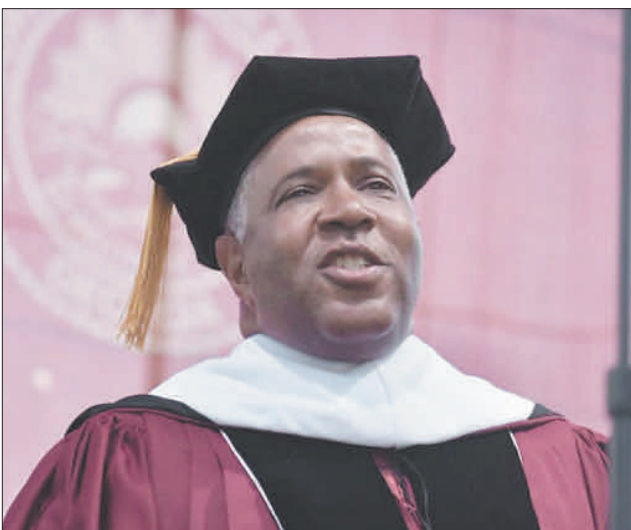


## Billionaire to pay off student loans for all 400 2019 Morehouse College graduates



Smith

By Frederick H. Lowe  
TriceEdneyWire.com

Black billionaire Robert F. Smith has awarded the class of 2019 at Morehouse College for Men a gift graduating seniors and their parents won't ever forget.

Smith, founder and chair of Vista Equity Partners and a philanthropist announced on Sunday that he would pay off student loan debt for all of the 400 2019 graduates, which is estimated to be \$40 million.

"My family is going to create a grant to eliminate your student loans," Smith told seniors during Morehouse's 135th Commencement address. "You great Morehouse men are bound by only the limits of your conviction and your own creativity."

After he made the announcement, students chanted "MVP."

Morehouse College was founded in 1867 in the basement of Springfield Baptist Church in Augusta, Georgia. The school moved to Atlanta in 1885. Well-known graduates include filmmaker and actor Spike Lee, actor Samuel L. Jackson, and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Forbes estimates that Vista has assets of \$5 billion, making Smith the wealthiest African-American man in the U.S. Along with Warren Buffet and Bill and Melinda Gates, Smith is part of a group of American billionaires committed to dispersing their wealth to improve the lives of others. Smith urged graduates to help others.

Smith's decision to pay off the student loan debt followed his earlier announcement that he would donate \$1.5 million to Morehouse.

## Congressional lawmakers introduce bill to examine disparities that impact black men and boys



U. S. Rep. Frederica Wilson (D-Fla.), center, introduces a Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys.

By Jane Kennedy  
TriceEdneyWire.com

Nearly five years after Daniel Pantaleo, a New York City policeman, recklessly choked Eric Garner to death, he is just now facing prosecution at a disciplinary trial that may – or may not – lead to his firing. The officers who stood idly by during the incident that was just one of a series of needless police killings of African-American men and boys, will likely not have to pay for their inaction.

It is this casual disregard for the safety and well-being of black males that led Congresswoman Frederica S. Wilson (D-Fla.) to create the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys Caucus. Co-chaired by Reps. Ha-keem Jeffries (D-N.Y.), Cedric Richmond (D-La.), and Lucy McBath (D-Ga.), the caucus publicly introduced at a press conference

last week legislation to establish an advisory body that will examine the societal inequities that adversely affect this demographic.

They were joined by several other lawmakers, representatives of national organizations, and Tracy Martin, father of slain teenager Trayvon Martin. In addition, dozens of boys who are members of the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project mentorship program Wilson founded 25 years ago traveled to Washington from Miami and Jacksonville to participate in the event.

"We are here because we acknowledge a tragic truth: All too often, black males in America are treated as their own class of citizen. They are rarely given the benefit of the doubt. They are labeled delinquent, not rowdy. They are hardened criminals, not misguided youth," Wilson said. "Their very

existence is often seen as a threat."

The Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys Act of 2019 calls for a bipartisan commission to be housed within the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights' office. Led by a staff director, its 19 members would include appointees from the Senate and the House, the Congressional Black Caucus chairperson and five CBC members, as well as representatives from federal agencies and nongovernmental organizations.

Duties include examining homicide rates, arrest and incarceration rates, poverty, violence, fatherhood, mentorship, drug abuse, death rates, disparate income and wealth levels, school performance at various grade levels and health issues.

One year after their first meeting, members will be required to produce an annual report that

includes recommendations to address these issues. In addition, the report, which will be publicly available, will be submitted to the president and cabinet secretaries, Congress and the chairs of the appropriate committees of jurisdiction.

Jeffries noted in his remarks that while African Americans have made "tremendous progress," there is still a long way to go.

"We understand that when America catches a cold, the black community often catches a fever. When the black community catches a fever, it is young black men and boys at the center of the affliction of economic pneumonia. You can't continue to ignore realities of this situation, which is why this Commission on the So-

*Disparities*  
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## American Associaton of Blacks In Energy hosted 28th annual scholarship awards program

presented the Don E. Meiners Scholarship and the first Napoleon Johnson Scholarship

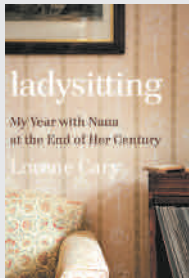
The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Mississippi Chapter of the American Associations of Blacks in Energy (AABE) held the Annual Scholarship Awards Reception at The Hilton Hotel in Jackson. Graduating seniors from across Mississippi received scholarships to pursue careers in energy-related fields.

AABE Mississippi Chapter President Wilbert Corley, En-tergy Mississippi LLC, stated, "The recipients have demonstrated excellence in the classroom and in the community. Their academic achievements are outstanding and the AABE Mississippi Chapter members

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# Making a Dream a Reality: Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area, Nissan Canton mark 12th build with home for local Canton family

Mississippi Link Newswire

What has seemed a distant dream is now becoming a reality for a local Canton family. Christina Wilder is the homeowner of the 2019 Nissan Habitat build. She is the mother of two sons, Carmello (12) and Chrishone (4). Wilder took Chrishone in as her own after the passing of one of her brothers in March of 2016. Since then, she has worked hard to provide for her family.

“I am honestly so grateful for the opportunity to provide my boys with a place where they feel safe. This has been a dream come true for us,” she said. “Living with my parents, brother, son and nephew in a 3 bedroom trailer has been a challenge. My son is always asking when he will have his own room and now he will. I am just so grateful for this experience and all the support we have had along the way.”

Throughout their partnership, Nissan Canton and Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area (HFHMCA) have built 12 homes in the tri-county area. Every other year, Nissan Canton builds a house in the Canton city limits. “We have called Canton our home for nearly 16 years and enjoy giving back to



the community where our facility resides,” said Philip Calhoun, vice president, Manufacturing, Nissan Canton Vehicle Assembly Plant, Nissan North America, Inc. “We are incredibly proud to continue our relationship with Habitat through this life-changing work.”

The Nissan Canton team is focusing its efforts on building in the Richard Circle neighborhood in Canton, the Wilder family’s first home. Hundreds of employee volunteers are taking part in an eight-day build from April through June.

“Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area appreciates Nissan and the employees for their continued commitment to making sure everyone has a



decent place to call home,” said Merrill McKewen, HFHMCA executive director. “Nissan Canton employees set the bar high with their exceptional work ethic while tackling affordable housing.”

#### 14-Year Partnership

Since 2005, Nissan has con-

tributed more than \$15 million and more than 97,000 volunteer hours in 13 communities to Habitat for Humanity across the U.S.

The partnership began when Nissan donated 50 trucks and mobilized employees to assist in home building efforts fol-

lowing hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

**What:** The Wilder family works alongside Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area (HFHMCA) and Nissan employees to build their future home which they will purchase with a 30-year zero interest

mortgage.

**When:** Wednesday, May 15, 2019 from 10 a.m. to noon

**Where:** 315 Richard Circle, Canton, MS 39046

**Who:** Nissan staff and volunteers; 2019 Nissan build homeowner; and HFHMCA Executive Director and staff





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## AABE

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wish them well as they pursue degrees in S.T. E. M. related fields at institutions in Mississippi.”

Keynote speaker Robert Kelly, CEO for Kelly Natural Gas Pipeline, and Jackson native, encouraged the soon to be graduates to remember trailblazers of the past, pave the way for the next generation and thank those who help them on their journey into the future.

Scholarships honoring Don E. Meiners, former CEO of Entergy Mississippi and Napoleon Johnson were awarded during the event. The Napoleon Johnson Scholarship established posthumously in 2018 was awarded for the first in honor of former Entergy employee, Napoleon Johnson an engineer, who passed unexpectedly in 2017.

The Don E Meiners scholarship was presented to Christopher Greene, Warren Central High School. The Napoleon Johnson scholarship was presented to Mia Riddley, School of Math and Science.

Other recipients were Keanna Abraham, Vicksburg High School; Kayla Carter, Ridgeland High School; and Alyshia Moore Vicksburg High School.

The Mississippi Chapter of the American Association of Blacks in Energy (AABE) is one of eight chapters in the Southwest region of the organization. Member companies include (but are not limited to) Atmos Energy, Entergy Mississippi, Mississippi Development Authority, Irby Construction, Canton Municipal Utilities, Donaldson Construction and MDA Energy Division.

Professionals in all energy and energy-related disciplines (oil, gas, electricity, nuclear, renewables, government, technology, energy services and water) are welcome to provide our membership with a broader knowledge about the industry when topics arise.

College students at accredited institutions studying energy-related fields are also encouraged to participate in AABE.

## Disparities

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cial Status of Black Men and Boys is so incredibly important,” the New York lawmaker said. “We all recognize that unless we take the time to give our young men and our young black boys the opportunity to be successful, the system will seize the opportunity to give these men and young black boys some [jail] time.”

Jamonza Clark, a sophomore at Miami’s William H. Turner Technical Arts High School, feels blessed to be a part of Wilson’s Role Models program and a strong family unit, but recognizes that there are countless boys who look like him whose futures are very uncertain.

“Many of us live in ZIP codes that don’t have the same resources and opportunities that give our white counterparts head starts in life,” he said. “How are we supposed to get ahead when on the day we are born, we’re already behind?”

Richmond empathizes with boys and men who are judged by the color of their skin or what they wear. Sports, he said, is the one area where all the rules are the same for everybody, and African Americans excel. “So when we start talking about the game of life and making sure that our young men achieve the success that they should, then we

have to look at all of the barriers,” Richmond said.

McBath, who is serving her first term in Congress, experienced every parent’s worst nightmare when her 17-year-old son, Jordan Davis, was gunned down at a Jacksonville gas station because his killer thought the music in the teenagers’ car was too loud.

“I was teaching him to stand up against unrighteousness and to stand up in the face of injustice. I was preparing him to take his place in this world at the decision-making table as a powerful young black man. My son, like so many others, was a victim of implicit bias and racism and I feel an obligation in my core to address these issues on behalf of each of the young men that are standing here today full of potential and destined to do great things,” she said, adding that any form of discrimination, “both explicit and implicit” is unacceptable.

Turning to the 5000 Role Models of Excellence students, she continued, “I implore each of you to stand up. You deserve to have a place at the table and decide the course of our world. I believe in all of you. This is what democracy looks like, and this is how we will change our world.”

By Russell Simmons

Exclusive to the NNPA Newswire

Across the nation and throughout the world, millions of people are still mourning the tragic and senseless killing of our Brother Nipsy Hustle. We are again reminded of the terrible sickness of violence in communities across the United States.

We should not wait for another one of our heros to be killed before we stand up to take action to prevent this plague of violence from continuing. Nipsy was a great example of what can happen when a young man from our community puts his head down and transcends the traps that are laid by the enemies of our youth in America.

Let me be clear. All those who have the capacity and opportunity to do their part to end the senseless spiral of violence but do nothing by their omission are aligned with the forces that are against our communities’ safety, resilience and progress. Complacency with violence directly contributes to its dev-



Simmons

astating continuance.

There are, however, very successful programs in nearly every hot pocket in our inner cities that are alarmingly underfunded.

Those effective antiviolence programs are in constant need of volunteers. I have personally witnessed and worked closely with so many extremely productive and

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amazing programs that prevent violence.

Effective programs like Erica Ford’s “Life Camp” in Queens, New York or Captain Dennis Muhammed’s “Peace Keepers” efforts in over 20 cities are in need of additional funding and support from city, state and federal agencies. Of

course, in addition, the private sector and local community support systems must also be summoned to help out. Now is the time to act to prevent future violence.

These two programs are shining examples of how much better and effective local interventions are than the police who in many cases are disconnected, not trusted, brutal and too often fatal. But despite the results of current research studies on what works, city budgets in too many states are now being turned over to ineffective police containment strategies because of the undue influence of police unions and other conservative political forces.

Violence cannot be contained. It has to be prevented by trusted and effective community-based programs.

Are we prepared to sit back this summer and watch more than 50 of our kids get shot and killed every weekend in Chicago, New York, Los Angeles, Houston, Detroit, Miami or St. Louis? Because if we don’t act urgently now, that’s what is gonna happen!

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Education

- ★ Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, Jackson State University
- ★ Master's Degree in Public Policy, Jackson State University
- ★ Automotive Creation & Installation Management, (Manufactured Corporation)
- ★ Collector of Revenue I, State of Mississippi
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- ★ 15 dedicated years of service as your Hinds County Tax Collector
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- ★ Built community awareness with neighborhood associations
- ★ Implemented an "Open Door" policy
- ★ Maintained office integrity while producing 20 years of clean audits
- ★ Implemented Curbside Service

Memberships and Associations

- ★ Life Member NAACP
- ★ Member of Legislative Council of MS Taxpayers and Collectors Association
- ★ Member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity
- ★ Member of Leadership Jackson
- ★ Member of Sallie B. Woodward Lodge #655
- ★ Member of Jackson Rotary Club
- ★ Member of the National Association of Public Administrators
- ★ Honored by 115th Congress of USA, Barack O. Thompson



# Child safety training emphasizes teamwork

By Beverly Kraft  
Courts of Mississippi

This week, teams of child protection professionals from across the state gathered for training aimed at improving the child welfare system.

The training included the decision-making process that determines whether children are removed from parents' custody or remain at home, and safety assessments and safety planning to ensure the well-being of children.

Jurist in Residence John N. Hudson of Natchez, who works to assist youth courts across the state, said the program is meant to help child welfare professionals analyze each situation where there has been a report of abuse or neglect to determine whether there is a way to create a safe environment for a child to remain in the home, and the steps to take. The program is intended to show "this is how to structure your decision making process. This is how to think through it, the important questions that you need to ask," he said.

The program, "With Teamwork Our Kids Win," was presented May 13 in Oxford, May 14 in Madison and May 15 in Gulfport. Youth Court judges and referees, Child Protection Services workers, law enforcement officers, Youth Court prosecutors, attorneys for parents and children, guardians ad litem and others who work with children gathered as teams. Every county was asked to send a team. About 700 people were expected to participate.

The team approach means that participants "will join in critical training that brings everyone to the table so that we talk the same language and also share a common core of values," said Rankin County Court Judge Thomas Broome, co-chair of the Commission on Children's Justice and chairman of the Mississippi Council



Irene Stewart, left, Holmes County Child Protection Services worker and Lauderdale County Court Judge Veldore Young talk about why they work to protect children.

of Youth Court Judges.

At the program in Madison, Yazoo County Court Judge Betsy Cotton was surrounded by nine people who deal with some aspect of child protection. "For me, it's having everyone here understand the process," she said.

Hinds County Court Judge Johnnie McDaniels said the team approach is beneficial. It's a matter of "are you all on the same page as a team?" he said.

Warren County Court Judge Marcie Southerland hoped to enhance the teamwork approach. "I hope we all have a better understanding of how to move through the process."

Principal speaker Robert Wyman Jr., an attorney and consultant for the Judicial Engagement Team of Seattle-based Casey Family Programs, told participants at the Madison program that the different disciplines represented at each table have a shared objective, the well-being of children. Although Youth Court proceeding regarding abuse and neglect begin as adversarial ones, all who have a part in it are working to safely reunify a child with family.

"This is not criminal court.

This is not drug court. It's parenting and poverty court," Wyman said.

Youth Courts and the Department of Child Protection Services emphasize making reasonable efforts to keep children at home with parents rather than removing them to foster care. The idea is to avoid unnecessary removals, provide services to help parents create a safe environment, and work toward reunification in cases where children do have to be removed from parental custody.

Hudson said, "We surely recognize that there are cases where a child is not going to be able to remain at home, but those should be a rarity, not the rule."

The number of children in state custody reached a high of more than 6,100 in July 2017, according to the Department of Child Protection Services. The number of children in state custody in cases of suspected abuse and neglect has declined to fewer than 4,700 as of May 1, according to CPS.

Mississippi Supreme Court Justice Dawn Beam, co-chair of the Commission on Children's Justice, said during a break, "What we know now

is that we cause great harm to the children by removing them from the family." Beam, who is also co-chair of the Family First Initiative, said, "Children do better if we can help their families to raise them. There will always be a need for foster families and adoption, but we need to do all we can to strengthen our families. That should be the first option."

Lauderdale County Court Judge Veldore Young Graham said, "I work in the child welfare system to effectuate change. I think change is important because the old way of business has not worked and we need to find a new way to do it."

"The approach is one of finding a family's strengths and building upon those rather than just identifying problems," Wyman said.

Wyman walked participants through the American Bar Association model program, Child Safety: A Guide for Judges and Attorneys. The ABA model says that determining whether a child will be safe to remain in the home with parents depends upon a threat of danger, the child's vulnerability and a family's protective capacity. The



Hinds County Court Judge Johnnie McDaniels, left, and Rankin County Court Judge Thomas Broome talk during a break in the May 14 Teamwork training in Madison.



Warren County Court Judge Marcie Southerland, left, and Guardian Ad Litem Coordinator Susie Calbert were among a team of local child welfare participants who participated in Teamwork training.

ABA model evaluates in-home safety plans in terms of whether a plan is sufficient, feasible and sustainable.

Wyman emphasized the need to re-assess children's safety and the safety plan amidst changing circumstances. He described the initial safety assessment as "like a carton of milk in an unplugged refrigerator." Conditions in the home can change from what they were when the social worker

knocked on the door the first time.

Wyman talked about assessing parents' progress toward reunification. He said, "The model calls for us to ask at every hearing, 'Can the children go home today?'"

The Teamwork training program was funded by Casey Family Programs and the Court Improvement Program of the Administrative Office of Courts.

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# JPS students win Association of South Jackson Neighborhoods Essay Contest



Presenting awards to Forest Hill essay contest winners are (from left) Patricia Woods, ASJN Education Committee member; Cynthia Thompson, ASJN Education Committee chair; Frank Terry, assistant principal; Zaria Dotson, 3rd place winner; Karlon Rodgers, 2nd place winner; Victoria Ramsay, Wingfield AP Literature and AP Language teacher; Stephanie Foster, ASJN Board chair & Education Committee member; and Lee Bernard, ASJN Board member & Education Committee member.



Participating in the presentation to Wingfield essay winners are (from left) Patricia Woods, ASJN Education Committee member; Cynthia Thompson, ASJN Education Committee chair; Paris Tennon, 1st place winner; Roderick Smith, Wingfield Principal; Shamia Thompson, 3rd place winner; Stephanie Foster, ASJN Board chair & Education Committee member; and Lee Bernard, ASJN Board member & Education Committee member.

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The Association of South Jackson Neighborhoods (ASJN) announced Pariss Tennon, an 11th grader from Wingfield High School, as the first place winner of its Student Essay Contest. Tennon received a certificate and a \$250 cash prize. The remaining 2019 winners are as follows:

Karlon Rodgers, 2nd place, Forest Hill, 11th grade.

Zaria Dotson, 3rd place (tie),

Forest Hill, 12th grade.

Shamia Thompson, 3rd place (tie), Wingfield, 12th grade.

Contest participants were required to write about their perspectives of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats in the south Jackson communities that they live in.

There were nine submissions from students at Forest Hill and Wingfield, JPS's two south Jackson high schools. Cash prizes of \$250 for first place, \$150 for second place and

\$100 for third place were awarded to the winners.

Atmos Energy and The Association of South Jackson Neighborhoods sponsored the awards.

"We are so thankful for the creative, innovative and motivating essays submitted by the students and hope a seed is planted for them to continue to thrive within their neighborhoods as proud Jacksonian's," wrote Cynthia Thompson, ASJN Education Focus Group chairperson.

# Northwest Jackson Choir performs at Jackson Area Federal Credit Union Annual Meeting



Choral director Wangela Brown (left) accepts a \$300 donation presented by Wayne Cameron, vice president of Business Development, JAFUCU

**Mississippi Link Newswire**

The Northwest Jackson Middle School "Sound of Precision" Choir performed at the 66th annual meeting of the Jackson Area Federal Credit Union. They performed three a capella selections, "Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho," "My God is a Rock," and "Ride the Chariot," which featured soprano and tenor soloists. The students were given accolades and earned community service credit. The credit union also made a donation of \$300 to the group to benefit the school's music program.

The Northwest Jackson Middle School choir is led by choral director Wangela Brown.

# High School Graduations

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PS high schools will hold commencement activities for graduating seniors Tuesday, May 28 and Wednesday, May 29, 2019. Graduation practices and ceremonies will take place at the Mississippi Coliseum located at 1207 Mississippi Street in Jackson.

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Tuesday, May 28		
School	Practice Time	Graduation Time
Murrah High	8-9 a.m.	1-2 p.m.
Provine High	9:15-10:15 a.m.	2:30-3:30 p.m.
Jim Hill High	10:30-11:30 a.m.	4-5 p.m.
Wednesday, May 29		
School	Practice Time	Graduation Time
Callaway High	7:45-8:45 a.m.	1:30-2:30 p.m.
Forest Hill High	9-10 a.m.	3-4 p.m.
Wingfield High	10:15-11:15 a.m.	4:30-5:30 p.m.
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# Alcorn mourns passing of first director of alumni affairs Dr. Robert W. Bowles ('66)

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

Alcorn State University is saddened to announce former director of alumni affairs Robert Wayne Bowles passed May 17, 2019 at his home in Gulfport, Mississippi.

In 1970, Bowles was appointed the university's first director of the Office of Alumni Affairs by Walter Washington, Alcorn's 16th president. He served as director from 1970 to 1976.

During his tenure with the university, Bowles also served in various roles including university registrar in 1976 and assistant professor and chair of the Department of Health and Physical Education until 1988.

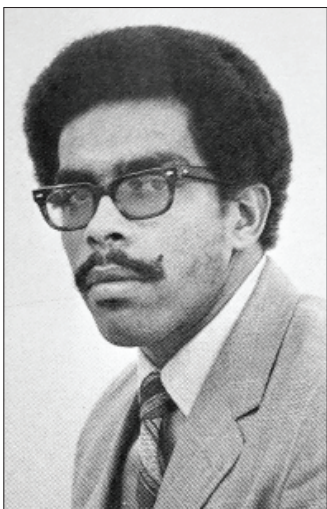
Bowles helped raise the first \$100,000 for the university as co-chair of the Alumni Centennial Fund Drive in 1971 and was a charter member in the founding of the ASU Foundation, Inc. in 1973. He established the alumni annual giving program along with the Alumni Endowed Scholarship Fund and created the Alumni Hall of Honor which annually recognizes distinguished alums who have made a significant impact on the university.

On behalf of the university, Interim President Donzell Lee expressed condolences to the Bowles family.

"We are saddened to hear the news about one of the most versatile and respected administrators in Alcorn's 148-year history."

Lee continued, "Alcorn has lost an esteemed former administrator, alumnus and dear friend. We ask the university family to please keep Dr. Bowles' wife, Shirley, their children and family in your thoughts and prayers."

Among his many honors, Bowles was the Faculty-Staff Alumnus of the Year in 1986 and received the Faithful Service Award in 1992. He was elected Alcornite of the



**Bowles**

Year in 1993 and inducted into the Alcorn Hall of Honor for his career leadership and achievements in university affairs. Bowles served as the 13th president of the national alumni association from 1996 to 2000.

"Alcorn has lost one of its most fervent alums and servants with the passing of Dr. Robert Wayne Bowles," said former colleague and longtime director of the student union Willie Moses.

"Dr. Bowles was a dedicated leader. His guidance and most importantly, his presence and contributions have had an immeasurable impact on the life and history of Alcorn."

Bowles also served his community as an assistant and deputy superintendent of the Biloxi Public School District from 1989 to 1993 and interim superintendent in 1994.

A native of Lumberton, Mississippi, he received a bachelor's degree in 1966 from then Alcorn A&M College. Bowles continued his education at North Carolina Central University where he earned a master's degree. In 1976 Bowles earned a doctorate in educational administration and supervision from Kansas State University.

Arrangements will be announced when available.

# Groundbreaking for CHS Career Complex construction

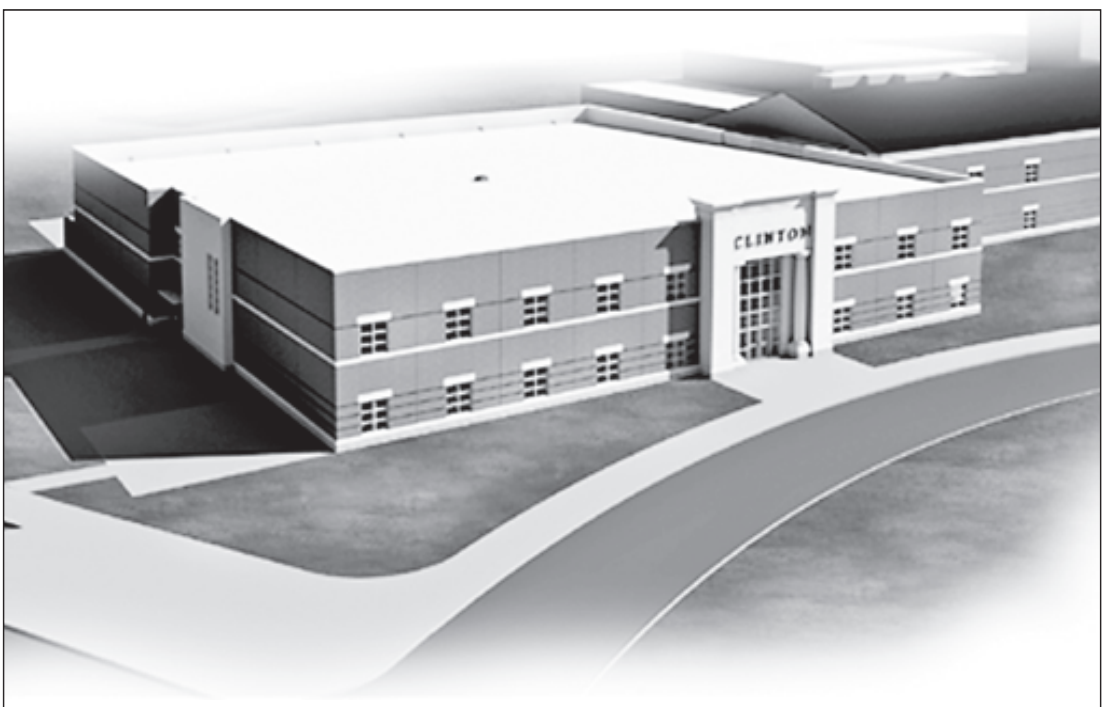
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After the overwhelming passage of a \$25 million bond issue in September, the Clinton Public School District held a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Career and Technical Education classes at Clinton High School.

The ceremony happened May 20 at Clinton High School, and the Clinton community was attendance. The groundbreaking kicked off the relocation of the CHS Career Complex from its current location on Lakeview Drive to the main campus of Clinton High School.

"The work at Clinton High School is the biggest component of the bond issue," said Tim Martin, superintendent of schools. "It will help make CHS a leader in this model of Career and Technical Education."

At its April meeting, the Clinton School Board voted to award the \$13 million construction bid to Fountain Con-



struction. Construction work will continue over the summer and is expected to be completed in 18 months.

The bond scope also includes renovations at Clinton Junior

High School, Clinton Park Elementary, Northside Elementary and Lovett Elementary. Details about these projects will be released in the coming months.

"Our school district is grow-

ing," Martin said. "We are blessed to have a supportive community that will allow us to expand and improve our facilities with the 2018 bond issue."

# Tom Joyner Foundation's new podcast – HBCUbiquity – discusses impact of Ayers settlement

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

In its latest episode of HBCUbiquity, Thomas Joyner Jr., the show's host and Foundation president & CEO, is discussing the current state of affairs at Mississippi HBCUs as the state and it's HBCUs battle for funding years after the famed Ayers Settlement.

Cornell Thomas, a Jackson State University alumnus, a longtime educator, and special consultant to the Tom Joyner Foundation and William B. Bynum Jr., Jackson State University's, president and former Mississippi Valley State's president, are offering their insights on the new hour-long podcast featuring interviews, discussion and analysis about

historically black colleges and university.

In a 2002 federal court settlement of a lawsuit filed in 1975 by Jake Ayers Jr. and other students, who accused Mississippi of operating an unequal system of higher education, a \$70 million publicly funded endowment was conceived to benefit the three predominantly black schools. The settlement also included a privately funded \$35 million endowment. The Institutions of Higher Learning board of trustees committed to raise the \$35 million within seven years.

The HBCUs affected are Jackson State University, Alcorn State University and

Mississippi Valley State University.

The podcast, available weekly on the reVolver Podcast Network and downloadable on all platforms (e.g. iTunes, GooglePlay, Spotify) and on its website, HBCUbiquityPodcast.com will engage a wide range of guests, including presidents of HBCUs, faculty, alumni, students, parents and other supporters.

HBCUbiquity, produced by the 22-year-old Tom Joyner Foundation, is a weekly podcast that offers in-depth, honest and straightforward conversations with administrators, faculty, students, celebrities and experts about the future of HBCUs, fund-

raising, accreditation, student recruitment and enrollment as well as the accomplishments of faculty who are doing interesting research, student scholars about their current accomplishments and alumni who are making a difference in their communities, and topical trends and issues related to the African-American community.

You can follow the show on social media: Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

*For more information about becoming a guest or sponsor on the podcast, please contact Neil Foote, media relations, Tom Joyner Foundation, neil.foote@tomjoynerfoundation.org, 214 448-3765.*

# Board president names board search committee for chancellor search

## Board calls for nominations for Campus Search Advisory Committee

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

Trustee Hal Parker, president of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, named all trustees to the Board Search Committee for the University of Mississippi Chancellor Search at the meeting held recently in Jackson. Trustee Ford Dye of Oxford will serve as chair of the Board Search Committee.

The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher

Learning has issued a call for nominations for members of the University of Mississippi Campus Search Advisory Committee. Representatives from all stakeholder groups, including students, alumni, faculty, staff and the community are needed on the committee.

The deadline for recommendations for members of the Campus Search Advisory Committee is Friday, May 31, 2019. Nominations may be submit-

ted via an online form at <http://www.mississippi.edu/ieo/um/constituency.asp> or by mailing a letter of recommendation to ATTN: UM Campus Search Advisory Committee, Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning, 3825 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211.

Both self-nominations and nominations of fellow members of the UM campus community are encouraged.

Members of the Campus

Search Advisory Committee will be asked to attend in-person meetings, participate in conference calls, and review materials through a secure website. Some of the meetings and conference calls will be held before classes resume for the Fall Semester.

According to Board of Trustees Policy 201.0509 D, members must provide assurances that "they have not formed any opinion as to the identity

of the particular person that should be selected as the IEO, that they have no personal, professional or other relationship with any person that they understand may be a candidate that would impair their objectivity in fairly considering all candidates, that they will endeavor to remain open to considering all persons that apply in a fair and unbiased manner, that they will not agree with any person to advocate or cam-

paign for the selection of any particular candidate, and that they will not reveal any information about any applicants, before or after the conclusion of the search."

*For more information and to track progress on the presidential search, visit the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning's Web site at <http://www.mississippi.edu/ieo/um/> and through Twitter @MSPublicUniv and @UM\_Search.*



Jackson State University

Led by team coach Joshua Cotton, Jackson State was represented in the national championship tournament by Justin Clarke, a junior majoring in accounting from Memphis, TN; Kaitlin Alease Littleberry, a sophomore majoring in political science from Bakersfield, CA; Aaron Wilson Ridley, a freshman majoring in accounting from Memphis, TN; and Gamica Theresa Norwood, a junior majoring in math education from Gary, IN.

"The team was excited about winning third place and securing the \$20,000 grant," says Cotton.



Jackson State has competed in the HCASC program for all 30 years of its existence. By do-

Since 1989, Honda Campus All-Star Challenge, one

Each year, Honda awards

Overall, more than \$9 mil-

tion in grants from Honda have provided support for scholarships, facility upgrades and other investments to improve the student experience at HBCUs.

Jackson State University

“They had a tent and students will developed a garden wall to display pictures from when they first began planting.” Since the project has been intertwined with their curriculum, essays were included with the artwork.



"I'm really excited about this effort," Wilcox said. "It's beneficial to students because they

"This really is a collaborative effort, and the various entities are critical to our success. Our department couldn't have done it alone."





# Economic Vitality Summit

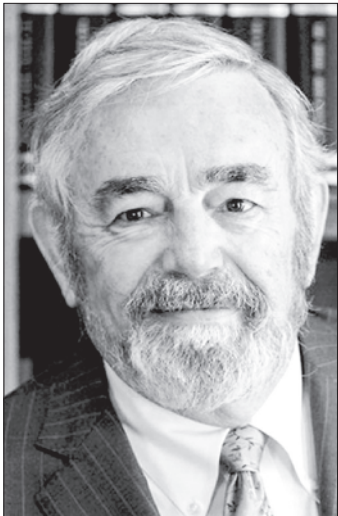
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Economic Vitality focuses on capital, incentives and other economic and financial tools to assist new and existing businesses catalyze property development and create a supportive environment for entrepreneurs and innovators that drive local economies.

We will invite speakers who specialize in these topics to speak to a statewide audience of community and economic developers with a downtown revitalization emphasis. Economic Vitality is the bottom line of why Main Street exists.

As part of MMSA celebrating its 35th anniversary this year, Donovan D. Rypkema of PlaceEconomics will be the keynote speaker at Mississippi Main Street Association's Economic Vitality Summit June 12 at Mississippi College in Clinton.

Rypkema is an expert in the economics of preservation and will speak on the Main Street impact, including the cost of having empty buildings and estimating the



Rypkema

buying power in a neighborhood, as well as data and data sources that help make the Main Street case.

The Economic Vitality Summit is geared to professionals in preservation-based historic commercial district revitalization, including new and experienced downtown and neighborhood Main Street directors, board members, architects (approved for Continuing Education credits), planners, economic de-

June 11-13, 2019

June 11: Olde Towne Depot in Clinton

June 12: Anderson Hall at Mississippi College in Clinton

June 13: William Winter Archives & History Building in Jackson

Deadline to Register: Friday, May 31

velopment professionals, public officials, volunteers, and consultants.

The summit is applicable to communities of all sizes from small rural towns to urban neighborhoods in large cities.

We hope you will join MMSA as we celebrate our 35th year of developing Mississippi's Downtowns.

# AG reminds flood victims of resources to prevent home repair fraud

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

In light of historic flooding and potentially more flooding next week in Mississippi's Delta, Attorney General Jim Hood is reminding Mississippians who are suffering property damage because of the flood to be on alert for fraudulent home repair contractors and other scammers.

"As we sympathize with homeowners and farmers who have lost their homes and livelihoods due to the Yazoo Backwater flooding and prepare for the Mississippi River to crest, I want to make sure they are not victimized a second time when flood victims are finally able to begin the repair process. This is a warning to scammers: I will have investigators on the ground to locate any fraud being committed against homeowners," Hood said.

"Most contractors are there to help, but I want to remind Mississippians of steps they can take to prevent themselves from being scammed by fly-

by-night repair people.

"Our office has created a guide that outlines the exact questions to ask when seeking clean up and repairs so that flood victims have one less thing to worry about during this process. We are in touch with local emergency management, and our investigators will be in the affected areas in order to provide standard form home repair contracts and make sure that people do not fall victim."

Here are some tips to protect yourself and loved ones from fraudulent contractors and others:

- Verify that the company you are considering is insured. Ask for a copy of the certificate of insurance.

- Do your research. Contact our Consumer Protection Division, the MS State Board of Contractors or the Better Business Bureau of Mississippi to see if they have complaints against the company. Ask for several local references and make sure to follow through

on checking them. Look online at reviews of their work.

- Take time to shop around, and be suspicious of any price that seems unusually high or low. Get written estimates from more than one company, and check with friends or family who've had work done recently to see what they paid and who they recommend.

- Ask how the job will be done and if they will perform the work according to industry standards.

- Ask for details on post-job clean up and debris removal. If you don't, it could lead to you having to also pay extra for full debris removal.

More information on home repair fraud can be found in our online guide, "Consumer Tips for Storm Victims."

*If home repair fraud or other scams are suspected, contact the AG's Consumer Protection Division at 601-359-4230 or 800-281-4418. You may also email concerns to [aginfo@ago.state.ms.us](mailto:aginfo@ago.state.ms.us)*

# Congressman Thompson votes on Strengthening Health Care and Lowering Prescription Drug Costs Act

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U.S. Representative Bennie G. Thompson voted to pass H.R. 987, the Strengthening Health Care and Lowering Prescription Drug Costs Act, a major piece of legislation that addresses two top concerns of the American people – lowering prescription drug prices and defending vital protections for people with pre-existing conditions. This bill is a critical component of the For The People agenda.

This bipartisan omnibus bill includes three bills to lower prescription drug costs by helping lower-priced generic drugs get to market faster and four measures to reinforce the protections for people with pre-existing conditions and expand



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enrollment in quality, affordable coverage to more Americans. This bipartisan package invests most of the savings created by the bills promoting generic competition into

strengthening our health care system by increasing enrollment in quality coverage and helping interested states set up their own state-based marketplaces, which outperform the Federal marketplace.

Getting more lower-priced generic drugs into the prescription drug market is a key way to create billions of dollars in cost savings for consumers and taxpayers.

For example, in 2017 alone, the entry of generic drugs into the market saved consumers and taxpayers a total of \$265 billion.

According to one estimate, the average drug price decreases by 50 percent in the first year of generic entry, with an 80 percent reduction in five years.

# Mississippi Legislative Black Caucus extends condolences to the family and survivors of Unita Blackwell

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The Mississippi Legislative Black Caucus extends condolences to the family and survivors of heaven bound Civil Rights activist and former Mayersville Mayor Unita Blackwell, who died May 13, 2019, at age 86 in Ocean Springs.

The first black female mayor elected in Mississippi served her community, her state and inspired leadership of the United States with her selfless sacri-

fices.

Blackwell moved Mayersville into the modern era, invited the eyes of the world to see and understand the struggles of blacks in rural Mississippi and achieved much in life, including being awarded in 1992, a \$350,000 MacArthur Foundation grant.

It is our hope that Mississippians will reflect on the positives that Blackwell brought to our state and nation through her service to humanity.



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# Supreme Court to decide soon on Census question

By Shaleen Shah  
*TriceEdneyWire.com*

The Supreme Court is poised to decide if the Trump administration acted improperly when it added a citizenship question to the 2020 Census, following oral arguments in which the court’s conservative majority appeared likely to say that the administration did not.

Commerce Secretary Wilbur L. Ross Jr. added the question last year, saying it would provide information to better enforce the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Critics have challenged that explanation, saying the real reason for adding the question was to discourage participation by noncitizens and persons living in Hispanic communities.

Judges in three lower federal courts have blocked the addition of the question, but the administration sought a definitive determination by the high court before the court’s current session ends in June, which also is when the Census questionnaires are to be printed.

“In an expanded, 80-minute oral argument [April 23] that exposed huge divisions among the justices, the court’s conservatives didn’t buy arguments that ...Ross’ plan was illegal or unconstitutional,” *USA Today* reported. “They didn’t question his motives or reasoning despite three lower court rulings against him.”

“By the argument’s end,” *The Los Angeles Times* reported, “it appeared the high court would hand down a 5-4 ruling for the Trump administration...”

At the heart of the dispute is the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, which was passed after the Civil War, and prescribed how seats in the House of Representatives should be allocated.

Section 2 of the Amendment contains what is called the Enumeration Clause, stating the purpose of the once-every-10-years tally: “Representatives shall be apportioned among the several states according to their numbers, counting the whole number of persons in each state, excluding Indians not taxed.” <https://www.law.cornell.edu/constitution/amendmentxiv>

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When Ross announced the addition of the question last March, he said that the Justice Department had requested the information in order to help it determine if state, local and federal governments were in compliance with the guidelines of the Voting Rights Act.

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The Supreme Court announced shortly after Seeborg’s ruling that it would decide on the Constitutional issues involved in addition to those pertaining to administrative procedure. Judge Hazel, presiding in the Maryland case, rejected claims by the plaintiffs that addition of the question was intended to discriminate against communities of color, and was also a deliberate effort to undercut the Constitutional rights of noncitizens.

The Associated Press has reported that the Census Bureau plans to augment the data it collects next year with information from the Department of Homeland Security on the citizenship status, birth dates, Social Security numbers, and addresses of millions of immigrants, including those who are not citizens.

Analysts in the bureau had told Ross during internal discussions regarding a citizenship question that this information was readily available and more accurate than responses to a question on the Census might be.

“This type of information-sharing agreement is a customary, long-standing practice among federal agencies and is permitted under the law,” DHS spokeswoman Jessica Collins told *The Washington Post*.

“The information is protected and safeguarded under applicable laws and will not be used for adjudicative or law enforcement purposes,” Collins said.

Nevertheless, some maintain that inclusion of a citizenship question in and of itself could be frightening to some.

“It’s understandable that it’s alarming,” Terri Ann Lowenthal, a former member of a House committee overseeing the Census who has advised some of the groups opposed to the citizenship question, told *The New York Times*.

“Given the anti-immigration policies of the administration, people who are fearful for their security and their status would see this as another possible effort to harm them.”

# Did medical community recently miss signs of massive Ebola outbreak in Congo?

TriceEdneyWire.com

Just over a month ago, experts at the World Health Organization looked at the growing spread of Ebola in the Democratic Republic of Congo and declined to call it a “global health emergency” because only two provinces were afflicted with the killer disease at that time.

Despite over 1,200 deaths to the hemorrhagic disease, “(it) was an almost unanimous vote that this would not constitute a PHEIC (public health emergency of international concern),” said Robert Steffen of the University of Zurich at a news conference. “We were moderately optimistic that this outbreak could be brought under control – not immediately, but still within a foreseeable time,” reported Reuters.

But instead of going away on its



own, the disease doubled down on the Congolese, so much so that doctors are now calling it “the worst outbreak

in the country’s history” and the second largest Ebola outbreak recorded anywhere.

It is important to recall that the DRC, by contrast with Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea, has successfully contained nine Ebola outbreaks, including one that surfaced in May 2018 in Equateur province.

But after decades of government repression and ineffective international responses, civilians, not surprisingly, often regard response efforts with suspicion. The U.N. is judged to be complicit in the massacres here and for not protecting the population except for a few battalions. And NGOs, people think they are here just to make money.”

Amid the scramble to contain the outbreak, social media such as Facebook and WhatsApp have provided a platform for all types of messages – true or otherwise.

A recent study in *The Lancet* found

that people had been bombarded by misinformation. Sampling some 961 adults between 1 September and 16 September last year in the towns of Beni and Butembo, some 86 percent, said they’d heard Ebola didn’t exist.

About one in four, or 230 people, said they didn’t believe it existed. Similarly, some 86 percent had heard the disease was being used to destabilize the area, while more than one in three believed that to be true.

One Facebook page, “Véranda Mutsanga en Révolution,” now has 230,000 members. Many users ridicule others for doubting the existence of the disease or offer tips for staying safe – while other users fan multiple conspiracy theories.

Facebook has routinely been criticized for allowing false information to spread.



# Salvation brings deliverance

## PART 1

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



Salvation is provided to bring about deliverance and pardon from the misery of sin. There is a pardon for all your crimes, not from the governor of the state, but from Almighty God in Heaven through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. God is announcing to you that He holds a pardon for your sins and this is all the product of His divine love through our Redeemer's death on the cross. The old rugged cross is what provides victory over sin.

Salvation is also the working of God's Holy Spirit upon one's soul. It is perfect in nature, present in application and revealed plus offered to you now. The effects of its application are available now. You can be a changed person today. No matter how wretched you are, how mean you are, or how low you have sunk in the ways of sin, you can be transformed; but bear

in mind that this deliverance must be received now.

You may ask, "Well, can I go back and bid farewell to my friends?" You do not have one minute to spare. Salvation takes care of you, not only while you are on the job, on the streets and among your friends. This is what you need, sinner, so that you might not perish. It is free in its communication. You can be saved in exchange for your sins.

No doubt, you have things in your life that you hate and that you would like to remove. God is ready to communicate salvation to you freely in exchange for your sins. If you confess your sins, He is faithful and just to forgive you and to cleanse you from all unrighteousness.

If you want to get rid of hatred, this is the answer. If you want to get rid of the alcohol or the drug habit, this is your answer. You do not have to get another needle if you let God save you today.

We read in 2 Corinthians 6:1-8: "We then, as workers together with him, beseech

you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. Giving no offence in anything, that the ministry be not blamed: But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings; By pureness, by knowledge, by long suffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, By honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true."

In our Scripture text, the great Apostle Paul was addressing the people of that time, but his message reaches down to our day. He began by beseeching them as work-

ers together with God not to receive the grace of God in vain. It is so easy for that to happen. At any moment, we could easily go before the judgment bar of God. That is the reason Paul admonished the church in Hebrews 2:1 "to give the more earnest heed to the things that they had heard, lest at any time they should let them slip."

The author called his readers to pay attention to the truth they had heard so that they wouldn't drift away into false teachings. Paying careful attention is hard work. It involves focusing our minds, bodies and senses. Listening to Christ means not merely hearing, but also obeying. We must listen carefully and be ready to carry out His instructions.

Next week, – Part II "Salvation brings deliverance"

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# Stay in your lane

By Shewanda Riley  
Columnist



"Stay in your lane. Lane shifts." The first time I read this sign, I was driving to San Antonio on I-35 in the summer of 2010. The flashing sign was hard to miss as it warned drivers at hundreds of yards away from the actual lane shift. I chuckled to myself because I thought it was obvious that the lane was changing. There were very obvious signs of construction like orange barrels and equipment.

However, when I came upon the actual shift in the road, I found myself surprised by the sharpness of the change. As a result, I immediately slowed down and gripped tighter on the car's steering wheel. Even though I made these adjustments, I still found myself struggling to stay in my lane. For a few moments, I was fearful that I'd get out of my lane and hit the concrete construction wall. Things changed once I shifted my focus to staying in the lane and not the change that was happening in the lane.

Later that year, I was driving back from a visit to my parent's house over the Christmas holidays and passed the same lane shifts warning signs, I thought about how I handled some shifts that had happened in that year. Some shifts, like physical changes, were easier to handle than others because I'd been prewarned. My mother had warned me and my 3 sisters that after we turned 40 years old, our bodies would drop and spread. That was probably the best piece

of motherly advice she gave us.


Even though I saw some shifts coming, I still had to make a conscious effort to "stay in my lane." How did I do that? I took my eyes off the shift and focused on the road that God had me on.

Fear sometimes made it difficult but I made an effort to spend more time in prayer, praise and worship. I had to learn that praying to God doesn't guarantee that you will not have to go through the shift. However, praying to Him will ensure that you develop the trust and assurance to know that whatever happens, you will be able to endure.

The bible says in Proverbs 3:5-7 that we should "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." The focus will be straight on Him and His promises.

We waste precious time worrying about the changes that might come. Psalms 119-105 reminds us that God's word will light our path. Study God's word if you ever find yourself trying to control the changes in your life. God allows change and our job is to trust Him through the change. Many of us trust Him just enough for Him to do whatever WE want Him to do. It's a whole other level of faith to stay in your lane and allow God's sovereign will to direct our lives.

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## Where is Harriet?

By E. Faye Williams  
Trice Edney Newswire



I know it sounds like such a long time ago that Barack Obama was our dearly beloved president, but when he was president, we rejoiced in the fact that Harriet Tubman was finally going to be properly recognized at the national level for all the work she did under dangerous circumstances to perfect our union. Those who knew of her great work were overjoyed that her likeness was going to grace the \$20 bill. We were so sure that planning for that to happen was already underway.

Hearing nothing about that effort since President Obama left office, we are concerned. Is anyone planning to make it happen? I've been hearing things are at a standstill.



Tubman

Maybe you should ask your elected representatives to find out the status of the project. The person who can answer that is Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, but good luck in reaching his office. That's why I'm suggesting asking your member of Congress to raise the question for us.

Harriet was a freedom fighter and did all that she could to bring people out of slavery. She did all that she could to save our country from its evil ways toward black and Native people. She was known as the conductor of the Underground Railroad through her celebrated Civil War service as a soldier, spy and as a nurse. She risked her life to save others even when some were too afraid to help themselves. She had the kind of courage we so badly need today. She was a selfless leader and liberator. She cared so much for our people that even when she went through dangerous terrain to free herself, she continued to return to bring others out of slavery.

Harriet was the kind of strategist we need today, and Lord knows we need one who can get us through the current administration that seems to hate everybody and all that is good. Many of us who call ourselves leaders are weary from having to continue to fight the same battles for justice and equality.

Maulana Karenga described Harriet in a way that puts our people to shame who are always too tired, too busy and too uncaring to do liberation work. He described her as an "all-seasons soldier, abolitionist, freedom fighter, strategist, teacher, nurse, advocate of human, civil and women's rights.... At the heart, center and core of the life, work and struggle of Harriet Tubman is her focus on freedom. It is from the outset an inclusive and indivisible freedom: the collective practice of self-determination in and for community. Thus, it's not enough for her to free herself, for that to her was only an escape from the immediate bondage of the devilish enslaver and the radically evil system they built and maintained. And it wasn't enough to have crossed a line that in most minds meant leaving the land of bondage and entering the land of 'freedom' and forgetting those left behind."

We must not allow this administration to prevent Harriet from receiving the honor she deserves. Rep. Elijah Cummings, Rep. John Katko and Sen. Jeanne Shaheen offered a bit of hope when they raised concern that the administration is stalling this historic effort and have urged them to follow through and expedite the redesign of the \$20 bill. Meanwhile, they've introduced a bill to pass the Harriet Tubman Tribute Act of 2019. That's fine, but we must take action to put her likeness on the \$20 bill to reflect the contributions of all women, especially women of color, in perfecting our union. Call your member of Congress at 202 225-3121 to ask for the status of the \$20 bill that is to carry Harriet Tubman's likeness, replacing Andrew Jackson.

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## Forget the adversity score - just dump the SAT

By Julianne Malveaux  
NNPA News Wire Columnist



The College Board, the organization that develops and administers the SAT test, has developed a new "adversity score" to augment the widely used college admissions examination. The fact that the College Board has had to create an "adversity score" is reason enough to discard the badly flawed SAT test, a test that many consider racially biased, and that only measures the likelihood of first-year college success. In other words, it measures the accumulated advantages that some students have over others because of the quality of their high schools, their family wealth and other factors.

The "adversity score" seeks to measure the disadvantages that some students experience. Interestingly, the "adversity score" does not measure race, although racial discrimination is alive and well in our nation.

Indeed, the development of an adversity score that does not account for race is a capitulation to the anti-affirmative action forces, some directed by this administration's Jus-

tice Department that have brought lawsuits against Harvard and other universities because of "anti-Asian" bias. It is also a bow to the argument that a white student from a poor family is more disadvantaged than a black child whose family is upper-middle-class when there is plenty of evidence that this is not necessarily so. Structural racism is so woven into our national consciousness that child of middle-class black folks is likely to do worse than their parents did. Our nation is in race denial, and this adversity score, which does not consider race, is part of the denial.

The pilot testing of the adversity score seems to indicate that using it may create more diverse admissions, but there are precious few details about the score (and it won't even be shared with students and their parents). But the very existence of an adversity score raises questions about the efficacy of the SAT. This is perhaps why.

This is an interesting time for the adversity score to be rolled out. Robert Schaffer, Public Education Director of Fair Test (the National Center for Fair and Open Testing) says the adversity scores are a way for the College Board to defend itself

against its critics. He said, "Schools do not need the SAT or ACT – with or without 'adversity scores' – to make high-quality, admissions decisions that promote equity and excellence." In fact, more than 1000 colleges and universities, including half for the top 100 liberal arts colleges, do not use the SAT to evaluate applicants.

What should colleges use, instead, to evaluate students? How about high school grades? Some will argue that the quality of high schools varies. Well, that ought to be an impetus for improving the quality of some high schools, especially those in inner cities. How about class rank? The University of Texas uses class rank to admit some students, which ensures a diverse class given the segregation that remains in our nation's high schools. The adversity score will purportedly reflect differences in high school quality.

Eliminating the use of the SAT would do much the same, allowing college admissions counselors to make better decisions. The College Board says it is a nonprofit organization, but let's follow the money. It makes so much money that its president, David Coleman, earns

more than a million dollars a year, more than the president of Harvard University. The organization is making megabucks on the backs of our students, and it is reinforcing biases along the way.

Some see the adversity score as a step in the right direction toward modifying the SAT. I see it as a defensive move to shore up a flawed test and an even more flawed organization.

This fall, more than 150 colleges will use the adversity-enhanced SAT in their admissions process. Based on those results, more colleges will use the score to measure adversity. I know lots of folks who consider the development of an adversity score good news. It would be much better news if colleges and universities simply decided to stop using the SAT. It measures privilege, not knowledge, and it is demonstrably biased. Fixing a corrupt system instead of changing it only serves to reinforce the status quo.

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## Graduation Season: Celebrating accomplishments, committing to equality

By Marc H. Morial  
President and CEO  
National Urban League



"You are young, gifted, and Black. We must begin to tell our young, 'There's a world waiting for you, Yours is the quest that's just begun.'" – James Weldon Johnson

Each year I have the privilege to speak at commencement ceremonies at colleges and universities large and small, across the country.

Most recently I had the honor to address Grambling State University – an HBCU that is experiencing a resurgence under President Rick Gallot – most notably for its cutting-edge new cybersecurity program. As an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, I'm proud to join the "Gram Fam."

To them – and to all the graduates of 2019 – I share the message of "the three B's" – the ballot, the book and the buck:

**The ballot:** this generation must thunder to the polls to make its voice heard, even as there are forces at work to silence it. We cannot surrender the power of the ballot.

**The book:** today's graduates achieve something fewer than 25% of African Americans have achieved, a college degree. May their learning and curiosity continue for life.

**The buck:** our people must accumulate appreciating assets – real estate, investments, small businesses. This generation must build a new path toward economic empowerment.

These commencement ceremonies are always joyous occasions, attended by parents bursting with pride over their children's achievements. As someone who has the privilege to lead a movement that has dedicated itself to preparing every child for college, work and life, I share that pride.

More than three million students and adults have been served by Urban League affiliates' education services since 2005. Earlier this month, many of our affiliates in the Project Ready program celebrated College Signing Day, highlighting the achievements of our high schoolers who have been accepted to further their educations.

While I'm proud of our Urban League accomplishments – as proud as those parents in the crowds at col-

lege commencements – I am also reminded of those whom opportunity has eluded.

As the late evolutionary biologist Stephen J. Gould wrote, "I am, somehow, less interested in the weight and convolutions of Einstein's brain than in the near certainty that people of equal talent have lived and died in cotton fields and sweatshops."

This week marked the 65th anniversary of Brown vs. Board of Education of Topeka, one of the most significant civil rights cases of the 20th Century. We were proud to participate in the commemorative rally at the U.S. Capitol commemorating the decision. Falling as it does in the midst of graduation season, it is an occasion to reflect on the significance of the decision and how far we have yet to go.

Our mission to prepare every child for college, work and life is especially close to my heart as the son of an educator, and also as a child of the south, born into the waning days of Jim Crow. My parents attended segregated schools and I was one of the very first black students at the schools I attended. In 1954, the year Brown was decided, my father became the first African American

to receive a law degree from Louisiana State University. In that same year, my mother was rejected from attending graduate school at Tulane University because of her race.

It is the stories of my parents' generation, and those who came before them, that inspires the work of the National Urban League and the Urban League Movement. We are improving outcomes not only for the students enrolled in our programs, but for public schools as a whole, thanks to our advocacy and activism.

The National Urban League's Equity and Excellence project supports local, state and national advocacy, engagement and education reform efforts.

Most recently, we issued "report cards" to states around the country, evaluating their federally-required plans to address educational inequity. We included recommendations like Congressional hearings on the areas of concern we identified.

The Urban League Movement is committed to opening the doors of opportunity to every child, in every community.

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# Too expensive to be sick? The cost of taking your medicine

By Glenn Ellis  
*TriceEdneyWire.com*



In the latest confirmation of the disfunction and inefficiency of the American health-care system, recent revelations have disclosed the extent to which Big Pharma has conspired to price gouge unsuspecting Americans. Let’s be clear, this behavior directly contributes to the death and suffering of millions of innocent people. Spending on prescription medicines in the United States will increase 4 percent to 7 percent through 2021, reaching \$580 billion to \$610 billion, according to a report from an organization that tracks financial data for Big Pharma. By and large, Americans cannot afford their prescription drugs. People are having to choose between buying food or buying the medicine they need. Seniors are forced to split their pills in half. Some have lost their homes and declared bankruptcy because of their medical bills. Studies have consistently shown that 20 percent to 30 percent of medication prescriptions are never filled, and that approximately 50 percent of medications for chronic disease are not taken as prescribed. This lack of adherence, the Annals authors wrote, is estimated to cause approximately 125,000 deaths and at least 10 percent of hospitalizations, and to cost the American health care system between \$100 billion and \$289 billion a year. Today, the American people are starting to ask the questions that

need to be asked: Why is it that the United States pays, by far, the highest prices in the world for prescription drugs? In the richest country in the history of the world, why is it that nearly one out of five adults in America cannot afford to fill the prescriptions given to them by their doctors? How can it be that Americans can walk into a drugstore and find that the prices they are paying for their prescription drugs can double, triple or quadruple, literally overnight? Sadly, the answer to these questions is simple: Follow the money: Government reports show that the amount of money people spend on prescription drugs has nearly doubled over the past three decades as pharmaceutical sales and profit margins have skyrocketed. In what I consider to be a shameful defense of an industry tied so strongly to the health and well-being of our society, one industry spokesperson stated, “At its core, pharma is still a business. They rely on profits just like other companies, and thus must make decisions to ensure they remain economically viable... While pharmaceutical companies are greedy to an extent, they are ultimately a necessary evil.” Excuse me? How long can this go on? And let’s not forget the immeasurable greed around the marketing and distribution of opioids. We are now only beginning to see the magnitude of the death and destruction it has caused in countless families across this nation. I emphasized this nation, because even though the use of pain medicines (opioids) declined 1 percent with recent restrictions on prescribing and dis-

pensing, less than 4 percent of the world’s population account for 90 percent of opioid use. Guess what country they are found in? Americans use more opiates than any other nation. In 2013 alone, sixteen-thousand Americans died from overdosing on opiate painkiller drugs. The pharmaceutical industry actually created the opiate epidemic by introducing three times as many pain drugs in the early 2000s as were being made in the 1990s. The industry further created the epidemic by changing prescribing guidelines to ensure that their drugs were the first choice for “acceptable pain management” when in actual fact there are many other ways to treat pain that are drug-free. The simple truth here is that the pharmaceutical industry makes a lot of money when people buy and then become addicted to opiate pain pills. From a business standpoint, pharmaceutical companies profit when people take drugs for pain, and those profits increase dramatically when addiction is involved as such pill pushers then have convenient, lifetime customers. Last week, the founder of Insys Therapeutics Inc. became the highest-ranking pharmaceutical executive to be convicted in a case tied to the U.S. opioid crisis, when he and four colleagues were found guilty of participating in a scheme to bribe doctors to prescribe an addictive painkiller. The crisis with prescription drug pricing has reached such a level of concern for Americans, Kaiser Family Foundation estimates that 19 million American adults import medication to save money – that’s 8 percent of the U.S. population.

Clearly, the number is much higher since it’s actually illegal to buy drugs from another country, even though they may be more affordable. A recently released report found that millions of Americans who rely on insulin were paying up to 92 percent more for the lifesaving medication than patients in other countries. One lady in Minnesota recently paid about \$410 in Canada for a 3-month supply of 15 vials of insulin that would have cost her \$5,250 in the states. And now, we learn that some of the leading US drug companies conspired to raise prices of common medicines, used for HIV, asthma, cholesterol, ADHD and anti-depressants, by up to 1,000 percent. And all this time, they had us thinking that “healthcare reform” was about making sure everybody has an insurance card... Remember, I’m not a doctor. I just sound like one. Take good care of yourself and live the best life possible! The information included in this column is for educational purposes only. It is not intended nor implied to be a substitute for professional medical advice. *Glenn Ellis, is a Research Bioethics Fellow at Harvard Medical School and author of Which Doctor?, and Information is the Best Medicine. Ellis is an active media contributor on Health Equity and Medical Ethics. For more good health information listen to Glenn, on radio in Philadelphia; Boston; Shreveport; Los Angeles; and Birmingham., or visit: www.glennellis.com*

## Governor’s Obesity Initiative kicks off

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

The Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) and Families First for Mississippi hosted a summit of at least 200 health professionals and community leaders today to combat the growing number of obese adults and children in the state. The event, Taking Charge for a Healthy Mississippi, is part of Gov. Phil Bryant’s obesity initiative. The number of obese adults in the state has risen nearly 60 percent in 15 years, from 23.7 percent in 2000 to 37.3 percent in 2016. If nothing is done to stop the growth, the obesity rate could reach 66.7 percent by 2030. “There is absolutely no time to waste,” said MSDH State Health Officer Dr. Thomas Dobbs. “Excess weight and limited physical activity are robbing Mississippi residents of opportunities for prosperity and good health,” he said. In 2015, 40 percent of school-aged children and youth were overweight or obese. Just like adults in the state, those children are at increased risk for developing heart disease, type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure and cancer. “We are looking for evidence-based strategies to reduce obesity in the state. All options are on the table. We discussed ideas that will work and will have measurable results,” said Dobbs. “Throughout Mississippi we are aware that there are challenges with eating healthy which may lead to obesity and other health disparities. The Governor’s Obesity Initiative will afford great opportunities for communities to influence and impact health and nutrition across generations,” said Nancy New, Ph.D., executive director of Mississippi Families First. Summit participants were tasked with identifying the best practices, opportunities and challenges faced while implementing initiatives designed to lower obesity rates across all age groups in Mississippi. The main priority of the event was to discuss obesity prevention and ways that community-based organizations, traditional health care systems and government agencies can collaborate to better serve their communities. A follow-up summit will be held in late summer or early fall. *Follow MSDH by email and social media at HealthyMS.com/connect.*

# Forrest General Hospital to host Project SEARCH

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

Forrest General Hospital will host Project SEARCH, which is a one-year high school transition program for young adults with developmental disabilities. The program provides the participants with an opportunity to develop functional skills, enabling them to become a part of the community workforce. Forrest General is partnering with Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services, Lamar County School District, Hattiesburg Public School District and Petal Public School District. “We hope that Project SEARCH will lead to increased employment opportunities in the Pine Belt for individuals that, otherwise, would find it particularly difficult to find meaningful work. A diverse work community is one that is rich with fresh perspectives and experiences, and we know that expanding the workforce to include everyone will only benefit our community,” said Troy Daniels, vice president, Forrest Health. Interviews were held May 3,



Left to right, Forrest General Hospital’s Director of Education, Amber Chancellor, PhD, RN, CHPN®, and Tiffany Parrish, Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services, interview Project SEARCH candidates.

and the program has accepted 10 students, who will begin training in August 2019. “This unique program brings the vocational skills set in a practical hands-on learning environment that our typical classroom just can’t replicate. The students will learn from and work alongside mentors in the different hospital departments, as well as having academic classroom time to fine tune independence, daily living skills, self-advocacy, and preparing for their futures. The dynamic collaboration will make the transition from high school to the work force successful for our young adults with disabilities, and I am so excited to be an integral part of this partnership,” said Heather Howell, instructor, Project SEARCH. Each student will rotate through three areas of the hospital, and upon completion of the program, the students will be trained and able to work in the community. The participating hospital departments include: central transport, food and nutrition, pharmacy, environmental services and outpatient rehabilitation. In addition to healthcare, participants may be well-suited to work at banks, shipping and packing companies, dentists’ offices, and restaurants to name a few examples of organizations that might benefit from Project SEARCH. “Our goals are for each intern to gain valuable work experience throughout this school-year internship and then subsequently gain full-time employment with benefits after completion of this program. Our partnership with Forrest General Hospital and the Hattiesburg, Lamar County and Petal School Districts is making these goals possible for each student in the Project SEARCH Program,” said Chris Howard, MDRS executive director. *For more information about Forrest General and its employment and volunteer opportunities, visit forrestgeneral.com.*





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31						32		

ACROSS

DOWN

1. Apt

5. Move carefully

9. Family group

10. Glorify

11. Grind

12. Lurked

13. Spend less money

15. Bug

16. Witchcraft

18. Vienna locale

21. Gross national product (abbr.)

22. Awful smell

26. Reduce

28. Hello!

29. Large wave

30. To

31. Adam's garden

32. Spar

1. Parts of plays

2. Alliance

3. Den

4. Recruit

5. Extension (abbr.)

6. Repent

7. Relating to the sun

8. Lament

10. Clothing brand name

14. Bite

17. Cecum

18. Multi-colored rock

19. Uninvited

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

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## Crossword Solution

A	B	L	E		E	A	S	E
C	L	A	N		E	X	T	O
T	O	I	L		S	T	O	L
S	C	R	I	M	P		N	A
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A	U	S	T	R	I	A		
G	N	P		S	T	E	N	C
A	B	A	T	E		C	I	A
T	I	D	A	L			U	N
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## Cryptogram Solution

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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# FILM REVIEW: ISN'T IT ROMANTIC

## REBEL WILSON HEADLINES DISAPPOINTING ROMANTIC MUSICAL COMEDY

By Kam Williams  
*Columnist*

Natalie (Rebel Wilson) is a dynamic, young professional trying to make her mark on Manhattan. But between a fledgling professional career and a dating life that isn't faring any better, the Australian architect is close to bottoming out.

It's a miracle her optimistic spirit hasn't been crushed, since she was raised by an emotionally-abusive mom (Jennifer Saunders) who said she'd never amount to anything.

She has nevertheless made

a few friends since moving to the States, including BFF/colleague, Josh (Adam Devine), as well as hunky Blake (Liam Hemsorth), a billionaire who is one of her company's clients. And her buddies include a motley crew of colorful characters.

Anybody familiar with Rebel Wilson's work knows that she's committed to over-the-top fare as seen in her biggest hit, *Picture Perfect*. While this offering fails to measure up in terms of generating laughs per minute, it does at least recreate the ambiance of her typical farce.

The movie is directed by Todd Strauss-Schulson, a hack who has cranked out a string of mediocre comedies such as *Larceny*, *Naked but Funny* and *Stevie TV*. Not a picture this critic feels comfortable recommending to any demographic. Consider that a fair warning.

Fair (1 star)  
Rated PG-13 for profanity, sexuality, and a brief drug reference  
Running time: 88 minutes  
Production Companies: Netflix / New Line Cinema  
Distributor: Warner Brothers





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For movies opening May 24, 2019

### Wide Releases

**Aladdin** (PG for some action/peril) Mena Massoud stars as the title character in this classic fairytale about a street urchin vying with a power-hungry Grand Vizier for a magic lamp. Cast includes Naomi Scott, Will Smith and Billy Magnussen.

**Booksmart** (R for strong sexual content and language throughout, drug use and drinking, all involving teens) Buddy comedy about a couple of straight-laced, straight-A student BFF's (Kaitlyn Dever, Beanie Feldstein) who decide to cram four years of fun into one night on the eve of their high school graduation. Directed by Olivia Wilde, with Lisa

Kudrow, Will Forte and Jason Sudeikis.

**Brightburn** (R for horror violence/bloody images, and language) Sinister thriller about an alien child (Jackson Dunn) who crash lands on Earth only to wreak havoc rather than help humanity. Cast includes Elizabeth Banks, David Denman and Matt Jones.

**The Tomorrow Man** (PG-13 for brief strong language and some suggestive material) John Lithgow stars in the title role as a doomsday prophet preparing for disaster with a girlfriend who is a hoarder (Blythe Danner). With Derek Cecil, Eve Harlow and Katie Aselton.

### Independent & Foreign Films

**Diamantino** (Unrated) Carlotto Cotta plays the title role in this dysfunctional family comedy about a champion soccer

player forced to confront his long-estranged, evil twin sisters (Cleo Tavares and Carla Maciel) about the meaning of genius. With Chico Chapas, Margarida Moreira and Anabela Moreira.

**Funny Story** (Unrated) Sobering tragi-comedy about a loving father (Matthew Glave) who unintentionally disrupts his daughter's Big Sur vacation by inviting himself along. With Nikki Limo, Todd Berger and Jessica Diggins

**Halston** (Unrated) Reverential biopic about the fashion guru of the 70s who created a business empire by taking the biggest gamble of his life. With commentary by Liza Minelli, Marisa Berenson and Alva Chinn.

**The Proposal** (Unrated) Biopic about the effort to make the work of Mexico's greatest artist available to the public.

### Sudoku

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

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

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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 Ted Kennedy**

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
				D																H					

T E    B Z R X    E Z D U    Z F    T H W D    S G M U D    E  
E D F V M R D U    H W D W Z T D    U H K Q Q    Q K J D U  
G F V    H W D    V R D G N U

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(For puzzle answer keys, see page 15)





## Jackson Mississippi's informal think tank: Concerned residents plan and strategize *Coalition For Afrikan Empowerment fosters development*



PHOTOS BY DR. JERRY KOMIA DOMATOB

By Dr. Jerry Komia Domatob  
Guest Writer

Like all communities globally, Jackson Mississippi, despite its enormous challenges, has concerned and caring citizens who critique, plan and propose strategies which can assist the capital city, state, nation and even the globe grow.

It is no wonder therefore that on most Mondays, the Coalition for Afrikan Empowerment meets at the Afrikan Art Gallery where they spotlight, analyze, discuss and propose policies.

As Meredith Coleman McGee, a publisher and resume writer based in South Jackson says, "The coalition is a grassroots effort by citizens to improve our own communities one step at a time. We try to improve the economic, political and social environment. It also provides a platform to inform citizens by coordinating activities such as learning programs

and political issues."

### Inspiring Setting

Thus amidst Afrikan artifacts, art, paintings, drawings, pictures, carvings as well as classic books, movies, newspapers and magazines, these leaders examine problems, propose possible solutions, conceptualize and chart trajectories for present growth and development.

### Mission

According to one of the founders and leaders, Baba A. Lukata Chikuyu, "The purpose of the Coalition for Economic Empowerment is to provide a platform, workspace and resources for social, economic and political change for the better."

### Objectives

Specific objectives according to Chikuyu include full leadership accountability to enact the needed changes towards which the coalition is working. Other

objectives include full and equitable inclusion of all citizens in the political, social and economic welfare of Jackson.

### Members

Prominent and active members are: Co-chairs Baba Lukata, Iya Ifalola H. Omobola, Ineva Mae Pittman, Dr. Ivory Phillips, Lela Barnes, Jennifer Brown, Meredith McGee, Hazel Hall and Jackie Walker.

### Accomplishments

The coalition offers challenges to policies they perceive adversely impact the community, such as preventing the airport takeover by the state and preventing the establishment of the medical corridor in West Jackson. They also took a strong stance against the relocation and takeover of the Jackson zoo when it was known as the Coalition for Economic Justice.

Although the group, which relocated and became known as the Coalition for Economic

Empowerment in 2018, wrestles with challenges, they successfully organized community candidate forums in the seven wards of Jackson for individuals running for City Council. In 2019, the group presented 16 recommendations to the Jackson School Board to help avert state take-over and improve the long term quality of education for Jackson Public Schools. Later in 2019, the group held community forums for candidate accountability in the five county supervisor districts, for candidates for Hinds County State House of Representatives and Hinds County State Senate.

The coalition also strongly opposed the dismissal of Band leader James Jones at Forest Hill High School in Jackson. Jones, according to the coalition, "was viciously attacked by the governor, in a statement co-signed by the mayor and the JPS superintendent, for having

the students perform a skit that portrayed police/community relationships, in an unfavorable light."

Additionally, the coalition called to task the members of the Mississippi Legislative Black Caucus who decided to ignore the caucus' majority vote not to attend an annual conference being held in Gulf Port, when the committee refused several agenda items recommended by the caucus.

### History

The current coalition grew out of the Coalition for Economic Justice. The group was founded by Cooperation Jackson, led initially by Malcolm X Grassroots Movement and later by Iya Ifalola and Baba Lukata. Other participants included members and other organizations within the community.

### Challenges

The biggest challenge to the coalition is consistent partici-

pation given the "protractive" nature of the work being done. Inextricably linked to that is the changing nature of leadership, constant relocation of members, zero resources and facilities as well as the loose membership structure. The team also needs to consolidate effective networking with groups engaged in similar works and activities.

### Vision

Nonetheless, the members' interest, dedication, commitment and devotion to the cause, as well as meaningful implementation of some projects, make the coalition a worthwhile initiative.

On behalf of the coalition, Baba Lukata and Iyafalola invite new persons to join this prolonged struggle for equity, inclusion and human rights for all.

*Contributions from Baba Lukata Chikuyu and Iyafalola H. Omobola*



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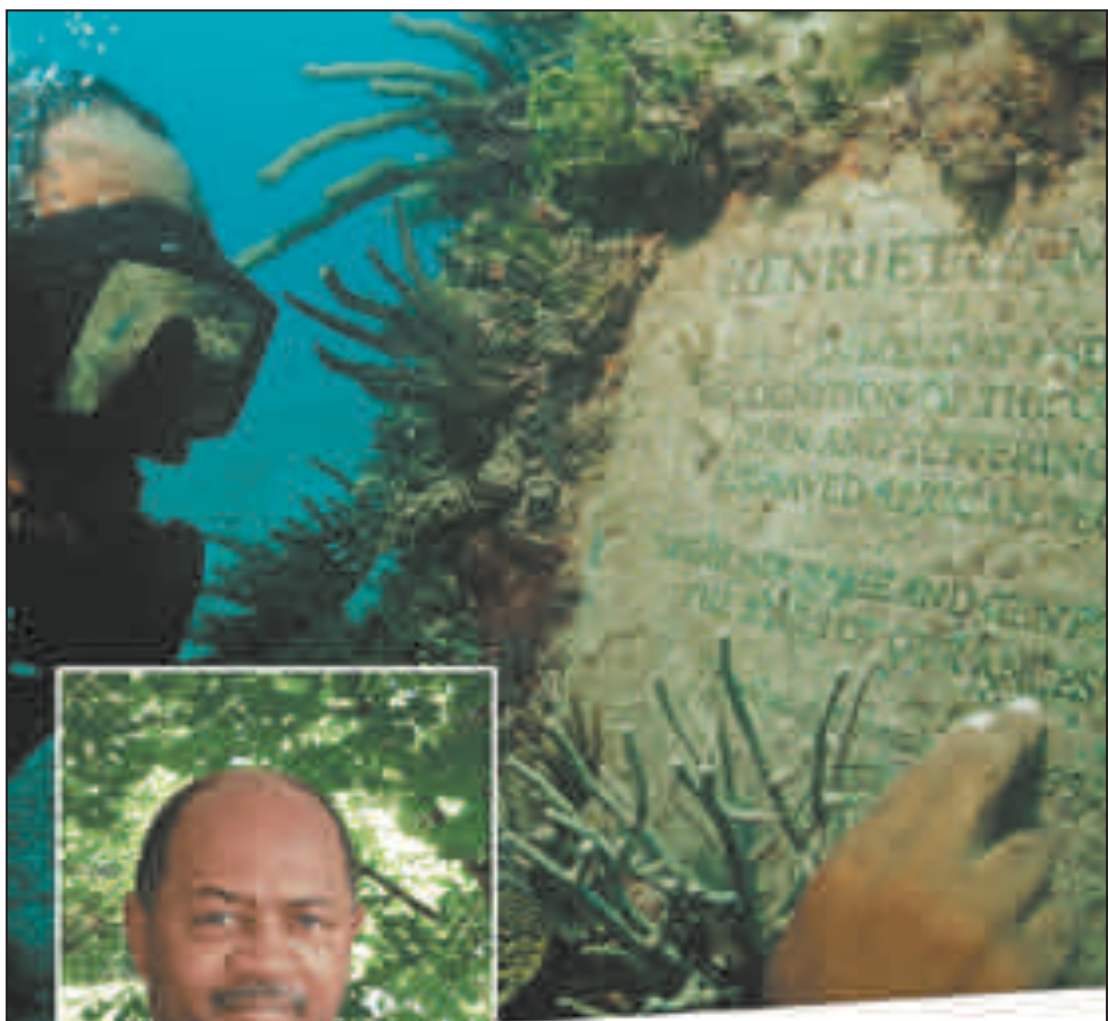
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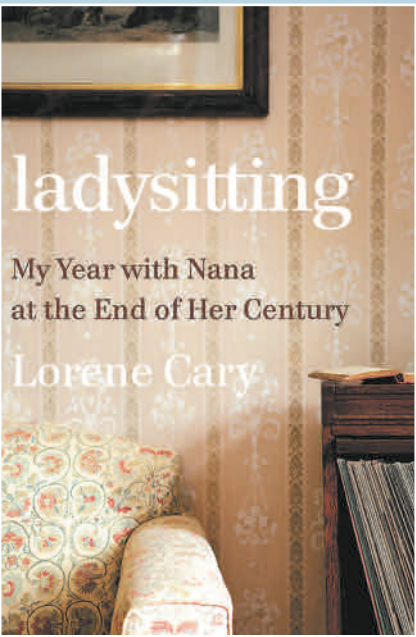
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# BOOK REVIEW: “LADYSITTING”

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer  
*Columnist*

You were their hope for the future.

For your elders, your birth represented things they wished would happen but that they’d never know. It was a joy for them to see you come into the world but for you, as in the new book “Ladysitting” by Lorene Cary, it’s harder to see them go.

When it comes to children, “spoiling” is a word that black adults particularly hate to hear, but that’s what Lorene Cary says she got from her Nana.

Some of Cary’s earliest mem-

ories are of Nana’s sun-splashed New Jersey apartment, make-believe play, and being cherished. Nana didn’t indulge her completely – Cary had rules to follow – but Nana showered love and paid attention, two things Cary needed most.

Back then, Lorene H. Jackson had been a formidable force, a no-nonsense, feisty and independent, powerful businesswoman who still went to her Philadelphia office well into her nineties. A decade later, the summer she turned 100, a bladder infection set her low and she became frail, sometimes rattled. Because

there were complications and family issues, Cary moved Nana into her home, a rectory near the church where Cary’s husband was a minister.

On both sides, it would take some getting-used-to.

The Cary family was a busy one: there were older children in the household, Cary had founded a growing non-profit to nurture, and there was a congregation to attend to. For her part, nana could be irascible; she obviously hated being dependent, fretted about her possessions, and she couldn’t be alone for long.

Tensions rose. And then Nana

began to seriously decline.

Falls and confusion became all too common. Nana’s hearing, which hadn’t been good for some time, worsened. And yet, she outlived her allotted hospice time, and her memory remained relatively sharp. She had enough spring in her life to make demands and to keep connections to family and friends.

Still, there was no denying it: Cary’s grandmother was dying...

Open the cover of “Ladysitting,” and you’re immediately yanked into a story with an

ending you already know. Get past that initial, irresistible pull, though, and it may feel like a challenge to continue; author Lorene Cary seems to lose focus.

Was that done accidentally, or by design?

Doesn’t matter, because it works to show readers what it’s like to care for someone who’s elderly or terminally ill, while trying to do self-care and maintain some amount of control over the uncontrollable.

There’s linear thought here, but only enough to keep readers awake. Frustration comes roaring through, but not so that com-

passion slips.

Confusion is everywhere in this tale, but it doesn’t forsake compassion. Cary adds careful amounts of family history for clarity, even daring to include occasional humorous anecdotes – not inappropriately, but in enhancement of what is one of the more deftly-written, truthful accounts in this genre.

The key here is patience because this is a tough story to know. That’s especially true for millennials and older GenX-ers: “Ladysitting” is good, but it could offer a small glimpse into your future.

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Terry High School Students Receive Scholarship (\$333.33 each) From Community Bank Mortgage



Pictured L-R: Family Members; Jordin Hunter, Student; Elaine Toney, MLO and Community Development Coordinator; and Barry Prather, Metro Jackson Region Chief Operating Officer



Pictured L-R: Family Members; Bonnae Rush, Student; Elaine Toney, MLO and Community Development Coordinator; and Barry Prather, Metro Jackson Region Chief Operating Officer

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Pictured L-R: Taylor Lampkin, student and David Johnson, Senior Vice President - Director of Community Development from BankPlus



Pictured L-R: Parent; MaKayla McClain, Student; and David Johnson, Senior Vice President - Director of Community Development from BankPlus



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