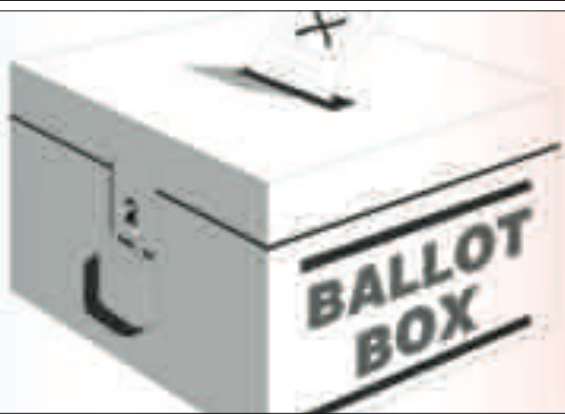


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Archie’s District 2 place of residence in question



Archie

By Othor Cain
Editor

For the second time in this election cycle David Archie defeated Darrel McQuirter in the Hinds County Supervisor District 2 race. Archie who was the top vote getter in a three-person primary race, August 6, continued his winning streak during the primary runoff election August 27.

Archie received 3,764 votes or 50.89 percent and McQuirter re-



McQuirter

ceived 3,619 votes or 48.93 percent. Though McQuirter used campaign literature to address Archie’s residency, more specifically his homestead exemption, noting that he [Archie] filed homestead exemption in District 1 on a Clubview Drive property and not in District 2 at the Shady Oaks property where he’s a registered voter and qualified to run. Archie’s attorney Dennis Sweet argued that he had sought elec-

tive office from the Shady Oaks address at least five times and had been challenged once by another candidate and McQuirter was in that race. “He knows how the ruling went then...it was determined that my client lived at that address,” Sweet said. “What’s even more disturbing to me is that Mr. McQuirter had some information that he thought was going to be detrimental to my client and could have filed a petition or sought an injunction during the campaign, but he didn’t. It wasn’t until he lost the race.” Archie has challenged McQuirter at least two previous times unsuccessfully. For two days this week in a packed courtroom, special appointed Judge Lamar Pickard listened to testimony from dozens of witnesses about water/sewer bills, electricity, over-grown landscape, air and heat-

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Former Congressman John Conyers has died at 90



Conyers

By Frederick H. Lowe
TriceEdneyWire.com

John Conyers, Jr. the longest serving African-American member of Congress and co-founder in 1969 of the Congressional Black Caucus, died Sunday, October 27, 2019, at his home in Detroit. He was 90 years old. The cause of death has not been revealed.

Conyers served 53 years in Congress and was once fondly known as the dean of the Congressional Black Caucus. He was the sixth longest serving member of Congress before he resigned in 2017 amid sexual harassment allegations. During his tenure, he represented the 1st, 14th and 13th Congressional Districts in Detroit and the suburbs.

A graduate of Wayne State University and Wayne State University School of Law, voters elected Conyers to Congress in 1964. He took the oath of office in 1965 during the Civil Rights struggle. He befriended Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and he hired Rosa Parks to work in his Detroit congressional office when no-

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Your Vote Matters

By Oleeta Fitzgerald
Executive Director, Children’s Defense Fund- Southern Regional Office



Mississippi heroes like Fannie Lou Hamer and Medgar Evers fought, bled and died, because they knew your vote matters. Between what is going on in our state and nation’s capitols, it’s clear that your vote matters more than ever. Tuesday, there will be an unusual number of open offices on the ballot. With no incumbents running, you will have the opportunity to elect a new governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state and for many, choose a new legislator.

COMMENTARY

You have an opportunity to vote for Mississippi’s next leaders and decide our state’s path. Tuesday’s election is not about a single candidate or party. It is about the issues that affect you, your family and your community. And nothing dictate’s our state’s future like public education. Simply put, our public schools are on Tuesday’s ballot. Unfortunately, we have come to expect the underfunding of public education. This year alone, state leaders came up \$225 million short of providing our public schools with what they need to fund even an “adequate” education.

But it is deeply upsetting that a few lawmakers used their power to secretly funnel public dollars away from our schools and to private groups and pet projects. Last year we saw legislative leadership push \$2 million to fund private school vouchers while failing to provide needed funding for Pre-K-K. Over the last few years, lawmakers have worked with lobbyists to send \$1.5 million in tax dollars, intended for public schools, to Weight Watchers. Yes, the legislature is fine with our children going to school buildings with leaking roofs but work hard to give your tax dollars away to private interests. It’s clear that the Mississippi legislature has used secrecy and closed-

door meetings to push your tax dollars to groups and communities that don’t need the help. The lack of transparency has left our schools underfunded, our teachers underpaid and our communities under-resourced. Political and policy disputes are normal. But what we are seeing is far deeper than routine partisan conflict. The issue is whether our state government is truly aspiring to good governance. Good governance welcomes open debate and invites varying viewpoints. Good governance produces correct and transparent accounting of taxpayer dollars. But, the good news is that it doesn’t have to stay this way. Every four years you have an opportunity to let your

state leaders know that you’re watching. That opportunity comes on Tuesday. Make your voice heard at the ballot box. Make a vote plan for Tuesday. Whether you’re going to vote before work at 7 a.m., during your lunch hour, or after 5 p.m., set a reminder in your phone or calendar. Then call or text 5 people and challenge them to vote on Tuesday. Remember this race isn’t about a politician. It’s about the future of our state. It’s about your schools, your roads and your health care. But one thing is clear if we turn out to vote, we can change Mississippi. On Tuesday, November 5th, your vote matters.

Branch wins Miss Mississippi USA 2020

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Once again, the most beautiful women in Mississippi competed for the titles of Miss Mississippi USA and Miss Mississippi Teen USA at the Horseshoe Casino and Resort in Tunica, Mississippi October 26, 2019. Asya Branch, an Ole Miss student from Booneville, was crowned as the first African-American Miss Mississippi USA. Zoe Bigham, from Maben, was named Miss Mississippi Teen USA.

The Crowning was a culmination of three days of competition held at the Horseshoe Casino. The Runners-Up to Miss Mississippi USA were Kerrie Blakeney of Greenwood, Bailey Anderson of Moss Point, April Mayfield of Vicksburg and Regan Ringler of Clinton.

The Runners-Up to Miss Mississippi Teen USA were Annie Grace Gibson of Mantee, Helen McDougald of Tupelo, Claire Love of Hernando and Mackenzie Taylor of Hernando.

Branch will advance to the nationally televised 2020 Miss USA pageant held in the spring. Bigham will advance to the 2020 Miss Teen USA pageant.

Winners received an abundance of prizes including wardrobe, jewelry, modeling opportunities, scholarships and of course- the opportunity to compete for the title of Miss Teen USA and Miss USA.

Pageant officials have announced that applications are being accepted from young women throughout the state who would like to compete in next year's pageant. Miss USA pageants accept each contestant on an at-large basis through an application process and interview prior to the pageant.

Applications can be found at www.missmississippiusa.com under the "Apply Now" section.



Branch

HOPE announces promotion of Ralph Brown to vice president of Small Business Lending

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Ralph Brown has been promoted to vice president of Small Business Lending for Hope Enterprise Corporation/Hope Credit Union (HOPE), after serving as a commercial credit analyst for the Commercial Lending division.

In his new role, Brown will oversee small business loan production and portfolio performance that includes underwriting, approval, closing and servicing as HOPE expands financial access to entrepreneurs across its Deep South footprint that includes Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee.

One of Brown's primary responsibilities will be expanding access to capital for entrepreneurs of color. HOPE is a partner in the Wells Fargo Works for Small Business®: Diverse Community Capital (DCC) program, a collaboration to empower diverse small business owners with greater access to capital and training and to spark small business growth across the country.

Brown has 15 years of combined experience in banking, credit analysis, finance and business development, after previously serving as an assistant vice president at Regions Bank in Ridgeland, Miss.; senior branch manager for Magnolia Federal Credit Union in Jackson, Miss.; and credit manager at Well Fargo Financial in Columbus, Miss.

Brown earned a Master of Business Administration degree from Belhaven University and a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Mississippi State University.

About HOPE

HOPE (Hope Enterprise Corporation, Hope Credit Union and Hope Policy Institute) provides affordable financial services; leverages private,



Brown

public and philanthropic resources; and engages in policy analysis to fulfill its mission of strengthening communities, building assets and improving lives in economically distressed parts of Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee. Since 1994, HOPE has generated billions of dollars in financing that has benefitted more than one million individuals living in one of the nation's most impoverished regions.



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one else would give her a job.

Parks sparked the Montgomery Bus Boycott, one of the great civil rights victories, when she refused to give up her seat on a Montgomery, Alabama, bus to a white man. The one year long Montgomery boycott ended segregated seating on city buses.

Conyers introduced the 1965 Voting Rights Act under President Lyndon Johnson, and he succeeded in establishing a national holiday honoring the birthday of Dr. King.

Conyers was chair of the House Judiciary Committee from 2007-11. And he led the powerful House Oversight Committee as its chair from 1989 to 2004.

As the ranking Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee, he joined other committee members in 1974 submitting Articles of Impeachment against President Richard M. Nixon. However, Nixon resigned from office before he could be impeached.

Conyers was also chair of the House Oversight Committee from 1989 to 2004. The late Elijah Cummings held the same position when he died.

Conyers introduced in every Congress, starting in 1989, legislation that would set up a commission to examine the institution of slavery in the nation and its colonies. The legislation recommended appropriate remedies.

He also pushed for a single-payer or government-directed health care system.

Conyers was the son of John Conyers Sr., a labor lawyer. He was born in Highland Park, Michigan, May 16, 1929. He served in the Korean War. He is survived by his widow and two sons.

Tributes from civil rights and Democratic leaders poured in. “From co-founding the Congressional Black Caucus, to advocating for the creation of Martin Luther King Day, some of the most important civil rights victories of the last half-century, would not have been possible without the enduring leadership of Rep. Conyers in Washington,” said Derrick Johnson, president and CEO of the NAACP. “As a Detroit native, I can attest to what John Conyers meant to his beloved Detroit community, and we are eternally grateful that he fought for justice on behalf of the entire nation with the same commitment and perseverance he showed his hometown. Today we have lost a trailblazer for justice, a titan of the movement and a true friend and ally to the NAACP.”

NAACP Board Chairman Leon W. Russell said, “I am moved by the dedication of John Conyers to the fight for social good and his fearless pursuit to tear down barriers of injustice and racism. He will forever be remembered as a giant that gave his life to advance democracy.”

Democratic National Committee Chairman Tom Perez said, “Congressman John Conyers was a civil rights warrior, a lifelong public servant, and a stalwart Democrat. Over the course of his public service career, which spanned more than half a century, Rep. Conyers led groundbreaking fights that advanced the course of history, including introducing the first bill to establish the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. As a co-founder of the Congressional Black Caucus, he changed the face of leadership in the halls of Congress and blazed a trail for future leaders of color.”

The Trice Edney News Wire contributed to this article.

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ing units and much more.

Pickard, who conducted the proceedings with light humor, asserted that the lawyers should be able to present case studies about “residency requirements.” “I want to thank both of you for providing examples of court rulings and use studies about this.”

Sam Begley, the attorney representing McQuirter called Jackson Water officials to show that the Shady Oaks property had no water service for a number of years. Sweet maintains that the house was being renovated and that Archie owns several properties in the city and more specifically in District 2 that were not presented in court for evidence.

McQuirter took the stand and admitted under oath that he took the photographs that were entered into court records as evidence. “I took those photographs, in fact I went inside because the door was ajar and it appeared no one lived there,” McQuirter said. “The house was in bad shape.”

By Jackie Hampton
Publisher

Colonel Glenn L. Laird grew up in Prentiss, Miss., a small town that had a population of 1,412 when he graduated from Prentiss High School in 1993, now named Jefferson Davis County High School.

The small town today has a population of less than 1,000 but the colonel’s family enjoys reflecting on his childhood where he excelled in the integrated high school.

His mother Shirley Laird said, “He should have been recognized as first in his class but you know how it was in those days.” Nonetheless, she and her husband, the late John O. Laird, were so proud when he graduated #3 in his class.

It was when Laird participated in the pre-college residency program S.O.A.R. at Xavier University in New Orleans during the summer of his junior year that he saw the path he was to follow. This experience convinced him that he wanted to attend Xavier after high school graduation.

“My mother wanted me to attend Tougaloo College because it was her alma mater, but my heart was set on Xavier. I applied for acceptance at Xavier and was accepted and received a full academic scholarship,” Laird said.

He pursued a degree in Pre-Pharmacy and in 1999 received a Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from Xavier University College of



Laird

Pharmacy in Louisiana.

Laird graduated from the Xavier University College of Pharmacy in Louisiana where he received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 1999. He successfully completed an AFIT sponsored Pharmacy Practice Residency in 2003. Laird received a direct commission as a Captain in the United States Air Force in June 1999.

His aunt, Lenora B. Reed of Jackson along with Laird’s mother and many other

Archie alleges that McQuirter had no right to enter his home and during his nearly three-hour testimony Tuesday made a point to highlight that.

Under cross examination from Begley, Archie seemingly irritated him [Begley] by making a constant reference to this. “I know what you’re doing Mr. Archie; yes, Mr. McQuirter entered your home, will you please just answer the question,” Begley said.

Pickard secured all of the evidence that was presented in court and assured both sides that he would review things thoroughly. “Rest assured that I’m going to review all of this and I appreciate you both for being in compliance,” he said.

The court is in recess until Pickard reaches a verdict.

Lawyers for both sides believe that a verdict could come back by Monday, Nov. 4.

Archie is on the ballot Nov. 5. The judge’s ruling could impact this.

Prentiss, Miss. native son soars

family members attended the ceremony which was held at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida. Reed said, “I am so proud of Glenn. He was always such a smart young man and all the family wanted to be there to support him.”

Laird has had an extensive career since receiving his pharmacy degree in 1999. He has moved up the chain about eleven times starting as a staff pharmacist at Malcolm Grow Medical Center at Andrews AFB, MD to most recently being promoted to deputy chief in the Research Program Administration Division in Kingston, MD. In this role he manages and oversees the Defense Health Program’s Research and Development funding, delivering innovative medical solutions assigned to the highest priority needs across the Military Health System.

By implementing new approaches for managing and executing a \$2B portfolio, Laird works to establish and maintain partnerships across the DoD. (Department of Defense) and Federal Government to leverage innovation and avoid duplication.

Even though the population of the town of Prentiss has declined, Laird is proof that you can SOAR regardless of the size of your hometown.

Laird, his wife Sunny, of Harvey III., and their three children, Summer Brooke, John Bradley and Sunny Sinclair, reside in Kingston, MD.



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High school students support school bond in mock election

Mississippi Link Newswire

Holmes County Central High School senior Mary Nixon said the best thing about the mock election was the opportunity for everyone – 9th-12th grade students – to get to vote and to become acquainted with the use of the touchscreen voting devices that are used in voting sites around the county. She said the machines are simple to use and that no one should be intimidated by them. In the high school library, 656 students signed in and voted.

12th grader Breco Lacy said, “it was important to hold the election, especially for the younger students.” He added that he supports the School Bond Referendum and that he wasn’t nervous about using the touchscreen machine. He said that even though as a graduating senior, he won’t get to enjoy a new school but the younger kids in the district need to have new buildings.”

9th grade student Bobbie Stewart said, “The process was easy. This was my first time to vote and the machine was simple to use. The questions were relevant and it was good to practice voting.” Deandria Sly, 10th grade, arrived to vote without knowing what she would find on the ballot, but still felt that “it was important to practice” and stated that she wants a new school.

“This mock election was a great experience for all students,” said Superintendent of Schools James L. Henderson. “They were involved firsthand with exactly what is expected of them as citizens in a democratic society. We want similar results or better



Quindarious Johnson casts his vote.



from the parents and stakeholders on Election Day, November 5th.”

Students were presented with a ballot containing three questions about Holmes County government, Mississippi universities and the School Bond

Referendum.

91% of the voters indicated that they were for the School Bond Referendum. 62% of the students recorded that they were satisfied with county government in Holmes County. Mis-

issippi State University was the most popular college with 31% of the votes. Jackson State and Alcorn State Universities came in with 23% and 21% of the vote, respectively.

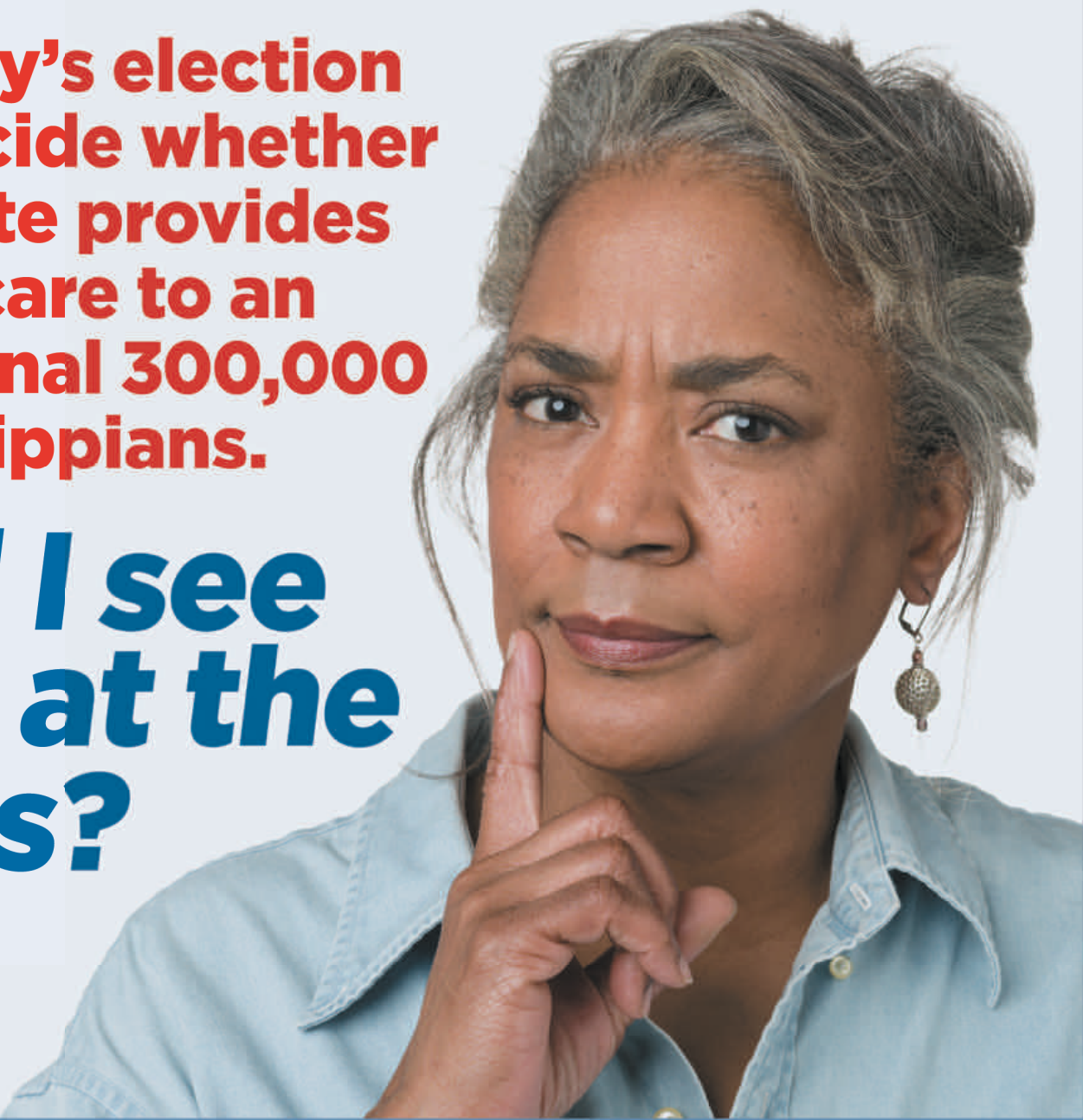
Circuit Court Clerk Earline Wight

Hart and her staff were on hand throughout the day to support the students in the voting proceedings.

Hart said that everything went smoothly and that she was pleased with the student voter turnout.

Tuesday's election will decide whether our state provides healthcare to an additional 300,000 Mississippians.

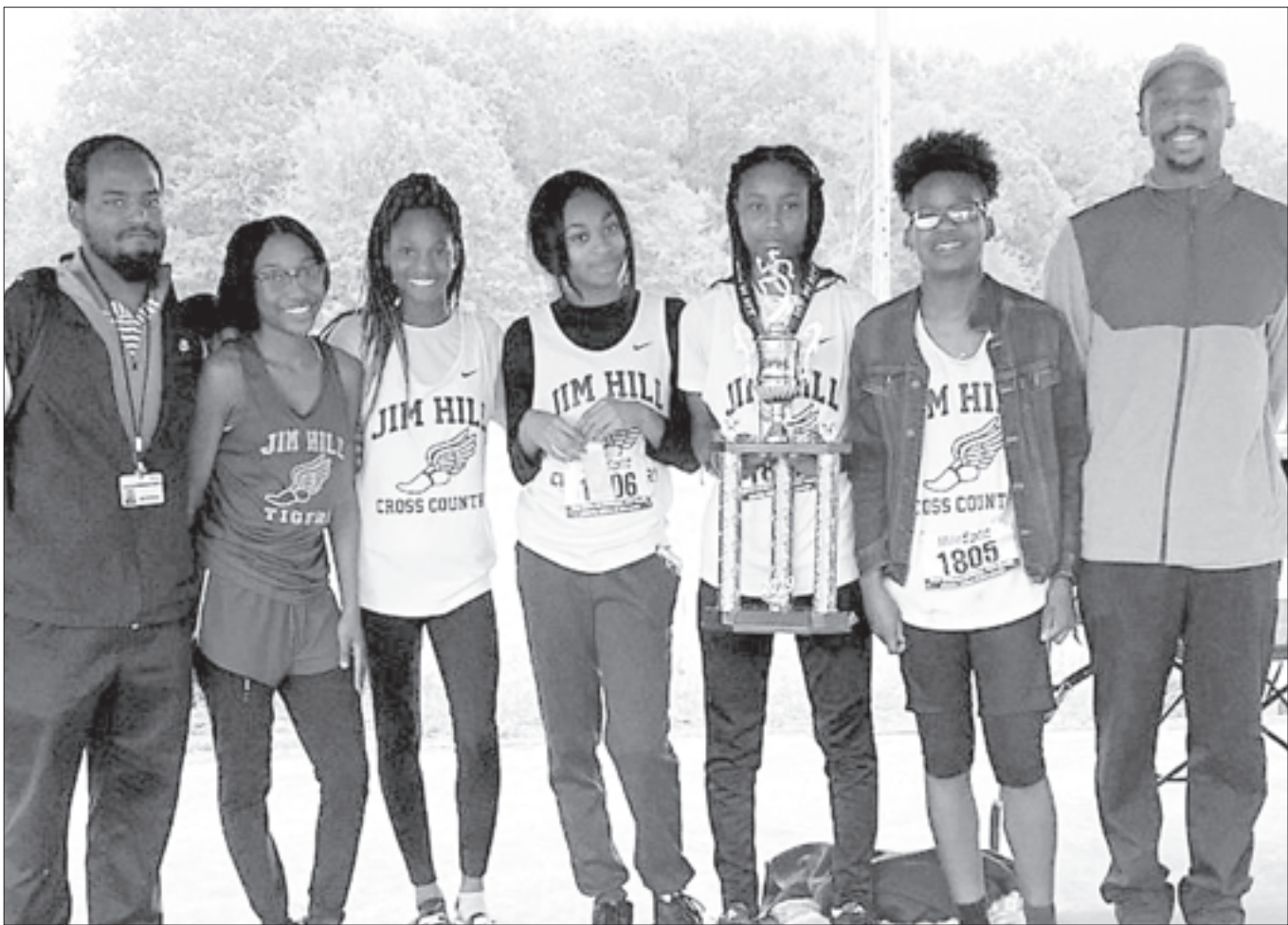
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Jim Hill wins JPS Cross Country Championship



JPS Cross Country champions, the Jim Hill Lady Tigers Cross Country team with coach Korian Padgett (left) and coach Terence Swanson (right).

Mississippi Link Newswire

Congratulations to the Jim Hill Lady Tigers Cross Country Team. The Lady Tigers won the 2019-2020 JPS Cross Country Championship at Choctaw

Trails October 17.

The Lady Tigers’ head coach is Korian Padgett. He is assisted by Terence Swanson.

The Jackson Public School District

Athletics Department hosted six cross country meets this year. On average, over 20 boys and girls teams from surrounding districts and across the state participated in each meet.

Video Remix Challenge winners



Marshall Elementary

Mississippi Link Newswire

Congratulations to the winners of the JPS Video Remix Challenge – Marshall Elementary (1st Place), Callaway High (2nd Place) and Wingfield High (3rd Place). Each school was recognized at a recent JPS board meeting and received a trophy to display in their buildings.

Jackson Public Schools called for schools to participate in the Video

Remix Challenge shortly after the launch of our 2019-2024 Strategic Plan. The challenge gave the district’s schools an opportunity to highlight our Core Values and Commitments.

Once submitted, the videos were posted on the JPS ITV YouTube Channel and votes were determined by the number of likes received during the contest period.

Attendance Matters: Strive for less than five



Mississippi Link Newswire

Did you know that poor school attendance can influence whether children read proficiently by the end of third grade and that chronic absence becomes a factor in a student’s decision to drop out of school as early as the sixth grade?

Recognizing the connection between good school attendance and academic achievement, Jackson Public Schools has initiated “Strive for Less Than Five,” a campaign designed to educate and motivate the district’s students and employees to commit to limiting absences from school to less than five days this year.

The good news is that as students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects. Good school attendance means students don’t miss vital classroom instruction and information, and at test time, they have more confidence to be successful.

Chronic student absence impacts the whole district. Mississippi law requires students to be in attendance 63% of the school day to be counted as present. So, if students are not at school for 63% of the school day

they will be counted as absent, and they will not be counted toward the district’s average daily attendance, which is a factor used to determine funding for public schools.

Everyone can help improve student attendance and the resulting positive outcomes for our students. Parents can mitigate absences by deferring early dismissals of students until after 2 p.m. for appointments and other necessary activities.

Members of the community can also play a big role in reducing chronic absences. A caring adult who shows an interest in a scholar’s school attendance impacts how they value school.

According to AttendanceWorks.org, students who have a mentor are more likely to be involved in extra-curricular activities, graduate from high school and enroll in college.

Chronic absence can be solved when we work together. Addressing the issue takes our commitment and collaboration. As we do, we will see graduation rates improve, academic achievement increase and young people in our community will have the best chance at success in their adult life.

Compulsory School Attendance Law requirements for school-aged children

Mississippi Link Newswire

The Mississippi Department of Education (MDE), Office of Compulsory School Attendance Enforcement reminds area parents about the law governing school attendance.

Based on the Compulsory School Attendance law, a compulsory-school-age child means a child who has reached the age of 6 years on or before September 1 of the calendar year and who has not reached the age of 17 years on or before September 1 of the calendar year, and shall include any child who has attained or will attain the age of 5 years on or before September 1 and has enrolled in a full-day public school kindergarten program.

Parents interested in providing educational services to their child/children at home are required to complete a certificate of enrollment, which includes a simple description of the educational services. Certificate of enrollment must be submitted to the School Attendance Officer by September 15



of each year.

Failure to comply with the Compulsory School Attendance law may result in the parent, guardian or custodian being fined up to \$1,000, serving

a year in jail, or both.

For additional information, please contact the local school district or the school attendance officer in your county.

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Mississippi Association of Broadcasters meets future multimedia journalists at JSU

By L.A. Warren
jsunews.com

Students in the Journalism and Media Studies Department were urged to have good work ethics, develop their natural talent and be coachable as they step into the work world of broadcast media.

On Oct. 15, as part of the Mississippi Association of Broadcasters @ JSU Job Fair, professional broadcasters from Mississippi radio and television stations talked to and interviewed students in media production and multimedia journalism and gave them advice and feedback on their broadcast career aspirations.

Tim Walker, general manager at WTOK in Meridian, urged students to consider getting their professional start at the small market, community-minded stations in Mississippi. Walker, who has 46 years of experience in the broadcast business, said his station, which is the second-oldest in the state, takes pride in giving young people a start. “Small markets like you have in Mississippi are places where people can get in and learn by trial and error. We get the opportunity to shape their early years, and they get to move on to do great things,” Walker said.

Galean Stewart James, who chronicled her various producer positions at a local station before becoming news director at WDAM in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, told students that their career dreams are possible. “As one of many people who continues to dream, I tell you that whatever you put your mind to and be willing to learn and be coachable, that you, too, can accomplish whatever dream you set forth,” James said.

Elayne H. Anthony, chair of



Mississippi Association of Broadcasters field questions from journalism students during a job fair at JSU. PHOTOS BY DON SPANN



Galean Stewart, news director at WDAM in Hattiesburg, interviews a student who has questions about becoming a producer.

the Department of Journalism and Media Studies, said: “It was a pleasure to see so many professionals from around the state of Mississippi at the MAB Job Fair. Students in the department were introduced to them and then given one-on-one sessions with all professionals in attendance.”

Anthony, who is secretary/treasurer and the only educator on the MAB Board of Directors, added: “Students were able to discuss job opportunities and internships with general manag-

ers, owners and news directors. It was a great day in the Department of Journalism and Media Studies.”

Ramona Alexander, vice president and general manager of FOX40, shared that the number of people of color who are general managers in this country is small. “At last count, there were three African-American women who are general managers in the country,” according to Alexander. “I’m from Jackson, and I sit before you, and I can tell you



Leonard Moore is a senior multimedia journalism student in Journalism and Media Studies. He interviews with Charley Jones, assistant news director at WLBT.

anything you want to do is possible if you’re willing to put forth the energy, listen and be willing to be mentored,” Alexander stated.

Mike Neelly, general manager at WAPT-TV in Jackson, told students who are considering a career in the media to find their passion and to do their best at every job. He said his station is committed to serving the community and fulfilling the First Amendment. Along with their natural talent, Neely stressed

that work ethic and coachability would be necessary to succeed in the industry. He added: “Always do the best you can in everything you do, and I guarantee good things will come to you.”

In addition to Alexander, Stewart, Neelly and Walker, the panel of professionals included: Derek Rogers, general manager WCBI, Columbus, Mississippi; Jerry Jones, general manager, WTVA, Tupelo, Mississippi; Eric Head, director of engineering, WAPT, Jackson; Charley Jones, assistant news director, WLBT/WDBD; and Torrez Harris, on-air anchor, iHeart Media (95.5).

Amanda Fontaine, executive director of MBA, also was on hand. She said the event was a great opportunity for Mississippi broadcast professionals to meet students and recruit them for job openings at their stations. Her advice to students was to be professional, have questions ready to ask and know the stations they are interested in pursuing employment.

Students such as Kharynton Allen, a multimedia journalism major from Kirkwood, Missouri,

took advantage of this opportunity. “The MAB event at the Mississippi e-Center was very informative. It was a great experience to network, and I look forward to what will happen in the future. I got a chance to speak with (Mr. Harris), the representative from iHeart Media, and it turns out we went to the same high school,” she stated.

The Mississippi Association of Broadcasters is one of the nation’s leading state broadcast associations. With 100 percent of Mississippi TV stations and 85 percent of Mississippi radio stations as members, the MAB represents the Mississippi broadcast industry in Washington and at the state and local levels. It has also been representing and serving Mississippi radio and television since 1941. MAB serves as a catalyst on national and state issues, in matters affecting the broadcasting industry through a close working relationship with state and federal legislators, the FCC, and other important parties.

Founders’ Day keynote challenges Jacksonians to ‘show them who you are’

By L.A. Warren
jsunews.com

Moving reflections of the past and an emotional charge for the future filled Jackson State University’s Founders’ Day Convocation Oct. 17 as Jacksonians were urged to show the world who they are.

According to statistics from the most recent report on lynching in America, Mississippi led the nation in total number (654) from 1877 to 1950, said Lynda Brown-Wright, provost and vice president of Academic Affairs.

“There was a known lynching every six weeks for 73 years in this state, and we know there were hundreds of others who just disappeared,” she said. “We must know our history,” she affirmed.

It is the HBCU’s past that made it possible for Carmen Owens, a seventh-grader from Bailey APAC, to introduce her aunt Yolanda Owens as the keynote speaker, but not before Carmen announced her plans to attend JSU and finish among the Class of 2029.

“I believe that as often as possible, we need to showcase our young people as a reminder of what our generations to come actually look like,” Owens, an alum of JSU and the president of the National Alumni Association from 2014-2018, said after taking the podium.

She then made a promise to do her part to ensure the HBCU is still standing strong when both her young nieces are of college age. Turning to the crux of her address, Owens explained that in church, the pastor typically begins by giving the Scripture and the subject.

Although she is not a preacher and the auditorium is not a church, said Owens, she wanted to celebrate the birth of Natchez Seminary with a Scripture. “Jeremiah 29:11: For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future,” she said. “And if I had to give a subject, it would be: Show Them Who You Are.”

Owens then queried if people had seen the movie “Black Panther.” Produced by Marvel Studios, the film featured an



Yolanda Owens, a JSU alum and National Alumni Association president from 2014-2018, served as the keynote for the 142nd Founders’ Day Convocation at Jackson State University on Oct. 17. PHOTO BY DAREK ASHLEY

African superhero, Prince T’Challa, and a majority black cast. It also shattered several box office records and was the highest-grossing movie from an African-American director.

Admitting that she has seen it several times, Owens shared that the scene where Prince T’Challa had to defend his throne from M’baku, leader of the Jabari tribe, resonated with her.

She then began to describe the hand-to-hand combat between the two warriors. However, once T’Challa started to show signs of weariness, she explained, the queen-mother, played by Angela Basset, yelled out, “Show them who you are!”

Only then was a wounded T’Challa able to summon the strength of the ancestors and deliver the blow that defeated M’baku, she explained.

“Whew, that scene wears me out every single time,” she said, laughter tinkled throughout the auditorium. “He is down and almost out, but just when it seems like all hope is lost, he receives exactly what he needs to defeat the enemy and take his rightful place as king,” she said.

An honors graduate of JSU with a bachelor’s in mathematics, Owens also has a Bachelor of Science in engineering from Kennesaw State University. She appealed to her Tiger family, telling them to show naysayers who they are. She reminded the audience that since



In his remarks, Dr. William B. Bynum Jr., 11th president of JSU, reiterated his understanding of the respect and dignity that Jackson State University garners on the city, state and national levels.

1877, the university had faced obstacles, hardships, trials and tribulations that have attempted to prevent “us from taking our rightful place in the kingdom of higher education.”

However, she continued, time after time, Jackson State University has summoned the strength of its founders to overcome adversity. She then called the institution a leader among leaders.

“I mean, we are considered a crown jewel among HBCUs,” she said with bravado. “And hello, we’re known as the king of the SWAC.”

Owens, a silver life member of the NAACP, said that throughout the school’s storied history from Natchez Seminary to Jackson College to university status, forces have wandered from the caves to challenge JSU for the throne.

The first female president elected to serve as JSUNAA president in 22 years, Owens informed listeners that before Jacksonians can show anyone who they are, they must first know who they are.

She then urged everyone to connect with the ancestors, founders and elders. Owens explained that being in their presence calms fears and served as reminders that “we are descendants of greatness,” which supplies strength for the journey ahead.

Further emphasizing the connection



Owens shares a hug with her niece Carmen Owens.

between past and present, Owens shared that her parents are JSU alums. She recalled going to class with her mother when she could not find a babysitter, and her adoptive father being an original member of the Sonic Boom and later working in the Department of Veterans Affairs.

But it was during a conversation with a great aunt that Owens learned her biological father, his mother and grandmother were also JSU alums.

“I am a fourth-generation Jacksonian,” she asserted. “After that revelation, I walked a little taller, knowing that my JSU history ran deeper than I ever imagined.”

She then revealed that her sister, Carmen’s mother, was completing her degree, so when her niece enrolls at JSU, Carmen will be a fifth-generation Jacksonian.

Owens, who spent several years as a civil engineer and now serves as senior contract administrator for Kinder Morgan, began to rattle off several JSU historical facts that included acknowledging Dr. Rose Embly McCoy, the namesake of the auditorium where the Founders’

Day program was held, as a pioneer in educational psychology who founded the university’s psychology department.

She also pointed out how the new science building bears the name of Dr. John A. Peoples Jr., a JSU alum and former president who led the school through some of the most challenging moments of the civil rights movement and helped elevate the college to university status.

Operating in excellence was Owens next point in which she listed the following achievements in the school’s athletic and academic history like:

JSU has won more than 100 SWAC Championships.

JSU has more NFL Hall of Famers than any other school in the state.

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JSU remains a top 20 HBCU, according to the U.S. News & World Report.

JSU faculty and staff has garnered nearly \$1 million in grants in 2019.

The first black woman to earn a Ph.D. in computer science from Purdue University is an alumna of Jackson State.

JSU students were the 2018 Honda Campus All-Stars National Champions. JSU students were chosen as Competitiveness Scholars for the White House Initiative on HBCU’s.

A JSU student invented the patented Cleanstraww – a three-step filtering process that helps separate sediments from water.

“Instead of getting down because we’ve faced a few challenges, instead of belittling our university on social media at every turn, instead of arguing with individuals who only want to see us fail anyway, we need to celebrate our successes, tune out all of the distractions and strive for excellence in everything we do,” Owens implored the audience, who nodded their heads in agreement.

She then made personalized pleas to university leadership, faculty and staff, students and alumni, with each ending with her mantra, “Show them who you are.”

SBA establishes new incident period for Mississippi disaster declaration for private nonprofits

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The U.S. Small Business Administration followed FEMA and lengthened the incident period in Mississippi for the disaster declaration for private nonprofit organizations (PNPs) that do not provide critical services of a governmental nature, such as food kitchens, homeless shelters, museums, libraries, community centers, schools and colleges. This declaration covers PNPs with damages caused by severe storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes and flooding from Feb. 22 through Aug. 23, 2019.

PNPs located in the following counties are eligible to apply: Alcorn, Calhoun, Carroll, Chickasaw, Clay, Coahoma, Grenada, Humphreys, Issaquena, Itawamba, Lafayette, Lee, Leflore, Lowndes, Montgomery, Panola, Prentiss, Pontotoc, Quitman, Sharkey, Sunflower, Tallahatchie, Tishomingo, Union, Warren, Washington, Webster, Yalobusha and Yazoo in Mississippi.

Although the deadline to apply for a disaster loan for physical damages was June

24, 2019, PNPs may still submit an application after the deadline and should include an explanation that they were not previously aware of their eligibility for the SBA disaster loan program.

The SBA offers low interest disaster loans to private nonprofit organizations for physical losses up to \$2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory and other business assets. The interest rate is 2.75 percent with terms up to 30 years.

Applicants may be eligible for a loan amount increase up to 20 percent of their physical damages, as verified by the SBA for mitigation purposes. Eligible mitigation improvements may now include a safe room or storm shelter to help protect property and occupants from future damage caused by a similar disaster. To be considered for this assistance, PNPs need to apply by the deadline.

The SBA also offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans to help meet working capital needs, such as ongoing operating expenses to PNP organizations. Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance is available regardless of whether the organization suffered any physical property damage.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure website at Disaster-Loan.sba.gov.

Additional information on the SBA disaster loan program and application process can be obtained by calling SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing) or by sending an email to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Loan applications can be downloaded from www.sba.gov.

Completed applications should be returned to a recovery center or mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

The filing deadline to submit applications for physical property damage expired June 24, 2019. The deadline to submit economic injury applications is Jan. 23, 2020.


Senator Frazier welcomes visitors to Capitol





Senator Hillman T. Frazier was honored Wednesday, October 23, 2019, with an endorsement letter and a campaign donation from the National Association of Social Workers, Mississippi Chapter, for his contributions and service to the community. Charles Araujo, legislative coordinator of the Mississippi Chapter of NASW made the presentation.




The 5th and 6th grade classes of Mount Salus Christian School in Clinton, visited the Capitol Wednesday, October 23, 2019, and spoke with Senator Hillman T. Frazier (right) on the role of government for their American History studies. (Back row) Parent, Tenesha Dixon (left), and teachers Tiki Broome and Gabriella Newcomb.







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Harriet movie features a model of courage for today

By Dr. Barbara Reynolds
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For a nation built on truth, abolitionist, freedom fighter, ex-slave Harriet Tubman should have the acclaim of a Paul Revere or Patrick Henry whose courageous lines “Give me Liberty or Give me Death” guided the American Revolution.

Tubman, whose battle cry was to “live free or die” and revolt, guided another revolution. It was to end slavery which changed the color, content and character of America.

Finally, through the newly released epic movie Harriet, this revolutionary warrior, born into slavery in 1822 in Dorchester County, Md., has emerged from the back alley of history to take her rightful place as a larger than life action figure, a true American hero. Unlike the heroes spun from Marvel comic strips or the Terminator franchise, Harriet Tubman is not, fake, fantasy or make believe although her expansive accomplishments are more real than can be imagined.

Don’t think you are going to see the serene, sedate elderly Harriet of our textbooks. This is the Harriet of her youth, jaunting up rocky cliffs, jumping off bridges and even shooting a white slave owner with her pistol.

Through the skillful talent of British-born actress Cynthia Erivo, the film – to be released Nov. 1 – features Tubman not only as yesterday’s heroine, but as a model of courage for today. Risking certain death if captured, often with a pistol in her waistband, she escaped from bondage on Maryland’s Eastern shore and returned often in disguise to rescue more than 70 family and fellow slaves.

She became a leader in the



Barbara Reynolds at the mural painted by artist Michael Rosato in Cambridge, Md., Tubman’s hometown.

anti-slavery Underground Railroad, the women’s suffrage movement, in her long standing struggle against systemic gender and racial inequality.

During the Civil War, she served as a nurse, scout and spy for the Union army and became the first woman to lead an armed expedition in the war guiding the raid at Combahee Ferry, which liberated more than 700 slaves. Unfortunately her heroism did not guard her from racism as she was originally denied the pension benefits granted to white soldiers.

In heart-aching detail the movie does not sanitize the horror of slavery; nor does it gloss over the power of God in her life. Scenes of blood-soaked whips, scarred backs of enslaved men and wom-

en, screaming children torn from their families to be sold by whites trading them as if they were dispensing sows from a pig pen – It’s all there. But there is another story that shines through, one of black love, black loyalty and a determination of the enslaved to live free or die and the eventual embrace of the long awaited freedom. It’s all there.

In the movie, we see Harriet after learning she is to be sold South, which rumors say is more brutal than the plantations on Maryland’s Eastern shore, leave her family and the love of her life, husband John Tubman, traveling 100 miles alone to freedom in Philadelphia through the aid of the Underground Railroad.

Though the term railroad

might prompt visions of nice cushy seats, this railroad Harriet traveled was a harsh pathway through snake-filled marshes, woods and deep rivers. Often, the flight of this woman known to some as the **shemoses** was made even more treacherous as armed posses with baying hounds chased her to collect the rewards for her capture. But they never caught her. She once boasted that her railroad never ran off track and she never lost a passenger.

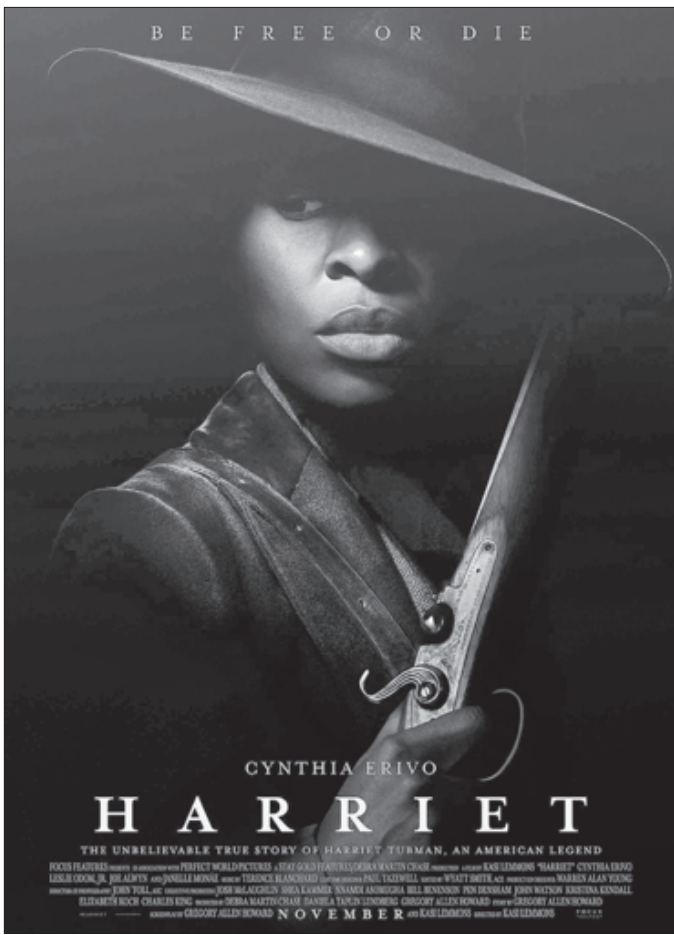
In the movie she declared she had only the North Star and we see her on her knees looking up to the heavens in deep communication with the God she depended upon to shield her from her enemies.

My favorite scene is when the

only choice for a band of freeing slaves was to either turn back or cross a treacherous river. While her family cowered, frozen on the riverbank for fear of following her and drowning, she lifted her pistol above her head wading in the deep water as she prayed aloud. Slowly the waters receded; as her feet touched dry land her family members crossed over as well.

The two -hour epic directed by filmmaker Kasi Lemmons who also wrote and directed Eve’s Bayou, sends the audience away with an inspirational song, entitled, “Stand up,” co-written by Joshua Campbell and the film’s leading lady Erivo.

The song sets just the right tone for Harriet enthusiasts to



continue celebrating Harriet. President Obama had selected her to become the first person of color to be represented on any of the nation’s currency, replacing Andrew Jackson on the new \$20 bill. Not surprisingly in June 2019 the Trump administration has delayed the launch.

Nevertheless, in Maryland Harriet enthusiasts have other ways to celebrate her. Painted on the side wall of the Harriet Tubman Museum & Education Center in downtown Cambridge, Maryland – just a few miles from where Tubman grew up, is a 14’ X 28’ mural featuring Tubman offering an outstretched hand.

Not long ago, I placed my hand in her outstretched hand, thanking her for giving me the inspiration some 20 years ago to start a ministry at Greater Mt. Calvary Holy Church, under the leadership of Bishop Alfred Owens. Its purpose was to inspire people to have the courage and faith to break the chains of any addiction keeping them from living their best lives. In the ensuing years, scores have broken free following in her footsteps of ending their personal bondage.

In March 2017, the Maryland Park Service and Maryland government opened the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad State Park & Visitor Center in the heart of the Choptank River Region where Harriet grew up. The 17-acre facility has already been visited by nearly 200,000 guests from all 50 states and over 60 countries. In her honor the service has also established the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn, N.Y.

Tubman is the only U.S. woman to be honored by the service with two parks.

Groundbreaking for expanded African-American Civil War Museum prepares historic DC corridor for national and international visitors

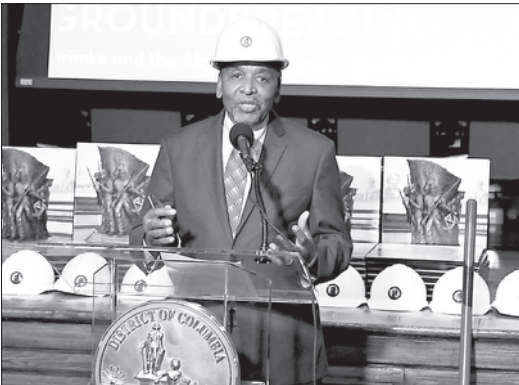
By Hazel Trice Edney
TriceEdneyWire.com

In the 400th year since the first enslaved Africans reached the shores of America, a groundbreaking in the nation’s Capital has begun a monumental \$45 million expansion of a facility to honor black veterans of the Civil War – slaves and descendants of slaves – who literally fought their way to freedom.

“You all know that we started this African-American Civil War Museum for two purposes – one was to correct a great wrong in history, which pretty much ignored the contributions of African-American soldiers ending slavery and keeping America united under one flag,” Dr. Frank Smith, executive director and founder of the African-American Civil War Museum, told a packed house in D.C.’s historic Shaw neighborhood Oct. 17.

Smith continued the brief history lesson before the rapt audience: “When the Civil War started, African Americans had no pathway to citizenship in the United States. We were defined in the Constitution as being chattel slaves. And every court decision from that point up to the Civil War reinforced our position and our status in society. We don’t get a chance to fight for our freedom until Lincoln gets himself caught up in a war that he can’t win without doing something about slavery. And so he ended up enlisting two hundred thousand blacks in the Union Army. The nation paid no attention to these soldiers until we built a monument to them.”

Just across the street from the museum, which is housed in the historic Grimke School building on Vermont Avenue North West, is a bronze memorial, a statue of three soldiers standing guard. The statue is surrounded by a



Frank Smith opens the ceremony for the expansion of the museum that he founded more than 20 years ago. PHOTO: ROY LEWIS/TRICE EDNEY NEWS WIRE

wall with the carvings of 209,145 names of those who served among the United States Colored Troops.

That museum and memorial – fixtures in the U Street community for the past 21 years – are about to undergo a \$45 million expansion project that will accomplish the second purpose for which the museum was built. In addition to providing greater space for artifacts and programs to honor the black soldiers, it is expected to create an economic boom in the once depressed area as people come to visit the historic spot.

“We wanted to find a way to get tourism into this community. We get 20 million tourists in the city every year,” said Smith, a former Ward 1 councilman, who envisioned and founded the museum in 1992. “They spend \$6-10 billion every year downtown. So it’s pretty easy if we can find a way to get them here to spend some of that money in this neighborhood,” he said.

D. C. Mayor Muriel Bowser, and her staff, helping with the groundbreaking, led the way to the new beginning for the project after several pauses due to stormy political waters and budget problems over the years. The

grand opening is finally set for the fall of 2020.

“Our former Ward 1 councilmember is making sure that we not only grow as a city, but that we grow together as a city and that we preserve the rich history that we’ve been blessed with. And this memorial is certainly a testament and a commitment to how we do that for our city and for our nation. So, Frank, you deserve tremendous applause and appreciation from all of us,” Bowser said.

Among the plans for the development:

- The African-American Civil War Museum will move out of its current building into a second much larger building next door.

- The 133,000 square foot project will include 12,000 feet for the world headquarters of architectural giant Torti Gallas, which will set up office with more than 100 employees and partners in the building that the museum is vacating. Torti Gallas also is the architectural firm behind the entire project.

- There will be approximately 70 housing units with 20 percent of them at “below market” price, according to Bowser, who said affordable housing in the area had been among her chief con-



Frank Smith presents D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser (left) with the first replica of a statue of Abraham Lincoln signing the Emancipation Proclamation.

cerns as she established a long-term vision projecting 50-100 years.

The new influx of Torti Gallas employees, construction workers and other retail employees into the neighborhood; plus the tourism draw to the renovated museum and new neighborhood residents are expected to bring the economic boom.

Among those applauding in the audience was Virginia Ali, co-founder of the historic Ben’s Chili Bowl restaurant right down the street.

Adding to the historicity of the project, Smith said a statue of President Abraham Lincoln signing the Emancipation Proclamation will be erected in front of the museum, looking across the street at the monument. “It’ll be the only one in the nation’s capital,” he said, awarding the first heavy replica of the statue to Bowser.

John Torti, president of Torti Gallas, said he not only looks forward to redesigning and renovating the two buildings, but he has dreamed of being a resident of such a neighborhood.

“For me, personally, I’ve always wanted to have an office in the city. I’ve always wanted to walk to work,” he said. “I’ve



Principals and visionaries of the expanded African American Civil War Memorial symbolically dig in the shovels. Pictured are Sarosh Olpadwada, economic developer; James Turner ANC, Frank Smith, museum director and founder; Mayor Muriel Bowser; Councilperson Brianne Nadeau; Grant Epstein, project developer; Torti Gallas, developer tenant; Patrick Smith, economic developer; and neighbors Maya Hendricks 11 and Mason Hendricks 6.

always wanted to have a space that represents the kind of redevelopment and rebuilding and transformation that our firm represents. I’ve always wanted to come to work in a building where people like Frank Smith work. In 50 years of being an architect, my dream has come true with Grimke.”

As with any new development, amidst all the pleasantries and congratulations, there are yet controversy and questions.

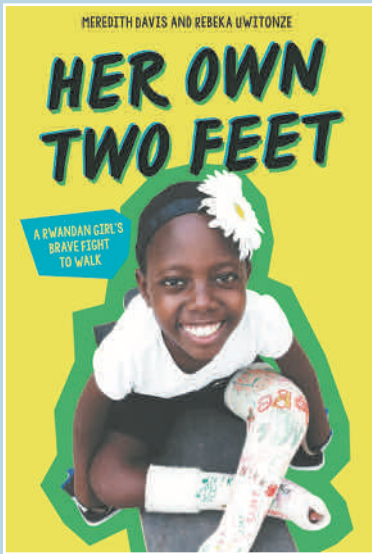
Smith forthrightly addressed the issue of gentrification as well as how crime in the Shaw neighborhood had to be dealt with as the neighborhood has gradually changed over the years.

“When I first started working up here, people were scared to walk around,” he said. “Nearby Howard University started bus-ing the kids back and forth to the dormitories. They were scared to let them walk around in the street. People need to have a place to live where they can walk through the community; where they can go to school. So, I’m not apologetic about that. We have to fight

to make our communities better. We just have to fight to stay there. That’s the only way we’re going to progress in America.”

Responding to Smith, current Ward 1 Councilmember Brianne K. Nadeau, having worked on the project for 15 years, described, in part, how the gentrification issue will be dealt with.

“Dr. Smith talked about a phenomenon of gentrification in this neighborhood. And one of the things that we have to keep doing in areas that are becoming gentrified is ensure that we solidify the history and the memories of things that were here and build things that acknowledge the African-American community,” Nadeau said. “This is critical because there are people who’ve lived in this corridor their whole lives who don’t recognize it anymore and don’t think the things that are being built are for them. But this is being built for those who’ve been here a long time and for those who will come and need to understand the history. I want us to be together and understand the gravity in that moment.”



BOOK REVIEW: “HER OWN TWO FEET: A RWANDAN GIRL’S BRAVE FIGHT TO WALK” BY MEREDITH DAVIS AND REBEKAH UWITONZE C.2019, SCHOLASTIC \$17.99 / \$23.99 CANADA • 208 PAGES

By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

On the day you took your first steps, your parents were very proud.

They took pictures of you standing by yourself with a one-tooth smile on your face, and then they called grandma and grandpa to tell them you were walking. It was reason to celebrate and you walk now without thinking about it, but in the new book “Her Own Two Feet” by Meredith Davis and Rebekah Uwitonze, first steps aren’t always second nature.

One thing was for sure: Rebekah Uwitonze was independent.

Born with her feet twisted sideways and backward, her shoulders stiff, and her middle fingers bent to her palms, Rebekah never let her problems stop her from anything. She could feed herself – she wasn’t a baby – and though it took awhile to figure out how to quickly reach the bathroom a few feet from her back door, she otherwise got around just fine.

So what if she crawled, or lurched about on the tops of

her feet? So what if folks in her Rwandan village told her parents to let her die when she was born? So what if some people said she was “cursed”? As long as Rebekah stayed strong and smart and loved, her feet and her hands weren’t important.

Yes, she’d seen doctors: when she was small, they tried to turn her feet but it hurt a lot. It didn’t work, either, nor did a second attempt, so when a white stranger came to her parents’ home and offered to take Rebekah to America to fix

her feet, she was afraid. She remembered being left at the hospital, and how much it hurt. Still, as papa said, “Chance comes once” and so Rebekah went with a translator on her first airplane trip from one continent to another.

But Bugesara, Rwanda was nothing like Austin, Texas. In Texas, dogs are allowed in the house and on the bed. There were new foods to try, a trampoline to play on and new holidays to experience.

Rebekah learned English, made new friends, and ate

French fries while her surgeries healed and she learned to walk again.

But then it was time to leave Texas and go home. Was she ready for it?


Some days, nothing goes your child’s way. From the moment she wakes up until the second she shuts her eyes, it’s one thing after another but this is for sure: have “Her Own Two Feet,” and things will fall into perspective.

Beaming strength from every page, authors Davis (the matriarch of the Texas host family) and Uwitonze tell the

latter’s story in a matter-of-fact way that elicits compassion without begging for it. That gives readers a chance to quietly observe Uwitonze’s determination, practicality and her sheer bravery in a quest to overcome a disability. Without being a spoiler, this will leave your child cheering.

“Chance comes once,” as Uwitonze’s papa said, so seize it and find “Her Own Two Feet.” If your 8-to-12-year-old wants a good biography or a tale of gratefulness, having it is the first step.

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Jackson-Hinds Chapter of Rust College Alumni Association administration and student leaders

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Jackson-Hinds Chapter of the Rust College Alumni Association hosted its 6th Annual Meet, Greet and Eat September 23, at Anderson United Methodist Church.

The annual event was held, in part, as a membership mixer for local alums to gather and fellowship, learn new updates from college administrators, meet Miss/Mr. Rust College/SGA president, meet Princess/Prince Baby Bearcat 2019-20, and for local chapter president to share.

The Chapter Year in Review

- Joshua E. Wright, 2019 Clinton High School graduate and 2019-20 chapter scholarship (Dr. and Mrs. Henry & Effie Clay New Student Scholarship) recipient and freshman/

mass communication major at Rust College greeted alums with special thanks for the \$1,000 chapter scholarship and gave updates on his progress at Rust College. His mother, Venetia Miller, thanked the chapter also.

- With the great financial support of Jackson-Hinds local members, contestants in our annual Prince/Princess Baby Bearcat Contest, and other supporters, the chapter contributed \$20,000 for the 2018-19 academic year. They have set a goal of \$25,000 for 2019-2020.
- The evening was also a time to honor an alum that has gone above and beyond for the oldest Historically Black College in the State of Mississippi. This year Dr. Johnny Anthony, '64, received recognition for his great work as a dedicated

member and chapter chaplain. (Anthony was unable to attend this year.)

- The chapter surprised the chapter president with a “Phenomenal Alumni President” award during the event.
- Networking and fellowship along with great food were also part of this festive occasion.

The chapter will give toiletry items and other gifts to current Rust College students from Hinds, Rankin and Madison counties during Founders’ Weekend November 2019.

The chapter will meet the Monday after the fourth Sunday October–May at New Hope Baptist Church from 6-7 p.m.

For additional information about the chapter, text Juno Leggette Jacobs, '86, chapter president, at 601 966-5653.



Chapter members and guests at alumni mixer at Anderson United Methodist Church in Jackson, Miss.



Mr. Rust College Josiah Franklin, Miss Rust College Millisha Donald and SGA President Kimberlee Taylor



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I'm running for governor to move working families to the center of what matters. I will put working families first. It's not about party. It's not about partisanship. People are sick of the partisan bickering and finger pointing in state politics – it's about getting things done.

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It's about having a state government that is diverse – that reflects all parts of Mississippi. Where gubernatorial appointments are made on the basis of merit – not political connections – and won't be horse-traded or discussed during the campaign.

My "Pledge to Mississippi Families" sets forth my top priorities if I am elected governor. This is not a Democratic agenda or a Republican agenda. It's not a city agenda or a rural agenda. It's a working families agenda.

It comes down to this – in everything I've done as attorney general, I've put Mississippi working families first.

Working together, we can move our state forward and put the hardworking people of Mississippi first.

To Improve Education

Education is the building block to success. Investing in Mississippi's public education system means investing in every Mississippian.

We can do more to provide pre-K for kids across Mississippi – not immediately, but over a 4-year period, as we open up the budget, as we cut waste, as we do away with all the giveaways and insider deals. We will find the money for pre-K and we can do that without more taxes on working people.

Our teachers deserve reasonable pay. For too long Mississippi teachers have been paid too little – far less than surrounding states. Let's figure out a way to raise teacher pay to attract and retain the best teachers for our children.



We need to make college more affordable – especially community college. Eight counties in North Mississippi have banded together to make community college tuition free. If they can do it in North Mississippi, let's encourage other parts of the state to do the same.

To Make Health Care Affordable and Accessible

Jesus said to take care of the widows, orphans, the elderly and the least among us. When it comes to health care, Mississippi has not followed His word.

I grew up in a rural community with a rural hospital that saved lives. The emergency room is now closed. Now a working guy with a heart attack or a kid with a bad asthma attack or a mom with a pregnancy complication has to get in a car or a bus to travel miles and miles to get needed care to survive. That is turning our back on rural Mississippians and I will not do that.

As your governor we will:

- Focus on improving rural access to healthcare and keeping rural hospitals and emergency rooms open

- Expand Medicaid to cover over 300,000 Mississippians – many working families – who cannot afford health insurance

- Accept over \$1 billion per year in

federal support to pay for keeping rural hospitals open and providing healthcare to over 300,000 Mississippians, which will also create over 8,000 jobs in the healthcare industry and pump dollars into rural communities.

- Support law enforcement in the fight against the opioid epidemic.

To Clean Up State Government and Cut Waste

Open up state government and put a stop to shady backroom deals. For too long our legislative leaders have run the state like a casino for special interests – collecting chips, handing out favors.

So as governor, my first act will be to open it up. An honest and transparent government. A government for you, not the special interests.

We will propose a series of reforms. But here are two first steps.

Require all state legislators and state officials to allow the public to have access to all of their email and other correspondence under the Mississippi Public Records Act.

Legislators should not be able to take campaign contributions while the Legislature is in session.

As attorney general, my staff and I recovered more than \$3 billion in fines and penalties that came back to Mississippi – back to taxpayers – back to

those that were ripped off. I know what it takes to make money for Mississippi – not give it away.

I'm going to take a prosecutor mentality to state government and go after every instance of the taxpayers getting ripped off. Every special insider deal. Every wasteful giveaway. Every time tax dollars are used to scratch someone's back, I'm going to be on it like a hawk. And the money we recover goes right back to the working people. That's what I've done my entire career. I believe that's the type of change we need in state government.

The point of this is to save your tax dollars so that the money is spent on you, for you, for pre-k, for roads, for health care and for tax relief.

To Provide Tax Relief For Working Families

We need to provide tax relief for families by rolling back the sales tax on food. It's hard for families to make ends meet. Let's make it easier to put food on the table for the hard working people of Mississippi by cutting the grocery tax.

The Lt. Governor proposed, and the Legislature approved, a massive \$210M/yr. tax giveaway to big out-of-state corporations – many of whom are campaign contributors. Hundreds of millions of tax dollars every year that should have gone to fixing our roads, improving our schools, or giving tax relief to Mississippi businesses and working people.

We need a claw back provision in state law that says if an out-of-state corporation gets a tax break for promising to create jobs – they lose their tax breaks if they don't create those jobs. It's time to end tax giveaways to corporations who break their promise to Mississippi taxpayers.

To Grow Our Economy

Mississippi needs to get back to swinging hammers and building things – that's how we grow our economy and build stronger communities. Since 2009, Mississippi's real economic growth has been anemic, while our

neighbors' economies are expanding far more.

As your governor we will:

- Fix our roads and bridges. I'll put a process in place so the roads that are built and bridges that are fixed are done based on need, not the whim of a special interest buying access or elected officials getting roads built for their personal convenience.

- Expand job training and apprenticeship programs at our community colleges and technical schools. To attract new businesses to Mississippi, we need a well-trained work force.

- Support Mississippi small businesses and main street merchants by putting money in Mississippi hands not out-of-state corporations.

- Work with state and local economic development agencies to attract jobs and new businesses to Mississippi.

JIM HOOD

A Record of Accomplishments

Elected as Attorney General in 2003, Jim Hood has an unrivaled record of success:

Passionate champion of children. General Hood has worked tirelessly to prevent children from being abused and exploited, especially by internet predators. His efforts have served as a model for other states.

Dedicated public servant. General Hood has served the people for 25 years as an assistant attorney general, district attorney and attorney general.

Friend of consumers. After Hurricane Katrina, General Hood worked to strengthen laws to protect consumers, while prosecuting offenders for home repair fraud, price gouging, identity theft and financial scams.

Watchdog over corporate wrongdoers. General Hood's commitment to holding corporations accountable has recovered more than \$3 billion for taxpayers.

Guardian of the Gulf Coast. General Hood worked to provide relief to coastal residents and business owners after the 2010 Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill.



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The Man
Simmons graduated from Hinds County Agricultural High School, Utica Junior College and Alcorn State University and entered the workforce as a school teacher during the turbulent sixties. He was drafted into the United States Army and is a proud combat veteran of the Vietnam War. After his military service in Vietnam, Simmons met and married his wife of forty-seven years, Rose Sibley Simmons. They made their home in Bolivar County, Cleveland, Mississippi. They have four children: Avery, Christopher, Reginald, Sarita and ten grandchildren.

Simmons began his seventeen-year career in state service at the Mississippi Department of Corrections and rose through the ranks to become Deputy Commissioner of Corrections. During this time, he furthered his education at Delta State University where he received a M.S. Degree in Guidance and Counseling and an Ed.S. Degree in Counseling and Administration.

Simmons is a member of Solomon Chapel A.M.E. Church where he serves as a trustee; life member of Alcorn State University Alumni, 2019 ASU Alumni of the Year; life member of Delta State University Alumni; life member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated; life member of the NAACP; life member of the National Council of Negro Women; member of the National Democratic Party Platform Committee and as such introduced and successfully adopted the “Poverty Eradication Initiative” which was utilized in President Barak Obama’s Administration.

Simmons is the chief operating officer of Simmons and Associates Consulting Firm and the owner of The Senator’s Place, a soul food restaurant located in Cleveland, Mississippi.

Like a proud parent, Simmons is pleased that The Senator’s Place was featured on the CNN program, “Anthony Boudain: Parts Unknown,” formerly hosted by renowned chef and food expert Anthony Boudain.

The Servant
As vice chairman of the Public Health and Welfare Committee, Simmons fought diligently to protect and adequately fund the state Medicaid program to ensure that the needed medical services were available and accessible for Mississippi’s seniors, mothers, infants, children and disabled populations. He led the charge from the Senate to secure the first state appropriation of twenty million dollars to fund our fifteen federally qualified health centers and their more than twenty satellites which are located statewide and that monetary commitment continues to this day.

Simmons served as chairman of the Corrections Committee which set policy and provided oversight for the state and private prisons and community support services for the corrections system. He led the charge from the Senate to change the “Truth In Sentencing” law which has helped to give many inmates with long sentences a second chance to reenter society and this change helped to save the state millions of dollars.

The Builder
Under his leadership in the Senate, over five billion dollars have been spent throughout the state on the construction and upgrade of federal and state roads, county and municipal streets and bridges; also, millions of dollars on public transit, ports, docks, railroads, airports, safety lights, safety signs and other infrastructure support systems. He personally worked to get projects such as three million dollars to repair the Woodrow Wilson Bridge in Jackson; one million dollars to upgrade and repair Highway 8 in Cleveland; four million dollars to enhance Highway 552 at Alcorn State University in Lorman; one million dollars for Terrace Landing in Rosedale; ten

million dollars for the Highway 82 Bypass at Leland; almost two million dollars for the repair and upgrade to Parks Road in Drew; eleven million dollars to improve Highway 14 in Sharkey County; four million two hundred thousand dollars to upgrade Highway 61 from Boyle Street to Hadley Street in Cleveland; one million dollars for street repair in Indianola and Simmons led the charge to make sure that over the next ten years, one billion dollars will be earmarked from the State Lottery proceeds

to enhance, repair, rebuild and maintain infrastructure systems and local transportation.

The Vision
Throughout his life, Simmons has built relationships and cultivated resources to increase success and empowerment for the communities in which he has lived and for the people he has served. Habakkuk 2 teaches us to STAND upon our watch and WAIT to see what the Lord will tell us. The Lord said to WRITE the VISION down and make it PLAIN, so when it is READ, we

can run with the VISION.




Future Forward Initiative
• Increase funding for the transportation infrastructure system by \$3,000,000,000.00 annually. I will use my 26 years of experience as a senator to collaborate with our Legislators, supervisors, mayors and business leaders to increase our user fees and other ways and means.
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- Build a four lane highway bypass at Port Gibson to complete the 1987 AHEAD four lane program.
- Complete the Highway 82 bypass in Washington County.
- Overlay Highway 25 from Brandon to Louisville.
- Four lane Highway 27 from I-20 at Vicksburg to I-55 at Crystal Springs.
- Four lane Highway 15 from I-20 at Newton to Highway 25 at Louisville.


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Tougaloo students host candidates Hood and Hughes

By Levell Williams
Tougaloo College Student Writer

The Tougaloo College Judicial Committee and NAACP hosted Mississippi Governor hopeful Jim Hood and Lieutenant Governor hopeful Jay Hughes October 22 and 24, respectively. The two men discussed their platforms, taking questions from the attending student body.

For its great potential to influence political redistricting – and therefore spur underrepresentation through gerrymandering – both candidates esteemed this election as the most important of this generation. It is important that students remain informed, to “decide [their] own fate,” said Jamil Johnson, 1st vice president of Tougaloo’s NAACP.

If elected governor, Hood said he plans to address the emigration of Mississippi youth to other states (commonly called the “brain drain”), as well as governmental corruption. He said Mississippi currently has a minuscule growth rate of only 2% – more than five times lower than that of Tennessee (24%), Arkansas (14%), and Alabama (11%).

According to Hood, lawmakers can be held accountable by the Open Records Act for such documents as their texts and emails.

Hughes also touched on this topic, saying, “We’ve got to stop all the crony, ... secret deals that go on.” Hood said his opponent Tate Reeves is responsible for investing millions in efforts that support his own campaign interests, neglecting working class Mississippians.

Further, Hood said he plans to focus



Jim Hood, MS Governor hopeful, pictured between Jamil Johnson, 1st Vice President of Tougaloo’s NAACP (left) and Taylor Weatherspoon, Chief Justice of Tougaloo’s SGA (right). PHOTOS BY LEVELL WILLIAMS

on Mississippi infrastructure, healthcare and education. There is much untapped job potential in roadwork, according to Hood. He also wants to increase rural healthcare capabilities to include mental health counseling. “We had better emergency rural healthcare in the 1950s than today,” he said.

He also wants to repurpose Mississippi funds to improve schools, as well as to create and maintain teachers. “[It’s] a sin,” he said about what he called Mississippi legislators’ lack of “respect” for teachers.

On healthcare, Hughes said he plans to implement “Mississippi Cares” legislation, a derivative of the Affordable Care Act of the Obama Administration, according to Hughes, that was developed with cooperation from Governor Phil Bryant. “It’s not perfect,” he said,

but he supported its overall utility for all Mississippians. Hughes also mentioned his personal familiarity with the dire need for improved rural healthcare, saying that his own mother died as a result of inadequate healthcare availability.

Both Hood and Hughes paid particular focus to the importance of education.

Hood plans to assign Mississippi funds to serve education from the 4k to college level. He also said he wants to implement free community college tuition, as well as tuition forgiveness for teachers after five years of teaching in the state.

Hughes is opposed to state testing, calling it “archaic.” Also, he wants to change school ratings from the current A-F format to a number-based system, in an effort to emphasize growth poten-

tial in struggling school districts.

Students further questioned the candidates about the details of their education plans.

Hood said he plans to implement the underused Mississippi Adequate Education Plan (only fully funded twice since its passing in 1997) to better serve all Mississippi schools equally.

Hughes said that he met with Alcorn University, MS Valley State University and Jackson State University to discuss the future of public HBCU funds. The three public HBCUs will soon lose funds from the MS Institutions of Higher Learning that were attained with difficulty through the soon-to-expire Ayers settlement.

On reaching young people, both candidates said technology is the most effective method.



MS Lieutenant Governor hopeful Jay Hughes (far right) pictured with Tougaloo students.

For Hughes, this comes in the form of his campaign’s text reminder feature. Hughes asks constituents for a phone number, as well as three people who they will remind to go vote. Then, on Nov. 5, as well as the day prior, they will receive a text reminder to go vote and to remind their friends. “What we use is the power of your sphere of influence,” said Hughes.

Both Hood and Hughes presented compelling ideas to the attending Tougaloo student body. The two men concurred on multiple matters, including education and legislative ethics. Now, it is up to Mississippians to show up at the polls on Nov. 5 to “decide their own fate.”

As informed voters, it is expected that young Tougalooans will play no small part in the matter.

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Having the mind of Christ

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



First Corinthians 1:10 reads, “Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.”

In order to be joined together the way Christ wants His people to be, we must have the mind of Christ.

When we have the mind of

Christ, we will not want to see someone hurt or see any envy rise up. Why? They are our brothers and sisters in Christ. We should be happy for them if they get something new. We should be happy if they get a new home or another home. Too many people are so filled with pride and jealousy that they cannot see the needs in their own lives. Child of God, we cannot let our pride consume us. It can destroy us if we allow it.

If sin is not checked or dealt with, it will spread into other areas of our lives. When a dear man or woman of God stands behind the sacred desk and

pours out their heart week after week, message after message, to try to warn the people about immodesty and everything that goes with it; some people buck up, so to speak. Should we not know that a man or woman of God is doing that for our protection?

As a Christian, we need to be at our post of duty. We should not get so busy with our schedule that we miss out on the true meaning of how or why the Lord died for us. We need to keep a fresh and up-to-date relationship with Jesus Christ. Shouldn't we know that busyness is a great enemy of relationships? We can get

too busy. We can become so preoccupied with making a living, working, paying our bills, buying groceries and accomplishing goals that we neglect our salvation. Those things are not the point of life. The true goal of life is to have Jesus Christ living in our hearts.

The point of life is to love God and His people. Life minus love equals zero. We need to ponder this thought.

Rev. Simeon R. Green III is pastor of Joynes Road Church of God, 31 Joynes Road, Hampton VA 23669. He is a member of the National Association of Evangelism Church of God, Anderson, Ind.

“A Reason for Revival” TLMBC Harvest Revival 2019

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Just a few years ago Revival Services were identified as the second most likely day of conversion in the life of the church. Second only to Easter Sunday Services. It was during Revivals where new converts would make up their mind about accepting Christ as their Lord and Savior. The “Mourners’ Bench” would be filled with individuals looking for salvation. By definition, this bench or seat at the front of the church was set apart for mourners or repenting sinners seeking redemption. In most churches, children who had not accepted Christ were forced to sit on the

Mourners Bench every night of revival, until the spirit moved within them, to get up and take “the chair.” This would often happen after the Pastor or guest Evangelist would extend the Invitation of Discipleship. This moment of acceptance would be the highlight of the revival. The community talked about how many converts came to Christ during the revival. It was a badge of honor for many... bragging about how many the church “took-in.” But, no more.

The focus of Revival has shifted from the pew to the pulpit. The determining factor for many attending Revival hinges on who is delivering the Word

rather than who might need the Word. The act of compelling penitent sinner to come to Christ is becoming a lost focus in the body of Christ. Matthew 28:19-20 is clear the work of the believer is to “Go therefore and make disciple of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Holy Spirit.” Revivals aid us in the work of making disciples.

Our 2019 Harvest Revival offers the opportunity for believers to see the living Word of God climax in the life of a penitent sinner seeking salvation. The theme is “Nothing is Too Hard for God,” based on Jeremiah 32:26.

Revival is about salvation,

therefore let’s encourage our children, brothers, sisters, and neighbors, to come. Come to receive the living Word of God, in the hope that we will receive eternal life.


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PRESERVED Little things mean a lot

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



This past weekend for the first time in about 10 years, the Anointed Authors on Tour, a Christian women’s book tour I was blessed to be a part of, reunited at the Christian Book Lover’s Retreat in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Seeing the over 400 attendees from book clubs at the conference as well as authors made me think about the many lessons we learned while we toured nationally and internationally for nearly 4 years starting in 2006.

One lesson was about being obedient in the small things. It started as a simple request from a fellow member of the Anointed Authors on Tour: “Can you send a press release to the media in Jackson, Mississippi?” We were scheduled to make a tour stop in Jackson and she wanted to make sure that all the public relations bases were covered. After researching the radio, tv and newspapers in Jackson, I sent the press release and prayed that the book tour would have favor with whoever read it.

Within a few days, we got a request from a writer at a Jackson newspaper who wanted to do a story. After sending her the photos and bios she requested, we also prayed that the story would be published. I even sent a press release to a Jackson gospel radio air personality who had initially offered to do radio interviews with us a few months earlier. Then all at once, the radio dj stopped communicating with us. We were disappointed but concluded that God had something better for us

but had no clue what that was.

When we got to Jackson, one of the first things we did was get a copy of the newspaper to see if the story was printed. Not only was the story in the newspaper, it was a full page, full color story. From that story being printed, we got an unexpected last minute request from a local radio station to do an interview on their Sunday morning gospel show because on air personality saw the story in the newspaper. It wasn’t the same radio station that we were originally asked to be on but God still worked it out. God had answered our earlier prayers. Being obedient in the small things, like sending out a press release, eventually led to us getting what we wanted: the radio station interview.

Jeremiah 7:23 says, “Obey me, and I will be your God and you will be my people. Walk in obedience to all I command you, that it may go well with you.” We didn’t know it at the time but the small, deliberate steps that we took in preparing to go to Jackson eventually led us to getting a prayer answered.

Being obedient in the small things isn’t always easy but we don’t know what God has for us on the other side of our obedience. We just have to trust that God’s sovereign hand will lead us to a place of blessings after our faithful obedience.

Shewanda Riley is a Fort Worth, Texas based author of “Love Hangover: Moving from Pain to Purpose After a Relationship Ends” and “Writing to the Beat of God’s Heart: A Book of Prayers for Writers.” Email preservedbypurpose@gmail.com or follow her on Twitter @shewanda.

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Specification responses must be submitted for this bid event. Specifications are due no later than (5:00 p.m., November 12, 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 November 19, 2019 beginning at 10:00 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. Bid specifications will also be listed on JPSP Website at www.jackson.k12.ms.us.

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Proposal forms and detailed specifications may be obtained free of charge by emailing jewalker@jackson.k12.ms.us, calling (601) 960-8799, or documents may be picked up at the above address or downloaded from JPS website at www.jackson.k12.ms.us

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Calvin R. Sibley, Bureau Director
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Cryptogram

A cryptogram is a puzzle where a sentence is encoded by substituting the actual letters of the sentence with different letters. The challenge of the puzzle is to 'decode' the sentence to reveal the original English sentence. We have provided a few of the decoded letters to help get you started.

Hint: Quote by Marie Osmond

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

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H Z P K H S R N H T X S M Y M I X S U Y R N M

H F Q O K K K H S R N H T X S M Y M Z X Q

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Sudoku

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

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

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Crossword Puzzle

1	2	3	4			5	6	7	8
9						10			
11						12			
13					14			15	
			16			17			
18	19	20							
21				22			23	24	25
26			27			28			
29						30			
31						32			

ACROSS

DOWN

1. Far away

5. Rotating mechanism

9. Coke

10. Massage

11. Cheater

12. Disney’s elephant

13. Break the seal of

15. Hearing part

16. Displays proudly

18. Libya’s citizens

21. Freudian term

22. African nation

26. Out loud

28. Obtain

29. Terra __ (type of clay)

30. Eve’s garden

31. Tights

32. Satisfy

1. Organization concerned with civil liberties (abbr.)

2. Lunge with sword

3. Alack’s partner

4. Make uncommon

5. African antelope

6. Asian nation

7. Capital of Morocco

8. Aromas

10. Musician (3 wds.)

14. Genus Alauda

17. Uses

18. Strip

19. Eskimo home

20. Footwear

23. Nix

24. Eat sparingly

25. Green Gables dweller

27. North American Indian

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Cryptogram Solution

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

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Y G I X S B O R X Y Z R M X T O H T K O

T O L O O K B A C K O N S O M E T H I N G

M X K X X W T H J W X Z F X U O M N Y Z R

A N D L A U G H A B O U T I T Y O U M I G H T

H Z P K H S R N H T X S M Y M I X S U Y R N M

A S W E L L L A U G H A B O U T I T N O W

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Crossword Solution

A	F	A	R		G	Y	R	O
C	O	L	A		K	N	E	A
L	I	A	R		D	U	M	B
U	N	S	E	A	L		E	A
				F	L	A	U	N
L	I	B	Y	A	N	S		
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A	L	O	U	D		G	A	I
C	O	T	T	A		E	D	E
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Sudoku Solution

6	8	1	7	9	3	4	5	2
3	7	4	8	5	2	1	6	9
5	9	2	6	4	1	7	3	8
2	6	7	4	1	9	5	8	3
1	5	9	2	3	8	6	4	7
8	4	3	5	7	6	9	2	1
7	3	8	1	6	5	2	9	4
4	2	5	9	8	7	3	1	6
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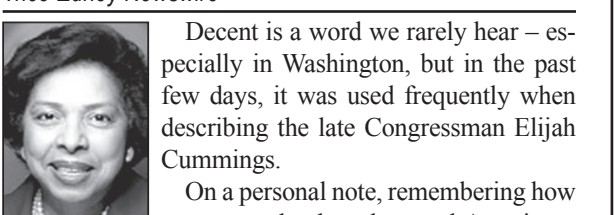
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Decent: A word rarely feared

By E. Faye Williams
Trice Edney Newswire



Decent is a word we rarely hear – especially in Washington, but in the past few days, it was used frequently when describing the late Congressman Elijah Cummings.

On a personal note, remembering how many people abroad treated Americans who lived in or traveled to their countries after the first U.S. led attack on Iraq, I’ve chosen not to travel abroad until someone is elected to lead our nation who shows some sense of decency like Mr. Cummings. News about how our country is run since President Barack Obama left office is nothing of which any American can be proud – but this past week, we can take pride in the descriptions by many of Congressman Cummings.

We’ve had a slight pause in the meanness of spirit we hear daily. Though the word decent is rarely heard in Washington, this week has been a bit different when Congressman Cummings died. His death brought out the better angels of Members of Congress as he became the first African American to lie in State at the U.S. Capitol. Positive statements came from Democrats and Republicans when asked to comment on Mr. Cummings. He was described by many as a decent man, a uniter, a North Star, a good man, kind, a warrior for causes he cared about, an advocate for the people and our democracy. No one argued with those descriptions. We learned that he had 12 honorary doctorates and graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Howard University. He was respected by many who differed from him politically. He was held in high esteem.

Various groups held memorials to this man and what he represented to them. Everyone who knew him seems to have thought they had a special relationship with him. I think that demonstrates there is more to life than politics, and it was certainly true for Congressman Cummings. He was admired by many, and his loyalty to truth and justice for all is unquestioned.

We’ll miss his strong voice when others are silent or argue over trivial matters. Rep. Matt Gaetz is one of those exceptions to being civil as service for Rep. Cummings was in progress. MSNBC host, Hallie Jackson, was interviewing him. He talked all over her and talked about crazy stuff in an effort to shut her up so he could use his Republican talking points. Rep. Dan Kildee, who had spoken just before Gaetz, spoke of his special relationship with Rep. Cummings, jokingly saying he learned everybody had a special relationship with him.

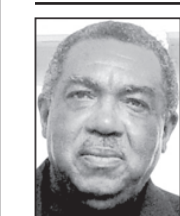
It’s so refreshing to learn of all the good things Rep. Cummings stood for, not just talking about them, but doing something about them. Listening to Mr. Cummings’ good works from so many, I was reminded of Fannie Lou Hamer’s words when she said, “You can pray until you faint, but nothing will happen until you get up and do something.” From all the comments of who Rep. Cummings was, it’s obvious he often got up to do something!

Meadows is said to have shared a special bond with Mr. Cummings, saying he mentored, had a youth program, helped other elected leaders and many others to achieve their dreams. Rep. Emanuel Cleaver delivered an awesome prayer about the lessons we’ve learned from him. Speaker Nancy Pelosi said he’d made a request to give him more freshman Members so he could help them achieve their dreams. Sen. Mitch McConnell said he encouraged unity and peace. Sen. Ben Cardin read from 2nd Timothy, “I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course. I have kept the faith.” Sen. Chuck Schumer said his voice could shake mountains and that we have lost a giant. I agree.

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My problem with the CBCF and ASALH Conferences

By A. Peter Bailey
TriceEdneyWire.com



During the past 20 years I have attended numerous of the annual conferences hosted by the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (CBCF) and the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH). CBCF’s 49th Annual Legislative Conference was held, as always, Sep. 11-15 in Washington D.C., while ASALH’s 104th Conference was held this year October 2-6 in Charleston, S.C.

During two days CBCF presented over 100 workshops, panels and sessions; ASALH, in its three days, featured over 200 of the same. The panels, workshops and sessions provided an opportunity for registrants to attend and participate in the discussion and analyzing of a significant number

of education, economic, political issues in small settings.

There was also opportunity for registrants to attend two town hall sessions at CBCF’s conferences and two plenary sessions at the ASALH event.

The CBCF Town hall sessions were 400 years: Our Legacy, Our Possibilities and The Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys.

ASALH’s plenary sessions were Moving, Marking and Making the Beat: A Century of African American Migration and 400 Years of Perseverance: Stolen From Africa But Making Black Lives Matter.

Which brings me to what I consider the continuous and major flaws of all their conferences that I have attended through the years. Both present way too many panels, workshops and sessions and a glaringly insufficient number of town hall and plenary sessions. Registrants at both conferences

are black folk, with skills and expertise in a wide variety of educational, economic, political and cultural arenas. Throughout the year they probably have opportunities to meet and discuss issues with others in their field. That’s why when they attend the national conferences hosted by CBCF and ASALH, there should be an opportunity to attend numerous town hall and plenary sessions during which issues are analyzed and discussed that go beyond their particular field of study.

For instance, there should be sessions that provide information and guidelines on how black folks can more effectively use their collective economic resources to promote and protect their interests in this basically white supremacist society. They can also do the same when subjects such as Pan-Africanism as a force that can assist in blocking the continents of Asia, Europe and North America from

exploiting Africa’s wealth in minerals; also guidelines on dealing with advances in science and technology, travelling to visit Africa, South America and the Caribbean. Also on confronting health issues that challenge black communities. There can be a town hall or plenary session to introduce all registrants to black, historical warriors who may not be known to them, warriors such as Mary Elizabeth Bowser, who for two years spied for the Union Army in the Confederate White House.

More town halls and plenary sessions such as the above-mentioned and others would make the CBCF and ASALH conferences even more valuable than they are now. It would have been valuable if either or both conferences had included town halls and plenary sessions on our economic, cultural, educational, psychological and political conditions after 400 years.

Nooses, lynching and racial intimidation

By Julianne Malveaux
NNPA News Wire Columnist



Are the use of nooses as symbols of intimidation rising in the workplace? Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) data says that reports of racism and discrimination are on the rise. Their data does not speak to nooses, particularly. Still, it is disturbing to peruse newspaper reports to learn that at purportedly “woke” workplaces and supposedly liberal campuses, racists or fools (or both) are using nooses as symbols of racist intimidation, just as they were a century ago.

Some of the places that have had recent noose incidents include Stanford University, the University of Alabama, the University of Illinois and Duke University.

In September, two climate change activists appeared at the supposedly progressive University of Wisconsin wearing nooses. The protesters say they were modeling their behavior after seeing them used in a European climate change protest. Nonsense. If these protesters grew up in the United States, they ought to have known what nooses mean.

Chancellor Rebecca Blank re-

sponded appropriately, “Nooses are an offensive symbol, with deep impacts to our students, faculty, staff and community. Their use to amplify any issue is misguided, hurtful and contrary to UW-Madison’s values of civility, respect and inclusion.”

Bananas were found hanging from string in the form of nooses at American University after Taylor Dumpson was installed as the first African-American president of the student government. The bananas were marked with the letters AKA, which happens to be Dumpson’s sorority. While the perpetrators were never identified, some people decided to take the hate to another level, identifying Dumpson in the racist rag, *The Daily Stormer*.

Andrew Anglin, the publisher of *The Daily Stormer*, encouraged his readers to “troll storm” Dumpson, and she got so many racist emails, messages and threats that she feared for her life. Her grades fell, and she ended up dropping a minor. Of course, the university made all the usual noise about rejecting racism. They couldn’t find the perpetrators of the noose incident.

Dumpson got her victory this year, though. In August 2019, a judge awarded her more than \$700,000 for punitive damages, compensatory damages and attor-

ney fees. Most folks who are the receiving end of noose intimidation don’t experience such a victory.

Employees at UPS, who filed a lawsuit earlier this year, have yet to receive satisfaction. Nooses show up on construction sites (San Francisco), shipyards, offices and in public places like courthouses and municipal buildings. And the nooses are used not just to intimidate individuals, but also to remind communities that racism continues to thrive.

Part of the reason it seems to thrive is because the leadership of our nation has openly embraced racism. While he has not yet used nooses, he doesn’t mind his supporters showing up at his rallies brandishing the symbols of the confederacy. Indeed, he embraced the neo-Nazi hoodlums whose actions in Charlottesville, Virginia, cause the death of Heather Heyer.

And the man who has a long history of wallowing in racist mud recently opined that he feels “lynched” by the Congressional inquiry into his outrageous behavior, which includes pressuring the Ukrainian president to investigate his political opponent, repeatedly violating the Emoluments Clause of the Constitution, and withdrawing troops from Syria, leaving our

Kurd allies unprotected.

When 45 uses the term “lynching,” he is attempting to minimize the terrorist roots of lynching in the United States. More than 4,000 people died from lynching in this country, and their lynchings didn’t happen at the hands of a Congressional committee, but at the end of ropes. Many were burned alive. After they died, their bodies were first used for sport (some bodies were found with hundreds of bullets in them). Then, their remains were used as keepsakes when racist observers of lynching fought for souvenirs – a finger, a tooth, or whatever they could keep as a gruesome reminder of their white supremacy.

Nooses have no place in a civilized society, nor does the casual mention of lynching. While Mr. Trump did not create the racism manifest in nooses and lynching, he has undoubtedly unleashed its expression. I would say that 45 should be ashamed, but his outrageous acts and his insensitive rhetoric suggest that, actually, he has no shame.

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Trump is not alone among Americans in failing to understand what a real lynching is

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



Donald Trump’s use of the term “lynching” to describe the ongoing impeachment inquiry in the House naturally sparked bipartisan outrage. The president and his shameless apologist, South Carolina’s Sen. Lindsey Graham, defended the use of the word, with Graham calling the investigation a “lynching in every sense.”

Surely Graham, who comes

from a state that, the Equal Justice Initiative reports, lynched 187 black people between 1877 and 1950, should know better. He was a member of the Senate when it voted unanimously in December 2018 to make lynching a federal crime, calling it “the ultimate expression of racism in the U.S.” and classifying it as a hate crime.

Trump’s casual use of the word is an indication of the sad reality that America has largely failed to address the role of racial terror and violence in our history, and its legacy in distorting our criminal justice system. The myths of black criminality that were used

to justify racial terror have never been adequately confronted and are reflected in the unprecedented – and still racially skewed – mass incarceration in America.

To this day, no Congress has passed, and no president has signed into law, a bill to outlaw lynching as a federal hate crime. Trump defended himself, saying that lynching is a “word that many Democrats have used.”

That’s true, but that only reinforces the need to confront the truth of the past. Lynching and racial terror were used purposefully after the Civil War in the former states of the Confederacy

to reimpose racial subordination and segregation.

In its compelling report, “Lynching in America: Confronting the Legacy of Racial Terror,” the Equal Justice Initiative compiled records of 4,075 “racial terror lynchings” of African Americans in 12 states of the South from the post-Civil War Reconstruction era to World War II.

The report shows that “terror lynchings in the American South were not isolated hate crimes committed by rogue vigilantes. Lynching was targeted racial violence at the core of a systematic campaign of terror perpetrated

in furtherance of an unjust social order.”

Whatever complaints Republicans may have about an impeachment hearing convened in Congress under its constitutional authority, it surely is not a lynching. Lynching in the South was not done by fringes of the society taking the law in their own hands. It was often organized by the community’s most prominent people and condoned by officials.

Lynchings were often gruesome public spectacles, with victims tortured and murdered in front of picnicking spectators. Their intent was not simply to

terrorize blacks, but to reinforce among whites the myth that blacks were sub-human. They were not about controlling crime, but about racial control. Their perpetrators were celebrated, not prosecuted.

The Equal Justice Initiative reports that only 1 percent of those committing lynchings were convicted of a criminal offense after 1900.

Racial terror in the South succeeded in re-establishing white rule and black subordination after the Civil War. With whites

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Hosemann and Hughes seek most powerful office in Mississippi – lieutenant governor

By Adam Ganucheau
Mississippi Today

Supporters of lieutenant governor candidates Delbert Hosemann and Jay Hughes hold signs during the Neshoba County Fair Wednesday, July 31, 2019.

Republican Secretary of State Delbert Hosemann and Democratic state Rep. Jay Hughes are running on similar issues as they seek to become the next lieutenant governor, what many consider the most powerful position in Mississippi state government.

Both Hosemann and Hughes have said they want to work across party lines to expand Medicaid, give public school teachers large pay increases, address the state’s road and bridge crisis and increase legislative transparency.

“We still were able to work together without people talking about each other,” Hosemann said of the previous political era when Democrats controlled government. “We’d talk to each other. We were able to go back through the process of having conversations about a common goal... You’ll see us working with everyone to get things done on education, health care, infrastructure and all the things Mississippi needs to address. We’ll solve those issues.”

Hughes commonly uses the line “people over party” on the campaign trail.

“I want to join people together,” Hughes said in a Sept. 5 debate. “I believe in compromise, humility and respect, not my way or the highway. When I was down there in Jackson, I realized that’s not how it’s running. So I want to do that. I want to work on



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policies instead of working on the best headline for the next day.”

Hosemann, 72, says his first legislative priority will be funding public school teacher pay raises. He has also discussed the desire to fully fund pre-kindergarten initiatives – an idea of current Lt. Gov. Tate Reeves and Gov. Phil Bryant that escaped completion during their terms.

Hughes, 56, has crisscrossed the state for three years focusing his campaign efforts on public school educators. His campaign slogan, “It All Starts With Education,” is plastered on his campaign RV and his campaign materials. He has long pushed for higher public school teacher salaries.

Hosemann told Mississippi Today he met with one of the architects of the Arkansas Medicaid expansion plan. In 2013, Arkansas drafted a plan to use

federal Medicaid dollars to help uninsured people buy private health insurance; later, Arkansas added work requirements and cost sharing for certain Medicaid beneficiaries.

Hughes also wants to expand Medicaid in the state by accepting additional federal funds to provide health coverage for primarily the working poor.

Hosemann and Hughes also support some version of a gas tax increase. Hosemann has pitched a plan that would let the state’s 82 counties decide for themselves whether or not to increase the gas tax in those counties. Hughes has said the state gas tax of 18.4 cents per gallon should be increased, but that he would aim to offset that increase with income tax cuts.

And both candidates support some increase of transparency at the Capitol. Hosemann proposed live-streaming



Delbert Hosemann (left) and Jay Hughes

committee meetings instead of the deliberations on the floors of the Senate and House. Hughes has pointed out that he’s filed more than a dozen bills the past four years to increase transparency at the Capitol, including live streaming committee meetings and making lawmakers’ phone calls and emails subject to the Open Records Act.

Both candidates’ policy ideas and rhetoric about working across party lines have been seen by some as a shot at Reeves, the outgoing lieutenant governor who is the Republican nominee for governor. Reeves’ heavy-handed leadership style during his eight years as lieutenant governor regularly generated legislative battles, including within his own Republican party.

Hosemann, who has not endorsed Reeves in the governor’s race, has downplayed the notion of supporting policies that might not have support from the Governor’s Mansion should Reeves win on Nov. 5. Hughes has also butted heads with Reeves the past four years, particularly over education policy that Hughes championed.

The lieutenant governor’s office is widely considered the most powerful in state government. The position’s broad definition in the state Constitution gives it legitimate power in both the executive and legislative branches of government.

The lieutenant governor is second in the line of succession for the governorship, and the lieutenant governor serves as acting governor whenever the governor is out of state.

Because the state Constitution doesn’t spell out limits of the lieutenant governor’s office, Senate rules dictate the office’s powers. Those rules make the lieutenant governor president of the Senate, granting its office the power to assign committees and committee chairs. With control of the committee assignments, the lieutenant governor routinely has the power to push or kill any piece of legislation he wants.

Former state Supreme Court Justice Michael Sullivan, dissenting from a monumental 1987 ruling that affirmed the constitutionality of the office’s broad powers, wrote that the lieutenant governor is “a powerful legislative creature, a super-senator, vested with sufficient legislative authority to virtually dominate the entire Senate.”

“All men must tread softly in the presence of such power,” Sullivan wrote. “Mississippians would also be well advised to determine from their candidates for the office of state senator, if those candidates would serve the electorate or the lieutenant governor. (The 1987 Supreme Court) decision implies that a senator may be unable to function effectively unless he chooses to serve the latter.”

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OFFICIAL BALLOT

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

HINDS COUNTY

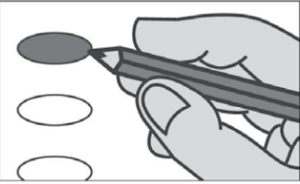
GENERAL ELECTION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019

Precinct 01

Ballot Style 96

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER:



Fill in the oval to the left of the name of your choice. You must blacken the oval completely, and do not make any marks outside of the oval. You do not have to vote in every race.

DO NOT CROSS OUT - If you change your mind, exchange your ballot for a new one. If you tear, soil, deface or erroneously mark this ballot, return it and obtain another.

<div>For State Of Mississippi Governor</div> <div>Vote for ONE</div> <div><div><div><div>Jim Hood</div><div>Democratic</div></div><div><div>Tate Reeves</div><div>Republican</div></div><div><div>Bob Hickingbottom</div><div>Constitution</div></div><div><div>David R. Singletary</div><div>Independent</div></div><div><div>Write-In</div></div></div></div>	<div>For State Of Mississippi State Treasurer</div> <div>Vote for ONE</div> <div><div><div><div>Addie Lee Green</div><div>Democratic</div></div><div><div>David McRae</div><div>Republican</div></div><div><div>Write-In</div></div></div></div>
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<div>For Hinds County Sheriff</div> <div>Vote for ONE</div> <div><div><div><div>Charlette Stewart Oswalt</div><div>Republican</div></div><div><div>Lee D. Vance</div><div>Democratic</div></div><div><div>Torrence Mayfield</div><div>Independent</div></div><div><div>Write-In</div></div></div></div>	
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*If you are 65 or older,
disabled, college student,
may be out of town, or
your job requires unusual
hours on election day,
you may vote absentee
in person at your local
courthouse up until
Saturday, November 2nd.*

Senator Willie Simmons - The **Builder** with a Vision

VOTE NOVEMBER 5, 2019

Central District Leadership backs Simmons as next Transportation Commissioner Central District

ENDORSEMENTS RECEIVED:

AFL-CIO of Mississippi

METRO JACKSON and Hinds Area
Officials DELTA Area Officials

EAST Mississippi Area Officials CENTRAL
Mississippi Faith Based Community Mississippi
Sheriff Association Representatives Jackson Advocate

Newton County Political Action League
Concerned Citizens of Rankin County



*Local Elected and Appointed Officials
Metro Jackson and Hinds*



*Representatives from the Mississippi Sheriff's Association
Across the MS Central District*



*Local Delta Elected and Appointed Officials
Bolivar, Sunflower, Washington,
Issaquena, Sharkey, Humphreys*



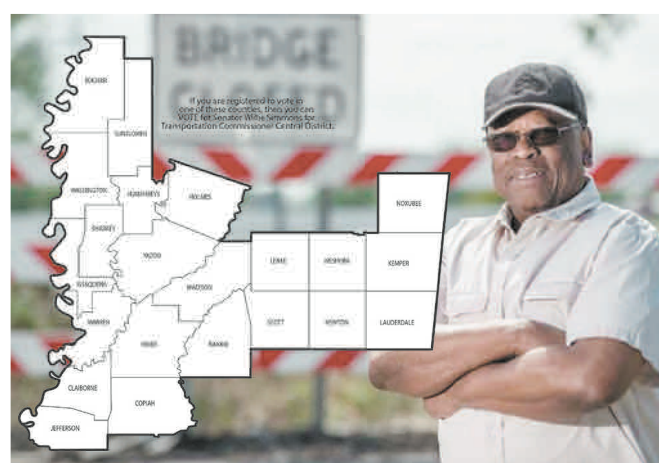
*Central Mississippi Faith Based Community
Rankin, Madison, Hinds, and Warren*



*East Mississippi Area Elected Officials
Lauderdale, Newton, Neshoba, Kemper,
Noxubee, and Meridian*



*Mississippi Central District Endorsements
A diverse group of Democrats, Republicans, Elected
and Appointed Officials, Faith Based and Community
Leaders, and Numerous Grass Roots Organizations*





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“Together, we can build a Mississippi that works for everyone. And have an administration and governor’s office that reflects the people of Mississippi both as to staffing and appointments. Family and faith guide me. In everything I do, I’ll put working families first.”

- Jim

- ✓ Raise teacher pay; expand pre-K statewide
- ✓ Make healthcare affordable; save rural hospitals; expand coverage for 300,000 working folks
- ✓ Fix our roads and bridges, helping create jobs
- ✓ Cut the sales tax on groceries
- ✓ Support tuition-free community college
- ✓ Clean up the swamp at the state capitol; end out-of-state tax giveaways

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