we almost cannot believe it. Having big brothers to keep up with definitely is motivating for Zoe. She even laughed for the very first time soon after transplant.

"Our COTA team of amazing volunteers quickly met our goal and we are forever thankful to those friends and family members," Carly and Seth said. "The Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA) alleviated

a tremendous amount of stress for our family. We were in the middle of receiving a deluge of complicated medical information about Zoe and there were so many unknowns. At first we did not even think about the financial impact of a life-saving transplant. COTA gently helped us see the financial burden and helped us understand the long-term impact of a transplant. Nobody expects to be thrown into an unknown medical situation; COTA gives us peace of mind knowing the support will be there ... for a lifetime."

Today Zoe is almost one year post transplant; Carly and Seth are in awe as they watch their little miracle continue to grow and develop into a toddler. With that in mind, Carly explains there has not been a day that has passed when they have not thought about Zoe's donor angel and family who gave Zoe the gift of life.

Zoe is a very busy girl who is always keeping up with her two older brothers. She had a language explosion this year and talks in full sentences, which has become quite entertaining for the family to witness all of her humor, sass and personality as she expresses herself. It is indeed a stark contrast to last year when she was so sick and had very little energy.

According to Carly, Zoe loves to sing and dance. Her favorite things include anything her brothers are doing in addition to coloring, Thomas the train, and playing pretend with her dolls.

"We are feeling extra grateful as we approach Zoe's one-year post-transplant. We are so thankful for COTA and all of the people in our lives who have supported our family's transplant journey," Carly said.

Nationwide, April is the month that is dedicated to raising awareness about the need for registered organ and tissue donors. Many COTA families are waiting for the life-saving call Zoe and her family received.

Every day 20 people die waiting for an organ transplant here in the United States. One organ donor can save eight lives.

You can visit www.RegisterMe.org to learn more about registering to be a life-saving donor.

For more information about the Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA), or to find a COTA family in your area, please email kim@cota.org.

Forrest General Hospital first in Mississippi to use the new Inari Medical ClotTrieve device

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Forrest General became the first hospital in Mississippi to treat deep vein thrombosis (DVT) using the Inari Medical ClotTrieve device. Robert Wilkins, MD, Cardiologist, performed the procedure March 15, 2019.

"Forrest General made a huge step in the right direction by bringing this procedure to patients in the Pine Belt. A DVT is a life threatening condition, and having this procedure available strengthens our ability to save lives without causing some of the complications common to traditional DVT treatment options. I am proud to say that Forrest General stands out, once again, at the forefront of technology," said Robert Wilkins, MD, Cardiologist.

Deep vein thrombosis (DVT) describes a condition where a blood clot, also called a thrombus, forms in a deep vein, usually in the legs. A



left to right: David Prine, RN; Donna Holloway, RT; Bo Blanks, RN; Dr. Wilkins; Kristin Sullivan, RT; Ross Barrios, sales rep Inari Medical

DVT is dangerous and requires immediate medical attention, because these clots may break loose and travel the bloodstream to the lungs causing pulmonary embolism. A DVT can also lead to long-lasting problems such as vein damage that can cause the leg to ache, swell and change color.

The ClotTrieve system is designed to remove large clots from large veins via access sites as small as 6 mm. The

ClotTrieve does not require use of thrombolytic drugs, which carry significant risk of bleeding and are contraindicated in many patients. This means the procedure is much safer for patients than traditional DVT treatment options.

For more information about DVT or Heart and Vascular Services at Forrest General, visit forrestgeneral.com.

You're invited to participate: HCSD Annual Cool2Care Health Fair

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Hinds County School District and UnitedHealthcare Community Plan will host its Annual Cool2Care Health Fair and Third Mississippi Sickle Cell Foundation 3K Red Cell Run-Walk at Terry High School Football Athletic Complex in Terry Saturday, April 6, 2019 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

The event includes:

- Free T-shirt to the first 200 attendees
- Mississippi Sickle Cell Foundation 3K Red Cell Run-Fun walk and Fun Run
- Move to Learn
- Zumba, Line Dancing and March Aerobics
- Cheer Team participation (Middle & High School / 1st Place Trophy given for each level)
- Sports games, Knocker Ball, Tug of War, Parachute, space jumps, etc....
- Health Screenings
- Eddie Eagle and McGruff the Crime

Dog

- Community vendors with information and/or activities

Key vendors include:

Hinds County Sheriff Alcohol & Drug Prevention Unit; Durham School Services; Eliza Pillars Registered Nurses of Mississippi; Hinds Community College Nursing-Allied Health; Hinds County Emergency Management Agency; Jackson-Hinds Comprehensive Health Center Mobile Unit; Mississippi Sickle Cell Foundation; and UnitedHealthcare Plan Mississippi just to name a few.

For more information on being a vendor or volunteer contact John Neal, Hinds County School District, 601 857-7008.

For more information on registering for the MSCF 3-K Red Cell Run-Fun walk contact Jeanne J. Tate, chairperson / Mississippi Sickle Cell Foundation, 601 366-5874 or mssicklecelfund@yahoo.com



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Advertisement for Bid

Bid 3092 - JPS Site Care (Lawn Services)

Sealed, written formal bid proposals for the above bid will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time) April 26, 2019, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. A Pre-Bid Conference concerning the project will be held at Enochs, 101 Dennis Holloway Drive, Jackson, MS, 39203 on April 17, 2019, at 10:00 A.M. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is non-mandatory but strongly suggested. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date bids are opened. Proposal forms and detailed specifications may be obtained free of charge by emailing jewalker@jackson.k12.ms.us, calling (601) 960-8799, or documents may be picked up at the above address or downloaded from JPS website at [HYPERLINK "http://www.jackson.k12.ms.us" www.jackson.k12.ms.us](http://www.jackson.k12.ms.us).

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Notice of Sale

Abandoned Vehicle

Notice of Sale is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles that the following vehicle will be sold for repair and storage charges and for cost of this sale.

2005 NISS MAX 1N4BA41EX5C878151

Registered to Harper, Sandra Anita

GFC Lending LLC, Lien Holder

Date of Sale: April 18, 2019

Place of Sale: Archie Towing Services; 6700 Medgar Evers Blvd., Jackson, MS 39213

Sellers reserve the right to bid on the above property and to reject any and all bids. Time: 10:00 A.M.

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Notice of Sale is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles that the following vehicle will be sold for repair and storage charges and for cost of this sale.

2009 HOND ULX 1HGCP26329A020698

Registered to Charles Brown

Standard Credit Acceptance Corporation, Lien Holder

Date of Sale: April 18, 2019

Place of Sale: Archie Towing Services; 6700 Medgar Evers Blvd., Jackson, MS 39213

Sellers reserve the right to bid on the above property and to reject any and all bids. Time: 10:00 A.M.

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2010 CADI SRL 3GYFNAEY6AS507814

Registered to Thomas Theartic B.

Exeter Finance Corporation, Financial, Lien Holder

Date of Sale: April 18, 2019

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2014 HYUN SGL 5NPEB4AC2EH865790

Registered to Shippings, Shuretta

Standard Credit Acceptance Corporation, Lien Holder

Date of Sale: April 18, 2019

Place of Sale: Archie Towing Services; 6700 Medgar Evers Blvd., Jackson, MS 39213

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS – NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

GROVE PARK DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS (PHASE II)

Jackson, Mississippi

PROJECT NO. 15B5007.401

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Jackson, Mississippi, until 3:30 P.M. CST, Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at the City Clerk’s Office located at 219 S. President St., for supplying all labor, materials and equipment as required under the plans and specifications for the construction of GROVE PARK DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS (PHASE II), City Project No. 15B5007.401. Please address envelope to City Clerk, P.O. Box 17, Jackson, MS 39205.

The entire project must be completed within (60) calendar days. The contract will be subject to liquidated damages in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per calendar day for each consecutive calendar day in which the contract time is exceeded.

The City of Jackson is committed to the principle of non-discrimination in public contracting. It is the policy of the City of Jackson to promote full an equal business opportunity for all persons doing business with the City. As a precondition to selection, each contractor, bidder or offeror shall submit a completed and signed Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) plan. Failure to comply with the City’s ordinance shall disqualify a contractor, bidder or offeror from being awarded an eligible contract. For more information on the City of Jackson’s Equal Business Opportunity Program, please contact Michael Davis with the office of Economic Development at (601) 960-1856. Copies of the ordinance, EBO Plan Applications and a copy of the Program are available at 200 South President Street, Warren Hood Building, Second Floor, Jackson, Mississippi.

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

The City of Jackson hereby notifies all bidders that in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4 that all bidders will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, or disability in consideration for an award.

Contract Drawings, Contract Specifications, and Proposals forms are on file and open to public inspection at Crown Engineering, PLLC located at 5269 Keele Street, Suite C, Jackson, Mississippi 39206. One (1) copy of the Plans, Specifications, and Contract Documents may be procured at Crown Engineering, PLLC, upon payment of \$100.00 dollars for each set, which will not be refunded. All request and questions regarding plans and specifications can be directed to Calvin Dean, PE, Principal, (601) 713-4346. The Standard Specifications adopted by the City Council may be procured from the Department of Public Works, if desired upon payment of \$5.00 dollars for each specification.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on April 11, 2019, at 2:00 PM. local time, in the 5th floor conference room of the Warren Hood Building, 200 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi. All potential contractors, subcontractors, and other interested parties are encouraged to attend.

“Official bid documents can be downloaded from Central Bidding at www.centralbidding.com. 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.”

Bidders must be qualified under Mississippi law and possess a certificate of responsibility issued by the Mississippi State Board of Contractors establishing its classification as to the value and type of construction on which it is authorized to bid. Each bidder must deposit with its proposal, a bid bond or certified check in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid for the work, payable to the City of Jackson, as the bid security.

The successful bidder shall furnish a Performance Bond and Payment Bond each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount awarded. Attorneys-in-fact who sign Bid Bonds or Payment Bonds and Performance Bonds must file with each bond a certified and effective dated copy of their power of attorney.

Proposals shall be submitted in triplicate, sealed and deposited with the City of Jackson’s City Clerk prior to the hour and date designated above. Each bidder shall write its certificate of responsibility number on the outside of the sealed envelope containing its proposal.

The City of Jackson reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any and all informalities

Robert K. Miller
Director, Department of Public Works

3/28/2019, 4/4/2019

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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

BUREAU OF BUILDING, GROUNDS AND

REAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed and electronic bids will be received at the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, 501 North West Street, Suite 1401 B, Jackson, Mississippi, 39201, until 2:00:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 04/30/2019, for:

RE: GS# 205-076 Utica Fire Suppression - PH I
Hinds Community College
RFx# 3160002845

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Jackson, MS will conduct Public Hearings and an Application Workshop regarding the development of its 2019 One-Year Action Plan of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. The Annual Action Planning process requires broad public participation by citizens and entities which are interested in, or are providing assistance in, the areas of housing, services for the homeless, public services and other community development activities.

The draft 2019 One Year Action Plan will contain applications for funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The City of Jackson estimates that we will receive \$1,886,268 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds; \$967,752 in Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds; \$148,069 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds; and \$1,453,290 in Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds for a total of \$4,455,379. Due to the Federal budget negotiations, the actual amounts funded may differ.

This notice’s amounts originated from last year’s allocation; however, the City anticipates adjusting the amounts after final Federal budget negotiations.

The Public Hearings will explain the purpose of the City’s Annual Action Plan; discuss the City’s goals and accomplishments with HUD funds; and consult with the public by accepting public comments regarding proposed activities for the programs. The Public Hearings will be held at the following locations:

April 9, 2019 6:00 p.m.	Grove Park Community Center 4126 Parkway Ave. City Council Chambers 219 S. President St.
April 24, 2019 6:00 p.m.	Bolden Moore Library/Westside 1444 Wiggins Rd.
May 7, 2019 6:00 p.m.	Champion Gymnasium 1355 Hattiesburg St.
May 9, 2019 6:00 p.m.	Warren Hood Building 200 S. President St. (Final Public Hearing)

Further, the City of Jackson will conduct an Application/Proposal Workshop on Friday, May 10, 2019, beginning at 9:30 a. m., at the Jackson Police Department Training Academy, 3000 St. Charles St. for non-profit organizations interested in applying for CDBG, ESG, HOPWA, and HOME funds. Non-profit organizations may obtain Application/Proposal packets at the workshop.

Application/Proposal packages for CDBG, ESG, HOPWA, and HOME funds should be delivered to the Development Assistance Division, Richard Porter Building, 218 South President St., 2nd Floor, Jackson, MS 39201, no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, June 10, 2019. No Application/Proposal packages will be accepted after this deadline.

The draft Annual Action Plan will be available for review at the final public hearing and on the City’s website at www.jacksonms.gov on June 5, 2019. The City will be accepting public comments on the draft Annual Action Plan until no later than 5:00 p.m., on Monday, July 8, 2019. Residents with disabilities are encouraged to notify the City at least five (5) days before the public hearing of any needed accommodations. For more details contact the Office of Development Assistance Division at 601-960-2155.

4/11/2019

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Advertisement for Reverse Auction Bid

Bid 3091 Cisco IP Telephones

Reverse Auction bidding for the above bid will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time) April 29, 2019 at which time Reverse Auction bidding begins electronically. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date Reverse Auction bid opening ends.

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- __ Lanka
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DOWN

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- Otherwise
- Distress call
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- Prayer ending
- Throat part
- Soft fabric
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1	2	4	6	5	7	9	3	8
6	5	9	8	4	3	1	7	2
8	7	3	9	2	1	6	5	4
4	1	5	2	3	6	8	9	7
3	9	6	7	8	5	4	2	1
7	8	2	4	1	9	5	6	3

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

A N I N V E S T M E N T I N K N O W L E D G E
X Q V Q I L D T S L Q T V Q U P Y E L B N L
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FILM REVIEW: HOTEL MUMBAI

HARROWING DOCUDRAMA RECOUNTS 2008 MUMBAI MASSACRE

By Kam Williams
Columnist

On November 26, 2008, radical Islamists from Pakistan launched a series of coordinated attacks around the city of Mumbai which would claim 174 lives and leave hundreds more wounded. Within hours of the raid, the authorities were able to secure all of the sites except for the legendary Taj Mahal Palace Hotel.

The jihadists ostensibly picked the legendary 5-star resort as the location for a final showdown because of its image as a getaway spot for rich and famous westerners. The siege there would last four days, since the local police were outgunned by the terrorists who were armed to the teeth with bombs, hand grenades and automatic weapons.

Directed by Anthony Maras, Hotel Mumbai is a harrowing docudrama which recreates the horrific events which transpired inside the Taj. In making his movie, the first-time filmmaker

relied heavily on Mumbai Massacre, a 2009 documentary composed of survivors' recollections of their nightmares.

This fictionalized account, which changes names and conflates characters, primarily revolves around the ordeals of Arjun (Dev Patel) and David (Armie Hammer). The former is a selfless Sikh waiter who exhibits extraordinary heroism in an effort to save as many of the hotel's traumatized guests as possible. And the latter is a frazzled tourist desperate to reunite with his wife (Nazanin Boniadi), baby and nanny (Tilda Cobham-Hervey).

Besides these protagonists, the film features a profusion of simplistically-drawn supporting players, a la your typical disaster flick. There's the Russian playboy (Jason Isaacs), an elitist, world-class chef (Anupam Kher), a deferential butler (Alex Pinder), and so forth.

After the motley ensemble is introduced, the burning question left to be answered is which

of these trapped victims will be able to remain undiscovered by the bloodthirsty assassins until the Special Forces Unit finally arrives from Delhi, some 800 miles away. For, the terrorist cell in control of the building is portrayed as religious zealots blinded by the prospect of paradise promised by The Bull (Pawan Singh), the operation's diabolical mastermind.

Yes, the hotel is ultimately retaken and order is restored. Nevertheless, the S.W.A.T. Team's belated triumph remains overshadowed by the sobering reality of so many lives senselessly lost.

In sum, an uplifting tale of heroism and survival, as well as a haunting reminder of the evil that men do.

Excellent (4 stars)
Rated R for profanity, bloody images and pervasive violence
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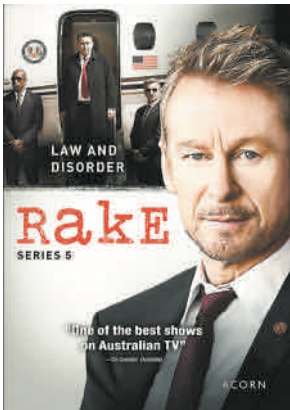
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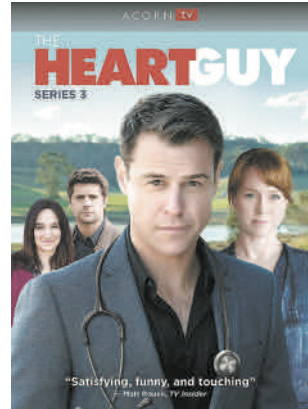
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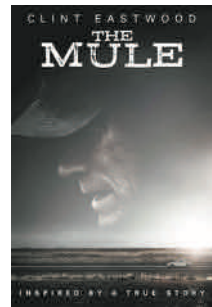
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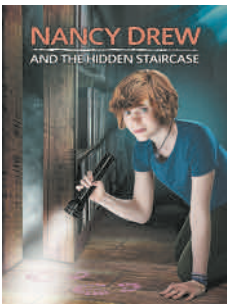
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6		9	8					8
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3				5		2		
		2					6	

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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 Benjamin Franklin

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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X Q V Q I L D T S L Q T V Q U Q P Y E L B N E
_____T E T _____T E T
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(For puzzle answer keys, see page 15)



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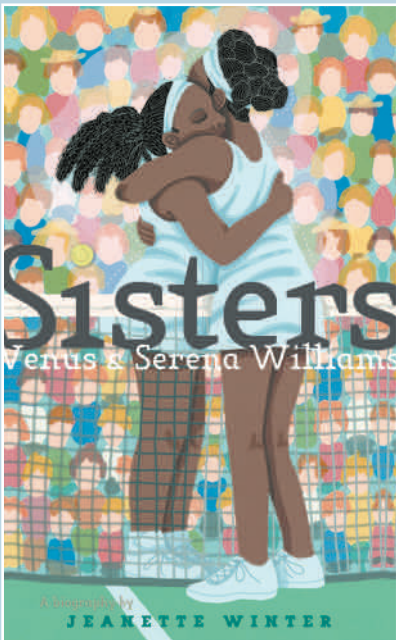


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BOOK REVIEW: “SISTERS”

BY JEANETTE WINTER
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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

You caught it!
The ball was thrown very high – so high that you lost it in the sky for a minute – and you weren’t sure how you’d do it, but your hands were out and you caught it. Just. Like. That.
Some balls are meant to be thrown or batted, while some are meant to bounce.
In the new book “Sisters” by Jeanette Winter, you’ll learn about two girls who don’t just hit a ball, they smash it.
Ever since they were babies,

Venus and Serena were very close.
They slept in the same bed, enjoyed the same books, and got up at the same time every morning, even though it was still dark sometimes. That’s because their mama and daddy wanted their two youngest daughters to learn to play tennis so they could have a better future.
Each morning started with clean-up because the local tennis court was always littered. After clean-up, it was time for practice with equipment that was old and used. Venus and

Serena served and volleyed, chased balls, and hit forehand and backhand, forehand and backhand while their daddy reminded them to “concentrate.”
Pretty soon, the girls could ignore the gunfire down the block. They could forget about the trash on the tennis court, and the fact that their equipment was old and used-up, and that there was still homework to be done. They started to get really good at tennis and they started gaining respect from the kids in the neighborhood, from people around the country and from


folks who wanted to help.
With respect came new equipment and invitations to tournaments. Venus would win her game, then Serena would win, and they’d concentrate on winning again and again. Venus would cheer when Serena was on the court, and Serena would cheer when Venus was on the court.
As the girls grew into better tennis players, they grew into women with fashion sense and power, too. And when it was time for Venus and Serena to play one another on the court,

they did it just like they did everything else all their lives: together.
Let’s face it: when it comes to the lives of Serena and Venus Williams, there’s really not much left to publicly tell. Certainly, author Jeanette Winter doesn’t share anything new in “Sisters,” so why would your child want this book?
Two words: the artwork.
Even if your child can’t read the words inside “Sisters,” she’ll be able to tell the story because Winter’s vivid illustrations carefully follow the words,

and then some: the telling of the tale is in the art but, more so than with many picture books, backgrounds matter. There’s graffiti behind the characters on one page, tough boys hiding in another, and a definite sense that the Williams sisters didn’t come from lives of luxury.
That gives browsing 3-to-8-year-olds a subtle sense of why this book, and it should give parents comfort that their children are learning about perseverance and “concentration.” For that, “Sisters” is a book you’ll want to catch.

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