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# Pam Confer attends ceremonial signing of Mississippi Beautiful Day by Governor Bryant



Pam Confer and students from the Hinds County School District stand behind Gov. Bryant at the signing of the declaration.

By Jackie Hampton Publisher

Jazz Artist Pam Confer continues to make history with her song, "Mississippi Beautiful," an anthem she recorded and pro-

Governor Phil Bryant officially signed a declaration June 12 at the Walter Sillers building declaring May 10 "Mississippi Beautiful Day," an announcement he made at a press conference at the Mississippi Arts

Confer said this official day mirrors the song, reflects our pride and celebrates our rich and complicated history.

Beaming with pride after the signing by Bryant, Confer said, "now it's official."

District 72 House Representative Debra Gibbs, along with other community leaders were in attendance. Gibbs authored a bill to make Mississippi Beautiful the state song.

Also in attendance were Hinds County School District Superintendent Delesicia Martin and Associate Superintendent John Neal. Confer said, "Hinds County was the first school district to say we want that song, and they have been singing it every since."

After the signing of the declaration, students from the Hinds County School District sang lyrics of the song for which they received high accolades, espe-

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Pam Confer and Rep. Debra Gibbs who authored bill to make Mississippi Beautiful the state song.

# **Medgar Evers** Library host annual Juneteenth **Celebration**



City of Jackson Fireman Eddie Seawood singing at Juneteenth celebration.

By Othor Cain Editor

There's an age old wise tale that declares, "those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

Let me take you back to the beginning.

The history of Juneteenth can be traced all the way back to June 19th of 1865. This is when the Union Army, led by Major General Gordon Granger, arrived in Galveston, Texas with news that the Civil War had ended and that all former slaves were now

coln had issued the Emancipation Proclamation, January 1, 1863, slavery hadn't ended in Texas because there weren't enough Union soldiers in the state to enforce the new order.

However, the sound defeat of General Lee in April of that year and the arrival of the Union soldiers under Granger strengthened the forces sufficiently enough to enforce the Emancipation Proclamation.

June 19th, 1865, Granger read General Order Number 3 to the people of Texas. The order stated: "The people of Texas are informed that in accordance with a Proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of rights and rights of property be-Although President Lin- tween former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and free laborer."

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# History makers give history lesson at Annual Men's Day Celebration

By Jackie Hampton Publisher

The Honorable Carlton Reeves, U. S. District Court Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi, called on The Honorable Fred Banks, former Supreme Court Justice, to introduce guest speaker Derrick Johnson, president & CEO of the National Association of the Advancement of Colored People.

However, before Banks introduced Johnson, Reeves, gave the worshippers a history lesson about Banks and encouraged them to learn more about this man who has spent a great deal of his legal career dedicated to civil rights and justice. He talked about his 52 year career as a lawyer going back to when Banks



Danny Staffney leads men's choir song. The College Hill choir is directed by Anthony Davis.

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was a law student passing the bar spoke of him as a former Missis-

Reeves referenced the 1969 case, Alexander v Holmes, in which the court ordered immediate desegregation of public schools in the American South. This case, in which Banks played

Bernard Bridges, Judge Reeves, Derrick Johnson, Fred Banks, Douglas Sanders

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# High school students become federal court-watchers

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The first week of June marks the beginning of summer vacation for most high school students; but for sixty Jackson area high schoolers, it was the beginning of a life changing experience. This year, more than sixty high school students spent part of their summer vacation at the federal courthouse in Jackson, Mississippi, excluding the one day they took a side trip to the federal penitentiary at Yazoo City, Mississippi.

The students included thirtysix members of the Jackson Public Schools J.R.O.T.C. program and students representing fourteen high schools from around the Jackson metro area. including all seven Jackson Public Schools high schools. Clinton High School, St. Andrews Episcopal School, Northwest Rankin High School, Pearl High School and others.

United States District Judge Henry T. Wingate conceived the program in 1995 and has hosted it almost every year since. The initiative, which involves many aspects of the legal system, puts a human face on the courts and helps students understand their stake in the legal system.

The Court Watch program teaches young people about the judicial system in an upbeat and interactive way that exposes them to career paths in the legal

During their time at the court, this year's students interacted with representatives of the F.B.I. (Federal Bureau of Investigation), the A.T.F. (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms), the U.S. Marshals



F.B.I. Agent Walt Henry addressing the group



A student asks questions of the Judge Wingate



Students outside the prison before start of the tour inside

Service, the U.S. Secret Service and the Department of Homeland Security, among others.

As the name implies, the participants also witnessed actual court proceedings. This "court-watching" experience allowed them to observe attorneys, court reporters, probation officers and many other legal professionals in the regular performance of their duties in federal court.

For many students their visit to the federal penitentiary was the highpoint of the week. One student, asked what he found most surprising about the prison, said, "I just thought they had guards and wardens. I saw teachers, nurses, computer people and all kinds of jobs, just like we have out here."

For others, the most poignant

moments came from the former offenders who addressed the group. These persons, all of whom had spent considerable time in prison, spoke candidly about the wrong choices they began making at an early age, and the consequences they suffered as a result and are still suffering years later. All three of these former prisoners warned the youngsters to choose their

associates carefully and to have the strength to pull away from friends if those friends aren't engaged in positive things. The students also visited informally with the judge about criminal and civil proceedings,

career paths among many other life issues. Wingate believes that this 2019 group will do the same.

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court-to-community outreach program has had an impact on many young people. Every year a number of students return to the judges chambers for advice on college, career and life choices.

Many Court Watch graduates have gone on to rewarding careers in law and other fields. Wingate is confident that this



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a part in suing the state of Mississippi, took place 15 years after the US Supreme Court had ruled that all children should be able to go to school together. Reeves noted that as a young lawyer he learned so much from Banks while he was on the bench. He said, "Read about Fred Banks Jr. and understand what has made this man great."

When Banks, who is now senior partner at Phelps Dunbar Law Firm, approached the podium to introduce Johnson, he assured the listeners that the NAACP is in great hands with Johnson being at the helm. He said the Tougaloo undergraduate student makes great decisions and has demonstrated remarkable skills in collaborating with others. Banks said, "Derrick has a clear vision in which direction the organization should go."

Johnson, in his message, recalled the role that College Hill played in the Civil Rights Movement at a time when few churches got involved. He also said there is something special about Mississippi and College Hill. "While other churches were afraid of retaliation for getting involved in the movement, College Hill and its members were not afraid and kept their doors open when needed," said Johnson.

He spoke about the character of it's members and reminded church goers of the legacy of civil rights workers like the late Deacon Sam Bailey and Rev. R.L.T. Smith who was the grandfather of District Attorney Robert Shuler Smith.

Johnson challenged the members to get involved in government. He said we need prayer and we need workers because the progress that has been made in the past 50 years is being rolled back. He



Bernard and Sharon Bridges



Larry and Jean Bridges



Derrick Johnson and Eddie Fair



Hillman and Jean Frazier, Derrick Johnson

said we need to elect officials that know how to govern and how to read bills, such as Senator Hillman Frazier, who was in the audience

Johnson spoke of this country being on the edge of the cliff where racial hate is increasing but that College Hill can be a beacon of light while sitting in the center of Mississippi. Johnson received numerous amens and applause throughout his message.

Pastor Michael T. Williams thanked Johnson and all participatants who worked hard to make the Men's Day service a success.

He also congratulated Rev. Calvin Peoples who was recognized as Man of the Year of College Hill.

Peoples, who has been a right hand to the pastor in the pulpit, during weekly Bible study, prayer service and other events at the church, was chosen by the membership of College Hill to be Man of the Year.

Peoples is admired and loved by the members of College Hill as expressed by Deacon Gregory Anderson who gave a tribute on his behalf. Peoples' son, Tim, also gave a tribute but it was his wife, Sandra Peoples, who introduced her husband of 26 years as Man of the Year. Also in attendance was his daughter Denise and employees of Nissan where he has been employed for 15 years.

A special presentation was given to Peoples by Leon Williams, president of the Laymen's Minis-

Bernard Bridges, co-chair of the Men's Day Committee, gave a presentation to the speaker Derrick Johnson.

Douglas Sanders, co-chair, gave the acknowledgements as many members beamed in pride because this was the first time College Hill members had seen him in a suit.

Members and visitors both stated Men's Day, held on Father's Day, was a great success.

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#### **Juneteenth**

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Reaction to this order by the former slaves was as varied as you could imagine. Some of the slaves stayed on under their former masters in a working capacity, while others left immediately after the order was read. Some of them headed North and others headed to parts of the South looking for separated family members.

As more and more families united, they remembered fondly the day they acquired their freedom and began to celebrate it as Juneteenth. The day gained further prominence during the Civil Rights Movement.

Juneteenth is celebrated in a variety of different ways.

The annual celebration held at the Medgar Wiley Evers Library in Jackson, was filled with inspirational speakers, music, food and various other forms of entertainment.

Several hundred people gathered at the event that was co-sponsored by Council Kenneth Stokes and his wife Larita Cooper-Stokes. Vendors spawned the lawn as far as the eyes could see. Children enjoyed live music that was provided by Randy "Wildman" Brown, from 90.1 WMPR as well as cool treats and face painting. Adults were able to get a select few health screenings done and political candidates used it as an opportunity for stump speeches.

This annual celebration has grown in scope and focus over the

"This event is an opportunity to tell our stories, to share our history," said Janice Neal Vincent, an attendee. "If we don't tell our stories, who will?"

Vincent was among many adults in attendance reflecting on the history, legacy, struggles and ultimate freedom of slaves. "Our history should be told; we can not expect our children to get this in school... it really does take a village," said Jackson City Councilman DeKeither Stamps. "We must get back to the very foundation of who we are and how we got here and more importantly who is keeping us."

Stamps is seeking the office of public service commissioner for the Central District in Mississippi and used the day to 'promote the vote.'

"We have the collective power to do better...to expect better... to vote better," Stamps shared. "I need your vote August 6, but more importantly as a people collectively, we need your vote."

All those in attendance of this annual celebration left with smiles, pride and joy and with the anticipation of next year's celebration.

#### Confer

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Delesicia Martin, Joanna Marshall, Janis Scott, Dolphus Weary, Pam Confer, Julian Winters, John Neal, Pam Junior and Neddie Winters were among many who attended the ceremony to make May 10 Mississippi Beautiful Day. PHOTOS BY JACKIE HAMPTON

cially from the governor.

Bryant stated he hopes that Confer's song will remind people to help keep Mississippi Beautiful. He referenced how so often trash blows from pick up trucks littering the streets.

The governor said 24 million people visited Mississippi last year visiting sites such as the Mississippi Blues Trail and the Civil Rights

Museum and soon they will be visiting the new

Rocket Plant at the Stennis Space Center.

He said, "We need to keep Mississippi Beauti-



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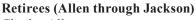


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# **Congratulations 2019 JPS retirees**

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Congratulations to the 89 JPS employees who are retiring this school year. The Districtwide Retirement Celebration and Reception was held May 14 to honor them and their contributions to the mission of Jackson Public Schools. We send best wishes to all 2019 JPS retirees.



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### JPS educator to receive two MCATE outstanding administrator awards

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Jackson State University and Mississippi College have selected Dr. Kathleen Grigsby as their recipient of the Mississippi Association of Colleges for Teacher Education Outstanding Administrator Award 2018-2019. This high honor is bestowed upon one individual at each of the 15 colleges/ universities in the State of Mississippi annually. As part of this recognition, she will receive her awards at MCATE's annual awards ceremony to be held Monday, July 8, during the Elevate Teachers Conference.

Grigsby has recently been promoted to serve as an assistant superintendent of Elementary Schools in JPS. She was previously the principal of Barack Obama Magnet School, which has maintained its ranking as the No. 1 school in the state for consecutive

At Mississippi College, she was the first graduate of the school's doctoral program. She also holds a specialist degree from the college. She was also recognized as a distinguished alumna of her undergraduate alma mater, the University of Mississippi, and was inducted into the School of Education Hall of Fame. In 2017-2018, she was named the Jackson Public Schools Administrator of the Year and Administrator of the Year for the 2nd Congressional District of Mississippi.

The Mississippi Association of Colleges for Teacher Education provides leadership in Mississippi for the continuing transformation of professional preparation programs for educators. Its purpose is to ensure competent and caring educators for all of Mississippi's children and youth.

The Mississippi Department of Education's Office of Teaching and Learning sponsors the annual Elevate Conference. This year's conference will be held at the Jackson Convention Complex in downtown Jackson. The conference is free to all teachers.

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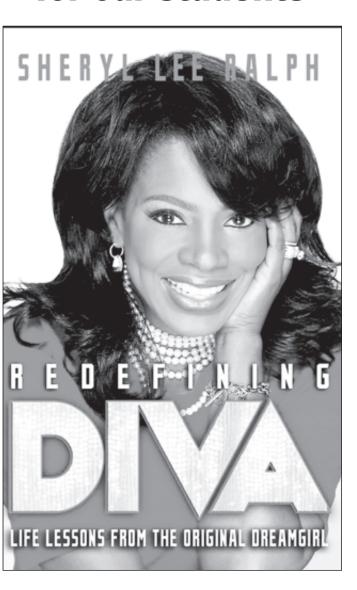
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### Join actress Sheryl Lee Ralph to raise scholarship dollars for our students



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Please join internationally acclaimed motivational and inspirational speaker, awardwinning actress, singer, producer, bestselling author and Tougaloo College Alumna Sheryl Lee Ralph in "Intimate Conversations" as she discusses her book, Redefining DIVA (Divinely Inspired Victorious-

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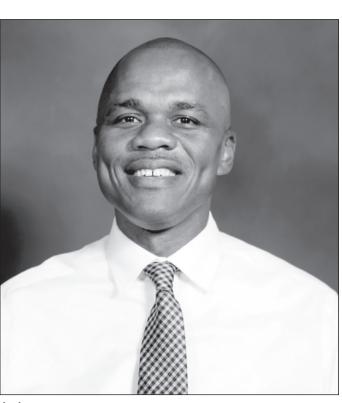
to the core of her being."

Be a part of the conversations Saturday, June 22, 2019 at 2 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Bennie G. Thompson Academic and Civil Rights Research Center. Your taxdeductible gift of \$50 will support the Beverly Wade Hogan Scholarship Challenge.

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#### **Hinds CC to recognize** those earning High School **Equivalency certificate**



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Hinds Community College is hosting a ceremony to recognize people who have earned a High School Equivalency certificate during the 2018-19 aca-

The ceremony starts at 2 p.m. June 21 in Hogg Auditorium, located inside Cain-Cochran Hall on the Raymond Campus.

Tyrone Jackson, vice president of the college's Utica Campus, will speak to this year's HSE recipients.

A Rosedale native, Jackson received all three degrees from Delta State University in Cleveland. He received a bachelor's degree in sociology, a master's degree in education and doctoral degree in education.

Jackson has been vice president for the Utica Campus and administrative services since

He came to Hinds in 2013, also serving as dean of students for the Raymond Campus and district dean of students.

# **Hinds Hi-Steppers selects** 2019-2020 dancers



Hi-Stepper veteran members, front from left, Laura Duncan of Florence, Mysheaira Taylor of Canton, Myriah Boyd of Pearl (lieutenant); Brandon residents Jaya Brown (captain), Jaide Seals (lieutenant) and Katie Burns (lieutenant), and Allennia Shelby of Natchez. New members include, back from left, Kylee Cunningham, Naomi Edwards and April Lee, all of Raymond; Courtney Cummins of Brandon, Meagan Ross of Carthage, Merritt Bynum of Brandon, Allyson Hartling of Clinton, Jada Todd of Milwaukee, Wis., Anna Claire Buchanan, Emily Gray and Natalie Clanton, all of Vicksburg; and Cheyanne Wynn, Rahael Robinson and Aaliyah Ross, all of Clinton

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Hinds Community College has selected the Hi-Steppers for 2019-20.

The Hinds Hi-Steppers are one of the oldest precision dance lines in the nation and perform at football games, exhibitions, parades, and community and charitable events. The Hi-Steppers are under the direction of Angela Hite of Raymond.

As Mississippi's largest community college, Hinds Community College is a comprehensive institution offering quality, affordable educational opportunities with academic programs of study leading to seamless university transfer and career and technical programs teach-

ing job-ready skills. With six locations in central Mississippi, Hinds enrolls about 12,000 students each fall semester.

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# State Board selects student representatives to join board

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Mississippi State Board of Education (SBE) has selected junior Omar Jamil of Hernando and senior Shelby Dean of Clinton for its student representative program, which will begin in July.

Student representatives will be non-voting members but will provide input on policy decisions that affect Mississippi public schools. The students were selected through a competitive process from 52 applicants statewide. After the senior representative graduates, the junior representative will promote to the senior representative position. A new junior representative will be appointed annually.

"All the students we considered for the representative program are highly accomplished and reflect Mississippi's outstanding public schools," said Jason Dean, SBE chair. "The board is looking forward to working with Omar and Shelby in the upcoming school year and to the contributions of future student representatives."

Jamil is a junior at DeSoto Central High School in the DeSoto Public School District. Omar maintains a 4.266 grade point average, achieved a 30 on the ACT in the 9th grade, and has been involved with the Student Council, where he served as president during his sophomore year. He is also a member of the Knowledge Bowl Team, the Interact Club, the Future Business Leaders of America, the International Club, the chess team and theatre depart-

"Every aspect of my current high school career that I have shaped has cultivated into the student the Board of Education needs to represent our statewide student body," Jamil said.

Shelby Dean is a senior at Clinton High School in the Clinton Public School District. She maintains a 4.0 grade point average, is a member of the ACT 30+ Club, and is active in numerous student and community organizations including





the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Science Olympiad. Dean has been a member of the Student Council since 7th grade, and most recently served as student body vice president. As a three-sport athlete, Dean fills key roles in cross country, soccer and track. She plans to become a high school mathematics teacher.

"As a representative, I would keep in mind all of my peers and keep in mind what would be beneficial for all of them, not just now, but in the long run, so that they can grow as peers, friends and eventually leaders in the state of Mississippi,"

Junior Meghan Cosper-Gamache of Laurel and senior Alvin





Dean

Ray Jones, Jr. of Heidelberg were named as alternates. Alternates are named to fulfill the term of student representatives, should they be unable to complete their term for any reason. Cosper-Gamache is a junior

at Stringer Attendance Center in the West Jasper School District. She has a 4.0 grade point average, is currently ranked No. 3 in her class, and plays the French horn in the concert band. Cosper-Gamache is a member of the Senior Beta Club, Future Business Leaders of America, Stringer Maroon Pride Color Guard, the Mayor's Youth Council, the Red Cross Club, and Stringer Baseball Diamond Girls. An active community volunteer, she earned the Presidential Community

Service Award for her leadership and volunteer work.

Jones is a senior at Heidelberg High School in the East Jasper Consolidated School District. He maintains a 4.0 grade point average, is a member of the National Society of High School Scholars, and has achieved perfect attendance for the past six years. Jones served as vice president of the Student Council as a junior, is a member of the Beta Club, serves as head drum major for the marching band and plays the trombone.

Approximately 15 state boards of education have successfully implemented student advisory programs. In 2018, the SBE adopted a policy outlining the criteria for adding student representatives to the board.

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### College of Public Service Ph.D. candidates score big at public policy student debates



Public Policy administrators standing (left to right): Johnny B. Gilleylen Sr., chair of the Department of Public Policy and Administration; L. Frances P. Liddell, interim chair emeritus of the Department of Public Policy; and Roosevelt Shelton, interim dean for the College of Public Service. Seated (left to right) Greg Ramsey, public policy and administration Ph.D. student and Julius E. Green, II, public policy and administration student

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timore, Maryland.

In March, Julius Green, II and Greg Ramsey took center stage and dominated their competitors during separate L. Francis P. Liddell Student Policy debates. Green attended the policy debate hosted by the Conference of Minority Public Administration (COMPA) in Washington, D.C. and Ramsey attended the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) conference held in Bal-

After introducing the student policy debate in Hamilton, Bermuda in 2008, both ASPA and COMPA named their debates in honor of L. Frances P. Liddell, interim chair emeritus for the JSU Department of Public Policy in 2016.

Liddell founded the debate with the idea of employing techniques to further enhance a students' ability to speak impromptu and confidently on public policy issues but with time restrictions. It also affords debaters the opportunity to further improve their communication and leadership skills.

"After the debate ended, I remember then president-elect of the ASPA conference running up to me saying 'Dr. Liddell, you have got to do this at the big conference – you have got to," says Liddell. "And as they say, the rest is his-

The student policy debate is designed to improve the debater's ability to think analytically and critically with time limitations. Furthermore, these intense discussions assist future public administrators with their speaking skills on issues



pertaining to public policy.

Green participated as a competitor at the annual ASPA conference debate where his team claimed the championship trophy, a winner's certificate and year-long bragging rights.

"Being a part of the ASPA debate team was a rewarding experience," says Ramsey. "As a debate team member, I had the opportunity to defend and challenge current controversial public policy topics which assisted me with strengthening my critical thinking skills and impromptu speaking. The L. Frances P. Liddell Student Policy Debate has contributed to my professional and per-

Doctoral candidate Ramsey competed at the 2019 COMPA where his team received a certificate of participation for their debating efforts.

"As a first-time COMPA competitor, I feared that I had not put in enough work towards my research proposal and that



caused me a lot of hesitation about getting critiques from other members as well as my peers," says Green. "After receiving positive feedback regarding my proposal, I began to realize that a lot of the concepts being discussed were very familiar to me because of the coursework and preparation of the Public Policy and Administration program here at Jackson State."

An endowment scholarship for public policy students was established with the Jackson State University Development Foundation (JSUDF) by alums Michael Adams and Robert E. Kelly.

"We are trying to raise over \$10,000 for this endowment so that we can start awarding students something other than just a certificate and a trophy," says Liddell. "We want to offer a financial incentive to help cover their travel expenses because we know it can be difficult for Jackson State to fund travel for faculty, staff and students."

# **JSU receives \$75,000** grant to increase minority women in STEM disciplines

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Jackson State University

Jackson State University, in collaboration with the National Coalition of 100 Black Women Inc.'s, Central Mississippi Chapter, has been awarded a \$75,000 grant for its Women RISE proposal which exposes women and other underrepresented minorities to STEM. The grant is funded through Thurgood Marshall College Fund's partnership with Apple and will help JSU host a one-day symposium Sept. 12, 2019, at Eagle Ridge Conference Center in Raymond, Mississippi.

"I am excited about this opportunity and its efforts to increase minority women in STEM," said Barbara Howard, principal investigator of the grant. "The grant is powered by Apple and an Apple representative will be at the symposium presenting a session on Apple Swift Coding. STEM coaches will also speak about their career areas."

The symposium is open to all black female STEM faculty and STEM education faculty at each of the five HB-CUs in Mississippi - Jackson State University, Alcorn State University, Mississippi Valley State University, Tougaloo College and Rust College.

Howard, also an assistant professor in the Department of Educational Leadership, has been working in the area of STEM recruitment and retention for underrepresented students

"This grant allows me to work with more professions in the area and with organizations such as the National Coalition for 100 Black Women-Central Mississippi Chapter which has like goals," she said. "We hope that all female STEM faculty and students at the five historically black institutions in Mississippi will be a part of the Women RISE Symposium that will be brought by this grant."

The National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc., Central Mississippi Chapter, advocates on behalf of black women and girls to promote leadership, development and gender equity in the areas of health, education, and economic empowerment.

"This advocacy requires our diligence in keeping abreast of issues which impacts the achievement of this mission," said Rita Wray, grant co-principal investigator, and president, NCBW Central Mississippi Chapter. "One of the current issues on the table is our commitment to the education of women and girls in

The symposium is free to all. Faculty are encouraged to bring a student

The link for registration is https:// www.surveymonkey.com/r/Women-*RISE2019* 

# College of Business extraordinaire receives golden internship at The Goldman Sachs Group in New York

By LaToya Hentz-Moore

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On the first day of orientation, Gabrielle Lyles was astounded as one of the managing directors for the Division of Internal Audit at The Goldman Sachs Group elucidated to the newest group of interns, "It is harder to get into Goldman Sacs than it is to get into Harvard itself."

The Illinois native is one of 29 interns chosen from a pool of 1,600 applicants to work in the Department of Internal Audit at the Fortune Global 500 company. The Internal Audit department assesses the firm's internal control structure, advises management on developing control solutions, and monitors the implementation of these measures.

The Goldman Sachs Group, Incorporated is a leading global investment banking, secu-

rities and investment management firm that provides a wide range of financial services to a substantial and diversified client base that includes corporations, financial institutions, governments and individuals.

Lyles is also the recipient of the Goldman Sachs Scholarship for Excellence (SFE). This annual scholarship assists minority students with their financial transition to New York.

The Goldman Sachs Scholarship for Excellence (SFE) is awarded to students who embody business principles, which are fundamental to long-term success and set the standard for what the company does. Prior to beginning her summer internship, Lyles received the \$15,000 SFE toward her tuition and academic expenses.

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### **President Blake Thompson** joins Consortium for Global **Education Board**

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For the fourth consecutive year, more than one million international students enrolled at USA universities. Residents of China comprise one-third of the college students from outside America.

It's the task of Consortium for Global Education leaders to work with members to promote international programs on college campuses nationwide.

Mississippi College President Blake Thompson recently joined the executive committee of the Atlanta-based group.

This Fall, organization officials will gather at Dallas Baptist University for their 32nd annual meeting to network and navigate a growing array of international programs.

On hand for the September 25-27 meetings in Dallas, Texas will be several international speakers. They're leaders of universities in East Asia, Europe, Africa and the Middle

Thompson will work with several familiar faces serving on the CGE leadership team. They include: Blue Mountain College President Barbara Mc-Millin and Louisiana College President Rick Brewer.

The consortium tackles initiatives including international recruiting in countries like China, South Korea and India. Study abroad programs, site visits to strategic locations around the world and certificate programs for Teaching English as a Foreign Language are other focus areas.



Thompson

Joining this organization with a global outreach is welltimed for Thompson. It comes when Mississippi College leaders are expanding international programs.

During his March 29 inauguration address, Thompson announced the Christian university is launching the Edward McMillan Center for Education Abroad. The center is named for the late McMillan. The longtime history professor and dean of graduate studies began the university's London Semester Abroad program in 1990. A 1950 Mississippi College graduate, McMillan died in 2018.

Leading the new center will be Beth Stapleton, a Spanish and linguistics professor. She chairs MC's international studies committee. The 1992 MC graduate developed a love for travel overseas when she spent six weeks studying in Spain as a student at the Baptist-affiliated university.

"Study abroad changes lives," Stapleton said.

Mississippi College created a \$2 million campaign to fund the center's first phase that will conclude in October 2020.

MC attracts nearly 200 international students on the Clinton campus from more than three dozen countries.

For more information on the McMillan Center campaign, contact Beth Stapleton at 601 925-7664 or stapleto@mc.edu

To give online, visit alumni. mc.edu/maccenter

# Mississippi Development **Authority awards more** than \$2.7 million in Site **Development Grants**

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Mississippi Development Authority has awarded 17 Site Development Grants totaling more than \$2.7 million to economic development organizations and local governments throughout the state. The Premier Site and Ready Site programs assist in developing siteready locations to attract more jobs and capital investment to

"The site work proposed by these 17 organizations is evidence of their commitment to developing qualified available sites to meet the needs of prospective industries in today's dynamic economy," said MDA Executive Director Glenn Mc-Cullough Jr. "MDA is proud to support the important work being undertaken in these communities to prepare these sites for industrial development, which will enhance the competitiveness of the sites, the local communities and the entire state of Mississippi."

The Premier Site program requires a 100 percent direct local match, a minimum of 200 acres and a labor force to attract the intended marketworkforce study. The Ready Site program requires a 100 percent direct local match, a minimum of 20 acres, and the site must be work-ready within six months and must be able to have utilities on site within 12

**Eleven Premier Sites total** \$2,518,834.

The Premier Site and Ready Site grants awarded are:

• East Mississippi Business Development Corporation (Lauderdale County) -\$250,000 for site clearing and earthwork, resulting in a 310acre, rough-graded site at the I-20/I-59 Industrial Park

 Gulfport-Biloxi Regional Airport Authority (Harrison County) - \$42,284 to prepare a Section 404 permit for submittal to DMR/USACE for

wetlands mitigation and construction approval at the 241acre John Hill Blvd. Site at the Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport

 Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission – \$250,000 to develop a technical plan for infrastructure development, parcel siting and wetlands mitigation planning at the newly acquired 846-acre site at the Stennis International Airport (totals 1,246 acres); includes cultural resources and endangered species assessments

• Hattiesburg-Laurel Regional Airport Authority (Jones County) - \$250,000 for clearing and grubbing 166 acres (of the most developable 212-acre site) at the Hattiesburg-Laurel Regional Airport and grading a road bed leading into the site

• Itawamba County – \$250,000 for sewer system improvements at the 140-acre Fawn Grove Industrial Park in Fulton to increase the sewer capacity; county is also doing grading work at the site

 Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (Rankin County) - \$250,000 to clear and grub 100 acres at the 808-acre Jackson Metro Aeroplex site at the Jackson airport, do roadway earthwork and water/sewer improvements

• Madison County Economic Development Authority -\$250,000 to construct a road to provide access into 325 acres of the 1,027-acre Madison County Megasite

• The University of Southern Mississippi (Forrest County) -\$250,000 to update the development concept and master plan for the 505-acre Innovation and Commercialization Park; also updating due diligence, demolishing outdated structures, building out infrastructure and adding signage

• Union County – \$250,000 to construct a 12-inch water main leading into the 200-acre (145-developable acreage) Mar-

tintown North Industrial Park

· Warren County Port Commission - \$226,500 to conduct due diligence on 200-acre Site B at the Ceres Industrial Park along I-20; also doing testing and design for an access road

· Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority (Tishomingo County) - \$250,000 to update due diligence and grade, shape and surface the existing access road into the park and construct a pad at the Yellow Creek Port South Premier Site

#### Six Ready Sites totaling \$218,600

• Economic Development Authority of Jones County -\$8,350 to update due diligence on 174 acres of the 442-acre, rail-served I-59 South Site

· Harrison County Development Commission - \$50,000 for clearing and grubbing 72 acres in the Bernard Bayou Industrial District and related design and engineering work

 Meridian Airport Authority (Lauderdale County) - \$50,000 to grade and level a levy at the 130-acre Key Brothers Aviation Site at the Meridian Regional Airport and mitigate low-lying areas with the fill

• Prentiss County Development Commission - \$50,000 to install a new, paved access road to the 55-plus-acre West Prentiss Site; the road will give direct access from Mississippi 45 to the site; also grading and leveling to increase the size/ functionality of the pad from seven to 24 acres

• Rankin First EDA (Rankin County) - \$50,000 to clear and grub 27.5 acres at the EMC Preferred Site at the East Metro Center Industrial Park, bringing cleared acreage to 50

· Warren County Port Commission - \$50,000 for due diligence on the 55-acre Site C at the Ceres Industrial Park.

To learn more about the Site Development Grant program, go to https://bit.ly/2HYRazJ.

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### **Humic Growth Solutions locating** manufacturing, distribution operations in Sardis, creating 25 jobs

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Humic Growth Solutions, producer of certified organic humate products for the agriculture industry, is locating manufacturing and distribution operations in Sardis. The project is a \$7.99-million corporate investment and will create 25 jobs.

"Mississippi is a leader in the agriculture industry, so it is fitting that one of the world's leaders in the manufacture of products designed to enhance crop production would choose our state as the home of its newest operations," Gov. Phil Bryant said. "Panola County's prime location, combined with the area's skilled workforce, will ensure Humic Growth Solutions' products reach its global consumers in a timely manner."

Humic Growth Solutions specializes in the wet chemistry extraction of humic and fulvic acids. The company then offers its activated fertilizer supplements in liquid concentrate, soluble powder and patented granule forms to ag-

riculture producers worldwide. Humic Growth Solutions is locating its newest operations in the Hide Building in the Sardis Industrial Park where the company plans to expand the 65,000-square-foot facility by constructing a 6,000-squarefoot addition.

"My choice was clear after the Panola Partnership shared their innovative commitment to workforce development through their Spark Program and Concourse training facility," said Humic Growth Solutions Executive Director Kevin Merritt. "These training efforts and the support of Panola County, the state of Mississippi, federal officials and agencies and Northwest Mississippi Community College have made it possible to hit the ground running postconstruction.

"We thank Governor Bryant, the Mississippi Development Authority and Panola County for their crucial assistance. We hope this project will improve the quality of life in this historic Delta region by

providing a solid living wage to our future employees. These opportunities will result in the production of a quality agricultural product that will assist farmers in higher yields and a more competitive global mar-

ket position." "Humic Growth Solutions' products are recognized for increasing crop yields through greater quality, so we believe the company's 25 new employees in Sardis will enhance that legacy by effectively delivering Humic's innovative products to customers around the world," said MDA Executive Director Glenn McCullough Jr. "We salute the leadership of the Panola Partnership and Panola County, which, with MDA, was instrumental in bringing 25 new career opportunities to the industry-leading company in North Mississippi." Headquartered in Jackson-

ville, Fla., Humic Growth Solutions plans to complete construction at the Sardis facility in January with operations beginning in February.

# Poor People's Campaign mobilized in DC this week

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



This week in Washington, the powers that be are hearing from a vital new democratic force in this country.

For three days, the Poor People's Campaign will bring poor and low-wage Americans to the nation's capital to call for a moral renewal in this nation. They will question many of those who are seeking the Democratic nomination for president. Congressional hearings will showcase their Poor People's Moral Budget.

Their actions should be above the fold of every newspaper in America; they should lead the news shows and fill the talk shows. A movement for common sense and social justice is building, putting every politician on notice: lead or get out of the way, a new moral majority is building and demanding

As the co-chairs of the Poor People's Campaign, Rev. William Barber II and Rev. Liz Theoharis, write in their forward, this movement is not partisan. It calls not for liberal or conservative reforms, but for a moral renewal. It is not a deeppocket lobby. It is mobilizing the 144 million Americans who are poor or one crisis away from poverty into a "new and unsettling force" to "revive the heart of democracy in America."

This movement launched Mother's Day in May 2018. In 40 days, it triggered 200 actions across many states with 5,000 nonviolent demonstrators committing civil disobedience, and millions following the protests online. Forty states now have coordinating committees build a coalition of poor people and people of faith and conscience



Rev. Liz Theoharis, Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr. and Rev. William Barber II



Rev. Liz Theoharis, co-chair, the Poor People's Campaign

across lines of race, religion, region and other lines of divi-

They are morally outraged that the richest nation in the world would in a "willful act of policy violence" condemn 140 million – more than 40 percent of the population – to live in poverty or near poverty. This includes 39 million children,

60 percent – 26 million – of sponse, the Poor People's Cam-African Americans, 64 percent - 38 million – of Latinos, more than one-third – 66 million – of white Americans.

These realities – and the extreme inequality that scars this society - pre-date the Trump administration, but now Trump is fanning increasing policy violence against the poor. In re-



Rev. William Barber II, co-chair, the Poor People's Campaign

paign is doing deep organizing and power building among the poor, turning them from victims to subject actors in history.

This week, the campaign releases their Poor People's Moral Budget. It details authoritatively that the cost of our current inequality, the cost of mass poverty is far greater than

what it would cost to invest in people, put them to work at a living wage and guarantee basic economic and political rights. It costs society big time to not promise of this new force is provide health care or quality education or clean water and air, to suppress voting rights

and to keep wages low. The moral budget is detailed and authoritatively sourced.

The numbers are clear, as is the conclusion.

As the document concludes, "We have been investing in killing people; we most now invest in life. We have been investing in systemic racism and voter suppression; we must now invest in expanding democracy. We have been investing in punishing the poor; we must now invest in the welfare of all. We have been investing in the wealthy and corporations; we must now invest in the people who build this country."

This is not a time for incremental change, but for fundamental transformation of our priorities and our direction. The budget details large reforms from automatic voter registration, a living wage, health care for all, quality education from pre-k through college, investment in clean energy and modern infrastructure. It details how these and other reforms can be easily afforded by fair taxes on the wealthy and corporations and by ending our effort to police the world.

The Poor People's Campaign picks up the unfinished work of Dr. Martin Luther King. It realizes that ending the policy of violence on the poor at home cannot be achieved without challenging the costly endless wars and constant arms buildup that only make us less secure. It understands that change will come not from the top down, not from our corrupted big money politics, but from the poor, the worker, people of conscience coming together to revive our democracy and to change our course.

In these troubled times, the powerful. Across the country, working and poor people are beginning to move. If this movement can continue to grow, it will transform our politics. And it is the only force that can.

#### Goldman Sachs

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When speaking about Lyles, the assistant professor of Entrepreneurship says, "She was naturally scared at first because New York can be a frightening thought when you are from a smaller area. I knew she had the knowledge to go there and shine so I encouraged her to go for it and don't look back."

Causey continued, "Gabrielle will leave Goldman Sachs with a broader expertise of the financial industry as a whole which should enable her to successfully manage her own business."

When asked what she plans to acquire from this experience, Lyles replied, "Not only do I want to learn and be challenged but I expect to see growth and build my network throughout these 10 weeks at Goldman Sacs."

Continuing to share dialogue regarding her internship, she said, "Thus far it has been a wonderful experience for me. After just two weeks, I am so inspired to keep pushing and learning from my colleagues. Overall, I am aiming to become a better auditor and a well-rounded business professional."

When asked about the culture of New York, she laughs and admits, "The biggest difference is the hospitality and the large crowds of people. I'm definitely just trying to fit in by not making eye contact and staying out of people's

Lyles, who was raised in East St. Louis, Illinois says she "attended all predominantly white Catholic institutions growing up so she wasn't familiar with her own culture."

She further explained "My grade school experiences inspired me to come to an HBCU. I was actually admitted to JSU during my campus tour and one of the university representatives said to me, 'You got accepted during your tour today, that has never happened before.""

"After that, I didn't apply anywhere else. I focused on coming to JSU. I was on a mission," says Lyles.

When asked about her career aspirations, the 21-year old rising senior says, "If afforded the opportunity, I would definitely like to come back and work at Goldman Sachs full-time. I want to practice business entrepreneurship and also help our community with financial literacy. Once I am seeing some successful profit, I also want to act. I am dedicated to pursuing and accomplishing both of my dreams."

Before concluding her interview, Lyles was transparent with her advice to incoming College of Business stu-

"Don't let anything hold you back from your dreams. Just because you aren't majoring in a particular subject matter, doesn't mean that you can't pursue and master it. Always remember that the decisions you make now whether positive or negative will definitely affect you in the future. And finally, whatever you do, just do it big."





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Gabrielle Lyles is pictured with the 2018 Goldman Sacs HBCU Leadership Summit class under the leadership of former CEO, Lloyd Blankfein.

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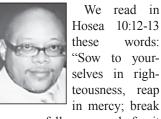
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# Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap

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



10:12-13 words: "Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it

is time to seek the Lord, till he come and rain righteousness upon you. Ye have plowed wickedness, ye have reaped iniquity; ye have eaten the fruit of lies: because thou didst trust in thy way, in the multitude of thy mighty men."

In the Old Testament, you can read that David reaped from the seeds that he had sown. Although, David cried out to God, repented and testified that God had forgiven him for the murder and the adultery that he had committed, he still had to reap. It came home to him in his own family. In the New Testament, you can read that the Apostle Paul suffered because of the things he had done in the past. Friend, you may find that the sins that you committed in the past will tempt you after you get saved. The devil does not tempt you with what you have no knowledge. He tempts you with what you used to like to do. If you are lost and you are blind spiritually, then you need to break up the fallow ground. Living in sin is foolishness, and if you sow in foolish things, you are going to reap the same. You need to turn to God and give your life to Him.

To be saved, you must put your faith and trust in God. In Romans, Chapter 5, Paul said that salvation is full and free, and he told what it takes to have peace with God. He said in verse 1, "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." He was saying that a person must believe in God. If I were to ask you the questions, "Do you believe there is a God? Do you believe in Jesus? Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?" No doubt, you would reply, "Yes, I do." However, it makes a difference when it comes to personal faith. You may believe there is a God, but that belief cannot save you. What makes the difference is when you have a personal faith and a personal relationship with God through faith; that is be a Christian. You could be how it works.

Abraham believed there was a God. When God called Abraham and said, "Get out from among your kindred", Abraham took him by faith. It was a personal experience with Abraham. Likewise, salvation has to be a personal relationship between God and you. Salvation is not something that your parents can hand down to you. They might be good parents, but salvation is something that is attainable only from God. You must put in for it to God, and you must have faith in what you are asking. If you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that He came to save you from sin, you will break up your fallow ground, repent and believe in God; then salvation will become personal to you.

In Romans 10:9 Paul said, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." This is not a head religion; it is a heart religion. There is a big difference between the two. You could be schooled to

schooled to do many things. You might have traditions, customs and a religious form on the outside, but when God

give you these things; only God can. My friend, God can rescue you from every sin that has

that shall he also reap"

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saves you, He goes down to the heart. He removes what is in the heart and puts in everything that is just and right that comes from Heaven. There will be something there that has never been in the heart where the things of the world have previously resided. Before God moves in, He packs the devil's suitcase and moves out everything that belongs to sin and then He moves in. When God moves in, love, peace, joy and righteousness move in. The world cannot

hold of you. Next week, 6-28-2019 - Part III, "Whatsoever a man sow,

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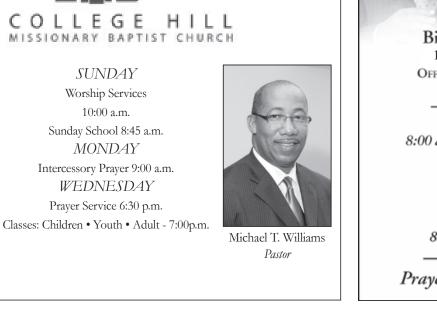


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# Holy Boldness

By Shewanda Riley Columnist



"Please God, let me say something to defend myself," is what poured out of my heart as I prayed before going into

what I knew would be a difficult meeting a few years ago. Based on what was said to me before the meeting, I knew that the invitation for me to attend was not to celebrate me but to criticize the work that I had been doing. Yet when I prayed on how to respond, all I heard in my spirit was "Hold your peace." "Hold my peace?" I thought. How in the world do I hold my peace when I know that I will be lied

This was another one of those times when I did not agree with or even understand. However, I obeyed.... but it was hard. Even though I knew I could have boldly defended myself, I did not understand until recently the lesson that God was teaching me at the time about holy boldness.

Boldness is part of our spiritual DNA as Christians. According to Strong's Concordance, the Greek word for boldness as it is mentioned periodically in the bible is parrhesia. This means to speak without ambiguity and plainly; the absence of fear in speaking boldly; confidence and cheerful courage.

Boldness is connected to our "doing" and not just our "being" as Christians. Acts 14:3 illustrates this when it describes Paul and Barnabas as" speaking boldly for the Lord, who confirmed the message of his grace by enabling them to perform signs and wonders." Instead of just being content just "being" Christians, they took it one step further and actively sought to convert others. As confirmation of their faith, God allowed miracles and wonders.

Also, boldness comes from the freedom in knowing who you are in Christ. 2 Corinthians 3:12, 17 reminds us of this freedom.

Furthermore, boldness sometimes requires that we let our faith (and not our mouth) do the talking. Philemon 1:7-9 says" Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people. Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love." Here, we are reminded that though it may sometimes be easier to say something, often we are challenged to be mature and remain silent. As he remained silent on the cross, Jesus was the perfect example of how much strength holy boldness takes.

For many of us, boldness means that we tell people off, set them "straight" and give them a piece of our minds. We dismiss these moments with the phrase "That's just how I am."

What I've learned through that experience at that meeting a few years ago was that holy boldness differs from boldness. The purpose of holy boldness in the life of a Christian is to build our faith and to help increase the faith of others.

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# A moral agenda

By E. Faye Williams
Trice Edney Newswire



A few days ago, I had the opportunity to participate in the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival. Along with Jerry Paris (GM of WPFW-FM 89.3) and Rev. Graylan Ha-

gler, I was invited to co-anchor the program carried by WPFW-FM radio. The campaign is based on fundamental rights that all human beings should enjoy. Rev. William Barber is the leader with the moral authority to conduct this action. At the meeting and march to the White House, Barber spoke to a large, enthusiastic and diverse crowd at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C.

Prior the meeting in Washington, the campaign had reached out to more than 30 states, meeting with thousands of people, witnessing the strength of their moral courage. The group collected testimonies from hundreds of poor people and chronicled their demands for a better society. They've witnessed the struggles of the poor and dispossessed.

It has been documented how the group came to the current point. Documentation reveals the evils of systemic racism, poverty, ecological devastation and the war economy and militarism that are persistent, pervasive and perpetuated by a distorted moral narrative that must be challenged. It indicates that those who refuse to see these injustices and acknowledge the human and economic costs of inequality must be challenged. The action in Washington was a great step toward challenging these conditions.

A moral agenda was issued and I will share just a sampling of the demands the group has adopted.

• Full restoration and expansion of the Voting Rights Act, an end to racist gerrymandering and redistricting, early registration at age 17, automatic voting registration at the age of 18, early voting in every state, same-day registration, enactment of Election Day as a holiday with a verifiable paper record, as well as the right to vote for currently and formerly incarcerated.

• Statehood, voting rights and representation for the more than 690,000 people in Washington D.C.

• Implementation of federal and state living wage laws that are commensurate for the 21st century economy, guaranteed annual incomes, full employment, right for all workers to form and join unions, end to antiunion and anti-workers' rights laws in states, equal pay wage and relief from wealth inequality.

 End inequalities for black, brown and poor white people within the criminal justice system

 An immigration system that, instead of criminalizing people for trying to raise their families, prioritizes family reunification, keeps families together and allows us all to build thriving communities in the country we call home.

 Particular attention be paid to data concerning First Nations, Native Americans, Alaskan Natives, LGBTQIA and disabled people regarding poverty.

 Change in the current poverty standards to get an accurate assessment of who is poor
 based on access to decent and adequate housing, education, health care, water, sanitation and public utilities, childcare, as well as income, savings and debt, and social welfare
 and that's made widely available to all.

Fifty years after Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the 1968 Poor People's Campaign declared "Silence is Betrayal" the group's message is "We are coming together to break the silence about the interlocking evils of systemic racism, poverty, ecological devastation, the war economy and our distorted moral narrative....if silence was betrayal in 1968, revival is necessary today. We've come to remind our nation what truths we hold to be self-evident and what values we hold dear. We draw on the histories of resistance... and the power of the blood that has been shed through generations of struggle. We loudly proclaim that we will move forward together, not one step back!" These declarations are something about which all of us should care about and want to be in-

(See https://www.poorpeoplescampaign. org/demands for more information.)

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National Congress of Black Women.

# Donald Trump confuses bluster with strength on trade

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



For Donald Trump, America First is increasingly translating into America alone. He apparently believes that the United States is so dominant

that it needs no friends. Trump prefers to act alone, often on impulse, in conflicts across the globe. He views allies as a burden, international law as an affront. He claims that America is back, more respected than ever. In fact, it is becoming more isolated than ever.

The New York Times reports that Trump was ready to impose tariffs on Australia recently, to counter a surge of aluminum imports to the United States, to all of 6 percent of total U.S. imports. Fierce opposition from the military and State Department led the White House to reconsider. Trump has launched a long overdue challenge to our trading relationship with China.

Our trade deficits with China have

been the largest between two countries in recorded history. The Chinese have been masterful mercantilists, manipulating their currency and conditions to capture jobs, expand exports and build their industries. The U.S. – with our trade policies defined by global corporations and banks - has been willing to allow U.S. companies to ship jobs abroad to take advantage of suppressed labor and lax environmental and consumer standards, and then ship goods back to the U.S. Profit margins and CEO pay soared; workers and communities in the U.S took it on the chin. The relationship had to change.

Yet instead of enlisting allies in challenging the Chinese practices, Trump slapped tariffs on Canada and Mexico, on Europe, Japan and South Korea. He's on the verge of alienating Australia, which has been a staunch ally in relation to China. Instead of isolating China, he's isolating the United States.

Now the Europeans are ignoring U.S. warnings about the Chinese high-tech company Huawei's 5G system. Trump trumpeted his NAF-

TA 2.0 agreement with Mexico and Canada as a great success.

Yet, he suddenly threatened to slap escalating tariffs on Mexican imports unless that country cracks down on the people traveling from Central America to seek asylum in the U.S.

Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), the chair of the Senate Finance Committee, warns this could torpedo any possibility of passing the treaty.

Trump isn't just isolating the U.S., he's isolating himself. Trump moved to take the U.S. out of the Paris Climate Accord that includes virtually every country in the world. He's repudiated the Iran Nuclear Deal, spurning the pleas of our allies to respect a treaty that ensures Iran cannot revive a nuclear weapons program. His bellicose bluster and military maneuvers against Iran have earned the rebuke of European allies warning against the threat of hostilities.

Instead of removing us from the endless "stupid wars" that he campaigned against, he's gone all in with Saudi Arabia, sustaining troops in Afghanistan, Syria, escalating tensions with Iran, and vetoing the bipartisan

congressional resolution seeking an end to our shameful complicity in the Saudi assault on Yemen. His solo act on North Korea blew up in his face in the failed summit leaving South Korea to pick up the pieces, if that's possible.

He's ratcheted up the economic sanctions against Venezuela, adding to the miseries of the people there, while the regime-change efforts orchestrated by his aides violate both decency and international law.

The United States is a powerful nation. Our economy represents about onefourth of the global GDP. Our military is the strongest in the world. Our network of alliances is unrivaled.

Our culture – movies, language, currency – spread across the world. But we are not an indispensable nation or all powerful. Acting sensibly with allies, we can have immense influence. Acting erratically alone, we make ourselves weaker, not stronger.

Bluster is not strength. Isolation is not freedom. Lawless impulse is not strategy. Trump's posturing is making us weaker, not stronger.

# Why is the insurance industry pushing repeal of discrimination protection?

**By Marc H. Morial**President and CEO
National Urban League



"As long as the color of a man's skin determines his choice of housing, no investment in the physical rebuilding of our cities will free the men

and women living there. ... A nation that aspires to greatness cannot be a divided nation – with whites and Negroes entrenched behind barriers of mutual suspicion and fear." – President Lyndon B. Johnson, letter to Congress, April 1966

Racial discrimination in housing harms not only families who struggle to find homes, but communities still plagued by segregation. Housing segregation reinforces racism and diminishes us as a nation. So why is the insurance industry fighting to tear down one of the most important tools we have for preventing discrimination?

Under pressure from the insurance industry, the Department of Housing and Urban Development is considering revising its regulation on "disparate impact" claims in the Fair Housing Act, the landmark legislation that bans housing discrimination on the basis of race and other factors. Other federal agencies are considering similar action

Under the concept of disparate impact, actions can amount to discrimination if they have an uneven effect even if that was not the intent.

The Supreme Court affirmed the principle of disparate impact in its 2015 decision in Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs v. Inclusive Communities Project.

Writing for the majority, Justice Anthony Kennedy said "recognition of disparate-impact liability under the FHA also plays a role in uncovering discriminatory intent: It permits plaintiffs to counteract unconscious prejudices and disguised animus that escape easy classification as disparate treatment."

That case revolved around the tax credits the federal government provides for developers who build low-income housing. The Inclusive Communities Project sued the Texas agency responsible for administering these tax credits for allocating too many tax credits "in predominantly black inner-city areas and too few in predominantly white suburban neighborhoods." The policy effectively kept black families out of predominantly white neighborhoods.

But even though the disparate im-

pact principle is settled law, the insurance industry continues to push the Trump Administration to challenge it.

Economic justice is dependent upon fair housing. Moving from a high-poverty neighborhood to a low-poverty neighborhood raised incomes, improved college attendance, and reduced teen-age pregnancy, a Harvard study found. Zip code is a better indicator of life expectancy than genetic code.

To stand in the way of fair housing is to oppose racial equality itself.

As a civil rights organization devoted to fair housing for more than 100 years, the National Urban League will not tolerate the erosion of the provisions of the Fair Housing Act, or the failure of the Department of Housing and Urban Development to fulfill its duty.

# A tale of two graduations

By Julianne Malveaux NNPA News Wire Columnist



I love graduations. I thoroughly enjoy the sense of achievement and possibility that permeates the air. Graduations signify an ending, but the term

"commencement" is used to signify beginnings since they are not only an opportunity to mark completion, but also to mark the beginning of a new chapter of life. In some ways, commencements, regardless of the college or university, with the pomp and circumstance, the ritual robes, the rousing speeches, the tearful families are new beginnings. The two commencements I attended during this graduation season shared those characteristics, but in many ways, they could not have been more different.

I attended the commencement at the University of the District of Columbia because my dear friend and fearless leader, Rev. Jesse Jackson received an honorary degree. Congresswoman Maxine Waters also received an honorary degree and delivered the commencement address. Nearly a month later, I attended the commencement ceremony at Dartmouth

College, where my beloved godson, Matthew Elijah Brown, earned his undergraduate degree.

Dartmouth is located in bucolic Hanover, New Hampshire, miles away from anything that resembles an urban space (Boston is more than 2 hours away). Its student body is overwhelmingly white, with nonwhite students (which includes African American, Latin, Asian American, Native American, and others) representing less than 15 percent of the population. The cost of attendance at Dartmouth exceeds \$60,000.

UDC an urban, land-grant HBCU, has several campuses, including a flagship campus in upper Northwest, DC and a community college not too far from Union Station. Its student body is predominately minority. Tuition at the flagship campus is a bit over \$5000. Most UDC students are part-time students; most Dartmouth students attend full-time. The UDC student body is predominately female, while Dartmouth didn't admit its first women to the college until 1973.

While Waters was the commencement speaker at UDC, the cellist Yo-Yo Ma was the commencement speaker at Dartmouth. I'm not sure

what my expectations were of the cellist, but he exceeded them. He delivered provocative and challenging remarks in a still, soothing voice, reminding students that they have a power that should never be abused. He challenged students to be human beings before they are professionals or careerists. Most interestingly, he urged stillness. He said, "Learn to listen to the voice in the wilderness. Learn to be the voice in the wilderness." What a message to give a group of young people who will easily earn six figures upon graduation, many headed to Wall Street, Silicon Valley, and the venture capital world.

If I didn't know any better, the gentle Yo-Yo Ma could have been delivering a rebuke to the current inhabitant of the House that Enslaved People Built and the many other conformists who do not embrace the value of humanity. "Practice your humanity daily," the cellist said. He offered solid and stirring advice in an extremely graceless age. And then he played the cello.

While Yo-Yo Ma didn't mention the name of the cretin in the House that Enslaved People Built, Waters, calling for activism certainly did. Like Yo-Yo Ma, she encouraged students to find their voices. The fiery Congresswoman urged them to activism. She took on hypocrisy in tones far more strident than Yo Yo Ma's, but she was equally inspirational. And while Yo Yo Ma didn't tackle public policy much, Waters did, focusing on the oppressive legislation that has been characteristic of this administration.

The similarity in the two commencement addresses lay in the call for self-awareness, disruption, humanity and focus. While many students don't remember their commencement speaker, it is unlikely that students at either UDC or Dartmouth will forget the speakers they experienced. And while the students are demographically different, one can hope that the call to "practice humanity" is one that will be heeded. It is, perhaps a sign of the times, that graduates have to be urged to practice humanity, but so much of our world is inhumane, placing profits over people, that the admonition is appropriate.

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Compassus

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Laperial "Cissy" Brown

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for delivery of superior

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National Nursing

Assistants Week

#### **JUNE 20 - 26, 2019**

# MORA holds ribbon cutting ceremony for Garden of Hope



MORA ribbon cutting for new Garden of Hope.

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Mississippi Organ Recovery Agency (MORA) held a ribbon cutting ceremony June 11 at 3:30 p.m. for "Garden of Hope"— a reflection and memorial garden at MORA's Flowood office located at 4400 Lakeland Dr.

"Today's grand opening marked the culmination of a vision that began nearly 20 years ago," says Kevin Stump, MORA CEO. "We have wanted to create a garden that will serve as a place reflection for the heroes who have given the Gift



of Life as well as a place of inspiration and hope to all those touched by organ, eye and tissue donation. We are thrilled to see that vision

come to life."

"This is a beautiful, beautiful way to let families know that we do remember their loved one in such

a profound way," says Vicki Shoemake, a donor mom that has been a family care specialist for MORA since 2007. Her daughter Holland was killed in a 2004 car accident.

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

To learn more about MORA to register as an organ, eye and tissue donor, please visit msora.org.



Brown

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Compassus program serving Jackson and the surrounding areas is proud to recognize Laperial "Cissy" Brown during National Nursing Assistants Week June 13-19. Brown, who has been a nursing assistant with Compassus since February 2013, is being recognized for her dedication to providing the highest level of quality hospice care for patients and their families.

"Cissy is an integral part of the Compassus team and, thanks to her selfless service, our program is able to deliver a more meaningful end-of-life experience for our patients and their loved ones," said Tammy Foster, executive director for Compassus – Jackson. "Her love and compassion are apparent in everything she does, and she puts her entire heart into the care she provides. Nursing assistants like Cissy do more than fulfill patients' medical needs – they truly dedicate their lives to caring for and supporting others."

"Nursing Assistants: Creating a Community of Caring" is the theme of this year's observance. Nursing assistants provide as much as 90 percent of the direct long-term care delivered in the United States and are central to caring for patients in nursing homes, home care, hospice, assisted living and other long-term care settings.

Compassus – Jackson will recognize Brown and other local nursing assistants during National Nursing Assistants Week by presenting them with framed certificates of appreciation for their dedication to the patients and families they serve.

#### About Compassus

Compassus is a post-acute care company profoundly advancing the well-being and honoring the dignity of those it serves, helping make the world a better place one family at a time. Based in Nashville, Tennessee, Compassus provides hospice, palliative and home health care services through a network of community-based programs with more than 125 locations serving patients and families in 30 states across the U.S. Hospice is Medicare's original, proven managed care benefit. With more than 4,000 colleagues and a common culture based on three core values - compassion, integrity and excellence - Compassus is dedicated to leading the transformation of health care delivery by continuously and measurably improving the quality of person-centered, physician-driven, team-based care.

Learn more at compassus.com, follow the company on Facebook or Twitter, or call (877) 377-1607

For more information about National Nursing Assistants Week, visit http://cna-network.org.

For information about Compassus – Jackson, please visit compassus.com/jackson or call 601

# Forrest General Healthcare Foundation hosts fourth Win This Car raffle

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Starting Monday, June 17, the Forrest General Healthcare Foundation will begin selling tickets for a chance to win a 2019 silver, fully loaded Honda CRV EXL. Tickets are \$75 each, and only 1,400 tickets will be sold. The winning ticket will be drawn Thursday, August 29, 2019, at 6 p.m., at Vardaman Honda.

Proceeds from this year's Win This Car will benefit addiction treatment and recovery at Pine Grove Behavioral Health and Addiction Services

This ambitious and meaningful campaign focuses on the completion of the Spiritual Grounds at Pine Grove, complementing the existing Circle of Healing sculpture, the Fire Circle, the Meditative Labyrinth and the Medicine Wheel. The final two elements include the Pine Grove Chapel and the Bell Tower.

Located on the Pine Grove campus, the chapel will serve as a peaceful and serene setting for small groups, meditation, personal reflection or simply a place to relax and enjoy.

The Bell Tower, consisting of artistic soaring pieces of steel and wood with three bronze bells, will have a much deeper meaning at Pine Grove. The three bells symbolize the journey of addiction. As a patient ends the first part of their journey, they ring a bell to celebrate. Upon finishing the

second part of the journey, they find it requires someone to help physically ring the second bell. On the final journey, the patient discovers it takes a group to ring the third bell, strengthening the idea that as we heal, we must reach out and seek help from others

"There's something beautiful and peaceful about communing with nature during the recovery process. In addition to aiding in their recovery, the spiritual grounds offer patients a unique experience that can only be found at Pine Grove. We're also happy to provide our donors with yet another opportunity to win a beautiful new car," said Martha Dearman, ex-

ecutive director of the Forrest General Healthcare Foundation.

Participants may use a credit card to order tickets online at forresthealth. org/winthiscar by 4 p.m. on Friday, August 23, 2019 or by mailing a completed order form with \$75 payment to Forrest General Healthcare Foundation, P.O. Box 19010, Hattiesburg, MS 39404, postmarked by Friday, August 23, 2019. Tickets will also be on sale in the Foundation office at 125 S. 28th Ave., Suite 149, Hattiesburg, until 4 p.m., Friday, August 23, 2019.

For a full list of terms and conditions or for more information about Win This Car, visit forresthealth.org/winthiscar.

# **Beat the heat: drink water**

By Glenn Ellis

TriceEdneyWire.com

There's a lot to do when the weather is right in the summertime. Unfortunately, too much fun in the sun can be dangerous. Excessive heat exposure can cause dehydration, which in

turn can cause dangerous conditions like heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

A lot of people don't realize that when you're well-hydrated, your urine should be close to running water.

As hot temperatures continue to

As hot temperatures continue to soar throughout much of the country, the nation's emergency rooms are treating more people with heat-related illnesses with a focus on staying cool and keeping hydrated.

Untreated severe dehydration can cause seizures, brain damage or even be fatal. Most mild dehydration issues can simply be treated by drinking more water or fluids. Moderate cases may result in a visit to the emergency department where a patient may need to be given fluids intravenously.

Unknowingly, you constantly engage your body in the life-and-death struggle to disperse the heat it produces. If allowed to accumulate, this heat would quickly increase your body temperature.

The human body consists of nearly 60 per cent water; brain tissue is said to consist of about 85 per cent water.

Although fluid loss occurs dur-

ing hard physical work, even simple tasks like gardening, walking or riding a bike can result in a significant loss of fluid within a very short period. We can also lose a lot of fluid in hot or humid conditions.

Urine is typically the same as a person's body temperature. On average, this is 98.6°F (37°C). Some people have normal temperature variations that may be slightly hotter or slightly cooler than this. Urine will usually maintain its temperature outside the body for about four minutes.

If you've ever had a urinalysis, you may have noticed that your urine feels hot in the sample cup. This is because your urine is the same temperature as your internal body. It'll feel hot since your external body temperature is often cooler, due to the outside air.

The human body contains a high proportion of water, so when the temperature rises and the body tries to cool itself by sweating, dehydration can occur, particularly in children.

Babies and small children feel the effects of heat sooner and more seriously than adults. Children in cars need special protection from heat as cars can heat up very quickly. A parked, locked car can reach dangerously high temperatures very quickly, even if the windows are open slightly. You should never leave a child in a parked car - your child can quickly become overheated and dehydrated, with potentially fatal consequences.

People who are obese, chronically ill or alcoholics have an increased risk. The elderly are at higher risk be-

cause of impaired cardiac output and decreased ability to sweat.

The heat makes you sweat, which cools you down, but that also means you're constantly losing fluid. You should drink water to counteract dehydration in hot or humid weather, regardless of your activity level. Drinking water helps lower your body temperature and replace the fluid you lose through sweating. It should be drunk before you get to the stage of feeling thirsty.

It's best to remember that other drinks, such as soft drinks, coffee or alcohol-containing beverages, are no substitute for water. Although they contain water, they also contain ingredients which are dehydrating.

When you spend time outside in hot weather you probably start to feel thirsty in a fairly short time. That's a normal response and one you should pay close attention to: it means your body needs more water to deal with the heat.

It is recommended that during hot weather we should be drinking water even when not thirsty. You can tell if you are well hydrated if you do not feel thirsty and your urine is a clear color

If you drink only when you are thirsty, you are dehydrated already. Thirst is not a good guide for when to drink water. In fact, in hot and humid conditions, you may be so dehydrated by the time you become thirsty that you will have trouble catching up with your fluid losses. One guideline regarding your water intake is to

monitor your urine. You are getting enough water if you produce clear urine at least five times a day. Cloudy or dark urine, or urinating less than five times a day, means you should

drink more.

No matter what your plans are this summer, you won't want to miss any of them. Normal urine should not smell unpleasant. Dehydration can cast a distinct aroma if your urine isn't as diluted as usual, signaling that you need to drink up.

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. The reader should always consult his or her healthcare provider to determine the appropriateness of the information for their own situation or if they have any questions regarding a medical condition or treatment plan.

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#### **LEGAL**

#### **LEGAL NOTICE** REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

#### CITY OF JACKSON

Notice is hereby given that Proposals will be received by the City Clerk of the City of Jackson, Mississippi until 3:30p.m., Friday, June 21, 2019. The City of Jackson, Mississippi requests proposals from art groups and other community development groups providing services to the citizens in the City of Jackson.

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

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

A workshop on the Request for Proposals packet is scheduled for MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2019 beginning promptly at 2:00pm. It will be held at the Municipal Art Gallery located at 839 North State Street Jackson, MS 39202. Those interested in submitting proposals should attend this Workshop.

For the Request for Proposals packet, please contact Beverley Johnson-Durham at 601 960 0383. All proposal must be sealed and plainly marked on the outside of the envelope: Proposal for general funds Arts and Community Based Grants. Proposal packets must be received by the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, 219 South President Street by 3:30pm on JUNE 21, 2019. The city reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

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

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

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#### **LEGAL**

**Advertisement for Electronic Bidding** Bid 3097 Callaway High School Site Plumbing and Secured Connector Bid 3098 Van Winkle Elementary School Exterior Improvements

Sealed, written formal bid proposals for the above bid will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until

2:00 P.M. (Local Prevailing Time) July 15, 2019, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. A Pre-Bid Conference concerning the project for Callaway High School Bleacher Replacement will be held at Callaway High School, 601 Beasley Road, Jackson, MS on June 21, 2019 at 11:30 A.M. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is non-mandatory but strongly suggested. A Pre-Bid Conference concerning the project for Van Winkle Elementary School Exterior Improvements will be held at Van Winkle Elementary School, 1655 Whiting Road, Jackson, MS on June 21, 2019 at

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for fortyfive calendar days from the date bids are opened.

Plan holders are required to register and order bid documents at www. on each set of bid specs/documents and must be purchased through the website. All plan holders are required to have a valid email address for registration. Questions regarding website registration and online orders please contact Plan House Printing, 607 W. Main Street, Tupelo, MS 38804, (662) 407-0193. Questions regarding bid documents please contact Ginger Murphree at Dale Partners, Associates, Phone: 601-352-5411 or Email: GingerMurphree@dalepartners.com.

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#### **LEGAL**

**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION BUREAU OF BUILDING. GROUNDS AND** REAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

#### **ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

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

> GS# 507-051 Nurses' Station Renovation Mississippi State Veterans Affairs Board

RFx #: 3160002949

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

Professional: Robert Lewis/Architect Address:

RE:

Post Office Box 1154 Clinton, Mississippi 39060-1154

Phone: 601-925-8180 Email: rlewis@rlarc.com

A deposit of \$200.00 is required. Bid preparation will be in accordance with Instructions to Bidders bound in the project manual. The Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject any or all bids. NOTE: Telephones and desks will not be available for bidders use at the bid site.

Calvin R. Sibley, Bureau Director Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management

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#### **LEGAL**

#### Jackson Medical Mall Foundation is submitting an application to the

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development for the purpose of obtaining funds to implement a Housing Preservation Grant program for the county of Hinds.

The Housing Preservation Program is designed to assist in the contribution of health and safety, alleviating over-crowding and well-being of residents that contribute to the structural integrity or long-term preservation of a housing unit. Funds will be used to rehabilitate owner-occupied standard single family houses. The primary goal is to improve housing conditions by correcting housing deficiencies. This includes the removal of health and safety hazards, complying with housing codes and standards and alleviating overcrowded conditions.

A "Statement of Activities" is available at Jackson Medical Mall Foundation, 350 West Woodrow Wilson Drive, Jackson, MS 39213, for review by any and all citizens. The SOA can be reviewed at any time between 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Jackson Medical Mall Foundation is an Equal Employment Opportunity organization.

6/20/2019

#### **LEGAL**

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY HELEN BLAIR, DECEASED

CAUSE NO. P2019-121 O/3

#### NOTICE TO UNKNOWN CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on June 1, 2019 by the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Mississippi to the undersigned Executor upon the Estate of Mary Helen Blair, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present

the same to the Clerk of this Court for probation and registration according to the law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

This the 12 hard day of June, 2019.

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the jurisdiction aforesaid, the within named, Kimberly Williams, Administrator for the Estate of Mary Helen Blair, deceased, who having been by me first duly sworn, states that the above Notice to Creditors is true and correct as therein stated.





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#### **LEGAL**

#### **Advertisement for Reverse Auction Bids**

#### **Bid 3099 Smart Boards**

#### **Bid 3100 Promethean Boards**

Reverse Auction bidding for the above bid will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time) July 11, 2019, at which time Reverse Auction bidding begins electronically. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date Reverse Auction bid opening ends.

Specification responses must be submitted for this bid event. Specifications are due no later than (5:00 p.m., June 26, 2019) local time to be the given the opportunity to participate in the auction. Vendors submitting acceptable specification responses will be invited to participate in the electronic reverse auction at www.centralbidding.com on July 11, 2019 beginning at 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. local time. Vendors must be registered with Central Bidding in order to participate in the reverse auction. For any questions concerning the reverse auction process or how to register, please contact Central Bidding at 225-810-4814.

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#### **LEGAL**

#### **Advertisement for Electronic Bidding** Bid 3098 Van Winkle Elementary School Exterior Improvements

Sealed, written formal bid proposals for the above bid will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 2:00 P.M. (Local Prevailing Time) July 15, 2019, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. A Pre-Bid Conference concerning the project for Van Winkle Elementary School Exterior Improvements will be held at Van Winkle Elementary School, 1655 Whiting Road, Jackson, MS on June 21, 2019 at 1:30 P.M. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is nonmandatory but strongly suggested.

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for fortyfive calendar days from the date bids are opened.

Plan holders are required to register and order bid documents at www. dalebaileyplans.com. A \$100.00 Non-refundable deposit shall be required on each set of bid specs/documents and must be purchased through the website. All plan holders are required to have a valid email address for registration. Questions regarding website registration and online orders please contact Plan House Printing, 607 W. Main Street, Tupelo, MS 38804, (662) 407-0193. Questions regarding bid documents please contact Ginger Murphree at Dale Partners, Associates, Phone: 601-352-5411 or Email: GingerMurphree@dalepartners.com.

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#### **LEGAL**

#### **NOTICE OF INTENT** TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS FOR THE SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY BY THE JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority "JMAA" requests Sealed Bids for the purchase of items identified for disposal.

JMAA will receive Bids for the property at JMAA;s administrative offices, Suite 300, Main Terminal Building, Jackson Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39208 until 2:00 p.m. central time on Monday, June 24, 2019 (the" Deadline"). The outside of the envelope must be marked "Bid for the Purchase of JMAA Personal Property".

A site visit is scheduled for Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. central

time at the address indicated above. Any parties interested in viewing the Items/Lots for sale are welcome to attend. No additional times will be allotted to view the Items for sale. All sales are "final" and "as is". Each Respondent must submit a separate amount and description for each "Lot" they are bidding on. Lot 1: "Computer Equipment and Other Furniture & Equipment Lot"

consists of one hundred and fifty (150) pieces of computer equipment such as CPU's, monitors, iPads, eight (8) pieces of furniture such as chairs, cabinets, book shelf, and sofa table, nine (9) televisions, , one (1) Stihl Hand-held blower, thirty-six (36) other pieces of equipment.

Lot 2: "Telephone/Cellphone Lot" consists of one hundred thirty-four (134) telephones and cellphones, etc.

typewriters

Lot 3: "Printer Lot" consists of twenty-nine (29) printers and two (2)

Lots WILL NOT be split for any reason.

Interested persons may obtain a copy of Bid Tab sheet for the property by going to JMAA's website at www.jmaa.com/resources/rfprfb-center/.

JMAA will not consider any Bids received after the Deadline for any reason whatsoever. Any questions regarding the sale of these Items are to be directed to Mr. Ricco Owens, Accountant, contact information is as follows:

Jackson Municipal Airport Authority 100 International Drive, Suite 300 (39208) Post Office Box 98109 Jackson, Mississippi 39298-8109 Attention: Ricco Owens, Accountant Telephone No.: (601) 939-5631, ext. 297 Facsimile No.: (601) 939-3713 E-Mail: rowens@jmaa.com

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#### **LEGAL**

#### **Notice of Sale Abandoned Vehicle**

Notice of Sale is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles that the following vehicle will be sold for repair and storage charges and for cost of this sale. 2016 Ford MUS 1FATP8UH0G5275202

Registered to Walton, James C Santander Consumer USA, Financial, Lien Holder Date of Sale: June 28, 2019 Place of Sale: Archie Towing Services;

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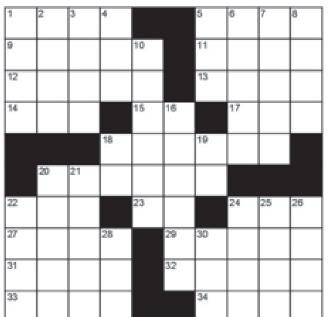


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- 22. Type of dog
- 23. Movie alien
- 24. Beg.
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- 33. Dr. Jekyll's "partner"
- 34. Pond

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# Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated – Alpha Delta Zeta Chapter Stork's Nest Prenatal Retreat for Mothers-To-Be

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated-Alpha Delta Zeta Stork's Nest held a prenatal retreat for mothers-to-be May 16, 2019 in the Jackson Medical Mall, Suite 3130. The theme was "Bringing Baby Home." Sixteen mothers-to-be attended along with family members and members of Alpha Delta Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Two of the attending mothers-to-be signed up to participate in the Stork's Nest Prenatal Education Program. The Prenatal Education Program is sponsored jointly by Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated and the March of Dimes. Its purpose is to train young pregnant women to take care of themselves and their unborn babies so that they may carry the baby full term and deliver a healthy

Alpha Delta Zeta Stork's Nest is located at 3130 Jackson Medical Mall. Prenatal classes meet each Wednesday at 2 p.m.

Stork's Nest is a community-based, prenatal health promotion program for low-income pregnant women. The program is designed to promote prenatal care and healthy behaviors during pregnancy through two components - incentives and education. Stork's Nest clients earn points toward incentives, such as maternity or baby care items, through a variety of positive, health-promoting activities that include attending prenatal care appointments, participating in prenatal education classes, keeping appointments for well-baby visits and other activities. The Stork's Nest prenatal education sessions provide information, educational materials, and a variety of other resources and referrals that help clients take good care of themselves and their babies. Stork's Nest, the March of Dimes and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, are working together to give babies a healthy start

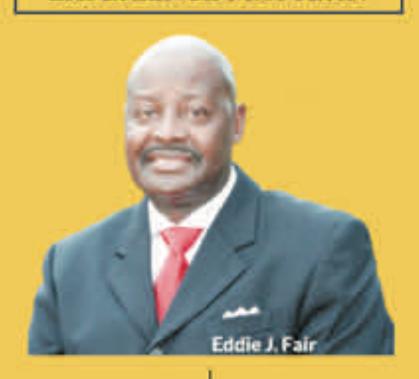
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# **Everywhere with Roy Lewis**

By Othor Cain Editor

They say a picture is worth a thousand words, and for decades photos depicting black life have been speaking volumes. For years celebrated Mississippi photographer Roy Lewis, has been taking photos documenting the African-American experience that have been seen by people both nationally and globally.

Lewis' work is literally everywhere.

The "Everywhere with Roy Lewis" exhibition started in 2008 at the Essence Festival and has travelled from Chicago to Natchez. It will return to Roy Lewis after its run. In a description that accompanies the exhibit, Lewis plans to extend the "Everywhere with Roy Lewis" to 300 photos.

"It is a remarkable reflection of his life and career as a photographer over the past six decades of work he's been doing," said Robert Luckett, director of the Margaret Walker Center on the campus of Jackson State University (JSU).

Lewis, who has been a celebrated black photographer for the past 50 years, photographed many of the iconic moments of the modern civil rights movement and was often invited by Margaret Walker Alexander to photograph events she hosted at JSU.

Lewis was born July 24, 1937, in Natchez, Miss., and grew up on a plantation, as his father toiled as a sharecropper. His mother died when he was young, and he was raised by his maternal grandparents. After graduating from high school in 1956, he relocated to Chicago and worked in the subscription department at Johnson Publishing Company. Soon after, he was drafted into the U.S. Army, and while still enlisted he purchased his first camera – an old Kodak Brownie.

"The purpose of 'Everywhere' is for me to select for display what I think to be my best work," Lewis



The "EveryWhere With Roy Lewis Book on The Wall Exhibition" takes you on a river road journey down the life of photographer Roy Lewis that started on a plantation named Shieldburg in Adams County to another plantation named Oakland and on to Chicago, New Orleans, Texas, Chicago, South Bend, Ind., and on to Washington D.C. The EveryWhere will be at Jackson State University until June 28 2019, and is in Johnson Hall Art Gallery Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Jackie Hampton, publisher, The Mississippi Link Newspaper, and Alferdteen Harrison, former director of the Margaret Walker Center, talk about the pictures on the wall.



Roy Lewis

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Lewis would eventually elevate his equipment game. "My first professional camera was a 35-mm Ricoh that I bought from a fellow soldier for \$25, and the progression from taking photos while in high school to being at Johnson Publishing was exciting. I could see stories and photographs being developed and watch others com-

plete the photography," Lewis told news outlets in Chicago in 2017. "Many times people don't get to see the entire process. I felt like I was a part of a big thing."

He took photos of soldiers and his friends. In 1961, he married Marmel Robinson and a year later, he was discharged from the army.

He returned to Johnson Publishing; however, his career got started

after JET magazine published his photo of Thelonious Monk, a jazz musician. In 1966, he returned to Mississippi after James Meredith had been shot and he photographed the March Against Fear. He left Johnson Publishing in 1968 and taught in the film department at Northeastern Illinois University.

Students are captivated by exhibit. PHOTOS BY ROY LEWIS

Lewis' work was recognized appreciated by many who attended

the exhibit.

Jackie Hampton, publisher of The Mississippi Link and member of the National Newspaper Publishers Association, also known as the Black Press of America, knows him for his professionalism and amazing photography during their NNPA conventions. She was also happy to learn of his Mississippi roots.

"Lewis spoke to students and community leaders while at JSU. His photos in the exhibit taken during the civil rights movement invoked the most questions and comments," said Hampton.

The exhibition will run at JSU until June 28.

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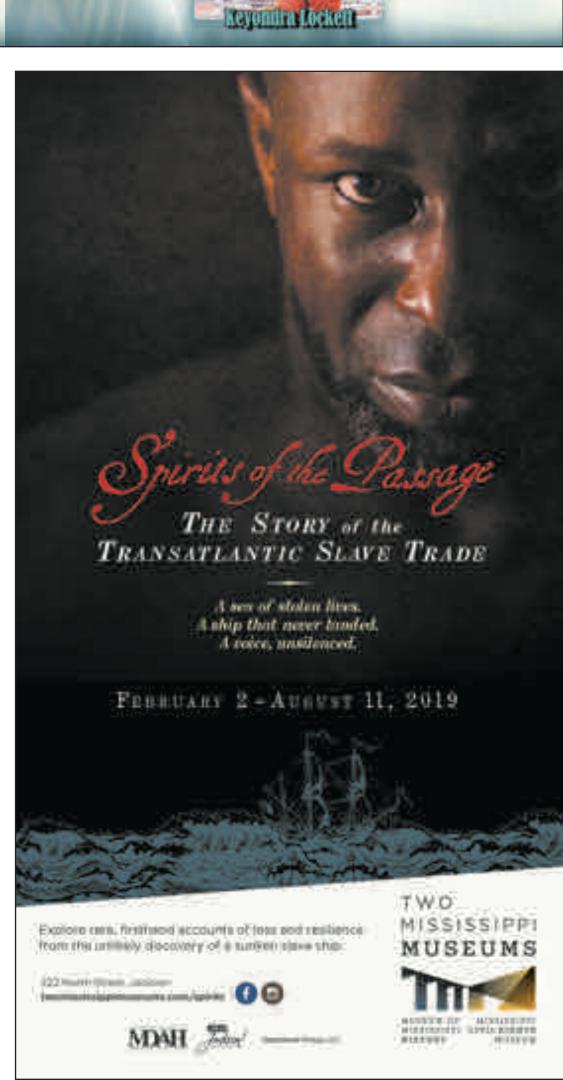


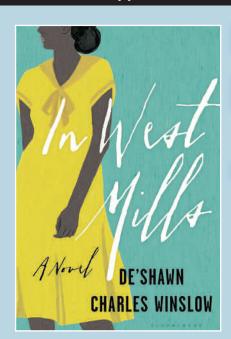




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By Terri Schlichenmeyer Columnist

The burden on your shoulders

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Your whole body sags with the weight of things you know but can't tell, and each new whisper adds to the pack. Secrets you carry are more than you can bear sometimes, which is why you need to share them – but in the new book "In West Mills" by De'Shawn Charles Winslow, there's virtue in hush-

Azalea "Knot" Centre was in the process of throwing her

ing up.

man, Pratt, out of the house did best: worry. for the last time. Or maybe she wasn't because, although she hated having him underfoot, scolding her for evenings spent at Miss Goldie's bar, she also loved Pratt.

It was true that Knot drank a lot; even Otis Lee Loving, Knot's best friend down the road, told her so. Otis Lee and his wife, Pep, worried about Knot. When Knot woke up one day and realized that she was pregnant, they worried even more.

Seems that was what Otis Lee Mills. Knot's girls were raised

After he found a nearby family to take Knot's daughter and raise her up, Otis Lee and Pep warned Knot not to sleep around anymore but pretty soon, Knot's belly grew big again. She mourned for months about her first girl-child, who was named Fran, and when Otis Lee found another family for the second girl, Knot mourned again. Otis Lee knew he'd have done the same thing, much as he loved his own son, Breezy.

And time passed in West

almost right beneath her nose and Otis Lee and Pep kept her secret. There was no use telling those girls about who'd given them birth, just like there was no reason to tell Otis Lee the secret about his family that Knot had heard from another friend. There was just no sense in hurting Otis Lee with that information.

But in a little North Carolina town like West Mills, secrets have a way of escaping. Sometimes, they're slippery little things.

And sometimes, they're let go in anger and revenge...

novels that makes you want to

It's slow, that's it. It takes place over decades, as its two main characters grow, for better or worse, and age together and apart. At first, you might even think that it'll never get to the point – although it seems that is the point.

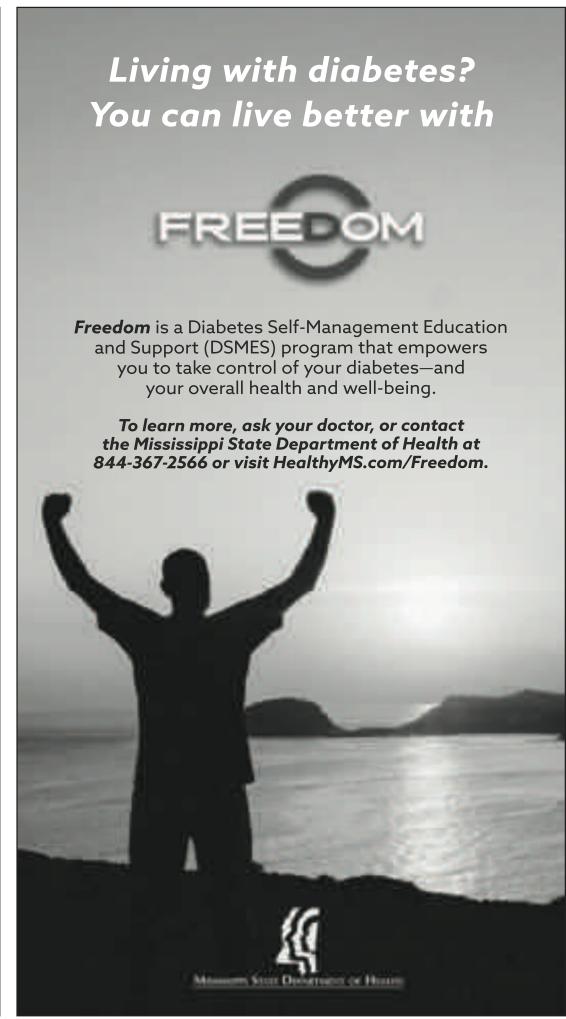
Yes, this novel works its way through slowly, but you'd be hard-pressed to find a tale that depicts friendship any better. Author De'Shawn Charles Winslow puts truth in this novel, in

"In West Mills" is one of those the form of frustration and exasperation real friends have between them, even though they love one another fiercely. He does that without ruining the story with too much silly drama, and there's your slow-down fac-

> In the end, though, that offers a languid, hazy feeling, somewhat like walking barefoot down a dusty Carolina road on a summer's day. It makes you want to linger.

In the end, that makes "In West Mills" a book that's no burden to enjoy.







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