



Local businessman receives Vietnam Pin of Service



David Walker and Socrates Garrett

By Jackie Hampton
Publisher, The Mississippi Link

David Walker, director of the G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery VA Medical Center, said just prior to pinning Socrates Garrett, president & CEO of Garrett Enterprises ECI, with the Vietnam Veteran’s Lapel Pin in his office February 4, “As senior executive over this facility and as a Mississippi Veteran myself, it would be my honor to pin you with this Vietnam Service War Pin.” Garret, who served during the Vietnam war era from 1969-1971 said, “It is my honor to accept.”

Walker explained that in 2012 the 50th anniversary commission was set up to commemorate all of those who served during the Vietnam era from 1955-1975 regardless of where they served.

The symbol of the eagle on the pin represents courage, honor and dedicated service to our nation. The stripes behind the eagle represent the American Flag and “A Grateful Nation Thanks and Honors You” is embossed on the back of the pin, closest to the heart of the wearer.

Walker said to Garrett if he knows of any veterans that are in need, such as being homeless, or in risk of being homeless, to please give them his contact information because their mission is to serve veterans.

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‘The Untold Stories of African Americans’ applies a JSU perspective to black history

Jackson State University

Jackson State University’s Department of Art and Theatre, Department of Music and Student Government Association, have partnered together to present “The Untold Stories of African Americans: A JSU Perspective” Feb. 11, at 10 a.m., in the Rose E. McCoy Auditorium.

Yohance Myles, actor and professor, will serve as keynote and the event will feature performances by The Ritz Chamber Players and MAD-DRAMA.

Myles currently stars as Councilman Kent Hamilton on the OWN network television drama series “Ambitions” produced by Will Packer.

Formerly a JSU theater arts professor, Myles is also the founder of “The BEing Within” Actor’s Studio Sessions, Inc., which provides inspiring actors with knowledge and life skills in order to sustain in the competitive entertainment industry.

“The Untold Stories of African Americans: A JSU Per-



Myles

spective” aims to enlighten audiences on the rich history of the university by unclothing the hidden contributions of the educators employed by the HBCU. The show will also use entertainment to showcase other noted African Americans as well.

“The purpose is to educate the students, faculty, staff and community on more than Dr. Martin Luther King, Rosa

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Black women leading Mike Bloomberg’s presidential campaign in Mississippi

Mike is building a Democratic political infrastructure solely aimed at defeating President Trump in November

By Sam Hall
Bloomberg Campaign

When Mike Bloomberg decided to run for president, he decided to take an unconventional path. If he was going to run for president of the United States, he wanted to talk to the voters all across the country. He was going to build an operation like none other.

That strategy is clearly reflected in Mississippi, where not only has he built the largest Democratic presidential operation in more than 40 years but where it is led by three African-American women who all hail from the state.

Veteran political consultant Pam Shaw is leading the team as state director. Teresa Jones, who has worked in government and political positions from the Delta to D.C., is the political

director. And human rights activist Britany Gray is overseeing the organizing and field strategy across the state.

“I am thrilled that a presidential candidate is willing to invest in Mississippi,” Shaw said. “Democrats’ political infrastructure here is weak. Mike’s financial investment affords us an opportunity to build a political campaign that hasn’t existed in this state in decades.

“Someone who gives that type of commitment to a state with a small number of delegates, a state many assume to be a reliably red state, and a state with a significant African-American and poor population is the type of person I want leading this country.”

Pam Shaw: Christian and social justice warrior

A senior manager, entrepreneur and

public policy analyst, Shaw is a seasoned leader, tactician, organizer and devotee to social justice. She has more than 30 years of experience working at the intersection of policy, politics, education and economic justice.

Shaw said her mother shaped her ideals around social justice at a young age.

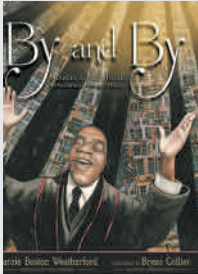
“I am a product of all of the iterations of integrating public schools in Vicksburg. My mother was a church woman. Many of the strategic conversations happened in my church, and I was privileged to be a small child listening to those conversations,” Shaw said.

It’s her Christian faith that led her to fight for those being overlooked or mistreated by society and by the very

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From left: Organizing Director Britany Gray, State Director Pam Shaw and Political Director Teresa Jones are leading Mike Bloomberg’s presidential campaign in Mississippi.



Hinds County Board of Supervisors announces new appointees

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At its first board meeting in February, just one month into the new board term, the Hinds County Board of Supervisors appointed a new county administrator and board attorney.

Board president and District 1 Supervisor Robert Graham said, “It was of utmost importance to the board that the candidates be well-rounded, experienced and ready to work.”

The board chose Jennifer Riley-Collins to fill the position of county administrator. Riley- Collins brings to the position a wealth of experience and knowledge from her background in finance, legal, criminal justice and advocacy.

In response to her appointment, Riley-Collins stated, “Hinds County has been my home for the last 23 years. I am honored to be able to continue my commitment to serve the public as the new county administrator in the place I call home. I promise to bring every talent, skill and ability I have to provide assistance to each supervisor as they work to bring progress to the county. I look forward to working with each elected official and with you, my neighbors.”

Riley-Collins assumed her role February 4.

The new board attorney is Tony Gaylor of the Chambers and Gaylor Law Firm. Gaylor served as the board attorney in 2012-2013 and brings a host of previous experience that will assist in navigating the board’s ongoing legal issues.

Gaylor was eager to assume his responsibilities and did so immediately upon his appointment.

Jennifer A. Riley-Collins

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Jennifer A. Riley-Collins is a native of Meridian, MS. She is a 1987 Magna Cum Laude graduate of Alcorn State University. In 1993, she earned her Masters of Criminal Justice Administration from the University of Central Texas in one year while serving on Active Duty as a primary staff officer. In 1997, she returned to Mississippi after receiving a merit based scholarship and in 1999 received her Doctor of Jurisprudence from Mississippi College School of Law, graduating a full semester ahead of her classmates.

Riley-Collins is an attorney licensed to practice in both state and federal courts. An advocate for quality representation and equal justice for all she has been a speaker on issues related to providing zealous representation to juvenile clients. She coordinated the legislative advocacy efforts aimed at reforming Mississippi’s juvenile justice system and de-institutionalizing at-risk youth.

Riley-Collins has studied and written about the Mississippi juvenile justice system. She has authored a number of professional publications and training materials to include Mississippi, An Assessment of Access to Counsel and Quality of Representation in Youth Court Proceedings, published Fall 2007; In the Interest of Joshua Brown: An Interactive Juvenile Defense Training Module, published Spring 2008; Double Jeopardy, A Tactical Clog in the School House to Jail House Pipeline; Avoiding the School-House to Jail-House Track, A Self Help Handbook for Children, Parents, and Community Leaders; and Train the Trainer, Juvenile Justice Advocacy Training Manual. In 2008, she was nominated for recognition as one of Mississippi’s Most Outstanding Women Lawyers. She is member of the Project Equity Advisory Board.

Her military career exceeds 20 years of both active and reserve duty. Assignments include Counterintelligence Platoon Leader, 504th MI BDE; Commander, Special Security Group, Ft. Meade, MD with assignment at the Test and Experimentation Command; Battalion S2, 2-2 Air Defense Artillery Battalion; Security and Intelligence Officer, 549th MI BN (TXNG); SIGNET/EW and Operations Officer, 255th Military Intelligence Company (MSNG); Intelligence Officer, 3rd Personnel Command (USAR); Plans and Operations Officer, 3rd Personnel Command (USAR Deployed to Camp Arifjan, Kuwait); and Brigade S2, 177th AR BDE (USAR - Mobilized). Her last assignment was Command Inspector General for Camp Shelby



Riley-Collins

Joint Forces Training Center (USAR – Mobilized).

Riley-Collins is a member of the Jackson Revival Center, Leadership Jackson and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She has been a Racial Diversity Trainer for Leadership Madison. In January 2014, Riley-Collins was appointed as a member of the US Commission on Civil Rights Mississippi Advisory Committee.

Tony R. Gaylor

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Tony R. Gaylor is a principal member of Chambers & Gaylor Law Firm, PLLC. Gaylor practices primarily in the areas of public finance, municipal law, commercial transactions and general civil litigation. He graduated cum laude with a B.S. in accounting from Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana in 1992. He earned his law degree from Tulane University Law School where he was a member of the Tulane Moot Court team. After graduating from law school in 1995, Gaylor clerked for Justice Fred L. Banks Jr. at the Mississippi Supreme Court. Additionally, he received a Master’s in Public Policy and Administration from Northwestern University in Chicago, Illinois.

Gaylor worked on various transactions involving public finance while representing several governmental and quasi-governmental entities. As such, Gaylor is a member of the National Association of Bond Lawyers and is listed within the Bond Buyer’s Municipal Marketplace Directory (“The Red Book”).

Gaylor has a significant public policy practice and represents school districts, municipalities, counties and housing authorities. He has advised his clients in matters including annexation efforts, economic development projects, public finance, all manner of litigation, municipal matters and contractual issues. Gaylor serves as the legal counsel for the Mississippi Association of Supervisors’ Minority Caucus.

Gaylor has represented businesses, quasi-governmental entities and associations in various transactional matters and all manner of litigation. He has provided legal advice to various municipalities, counties, public school districts, Headstart agencies and housing authorities regarding laws pertaining to securities regulations, procurement matters, property law, labor law, and federal regulations, including HUD regulations.

Professionally, Gaylor is a member of the Mississippi Bar Association, American Bar Association, the Magnolia Bar Association, the Capital Area Bar Association and the National Association of Bond Lawyers. He remains active within the community through his work with various organizations.

Gaylor was recently awarded the Mississippi Bar Association’s Lawyer Citizenship Award as well as one of the Top 50 Leaders in the Law by the Mississippi Business



Gaylor

Journal in 2011. He served as the chairman of the Board of Directors for the Urban League of Greater Jackson.

He is currently a member of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors for the Greater Jackson Chamber Partnership.

He is an active member of Anderson United Methodist Church where he has served on its Board of Trustees.



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Timothy Crudup, the fourth child of Jonas Crudup and Tommie Lyles Crudup, was born in Scott County, Forest, Mississippi. He lived in Forest all of his childhood and young adult life, where he attended elementary school and the ninth and tenth grades of high school. While in high school, he was drafted in 1943, to serve in the United States Navy, during WWII. Crudup received an honorable discharge from the United States Navy in January 1946.

In the fall of 1946, he enrolled in the Alcorn Laboratory High School in Lorman, MS. With an interest in furthering his education, after graduating from high school, he enrolled in Alcorn College, with a major in education. Later, he

received a Master’s degree from Jackson State University in Administration and Supervision.

In 1952, Crudup began his teaching career in the Madison County School System and remained with this school system until his retirement in 1985. His first position was as a high school teacher at Farmhaven High School in Farmhaven, MS. After teaching for one year, his leadership abilities were recognized, and he was offered the position of principal of that school. Later the school was relocated to a new school building with the name changed to Luther Branson Elementary. He continued to serve as principal in that community for 14 years. Then he accepted the principal position at Rosa Scott High School, in Madison, MS, where he served for 19 years, retiring in 1985.

He married his college sweetheart, Annie Camille Jefferson, of Yazoo City, Ms. They have one child, Linda Crudup Gladney

Although Crudup’s career as an educator was in the Madison County School System, he and his wife made their home in Yazoo City. He was active in both communities.

Upon his retirement, the Madison Ridgeland

IN MEMORIAM

Timothy Crudup

September 8, 1924 - January 28, 2020

branch of the NAACP recognized him for his dedicated service in the field of education and his role in school desegregation in Mississippi, specifically in Madison County. He was recognized by Rosa Scott Parent/Teacher Association for his leadership and unceasing efforts to provide quality education for all students of Madison County Schools.

A strong spiritual foundation has always been central in Crudup’s personal and family life. He has been very active in Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church where he served as deacon, superintendent of the Sunday School and church treasurer. He dedicated much of his time in service through his church, in whatever capacity needed. The church formally recognized his many years of service in 2005.

In the Yazoo City community, he served on the Board of Trustees for the King’s Daughter’s Hospital 2002-2005. Other organizations he was affiliated with include the Masons, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Phi Delta Kappa, Yazoo County Alcorn Alumni Club, American Legion and the Yazoo County Fair and Civic League, Inc.

On March 26, 2006, The Lieutenant Governor

of the State of Mississippi and Senator Joseph Thomas, commended the civic and charitable accomplishments of Crudup and designated that day as “Timothy Crudup Day” in Yazoo City.

In November 2014, The Honorable Bennie G. Thompson presented Crudup to the United States House of Representatives to be entered in the United States Congressional Record and it was approved.

Crudup has been a role model to many and is spoken highly of by many citizens of various segments of the community.

He is survived by his daughter, Linda Crudup Gladney of Madison, MS; grandson, Brian Timothy Gladney (Brittney), and great-grandson, Beckham Daniel Gladney of Decula, GA; brother, James Walter Crudup (Juanita) of Fort Mill, South Carolina; brother-in law Aubry Noel, Brent, Sr. (Catherine) of Yazoo City, MS and many nieces, nephews and friends.

A homegoing service will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, February 8, 2020, at Mt. Vernon M.B. Church located at 137 Canal Street, Yazoo City, MS. Viewing will take place at the church one hour prior to the service.

60 years ago: Students launched Sit-In Movement

By Dr. Kelton Edmonds
The Mississippi Link Newswire

PART ONE

February 1, 2020 marks the 60th anniversary of the launch of the historic Sit-in Movement, when four African-American freshmen from North Carolina A&T State College (now University) in Greensboro, NC sparked the non-violent and student-led wave of protests that ultimately resulted in the desegregation of F.W. Woolworth and other racially discriminatory stores.

The brave freshmen from NCA&T, who would later be adorned with the iconic label of the “Greensboro Four,” consisted of David Richmond, Franklin McCain, Joseph McNeil and Ezell Blair Jr. (Jibreel Khazan).

On February 1, 1960, the Greensboro Four bought items at Woolworth’s, then sat at the ‘whites-only’ lunch counter and refused to leave until they were served. Although waitresses refused to serve them, in accordance with the store’s racist policies, the four would continue their protest and in



the following days and weeks would be joined by more students from NCA&T, the nearby all-women’s HBCU Bennett College and students from other nearby colleges and high schools.

In a 2003 interview, Khazan (formerly Blair, Jr.) reflected on the daily threats of violence and verbal assaults from white antagonists, as one caller reached him on the dorm hall phone and bellowed, “...executioners are going to kill you niggers if you come back down here tomorrow, you and your crazy friends.”

White student allies who protested alongside black students were not immune from death

threats either, as Khazan recalled a white student protester explaining that their college president was threatened by an anonymous caller saying, “...if those nigger-loving bitches come downtown again and sit with those niggers, we going to kill them and burn your school down.”

The Greensboro students persisted nevertheless, and soon, the protests that flooded the lunch counters of the segregated store would spread to other cities throughout the South beginning in North Carolina, cities such as Elizabeth City, Charlotte and Winston-Salem, in addition to cities in Virginia.

In Virginia

Virginia played a primary role in the Sit-in Movement, as Hampton, Virginia became the first community outside of North Carolina to experience sit-ins February 10.

Initially, three students from Hampton Institute sat-in at the downtown Woolworth’s lunch counter in Hampton and were refused service. As a testament to the veracity of the movement, within two weeks, over 600 students in Hampton were sitting-in.

On February 12, sit-in protests spread to Norfolk, as 38 black protesters staged a sit-in at the Woolworth lunch counters on Granby and Freemason Streets.

Similar demonstrations were held in Portsmouth, at lunch counters in Rose’s Department store February 12 and at Bradshaw-Diehl Department Store later that week.

Led by students from I.C. Norcom High school, the Portsmouth sit-ins would be one of the few cities that experienced violence, albeit initiated by white anti-protesters armed with chains, hammers

and pipes and resulting in retaliation from the black students after being attacked.

Violent episodes were the exceptions and not the rule of the massively spreading Sit-in Movement. In nearly all sit-in cities, black protesters made immeasurable efforts to avoid violence at all cost since the movement and training centered on non-violent demonstrations in confronting inequality.

Edward Rodman, high school activist in Portsmouth, admitted they were initially unorganized and untrained in passive resistance, which played a role in their reactions to the violent anti-protesters. The Congress for Racial Equality (CORE) connected with the Portsmouth student protesters and over the next few days conducted intense and successful non-violent workshops with the young people. Soon after, the Portsmouth students reignited their movement without incidents of retaliation toward violent antagonists.

North of Hampton Roads, Richmond, Virginia experienced sit-ins as well as Balti-

more, MD, and dozens of other cities by the end of February. By mid-April, sit-in protests reached all southern states involving thousands of black student activists and sympathizers.

The coordinated demonstrations of thousands of black student protesters and sympathizers put insurmountable pressure on Woolworth’s, as it became nearly impossible for regular customers to purchase items, eat at the lunch counters and even enter the store in many instances.

On May 25, the sit-in movement received a major victory as lunch counters at Woolworth’s in Winston Salem, NC desegregated. Soon after, Woolworth’s in Nashville, TN and San Antonio, TX also integrated. Finally, on July 25, ground zero, Woolworth’s in Greensboro integrated its lunch counter. With the possibility of facing bankruptcy, F.W. Woolworth totally acquiesced and desegregated all of its lunch counters throughout the nation by the end of the summer of 1960.

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government charged with protecting them and providing them with basic services.

“Because I am a Christian, I am a social justice warrior. Political, economic and social justice are threads intimately interwoven into the fabric of the world,” Shaw said.

Teresa Jones: From the Delta to D.C. and back

Jones said she decided to get into politics at 17 after serving as a page in the state Senate for Sen. Johnnie Walls and was able “to get a front row seat to Mississippi’s legislative process.”

“I saw how few women legislators were in the halls of the Capitol, but how fiercely they spoke on issues that mattered to them. That’s when I decided I wanted to do this work,” Jones said.

Since then she has worked in nearly all levels of government including the U.S House of Representatives for Rep. Bennie Thompson, the White House for former President Barack Obama and the U.S. Senate for Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer of New York. Jones recently worked in Clarksdale, where she assisted Mayor Chuck Espy with securing grants for community, youth and business development projects.

Jones said she joined Bloomberg’s campaign “because he’s investing in Mississippi to help build our political infrastructure. When this race is over, Mississippi will have young people with real skills and experience to run modern campaigns.”

Brittany Gray: Community-minded activist building a better future

Gray has held national, state and regional organizer roles within prominent nonprofits and political campaigns including President Barack Obama. She has worked on issues such as labor, politics, race, education, economic democracy and justice, criminal justice, mass incarceration, hunger, climate justice and poverty.

“For years, campaigns have succumbed to the modern technological tools that have been readily available but lacked the expertise. Very few across the state know how to use these tools in an effort to run data-driven successful campaigns,” Gray said. “We have the opportunity to change that right now as the resources are readily available. It is my intent as state organizing director to prepare organizers as they create a new, more sustainable political infrastructure here in Mississippi.”

It’s Bloomberg’s investment of resources not only to benefit his presidential campaign but to strengthen the Democratic Party in Mississippi and beyond that attracted Gray to the team.

“Campaigning and politicking in Mississippi has to change if Democrats and African Americans are to ever win statewide. Why not be a part of fostering that change?” Gray said.

Gray also said she believes it is important for people to offer their skills to local communities, and she models that belief in her commitment to community involvement. Participating in various organizations and programs, working and focusing on her studies has always intensified her attitude towards hard work and a desire for excellence.

What Bloomberg’s investment in Mississippi means

Shaw: “Mike’s life experiences set him apart. And his public acknowledgement that his African-American peers did not have the same opportunity to acquire wealth as he did is an unusual admission. In an era where a premium is placed on personal responsibility and the wrong belief that the playing field is even, Mike’s acknowledgement is a gamechanger, especially in a place like Mississippi where nearly 40% of the population is African American. And it’s his outlook and understanding that informed his Greenwood Initiative, which is a phenomenal plan to help grow generational wealth for black people.”

Jones: “Mike has a comprehensive plan to create wealth for Black America. As someone who was born and raised in an impoverished, rural Mississippi Delta town, I witnessed the lasting legacy of racism firsthand, and I have personal experience with how generational poverty impacts the entire black community. Mike’s Greenwood Initiative gives me hope that, in my lifetime, we can finally break the wheels of racial, economic injustice and black Americans can finally have a chance to reach the American Dream that was promised to us.”

Gray: “Mike is investing in Mississippi in a very historic way, unmatched by other federal, state and local campaigns. Mike’s investments allows for the placement of multiple organizers across each congressional district. A majority of the organizers look like me and will develop the necessary skill set to later return to their own communities as they run local and statewide campaigns effectively.”

Garrett

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The two men discussed the pinning over a year ago while sitting together at the unveiling ceremony which recognized the naming of the Thad Cochran United States Courthouse in Jackson.

Garrett thanked Walker and said he would wear his pin with pride.

Myles

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Parks and the Black Lives Matter movement,” explained Ramon Jackson, director of musical activities. “They have all made a positive impact on our communities. However, we also want to highlight those we don’t typically hear about. By enlisting the help of Yohance Myles, the Ritz Chamber Players and MAD-DRAMA, we want to tell our story in an exceptional way.”

Founded in 2002, the Ritz Chamber Players has uniquely redefined traditional arts participation to one that is reflective of a multicultural society. Group members perform with and hold principle positions in distinguished organizations like the New York Philharmonic, Boston Symphony, Chicago Symphony, Pittsburgh Symphony, Philadelphia Orchestra and the London Symphony.

The Ritz Chamber Players innovative programs have been featured and reviewed nationally in many publications such as Chamber Music America, International Musician, Ebony Magazine, Essence Magazine, The Baltimore Sun, The Florida-Times Union, and by Sarah Bryan Miller, critic for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

MADDDRAMA was founded on the campus of JSU, in 2004, by Mark G. Henderson, artistic director and coordinator, in the Department of English. Aside from producing and performing quality plays, the theatrical performance group conducts educational workshops, supports the cultural enhancement of the community, heightens the awareness of theater as a cultural art form and serves as a recruitment tool for JSU.

Senate honors the 2019 SWAC Champions

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The Mississippi Senate, February 4, presented Senate Concurrent Resolution 522 to the Alcorn State University Braves football team and head coach Fred McNair for winning the 2019 Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) Championship 39-24 over Southern University Baton Rouge December 7, 2019, at Jack Spinks-Marino Casem Stadium. It marked the second consecutive SWAC championship for the team and the 17th in school history.

Alcorn wide receiver senior LeCharles Pringle was named the SWAC Championship Offensive MVP. He hauled in a career-high 145 yards and a touchdown. The SWAC Championship Defensive MVP went to defensive back Junior Juwan Taylor. He matched his career-high with 11 tackles and also tallied an interception, forced fumble and tackle for a loss, and quarterback Junior Felix Harper, the SWAC Offensive Player of the Year, ended with 226 yards and a touchdown. Fred McNair was “SWAC Coach of the Year.”

The 2019 Alcorn State University “Braves” football team roster is: Tevarrius Adams, Daylon Burks, Felix Harper, De’Shawn Waller, Niko Duffey, Akeem McNair, Tim McNair Jr., Nigel Wood, Chris Blair, Thaddeus Peyton, Noah Johnson, Calvontay Key, Lazarious Pinder, As-



Standing left to right in front photo are: Head Coach Fred McNair, Senators Tammy Witherspoon and Albert Butler, Alcorn State University President Felecia M. Nave, Senator Sarita Simmons and Athletic Director Derek Horne.

ante Griffin, Keyron Kinsler, Jr., Juan Anthony Jr., Ernest Dixon, Jyron Russell, Chris Green, Corey McCullough, Allen Bruce, Juwan Taylor, Taurence Wilson, Alec Bailey, Jonathon Bolton, Trey Turner, Alvin Edney, E.J. Thomas, Chris Hart, Augustin Avouwadan, Jaaron Jackson, Makenzie Black, Qwynnterrio Cole, Mikail Webb, Greg Blue, Nichel Herron, Elmer Johnson, Kahleab Hill, Creo Argue Jr., Mohamed Bakayoko, Jamaskian Chapman, Jaylon Pitts, Daimen Anderson, Kevon Marsh, Jacorian “Kobe” Wren, Javen Morrison, Trevor James, Jordan Richo, Brelion Hollis, Solomon Muhammad, Aurelius Hardy, Darrell Henderson, Jayden Barfield,

Wanya Morris, Dylan Taylor, Michael Ajumobi, Kodi Travis, Malik Holbert, Steve Carter, Jerome Boulden, II, Chris Monroe, Kevin Hall, Greg White, Franklin Smith, Joshua Brown, Vance Heidelberg, Jemar Nunley, Braxton Spells, Deonte Brooks, Steffon Savage, Darius Smith, Will Ready, Antonio Patterson, Columbus Willis, Darius Davis, Mustaffa Ibrahim, Joseph Milburn, Eric Sherrod, Ryan McKenzie, Hakeim Warren, Raidarious Anderson, LeCharles Pringle, Kendrick Brown, Jeremiah Green, Jordan Hart, Kyontez Everett, Brandon Campbell, Demetrius Lewis, Zyrion Thompson, Darron Sims, Colten Menges, Kee Wayne Jones, Quadry Daniels, Tre’ Huntley, Trevor

Vines, Theron Bonds, Myron Means and Christopher Epps.

Football coaching staff: Fred McNair, head coach; Cedric Thornton, assistant head coach/defensive coordinator; Elliott Wratten, offensive coordinator/offensive line; Damon Frenchers, defensive line; Jason Phillips, wide receivers; Darius Hart, defensive ends; Lane Powell, special teams; Pat White, quarterbacks; Chris Cash, safeties; Leroy Frederick, cornerbacks; Ryan Busz, running backs; Chase Alexander, graduate assistant; Matthew Brown, student assistant; Ronald Williams, video coordinator; Lonnie Maddox, head strength and conditioning coach; and Myles Quimby, graduate assistant.

Jobs for Jacksonians hosts Job Readiness Workshop

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The City of Jackson’s Jobs for Jacksonians will conduct a Job Readiness Workshop February 6. This workshop will take place in the conference room of the Department of Personnel Management at the Metrocenter Mall from 10 am – 12 noon.

Workshop attendees will learn how to increase their chances of landing a job, resume tips and interview pointers.

Job leads will be provided as well in accordance with pre-screening.

For more information, contact Jonathan Barnett at 601 960-0377.

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Every Thursday in February

Enjoy the talents of local church ensembles, dance groups and other performers Thursday nights during the month of February. All shows are free and open to the public. While you're here, see your respects at the final resting place of the King of the Blues.

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FEBRUARY 13	Black History Culture Through Dance	7:00 PM
FEBRUARY 20	Revel the South: Soul, Jazz, and Blues	7:00 PM
FEBRUARY 27	Celebrate King Day: Soul, Jazz, and Blues	7:00 PM

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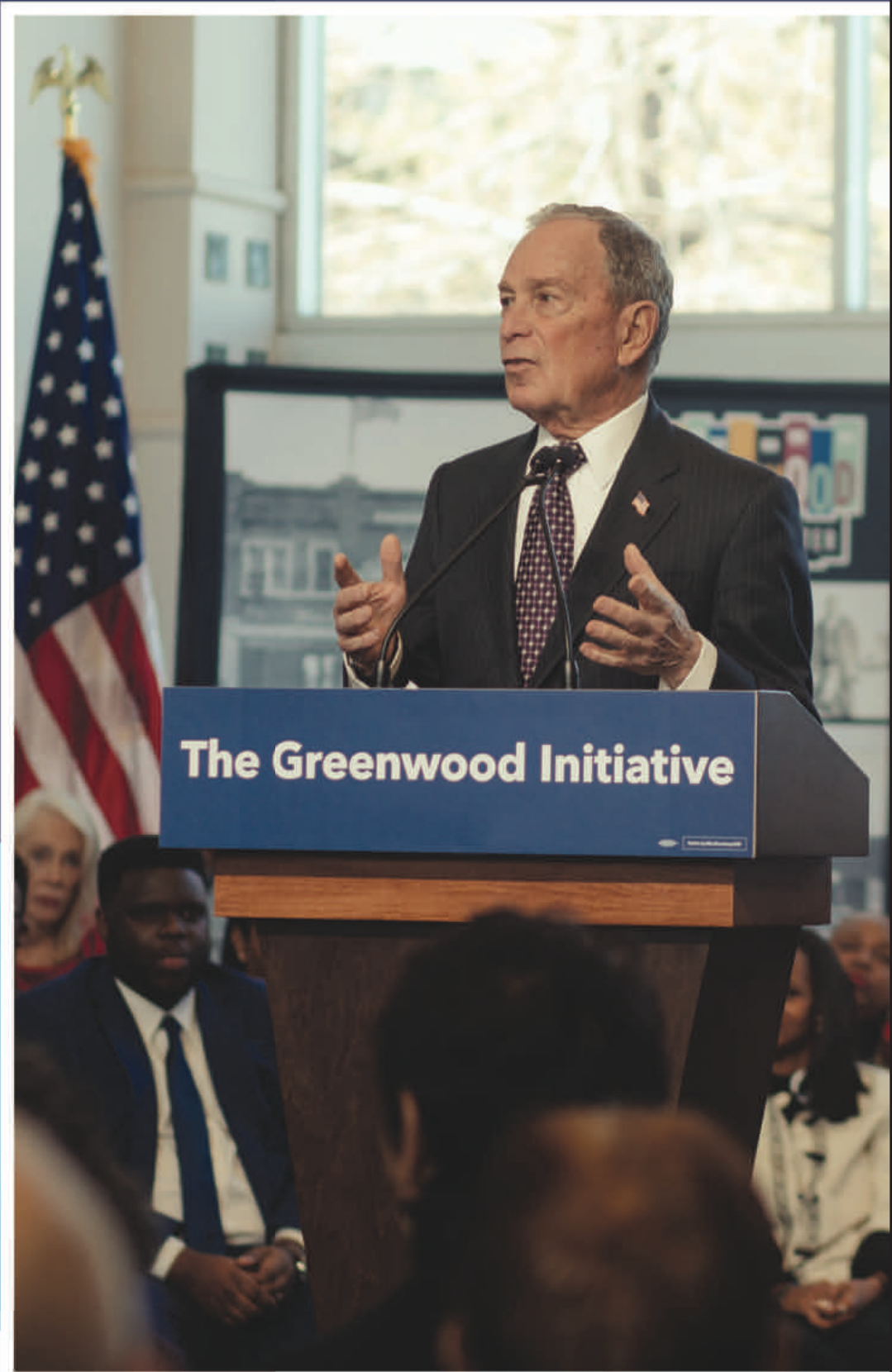
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Casey Elementary scholars win division in Fall Stock Market Game

Mississippi Link Newswire

Students from Casey Elementary School, coached by Stock Market Advisor Jessica Weems, were named Region 3 first-place winners in the Fall Mississippi Stock Market Game for the Elementary Division. Outpacing the S&P 500 by 3.36%, the team from Casey grew a pretend \$100,000 investment to a portfolio of \$108,974 in 13 weeks.

The Mississippi Council on Economic Education will award prizes to the team at their school's spring awards ceremony.

The Stock Market Game (SMG) is a simulation of a real market. It is designed to involve students in the world of finance and investing as a means of helping them learn about how a market economy works. This experience is one of the most effective learning tools available about the free enterprise system for students in grades 4-12. The curriculum used in the Mississippi SMG is correlated with the state's College and Career Ready Standards and meets the criteria of a STEM program.

Teachers report that math

scores increase when the SMG is used in the classroom.

The SMG is an online education program used in thousands of classrooms nationwide to help teach math, social studies, business, economics and language skills.

The SMG is made possible by the support of more than 600 securities firms combined with grassroots support in schools and communities. It is the only stock market simulation supported by the New York Stock Exchange and the Nasdaq Stock Market.



Celebrating their win are SMG team members (front, from left) Austin Dean, Makynzie Horton and Roman Jones Reed. Jessica Weems (back, from left) was their Stock Market advisor, Rhoda Yoder is the principal at Casey and Rosalind McCreary is the team's teacher.

Peeples Middle School students visited the Capitol



Peeples Middle School students visited the Capitol February 4, and viewed the legislative process, then listened to lawmakers explain their roles. Standing left to right are Senator David Blount, Representative Alyce G. Clarke and Representative Ronnie C. Crudup. On the right are Senator Hillman T. Frazier, Peeples Middle School teacher Melvin Jackson and Senator Sollie B. Norwood.

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Mississippi College SGA President Aaron Feazelle recognized at the Capitol

Honors keep coming for Mississippi College Student Government Association President Aaron Feazelle

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An MC senior, Feazelle was recently honored at the Superdome in New Orleans for his selection to the 2019 Allstate AFCA Good Works Team. An MC Choctaws quarterback, Aaron is the first MC student-athlete named to the Good Works Team.

Feazelle’s stellar work as a business administration major and participation in many community service projects helped the Diamondhead resident gain this prestigious honor. In February, Feazelle will be among dozens of Mississippi students from institutions statewide recognized at the Capitol.

Feazelle, 21, will be saluted at the 34th annual Higher Education Appreciation Day-Working for Academic Excellence program better known as HEADWAE.

The program honors outstanding students and faculty from institutions with the Mississippi Association of Colleges and University. Events at the state Capitol will be followed by an awards luncheon in Jackson.

“It is always a tremendous honor to represent MC in any setting,” Feazelle said. “I have been blessed to be put in the position I’m in here. I am so grateful for all the support from friends, family, faculty staff and



Feazelle

the administration.”

HEADWAE is supported by the Mississippi Legislature. The event is coordinated by the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning’s Office of Academic and Student Affairs as well as the Mississippi Community

College Board.

What’s next for Feazelle?

The Gulf Coast resident plans to attend graduate school – either to pursue an MBA or a master’s in sports administration/administration.

As SGA president, Feazelle

launched an initiative at Mississippi College to partner with the Big Brothers and Big Sisters program in Mississippi. As an MC junior, he joined clean-up efforts in Panama City, Florida after the city received major damages from Hurricane Michael. In addition, he’s put together bags of food for less fortunate families in the Clinton community.

Also being honored at the HEADWAE program will be MC’s 2019 Distinguished Professor of the Year, John Anderson.

A professor at the MC School of Law in Jackson, Anderson is thrilled to be honored and represent the Christian university.

Serving as the guest speaker at the university’s Fall commencement in December, Anderson feels blessed to work at America’s 2nd oldest Baptist college.

“I am always grateful for the opportunity to help prepare our wonderful MC law students for their future roles as servants of the law and as leaders of this great state.”

Anderson’s expertise stretches from constitutional law to international human rights. He’s just as knowledgeable teaching students about insider trading law, white collar crime and contracts at MC Law.



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Teacher pay raise bill passes Senate Education Committee

Dear Editor,
SB 0001, a teacher pay raise bill, passed unanimously in the Senate Education Committee this morning. It will now go to the full Senate for a vote. The bill gives certified teachers with three or more years’ experience a \$1,000 pay increase. Teachers with two years of experience and less will get a slightly larger pay bump of \$1,110 to bring them to an even \$37,000 starting salary. Assistant teachers will receive a \$1,000 pay increase. All increases are effective July 1, 2020.

Senate leaders made it clear that this salary increase, while smaller than they would like, is just the beginning of efforts to improve teacher pay and address the teacher shortage crisis. They plan a comprehensive study of teacher pay that will inform the subsequent pay raises they intend to give in years 2, 3 and 4 of this term.

Lt. Gov. Hosemann reminded us today of the criti-

cal role teachers play in our society, and he emphasized that the goal is to bring teachers to a salary level that will enable them to focus on educating our children without having to worry about whether or not they can pay their bills.

Earlier in the session, the Mississippi House passed a deficit appropriation to ensure that all teachers will receive the full pay raise passed last year, after a calculation error resulted in an inadequate appropriation at the end of the last legislative session.

Clearly, teacher pay is a priority for this Legislature.

Please join me in thanking legislators for putting an increase in teacher pay at the top of their to-do list in the very first year of this term. It is significant. I look forward to working with legislators in both chambers to make the 2020 Legislative Session a great one for public education. Together, we’ve got this!

Gratefully,
Nancy

HCCSD team brings home award from debut robotics competition

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The HCCSD robotics team, The Olympians, made its debut in the City Shaper Red Carpet Regional Qualifier competition sponsored by the First Lego League January 25 at St. Aloysius High School in Vicksburg, MS.

Eight 6th and 7th grade students from the Gifted Education classes at Williams-Sullivan Middle School (WSMS) and S.V. Marshall Elementary (SVME) programmed an autonomous robot to move on a 4’ x 8’ table model, performing missions such as pushing a swing, moving a stack, lowering an object from a crane, navigating a ramp and raising flags on a bridge. The students programmed the robot using Python language.

The students from Williams-Sullivan are Le’Baudrio Bridgford, Caitlin Cole, Aaron Davis and Simona Cobb. Xavier Hilliard, Ciara Jackson, Zion Johnson, and Lorenzo Smoot represented SV Marshall.

The HCCSD robot performed three rounds. The robot was scored for mission completion and the team was scored for robot design, programming and how well they demonstrated the Core Values of teamwork, inclusion, discovery, impact, innovation and fun. The Olympians’ highest score was 245, which placed them in 5th place overall in their group of 15 teams. The



Team

first-place team’s winning score was 340. The HCCSD team earned the Core Values Award, indicating their excellence in modeling the Core Values.

Bridgeford said, “We had several trials with the robot. This was to be expected. It was somewhat frustrating at first, but we worked through it. Overall, I loved being there.”

FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) was founded in 1989 by Segway inventor Dean Kamen to inspire young people’s interest and participation in science and technology. FIRST designs accessible, innovative programs that motivate young people to pursue education and career opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and math, while building self-confidence, knowledge, and life skills.

According to its website, firstinspires.org, FIRST participation is proven to encourage students to pursue education and careers in STEM-related fields, inspire them to become leaders and innovators, and enhance their 21st century work-life skills.

Prior to the City Shaper competition, the HCCSD students researched challenges facing today’s scientists and applied real-world math and science concepts while learning critical thinking, team building and presentation skills.

They identified and studied an issue of concern in their local city. The Olympians decided to study land pollution created through litter. Because of their learning, they committed to help clean up the city of Durant by volunteering to clean public spaces two Saturdays a month.

Superintendent of Schools James L. Henderson said, “We are so very proud of our WSMS and SVME scholars. Our goal is to continue to expose our students to experiences that are challenging yet relate to real life experiences.”

The students were proud of their achievement. WSMS student Aaron Davis said, “I feel good. I’m happy and surprised that we earned an award since this was our first time. Next year will be even bigger and better.” His mother, Camona Davis, said, “I’m so proud of the students. Thank you to their teacher for going the extra mile with them.”

Smoot from SVME, said that he can’t wait for next year’s competition and classmate Ciara Jackson said, “I had lots of fun. I wish I could start yesterday over and do today all over again.”



Table

HCCSD Gifted Education teacher and The Olympians team coach Kavitha Gandham said that the results were amazing for a team in its first competition. She said that this experience really gives her optimism for an even better showing in next year’s state-level competition.

District Science Coordinator Shimelle Mayers was excited

and pleased that the first-year team performed so well and increased their confidence. She also looks forward to more learning and increased STEM capacity as the students continue to grow.

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“I look forward to the opportunity to influence our operations from the start



Former corporate production manager, Mike Tamimi, will be the company's new director of production, responsible for providing leadership in the management of all live production operations. As director of production, Tamimi will manage and administer production divisions and programs, provide consultation and direction nec-



A graduate of Troy University in Troy, Alabama, Tamimi earned a bachelor's degree in accounting. He began his career with the company in 2008 as a production manager at the company's Adel, Georgia production division. Throughout his 12-year tenure with the



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Though the company has grown in size, it still adheres to the same hometown values of honesty, integrity and innovation that were established when the Sanderson family founded the company.

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Dr. Mason-Bolden also spoke with Lt. Governor Delbert Hosemann.



Hidden tax increases on airline tickets won't fly

By Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr.
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Why is it that poor people are always asked to pay more in America? Last year, I warned about the possibility that Congress might try to impose a new tax on air travelers. Well, it's 2020 and here we go again.

Even in the midst of a historic impeachment trial and potential military conflict abroad, lawmakers on Capitol Hill have managed to find time to dust off their plan to soak air travelers, including working people who struggle everyday just to make ends meet.

Make no mistake about it: this is a tax hike, even though backers of this plan won't call it a tax hike, for obvious reasons. And it's one that hits relatively low-wage workers harder than it hits those who make a lot more money. And it hits those who routinely fly for business especially hard too.

This week, Democratic leaders are expected to unveil their broad infrastructure agenda for the coming year – a plan that is sorely needed given our aging highways, railways and other transportation needs.

But here is what is galling: sources tell me that buried in



While most people agree that it is in the public's best interest to have safe and efficient airports that can accommodate increased passenger travel, proponents of increasing the passenger fee have been a little misleading about the condition of the nation's airports. PHOTO: ISTOCKPHOTO / NNPA

the broad array of transportation initiatives is a proposal to raise the so-called Passenger Facility Charge (PFC), a hidden fee on airline travelers that Congress enacted long ago to help pay for renovation projects at airports around the country.

Most Americans have probably never heard of the PFC, now capped at about \$4.50 per person

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for each leg of a flight. But working families across the country, including our readers, may soon feel the impact if some members of Congress have their way.

Here is how the fee works. Passengers are charged the fee at the ticket counter, allowing the airport that collects it to keep it

for local repairs and renovations. Current proposals in Congress include one to nearly double the fee to \$8.50 per person for each leg of a flight. Another possibility is eliminating the cap entirely, thereby allowing airports to charge whatever they like.

If the fee is raised to \$8.50, a family of four on a trip with a connecting flight would pay nearly \$150 in this tax alone – a tax that is layered on top of the price of the ticket itself, a major reason people don't notice it. Such a substantial increase could be the deciding factor between that family taking a much-deserved vacation or staying home.

While most people agree that it is in the public's best interest to have safe and efficient airports that can accommodate increased passenger travel, proponents of increasing the passenger fee have been a little misleading about the condition of the nation's airports.

In reality, airports are undergoing something of a revitalization, particularly when compared to rail or highway travel. Passengers are traveling at record rates, airport revenues are at all-time highs, and infrastructure upgrades are booming across the nation.

Just take a look at the balance sheets of our nation's airports. U.S. airports have over \$16 Billion of unrestricted cash and investments on hand, with \$7 billion sitting in the aviation trust fund. And, in the last decade, more than \$165 billion in federal aid has been directed to airports for improvement projects at America's largest 30 airports alone.

Some of these projects have been completed. Others are currently underway. And some have received approval to move forward in the coming months. For example, Los Angeles International Airport and New York's John F. Kennedy Airport are both undergoing multi-billion-dollar upgrades. Smaller facilities like the Long Island MacArthur Airport and the Shawnee Regional Airport are also upgrading their terminals and runways.

The bottom line, then, is that there is no substantive basis for a fee hike. And it makes even less sense politically.

With Election Day just months away, most lawmakers will likely make the safe calculation and reject any proposed hike presented on the floor for a vote, lest they stir a voter backlash. Yet it should be worrisome that House Democratic leaders appear will-

ing to put a fee hike on the table for consideration.

It could be nothing more than a trial balloon released in an attempt to test whether rank-and-file lawmakers have the stomach for taking up such a measure in an election year. But even if it is just that, there's still reason for concern, given that even unpopular ideas have a way of gaining sudden momentum in the topsy-turvy politics of Congress.

Air travel remains one of the most popular and necessary forms of transportation because it is relatively safe and convenient. But it should not become more expensive because a hidden tax that few people expected is added.

Congress should not put air travel out of the reach of American families who are still trying to get out of poverty. Thus, increasing taxes on airline tickets won't fly for black Americans and won't fly for all others who believe in economic fairness and equality of opportunity.

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Black America's housing crisis: More renters than homeowners, homeless population jumps 12%

By Charlene Crowell
NNPA News Wire Columnist

No matter who you are, or where you live, there's a central concern that links consumers all over the country: the ever-rising cost of living. For many consumers, the combined costs of housing, transportation, food and utilities leave room for little else from take-home pay.

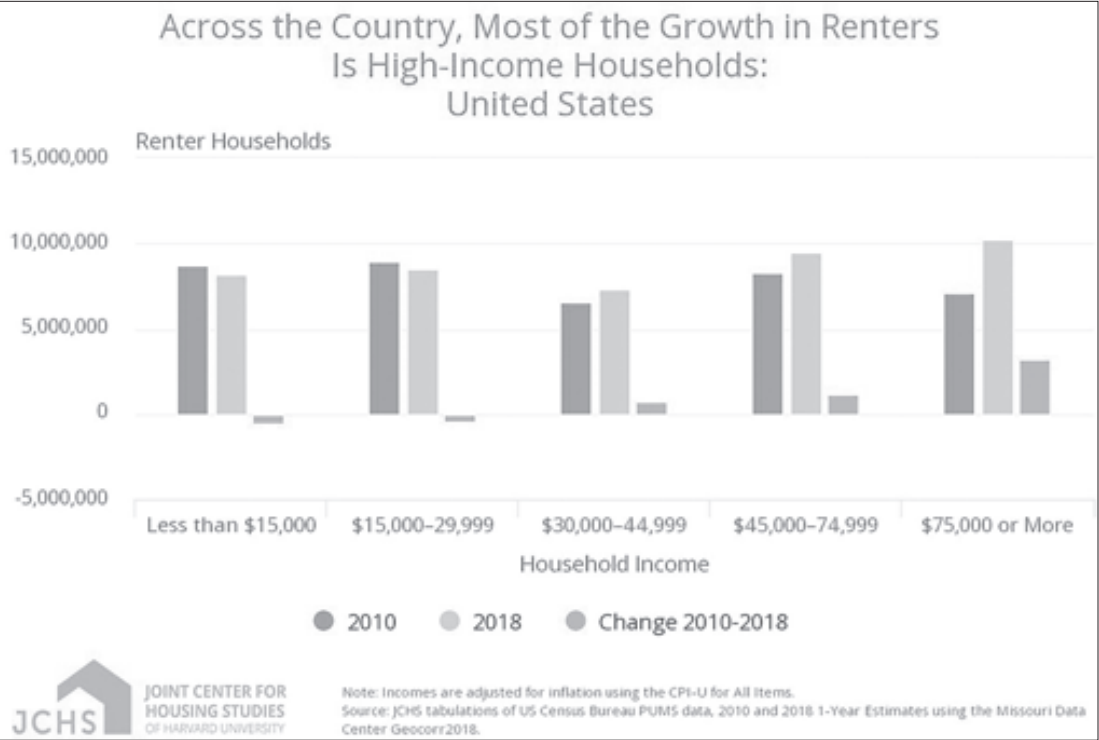
From Boston west to Seattle, and from Chicago to Miami and parts in between, the rising cost of living is particularly challenging in one area: housing. Both homeowners and renters alike today cope as best they can just to have a roof over their families' heads.

The nation's median sales price of a new home last September in 2019 was \$299,400, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Even for an existing home, the St. Louis Federal Reserve noted its median price in December was \$274,500.

For renters, the cost of housing is also a serious challenge. Last June, the national average rent reached \$1,405, an all-time high. But if one lives in a high-cost market like Manhattan, Boston, Los Angeles or San Francisco, a realistic rental price is easily north of \$3,000 each month.

Now a new report from Harvard's Joint Center for Housing Studies (JCHS) finds that the American Dream of homeownership is strained even among households with incomes most would think adequate to own a home. From 2010 to 2018, 3.2 million households with earnings higher than \$75,000 represented more than three-quarters of the growth in renters in its report entitled, America's Rental Housing 2020.

"[F]rom the homeownership peak in 2004 to 2018, the number of married couples with children that owned homes fell by 2.7 million, while the num-



ber renting rose by 680,000," states the report. "These changes have meant that families with children now make up a larger share of renter households (29%) than owner households (26%)."

To phrase it another way, America's middle class is at risk. Consumer demographics that traditionally described homeowners, has shifted to that of renters. And in that process, the opportunity to build family wealth through homeownership has become more difficult for many – and financially out of reach for others.

"Rising rents are making it increasingly difficult for households to save for a down payment and become homeowners," says Whitney Airgood-Obrycki, a JCHS Research Associate and lead author of the new report. "Young, college-educated households with high incomes are really driving current rental demand."

Included among the report's key findings:

Rents in 2019 continued their seven-year climb, marking 21

consecutive quarters of increases above 3.0%;

Despite the growth in high-income white renters, renter households overall have become more racially and ethnically diverse since 2004, with minority households accounting for 76 percent of renter household growth through 2018; and

Income inequality among renter households has been growing. The average real income of the top fifth of renters rose more than 40 percent over the past 20 years, while that of the bottom fifth of renters fell by 6 percent;

"Despite the strong economy, the number and share of renters burdened by housing costs rose last year after a couple of years of modest improvement," says Chris Herbert, managing director of the Joint Center for Housing Studies. "And while the poorest households are most likely to face this challenge, renters earning decent incomes have driven this recent deterioration in affordability."

This trend of fewer homeowners has also impacted an-

other disturbing development: the nation's growing homeless population.

Citing that homelessness is again on the rise, the JCHS report noted that after falling for six straight years, the number of people experiencing homelessness nationwide grew from 2016-2018, to 552,830. In just one year, 2018 to 2019, the percentage of America's black homeless grew from 40% to more than half – 52%.

That independent finding supports the conclusion of the Department of Housing and Urban Development's report to Congress known as its Annual Homeless Assessment Report.

While some would presume that homelessness is an issue for high-cost states like California, and New York, the 2019 HUD report found significant growth in homeless residents in states like Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Virginia and Washington as well.

According to HUD, states with the highest rates of homelessness per 10,000 people were New York (46), Hawaii

(45), California (38), Oregon (38), and Washington (29), each significantly higher than the national average of 17 persons per 10,000. The District of Columbia had a homelessness rate of 94 people per 10,000.

And like the JCHS report, HUD also found disturbing data on the disproportionate number of black people who are now homeless.

For example, although the numbers of homeless veterans and homeless families with children declined over the past year, blacks were 40% of all people experiencing homelessness in 2019, and 52% of people experiencing homelessness as members of families with children.

These racial disparities are even more alarming when overall, blacks comprise 13% of the nation's population.

When four of every 10 homeless people are black, 225,735 consumers are impacted. Further, and again according to HUD, 56,381 blacks (27%) are living on the nation's streets, instead of in homeless shelters.

The bottom line on these research reports is that black America's finances are fragile. With nagging disparities in income, family wealth, unemployment and more – the millions of people working multiple jobs, and/or living paycheck to paycheck, are often just one paycheck away from financial disaster.

Add predatory lending on high-cost loans like payday or overdraft fees, or the weight of medical debt or student loans, when financial calamity arrives, it strikes these consumers harder and longer than others who have financial cushions.

And lest we forget, housing discrimination in home sales, rentals, insurance and more continue to disproportionately affect black America despite

the Fair Housing Act, and other federal laws intended to remove discrimination from the marketplace.

The real question in 2020 is, 'What will communities and the nation do about it?'

For Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor, an assistant professor of African-American Studies at Princeton University and author of the new book, "Race for Profit: How Banks and the Real Estate Industry Undermined Black Homeownership," federal enforcement of its own laws addressing discrimination and acknowledging the inherent tug-of-war wrought from the tension of public service against the real estate industry's goal of profit, there's little wonder why so many public-private partnerships fail to serve both interests.

In a recent *Chicago Tribune* interview, Taylor explained her view.

"You don't need a total transformation of society to create equitable housing for people," said Taylor. "We have come to believe that equitable housing is just some weird thing that can't happen here, and the reality is that we have the resources to create the kinds of housing outcomes that we say we desire."

"The way to get that has everything to do with connecting the energy on the ground to a different vision for our society – one that has housing justice, equity and housing security at the heart of it," Taylor continued. "The resources and the money are there, but there's a lack of political will from the unfortunate millionaire class that dominates our politics... I think, given the persistence of the housing crisis in this country, we have to begin to think in different ways about producing housing that is equitable and actually affordable in the real-life, lived experiences of the people who need it."

The victory is in being obedient

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



First Corinthians 10:12-14 says, “Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry (KJV).”

I am glad that God knows all our ways. In Job 23:8-10 (KJV), Job said: “Behold, I go forward, but he is not there; and

backward, but I cannot perceive him: On the left hand, where he doth work, but I cannot behold him: he hideth himself on the right hand, that I cannot see him: But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.”

Verse 13 of our Scripture text lets us know that no temptation is uncommon to man. When you realize that others have gone through the same trials that you face and that they were victorious, that is an inspiration. No doubt, many have gone through more than you and I am going through, and their fruits and labors live on.

A lady once said, “I’m a pilgrim passing through, but this journey is not all smooth.” It is a sweet journey when God

walks with you because He can make a way when the road gets dark and lonely. He is the light at the end of the tunnel, and He will take you through all your trials and tests. No problem is too hard for God to solve. There is not a mountain that He cannot tunnel through or a river that He cannot dry up. He is still God.

God will make a way for you, friend. If some would get out of the way, God could make a way for them. I do not want to hinder God if He is working with me and giving me what I need for each trial and test.

I want to listen to God and obey Him. If you will obey God and not allow other spirits to get hold of you, you can be more than a conqueror.

Thanks be to God who gives us the victory in every situation. He will take care of His own if His own will let Him. I love God. He has helped me in so many ways, and I know He will help me again when I call upon Him.

My friends, God understands your every mistake, and He understands every trial you are going through. He also understands your feelings and desires. God is faithful and He is a present help in the time of trouble.

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The Bryant Effect: chasing perfection

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



“I’m chasing perfection.” This quote by Kobe Bryant explains so much about his perspective on life as an athlete as well as a fam-

ily man. Known for being fiercely competitive, this quote implies that Bryant always had a more important goal of being a better Kobe.

His death occurred just over a week ago with many still mourning the death of the 41-year-old Bryant and 8 others who died in a helicopter crash in Calabasas, California January 26.

I remember when Bryant, an overly confident teenager, was drafted into the NBA right out of high school. It was fun watching him play basketball. However, it was even more refreshing seeing him transform from that highly competitive yet immature teenage phenomenon into a seemingly more reflective responsible mature father and husband.

One interesting result of his death are online websites dedicated to quotes from Bryant that remind me of the wisdom found in Proverbs 12:14: “Well-spoken words bring satisfaction; well-done work has its own reward.”

For Bryant, it looks like in addition to his legacy as an outstanding basketball player, he also leaves quotes that provide insight into how he saw himself both on and off the basketball court. Here are just a few:

“I have self-doubt. I have insecurity. I have fear of failure. I have nights when I show up at the arena and I’m like, ‘My back hurts, my feet hurt, my knees hurt. I don’t have it. I just want to chill.’ We all have self-doubt. You don’t deny it, but you also don’t capitulate to it.

You embrace it.”

“Christmas morning, I’m going to open presents with my kids. I’m going to take pictures of them opening the presents. Then I’m going to come to the Staples Center and get ready to work.”

“Once you know what failure feels like, determination chases success.”

“Everything I saw, heard, read or felt was viewed through the lens of growing as a basketball player. This perspective makes me curious about everything, makes everything interesting, and means that life is a living library where all I need to do is pay attention.”


“Determination silences doubters.”

“Learn to love the hate. Embrace it. Enjoy it. You earned it. Everyone is entitled to their own opinion and everyone should have one about you. Haters are a good problem to have. Nobody hates the good ones. They hate the great ones.”

“Be willing to sacrifice anything, but compromise nothing in your quest to be your best.”

“It’s the one thing you can control. You are responsible for how people remember you – or don’t. So don’t take it lightly. If you do it right, your game will live on in others. You’ll be imitated and emulated by those you played with, those you played against and those who never saw you play at all. So leave everything on the court. Leave the game better than you found it. And when it comes time for you to leave, leave a legend.”

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My brother died a month ago. His death left an ache in my heart that has not yet gone away. Then came the helicopter crash and my heart broke again. Kobe Bryant, his daughter, Gianna, and 7 others died in the crash. The night before, LeBron James surpassed his scoring record. Kobe immediately sent congratulations to LeBron. That's the way Kobe was. He'd moved on from his own playing days and was encouraging others to achieve their personal best.

Kobe was one of the greatest players of all time. No matter who scores more in the future, that is the way many of us will remember him. Though he's gone, there's no question that his place in the Basketball Hall of Fame was pre-determined and well-deserved. No matter the achievements of future great players, Kobe owns a place on the list of basketball's greatest. When he was on the court, his invincibility was infectious. We felt invincible because we knew he was going to give his best and his best so often meant a victory for his fans.

Kobe said, "If you do the work and work hard enough, your dreams will come true." He had an extraordinary work ethic which he demonstrated by scoring 81 points in a game. Kobe's fans had grown accustomed to seeing his high scores and magical plays, and we'll never forget the thrills his playing gave us.

As Rev. Al Sharpton said, "You don't know when your end will be, but make sure you live your life so you know what others will say about you when your time comes." Kobe did that.

In an interview with Jimmy Kimmel, Kobe was asked, "Do you think your daughter will want to play professionally?" Without pause, Kobe said, "She does for sure." I can understand why when Kobe was asked when was he going to have a boy to carry on his legacy, Gianna stepped up and patted her chest to say girls can carry on legacies. She was well on her way to doing that. When the crash occurred, her dad was on the way to her game.

I wasn't surprised to hear the heartfelt love and respect Kobe commanded. Fans and competitors made clear the esteem in which they held him and the depth of the loss his absence would create. All made clear the pain and profound sadness that his loss had brought to them. His commitment to supporting the aspirations of young people, stands in stark contrast to the antagonistic, belligerent conduct of our so-called national leader. The possibility Kobe projected into the lives of those he mentored was the polar opposite in behavior to the thousands of lies, meanness of spirit, profane language and evil actions so easily expressed by the occupant of the White House.

Well-deserved tributes came immediately from Kareem Abdul Jabbar and Shaquille O'Neal. Shaq lamented, "There are no words to express the pain I'm going through with this tragedy of losing my niece Gigi and my brother. I'm sick right now."

Then came tributes from Michael Jordan and President Barack Obama. Barack, a basketball enthusiast, said, "Kobe was a legend on the court and just getting started in what would have been just as meaningful a second act. To lose Gianna is even more heartbreaking to us as parents. Michelle and I send love and prayers to Vanessa and the entire Bryant family on an unthinkable day."

My heart goes out to all the families that lost loved ones in the tragedy where 9 people lost their lives. Kobe was a big advocate for women's sports. May his support bring new life and equality to women's sports in memory of both Kobe and Gianni.

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Kobe Bryant, once a basketball wunderkind, remembered as a #GirlDad

By Marc H. Morial

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"The kid we had first seen as spoiled – bickering with established stars next to him to whom we thought he should have shown deference – we saw now as an avuncular figure generously sharing his knowledge of the game with younger players who grew up idolizing his talent ... We watched him step into the role of a retired athlete, not commentating on TV, but lending his energy, fame and wealth to foundations to help people in need — kids at risk, veterans struggling to transition to civilian life and the homeless." — Kevin B. Blackstone

The Census is one of the most powerful tools the African-American community has to claim our rightful voice in the political, legislative and social institutions of our nation.

The sudden death of a beloved public figure in the prime of his life is always a shock. When Kobe Bryant took the basketball world by storm in the mid-1990s, anyone could have predicted he'd leave his mark on the game. Many could even have predicted he'd transition into a successful business career, as so many former pro athletes have done.

Few could have predicted one of the key ways that Bryant is being memorialized on social media, with the hashtag #GirlDad.

Several years ago, ESPN's Elle Duncan, who was pregnant at the time, encountered Bryant backstage at an ESPN event, and the discussion turned to children.

"I would have five more girls if I could," Bryant told Duncan. "I'm a girl dad."

That he died alongside one of his four beloved daughters compounds the tragedy of his passing immeasurably. Gianna, nicknamed Gigi, was the daughter he considered most like himself – fiercely competitive and passionately in love with the game of basketball.

He told ABC's Jimmy Kimmel, "The best thing that happens is when we go out and fans would come up to me and she'll be standing next to me, and they'll be like, 'You've gotta have a boy, you gotta have a boy. You gotta have somebody to carry on your tradition, the legacy.' She's like, 'Oh, I got

this."

"I'm like, 'that's right. Yes, you do, you got this.'"

Bryant is survived by his wife Vanessa, and daughters Natalia ("Nani"), age 17; Bianka ("B.B."), age 3, and Capri ("Coco"), age 7 months. Nani is an avid volleyball player.

It is sadly ironic that Bryant used helicopters as a frequent mode of transport because, he said, it allowed him to spend more time with his family.

He credited his love for his daughters with changing his view of women in sports. He became a champion of women's basketball, both college and professional, often using his immense social media following as a platform to promote it.

In one of his final interviews, he insisted that some of the WNBA's top players – Diana Taurasi, Maya Moore and Elena Della Donne – could play in the NBA.

And he wasn't just a cheerleader for women in sports. As a coach to Gigi's youth basketball team, he was actively helping to create the next generation of stars.

The helicopter crashed en route to a

youth basketball tournament, and the other six passengers included two of Gianna's teammates, their parents, an assistant girls' basketball coach and the pilot.

Bryant was more than just an extraordinary basketball player. The first guard ever to enter the NBA directly from high school, he was seen as a bridge between the old guard, represented by Michael Jordan, and the new, embodied by LeBron James. Just the day before he died, Bryant tweeted his congratulations to James on breaking Bryant's record career total of 33,643 points.

His career represented a change in the way players controlled the path of their own careers, orchestrating a deal among teams that landed him with the Lakers, his preferred franchise.

He will be included on every list of all-time great athletes, of those who transformed the game. But to be remembered as a devoted father, and an unapologetic champion of opportunity for his own children and everyone else's, is his unique and loving legacy.

Our hearts go out to Vanessa Bryant and her daughters, as well as the families of all the others lost in the crash.

Everybody's got the right to live

By Julianne Malveaux

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More than nine hundred people crowded into the Church of the Epiphany, an Episcopal church in Washington, DC. They had gathered to hear Rev. William Barber, the dynamic and prophetic co-leader (with Rev. Liz Theoharis) of the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival. They came, not only to hear Barber but also to sing and bond and listen to poor people tell their own stories.

This late January gathering is one of many that the Poor People's Campaign is having all over the country, leading up to a Mass Poor People's Assembly and Moral March on Washington June 20. With 43 state coordinating committees actively working in communities, Barber and Theoharis are planning to peacefully "take it to the streets" in downtown Washington, and to make the statement that "everybody's got the right to live."

To assert that everyone has a right to live seems obvious. But many of those

who live in poverty have to fight to live. The poor have to scramble to eat, to afford medication, to find an affordable place to live. They have to watch their neighborhoods being decimated by gentrification, as rising housing costs push long-time residents out. As many as 45,000 people a year die because they don't have health insurance. And more than 10 percent of the US population is "food insecure," which means that they either skip meals, eat less at meals or cannot afford nutritious food. One in six children is food insecure.

Several of the poor people told their stories, while Congresswomen Barbara Lee (D-CA), Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX) and Brenda Lawrence (MI), among others, listened to the harrowing personal narratives from homeless people, a deaf student whose financial aid was cut when her father got a small raise, a woman who was arrested and incarcerated in front of her children when she sold food on the street, and many more. The audience was urged not to clap but to shout supportively, "Somebody is hurting our people, and we won't be silent anymore."

Poverty is trauma. Poverty can be the source of enormous stress, and perhaps even some mental illness (though you don't have to be impoverished to be crazy.). Poverty or near-poverty impacts 140 million people, nearly half of us. Barber says we must have "righteous indignation" about poverty.

Instead, we seem to accept poverty as something we can do nothing about. We walk by homeless people on the street, drive past homeless encampments under freeways. Some of us roll up our noses and are appalled by the odors that some homeless emit without wondering why there are odors and whether there are places where they can get showers or a bath.

Some of us find the homeless "unsightly" and lobby to have them moved from visible commercial corridors and upscale neighborhoods to places where we don't have to look at or think about their plight. But homelessness is the most visible manifestation of poverty. And when we endeavor to render the homeless invisible, we are also attempting to eliminate the scourge of poverty.

Dr. Martin Luther King once called

poverty "an abomination" and compared it to cannibalism. Just a few weeks ago, we celebrated Dr. King's birthday, but there were too few mentions of poverty.

Indeed, while some of the presidential candidates have paid attention to economic structure, fewer have candidly discussed ways they would reduce or eliminate it. Speeches and debates go by with nary a mention of poverty.

The candidates who choose to ignore poverty seem to forget that poor people vote. Or perhaps they are counting on poor people to be absent from the polls, especially when some forms of voter suppression require voters to incur additional costs to vote. Between 2016 and 2018, hundreds of polling places were closed, and if some have their way, there will be even fewer in 2020. Our electoral system is biased against black people, brown people, poor people.

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Republicans have coronated Trump as king

By Dr. Barbara Reynolds

Trice Edney Newswire



So now with the Republican-controlled Senate's rush to acquit Trump in this rigged impeachment trial, Trump will soon be free to continue using foreign countries or any other illegal acts to ensure his re-election in 2020. What the Republicans have done is to coronate Trump a king who now has the green light to operate above the laws of our democracy without any consequences.

So without any checks and balances, the Trump one party rule is free to continue as the most criminal white supremacist enterprise in our nation's history.

Once Trump declared that if he shot someone in the middle of Broadway, nothing would happen and unfortunately, he was correct. In fact, this expected acquittal without witnesses is like declaring all crimes are legal as long as the king and his Republican court are the perpetrators. And of course, somehow, these antics always usually benefit his Russian benefactors.

For openers, as a result of this sham trial and acquittal foreign countries – as well as U.S. businesses – can be cajoled, intimidated, extorted, bribed to

force compliance with Trump's all-out scorched earth plan to retain the throne. In our new system of one party rule, there are no enforceable laws to stop Trump. Also, he will continue raiding public funds to cut Medicaid, food stamps and housing funds while he sprinkles the money like fairy dust over the heads of his billionaire compatriots.

If it were not for a few brave whistle blowers, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Rep. Adam Schiff, the independent GAO and the Democrats who valiantly exposed Trump's crimes, his wrongdoing would have just remained that underground shadow government that Trump, Rudy Giuliani and their cronies operate to enrich themselves and keep their boss in power.

"They were all in the loop," Trump knew everything," according to Lev Parnas, a Giuliani aide who has been speaking to news sources. He, of course, was among the many first-hand witnesses, who the Senate did not allow as witnesses, an unheard of practice in all but sham trials.

But the worst infraction was not allowing former national security advisor John Bolton to speak, a first hand witness with a new soon to be published book that reportedly said he was a witness to the illegal taxpayer funds being

used as a weapon to force Ukrainian officials to help Trump.

One spot to watch is what House Speaker, Nancy Pelosi, has said, "all roads lead to Russia." In 2016, Trump publicly called upon Russia to find thousands of his opponent Hillary's e-mails and reports show that they hacked into cores of strategic websites and used fake websites to create chaos in tightly contested voting sites.

So now with all the rigmarole, it should not be forgotten that the Ukraine mess where U. S taxpayers funds were used to try to force Ukrainian military officials to "dig up dirt," on his main rival Joe Biden also had a pro-Russian benefit.

Witnesses before the House of Representative, such as the acting chief Ukraine envoy, testified that Russia was the chief beneficiary of Trump's decision to hold up military aid to Ukraine. "Our holding up of security systems that would go to a country that is fighting aggression from Russia for no good policy reason, no good substantive reason, no good national security reason is wrong," said former ambassador William Taylor.

Aside from Trump acting as if he is more of an agent of Russia's Putin than president of some of his own citizens, there is so much a king can do that a

Taking care of yourself? That can be messy for millennials

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When mom tells her millennial “Take care of yourself,” eating a healthy diet and getting enough sleep and exercise might seem like it’s enough.

But for true self-care, young adults in the millennial age group of about 23-38 must also take care of their mental and emotional health. That can be a tall order for a population that’s big on technology, but perhaps not so big on routine preventive care and consistently good decision-making on health issues.

“A lot of times, millennials will talk to me and say that when they’re overwhelmed or stressed, they will watch Netflix for two or three hours, or thumb through Facebook on their phones,” said Dr. Danny Burgess, associate professor of psychiatry and director of University of Mississippi Medical Center’s Center for Integrative Health.

“There’s nothing wrong with disengaging, but it’s a passive coping behavior. With self-care, you need to recognize what your body needs, and you need to be intentional about it.”

Taking good care of your body at any age is a key to good health, but in young adults, getting into a mindset of self-care might be necessary in order to achieve health goals.

“Self-care has to do with your physical body, your emotions, and your spiritual, social and leisure time needs,” Burgess said. “I want my patients to think of care in all of those areas, and then ask themselves: ‘What is it that works for me, and how can I intentionally incorporate that into my life?’”

“For some people, it might be going to yoga, or going for a run. For some, it might be journaling. It’s not just going home and crashing on the couch,” Burgess said. “You deliberately engage in activities that are good for you.”

Third-year internal medicine resident Dr. Meredith Sloan is preparing to go into study mode for her boards. She finishes her



Dr. Meredith Sloan, a third-year internal medicine resident, runs during breaks from work, both for exercise and her well-being.

residency in May, but is continuing for another year as chief resident.

“It’s definitely not something that I’ve given up on,” she said of practicing self-care as a millennial, and at one of the busiest times in her life. “I’m about six months out from finishing, so self-care is taking a back burner.”

She has several favorite ways to de-stress. “Sometimes, it’s just taking the evening off and watching Netflix,” said Sloan, who lives in Ridgeland. “I enjoy running whenever there’s a nice day, and to just get out of the hospital and enjoy the outdoors.”

Millennials would do well to practice boundaries between work and their personal life, said Dr. Daniel Williams, division chief in the Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior. Williams also is associate director of UMMC’s Office of Well-being.

“This balance may be slightly different for different people and different jobs, but having a way to separate yourself from work is important,” Williams said. “Consider some boundaries such as not answering the phone or texts during dinner, or not checking work emails after hours unless it’s a true emergency”

The biggest hurdle to millennials practicing self-care, Burgess believes, is the guilt they might feel. However, “self-care is not

selfish,” he said. “Taking time for yourself isn’t a selfish thing to do. That might be treating yourself to a nice dinner, or taking a bubble bath, or just cocooning in your bed. You’re not doing something at the expense of someone else, but instead, taking care of yourself so that you can be productive in life and in relationships.”

Sloan understands the guilt thing. “I call it study guilt,” she said.

“It starts in med school, when any time you’re not studying, you feel like you should be. You have to forgive yourself for not getting everything on your to-do list done in a day,” she said.

It can be hard to achieve a guilt-free balance, Sloan said. “It’s something you have to learn, and some people come by it more naturally than others.”

Even small, quick actions can contribute to self-care, Williams said. “Learn fast-acting ways to relax. Practicing mindfulness, deep breathing or meditation can be done in several-minute blocks and can significantly improve how you feel,” he said.

“Taking a few minutes between meetings, at lunch or when you get home from work to center your thoughts and bodily responses can make a surprising difference.”

And if running or a yoga class seem impossible in your sched-

ule, you can still move toward fitness – at the office, Williams suggests. “A good first step is to take a few minutes at work to get up, out of your chair, and move your body in a gentle way,” he said. “Stretch your muscles to let your body get out of your usual computer posture. Walk down the hall and get a drink from the water fountain. Maybe even take the stairs to your next meeting.”

Self-care in millennials, Burgess said, “is not always well-modeled for us. It’s always, ‘How are you helping other people?’ or ‘Are you working as hard as you can?’ There’s not enough emphasis on the balance. You need to pause and be deliberate about your self-care and not feel guilty.”

Burgess advises planning self-care into your schedule, just like a doctor’s appointment. “You need to say that on Wednesday at a certain time, I’m going to read a book. That’s you planning and being deliberate about your self-care, and making it as much of a priority as going to a doctor’s appointment. Treat it as if it’s just as important.”

Reschedule your self-care if you have to delay it. “If your bath time gets interrupted, reschedule your bubble bath to tomorrow. Make sure you keep your self-care behaviors as a priority, and not something easily canceled or dismissed,” Burgess said.

“You want to feel good about those behaviors, and feel good about yourself and taking care of yourself.”

“It’s natural for our time and attention to focus on our problems, worries and concerns,” Williams said. “Sometimes, this means that we don’t take time to savor our accomplishments, appreciate our successes, and be grateful for good things in our lives.

“Write down a few things you are grateful for, tell a friend or family member why you appreciate them, and take stock of progress you have made recently. You may be surprised at what you find when you intentionally appreciate positive things in your life.”

The Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi Foundation announces 2020 Healthy School Award winners

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The Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi Foundation is proud to announce the winners of the sixth annual Healthy School Awards.

Gilmer McLaurin Elementary School (Natchez-Adams School District) was named “The Healthiest School in Mississippi” and will receive \$50,000 to enhance its wellness programs.

Other winning schools include DeLisle Elementary School (Pass Christian School District), Moselle Elementary School (Jones County School District) and St. Martin High School (Jackson County School District), all receiving Healthy School Awards. These schools will each receive \$25,000 for their respective wellness programs.

The Healthy School Awards are judged by an independent panel of Mississippi leaders in education and youth services.

The judges for the 2020 Healthy School Awards were Dr. Ira E. Murray, president and CEO, United Way of the Capital Area and Dr. Aleshia Hall-Campbell, executive director, Institute of Child Nutrition.

“The Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi Foundation Healthy School Awards Program is setting the bar for what a 21st century learning environment should be for Mississippi’s children,” said Sheila Grogan, Foundation president. “When schools create cultures of health and well-being, it encourages healthy behaviors among school personnel, students and the community at large.”

The Healthy School Awards Program is also supported by the Mississippi Association of School Superintendents

that has provided a platform to promote the program statewide and to acknowledge winning schools during its annual conferences.

Each winning school will host a Healthy School Awards Celebration Day to publicly recognize their achievements in creating a healthy school environment.

The Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi Foundation’s Healthy School Awards Program recognizes and rewards public schools with health policies and programs that promote healthy eating, physical activity, staff wellness, tobacco-free lifestyles among students and staff and parental and community involvement.

The criteria for this award are based on state and national school health standards. The goal of these awards is to motivate Mississippi schools as they create and maintain healthy school environments. Healthy schools help students achieve full academic potential and support them in developing lifelong healthy behaviors.

The Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi Foundation provides targeted grant funding throughout the state, focusing on interests related to health programs for schools and communities. In addition to the Healthy School Awards Program, the Foundation honors Mississippi’s municipalities working to be healthy places to live, work and play with the annual Healthy Hometown Awards Program.

These awards programs are just two of many grant-based initiatives supported by the Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi Foundation.

Learn more at www.healthiermississippi.org.

Getting bad news from your doctor: Don’t settle for just being told

By Glenn Ellis
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“The physician should be the minister of hope and comfort to the sick; that, by such cordials to the drooping spirit, he may smooth the bed of death, revive expiring life... The life of a sick person can be shortened not only by the acts, but also by the words or the manner of a physician.” – The American Medical Association (AMA), 1947

Most of us have recently heard the medical news about Congressman John Lewis and Alex Trebek, who were both given diagnoses of having Stage IV pancreatic cancer.

According to research from 2015, about 53 percent of people with pancreatic cancer receive a diagnosis when the cancer is in stage 4. Stage 4 pancreatic cancer has spread to other organs. This means that surgeons cannot remove it, and there is no cure. While the median survival rate is around 3-6 months after diagnosis, some people live longer than this.

According to the American Cancer Society, the 5-year survival rate for people with stage 4 pancreatic cancer is approximately 1 percent. This means that 1 out of every 100 people with this type of

cancer are still alive 5 years after their diagnosis.

Regardless of how each of these men fare in their respective treatment and outcome, this is definitely what you can call “bad news.”

For many of us, receiving “bad news,” the news alone isn’t the only worry. One of the reasons for this column is to address how not being able to handle bad news in a healthy way can contribute to making our worst fears become reality. I’m speaking about the D word...depression.

The sense of hopelessness, and for some looking mortality (death) face-to-face, can lead to a depression filled with hopelessness, despair and anxiety. All of these feelings can contribute to behaviors that cause a person to not want to “try” any longer; stop eating (or worst, don’t care what they eat); and even worse, self-destructive behaviors (drugs, smoking, alcohol). Needless to say, any, or all, of these behaviors can exacerbate what might otherwise be a beatable health challenge.

It’s almost inevitable that at some point you’ll have to deal with bad news or a scary diagnosis from a doctor. While it’s easy to read articles offering “tips for dealing with bad news,” when you get that news and you’re scared, all that advice can fly out of the brain pretty quickly.

At some point in their careers, virtually all doctors and nurses face the duty of telling patients something they don’t want to hear.

A 2011 report from the Institute of Medicine emphasized that “effective pain management is a moral imperative, a professional responsibility, and a duty of people in the healing profession.” Nonetheless, few physicians are formally trained in effectively managing pain, and achieving this goal remains problematic. So, this can be a problem, if you’re expecting that getting bad news is an easy, and automatically smooth process.

This is not as easy as one might expect. In order to not be overwhelmed from receiving bad news, it can truly help to get as much information as possible from your doctor. Don’t settle for just being told, “We found something, and it doesn’t look good.” Ask questions and get complete answers to your questions. Often, we’re afraid, and learning as much as possible about our condition can help you come to terms with what’s happened and what the next steps should be. Just having a clear view of the facts can be calming in and of itself.

If you don’t understand something, when doctors don’t explain a diagnosis and next steps in terms you can understand, it can make an already stressful situa-

tion worse. Never be ashamed to tell your doctor, “I’m sorry, I don’t understand. Can you explain it to me in simpler language?” Keep asking questions until you do understand.

In many situations, the potential for getting bad news from the doctor happens when we go back for a follow-up, or to get the results of a test of some kind. If this is the case for you, it might be a good idea to bring someone with you to record important facts during the appointment. You may be unable to focus on the details because you’re distracted by impending news or your fears. Having someone with you can make sure the information your doctor provides is clearly recorded for you to refer back later when you have more questions or find yourself unable to remember the answers you received during your appointment.

Most of us want to keep up strong appearances and be tough about the news. Being afraid is not the same as being weak. It’s brave to ask questions and battle your fears with knowledge.

Remember, I’m not a doctor. I just sound like one. Take good care of yourself and live the best life possible.

The information included in this column is for educational purposes only. It is not intended nor implied to be a substitute for professional medical advice.

Health officials monitoring Coronavirus outbreak *No cases in Mississippi, but health system is preparing*

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The Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) is closely monitoring the coronavirus outbreak and is working closely with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and partners within the state health system to ensure Mississippi is prepared if we do get a case in the state.

The 2019 Novel Coronavirus was first identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China, in late December. The virus has quickly spread in China with several thousand cases, and additional cases have now been confirmed in a growing number of other international locations, including the United States.

In the U.S., there have been a total of six cases of the virus reported with more than 100 under investigation as possible cases. The risk of transmission of this virus in the U.S. is low. So far, Mississippi has no persons under investigation or confirmed cases.

“This is a rapidly evolving situation, but it’s important to note that the immediate risk

to the Mississippi public is low at this time. We need to be prudent and monitor the situation, work with the CDC, and continue working with our healthcare systems throughout the state,” said State Health Officer Thomas Dobbs, MD. “There should be more concern in preventing the spread of seasonal flu than this coronavirus right now. We are in peak season and the flu is highly infectious.”

Those who could be at risk are those who have recently traveled to China, especially the Wuhan City area, in the past two to 14 days or those who have had close contact with someone who is a confirmed case or a case under investigation.

Symptoms of coronavirus mostly include flu-like illness such as fever, cough and congestion.

Currently, the CDC recommends that travelers avoid non-essential travel to China.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING

ZONING CASE NO. 4083

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Property Services Investment, LLC has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a rezoning from R-1A (Single-Family) Residential District to R-3 (Townhouse and Zero Lot Line) Residential District for the construction of eight (8) zero lot line townhomes for the properties located at Lots 18-22 of the Waterstone Subdivision (Parcels: 450-3-20, 450-3-21, 450-3-22, 450-3-23 & 450-3-24) in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Lots 18, 19, 20, and 21, Waterstone Subdivision, Part Two, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 38 at Pages 10 and 10A, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description.

Lot 22, Waterstone Subdivision, Part Three, being a re-subdivision of Lots 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 23 & 24 of Waterstone Subdivision, Part Two, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 40 at Page 40, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, February 26, 2020, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.


WITNESS my signature this 24th day of January 2020.

/s/Ester L. Ainsworth
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The City of Jackson, Mississippi ("City of Jackson") is soliciting proposals from qualified proposers to perform household hazardous waste collection services at the Environmental Service Center (ESC), which include proper handling, transporting, disposing of, and recycling of household hazardous wastes.

Proposals will be received by the City of Jackson at the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201, until 3:30 P.M. CST, February 25, 2020.

Selection of a Service Provider for contract/agreement negotiation will be based on an objective evaluation of the following criteria:
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B. Service Provider's experience, qualifications and references as demonstrated in similar engagements
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D. EBO Plan and commitment to maximizing MBE and FBE participation goals
E. Cost proposal

The City of Jackson is committed to the principle of non-discrimination in public contracting. It is the policy of the City of Jackson to promote full and equal business opportunity for all persons doing business with the City. As a pre-condition to selection, each contractor, bidder or offeror shall submit a completed and signed Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Plan, with the bid submission, in accordance with the provision of the City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Executive Order. Failure to comply with the City's EBO Executive Order shall disqualify a contractor, bidder, or offeror from being awarded an eligible contract. For more information on the City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity Program, please contact the Office of Economic Development at 601-960-1055. Copies of the Executive Order, EBO Plan Applications and a copy of the program are available at 200 South President Street, Room 223, Hood Building, Jackson, Mississippi.

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Proposals (one signed original plus five copies) and the EBO plan (one signed original plus five copies included in the proposal) shall be submitted in a sealed package and plainly marked on the outside of the package. "Proposal for Household Hazardous Waste Collection Services".

Proposals must be submitted to the Office of the City Clerk, 219 South President Street, Jackson, MS 39205 by 3:30 p.m., local time, on Tuesday, February 25, 2020.

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ZONING CASE NO. 4084

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Jessica Allen has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit to build an accessory structure as living quarters for family members, temporary guests, or domestic help subordinate to the principal residence on same the lot in a R-4 (Limited Multi-family) Residential District on property located at 3430 Cardinal St. (Parcel: 409-232) in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

LOT FORTY-FIVE (45) OF BLOCK "H" OF SHADY OAKS, PART TWO (2), A SUBDIVISION, WHICH IS ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY, AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN PLAT BOOK 5, AT PAGE 47, REFERENCE TO WHICH IS HEREBY MADE IN AID OF AND AS A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, February 26, 2020, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

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ACROSS

1. Thanksgiving vegetable
4. Race on skis
10. Unidentified flying object
11. Roman orator
12. Goat's offspring
13. Northern Ireland
14. Potato brand
16. Male offspring
17. Bird's home
18. Computer science (abbr.)
20. South Carolina (abbr.)
22. Cuts
26. Fast plane
29. European peninsula Spain's peninsula
31. Flow
33. Bolus
34. Continent
35. New Jersey's neighbor
36. Unpredictable
37. East southeast

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1. Alaskan territory
2. On fire
3. Styles
4. Dart
5. Light purple flower
6. American Cancer Society (abbr.)
7. Allows
8. Brand of sandwich cookie
9. AM
15. That (possessive)
19. Her
21. Commander of "Deep Space Nine"
23. Eat away
24. Electrical connections
25. Type of fur
26. Pit
27. Couch
28. Pivot
30. Building support
32. Free of

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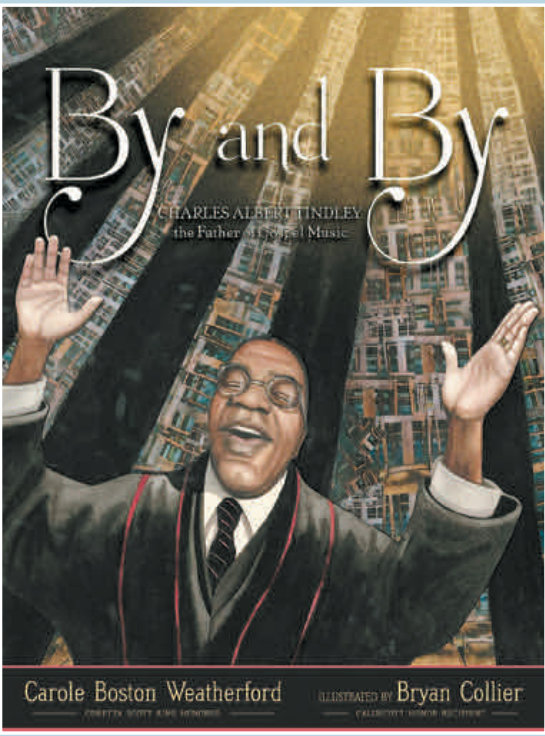
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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
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Every Sunday morning, you get to do your favorite thing; you get to sing.

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by Bryan Collier, your praise rises beyond the clouds.

Though you’ve always liked to sing, Charles Albert Tindley’s entire life was a song.

It started as a sad song, when he was born in Maryland nearly 170 years ago: his father was a slave and his mother was a free woman. The law said that Charles was free like his mother and so, when she died and because his father had no rights, the boy suddenly had no parents. His aunt took him in, and sent him to work on nearby

farms.

The work was hard, but singing gave Charles something to think about. He first learned “chants in the field” and then he heard spirituals sung between the crops. This inspired him to want to learn and so, by the light of an oil lamp and fire in the hearth, he taught himself to read the newspaper and then, a Bible.

Young Charles was inspired. Soon, he started looking for a church to attend and when he found one, he went – and even though he had no shoes, the

preacher there welcomed him and let him testify before the congregation. Charles promised himself that nothing would ever come between him and God, ever.

As he grew with God, Tindley became Reverend Tindley, who had a wife and a church and a congregation all his own. His church helped people during the Great Depression. They had an orchestra. And every Sunday, the songs that Reverend Tindley wrote were lifted up to God – just as they are now, this week,

perhaps, in your own church...

If your household is like most, music surrounds your child from a variety of sources: oldies, new artists, classics and hymns. Some come from what may be a surprising source, and “By and By” tells the tale.

And yet, use caution when introducing this story to your kids: for the smallest reader, the story of “The Father of Gospel Music” might need a bit more explaining. Weatherford’s poem-biography tells a lot but perhaps not enough so

that preschoolers will easily understand, particularly in its significance. Parents and grandparents will find notes at the end of the book to be of further help – or, alternately, you can let the lush artwork from Bryan Collier teach your child everything he needs to know for now about this inspiring tale.

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JSU’s state-of-the-art Center for Innovation opens as new ‘makerspace’ for inventors, dreamers

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About 200 people gathered for a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the recent grand opening of Jackson State University’s Center for Innovation that combines education, research and entrepreneurship in a single location that could spur inventions to power the economy and simplify life.

The new facility for students, faculty and staff provides access to virtual experiences with Oculus VR technology, and 3D printing to develop whatever they imagine. As well, there’s a soundproof room to create top-quality podcasts and green screen backgrounds. Each of these cutting-edge technologies are housed in a vast “expertise co-location” center, “makerspace” and Collaboratory, located inside JSU’s H.T. Sampson Library.

Also, the “one-stop shop” offers advice on technology transfer for moving innovative products and ideas to the market. This is especially important “because most universities don’t provide this convenience, which is critical to making this center a success,” said Almesha L. Campbell. She’s the director of JSU’s Technology Transfer, Commercialization and Research Communications in the Office of Research and Economic Development. Campbell led the development of the center that was conceptualized by Joseph A. Whittaker, associate provost and vice president for Research and Economic Development.

In addition, Campbell said the Center for Innovation represents the three pillars of success outlined by JSU President William B. Bynum’s 10-year strategic plan. The pillars guide JSU toward (1) teamwork and collegiality; (2) pursuit of excellence; and (3) student-centeredness.

“Again, all of these are demonstrated in one place,” Campbell said. “The center provides the resources to create prototypes and learn about entrepreneurship. Students can also indulge in app development, game design and graphic designs.”

She added that “students get to collaborate with their peers because the center is interdisciplinary, meaning that it doesn’t focus exclusively on STEM, for example. Rather, we have students from several different academic disciplines. This is important because some students may have a particular skillset, and this approach allows them to collaborate and learn from each other, and build something truly innovative.”

Campbell also initiated an Innovation Fellows Program made up of students to help sustain the center and infuse innovation throughout the JSU campus. Before the grand opening, 10 fellows were trained as ambassadors and facilitators. They demonstrated and showcased all they created: VR games, mobile apps, 3D designs, gadgets, and other tech models.

This year’s fellows represent several academic disciplines: computer engineering, computer science, graphic design, marketing, mass communications and public health.

They assisted peers, faculty, staff and guests in each creative area of the center. Before the fellows graduate, however, they must train at least two other fellows who would potentially become part of the program.

One of the fellows is Ahmed Mohammedali, a native of Sudan. He’s a computer science master’s student in the College of Science, Engineering and Technology (CSET). He said



Campbell

his primary area in the Center for Innovation is software development.

“All the technology here is very interesting to me. Technology, in general, makes life easier – from developing software applications to using 3D printers. It helps produce valuable skills that can change anyone’s life. Many people who come here may decide later to abandon their specialization to pursue a career in technology. I encourage every one of our students and innovators to visit the center,” Mohammedali said.

Another fellow, Vince Sheffey of New Mexico, is also a senior computer science major. He is in charge of the VR space. “I help anyone who wants assistance with virtual reality. If I had this when I was a freshman I would be way ahead. For anyone just coming to JSU, you have a lot of opportunities to pursue your own projects. You can make your own videos for virtual reality. There’s a lot of creativity for technical and non-technical individuals. Here, you can also make T-shirts, buttons and websites. If I were a freshman, I would test everything here. Find out what you’re good at, not good at and what you’d like to do. Then you can focus the rest of your years on being great at that,” he said.

JSU President William B. Bynum Jr. described the center as a place to “create ideas that respond to the way that students think, interact and behave. So, I challenged our faculty and staff to create opportunities where we’re meeting the needs of students. And, so this space is what it’s all about.”

Bynum said the center fosters innovation, and it encourages young people, in particular, to explore their ideas even further.

Meanwhile, with JSU already hailed as a “higher-research activity university” by the Carnegie Foundation, Associate Provost Whittaker’s vision was for JSU to infuse even more technology into its curricula. He called the new center “revolutionary.”

During the initial phase of the VR component, Whittaker had said, “This is a way to have real-world experiences virtually and to reinforce what you learn in the classroom.” So, he pursued a neutral design space to allow people to create, explore and experiment with an idea – “whether it’s entrepreneurial or just something that they thought of overnight.”

With the opening of the new center, Whittaker’s dream was finally being realized after faculty, staff and students swarmed into the center to explore new horizons in creativity. He credited the support from Bynum and Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Lynda Brown-Wright, who called the center “transformative.”

Guests included community businesses, Small Business Administration and representatives from various higher educational institutions such as Georgia Tech, University of Mississippi and Mississippi State Univer-



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sity. As well, industry giants Entergy and HP, which have committed to expanding their partnership with JSU, were also in attendance. Even representatives from the technology transfer industry supported the opening.

HP’s Mike Belcher, director of Education Technology Innovation for the Americas, works closely with K-12 and higher education. The company examines the future of technology and what it means for the economic future of the U.S.

Belcher said, “I had a chance to meet with Dr. Whittaker and Dr. Campbell. They came out to one of our HP facilities in Houston to do a briefing on these new technologies. We immediately saw there was a synergy. The work they had envisioned for the Center for Innovation was exactly the sort of programs that we have in play. So, we asked to be involved wherever they need us, wherever we can help. We’re going to help in the process of thinking through some of their new spaces – academically and instructionally. HP is in the process of building curricula that would be really valuable, particularly around 3D printing and manufacturing. And, we do all sorts of grants and programs around building instructional material for virtual reality. So, we’re going to work on a partnership there as well.”

Christopher Burke of Entergy Corp. recently relocated to Jackson from Houston, Texas. He said he’s committed to supporting JSU. He noted that the university has many successful alumni who work in the industry and are willing to “come back to serve to help the university thrive.”

Burke said Entergy, as a corporate entity, has a vested interest in JSU because of the university’s “diversity, belonging, inclusion-standpoint, and being an HBCU. I’m looking forward to being a part of a partnership that’s already been in existence between Jackson State and Entergy Corporation.”

North Carolina’s Nanovest Financial is a company in the technology transfer industry. Its representatives also commended JSU for the support it provides to innovators.

Aditya Badve, president and partner of Nanovest, said tech transfer takes innovation and figures out whether a product will work in the market and how to get it there. “We lay out the steps for a typical innovator at a university (student, faculty, staff, anyone). We share the thought processes in working with Dr. Campbell, or any tech transfer office, in order to validate their invention and take it to the market.”

Nanovest’s business strategist Kevin Magee added that “if a researcher, professor or student develops a product, the university owns a piece of that. The university then is motivated to generate some revenue, and they’re motivated to support their researcher. That entire process includes patent review, too,” he said.

During the opening ceremony, Provost Brown-Wright announced the launch of the Young Innovators Program, a partnership between Academic Affairs, the center and Blackburn Middle School in the Jackson Public School District. The program will use project-based learning to encourage critical thinking and immerse students in virtual reality and 3D modeling. As well, it will introduce young learners to the invention process to stimulate and foster creative thinking and spark an inventive spirit.

Overall, Campbell said the support for the center has been “extraordinary.” She said she’s “extremely grateful” for the corporate and private support. Along with that, she said the university will announce a Presidential Innovation Challenge that will support the efforts of the Center for Innovation. “Visit the center, talk to the fellows, and stay tuned,” she said.



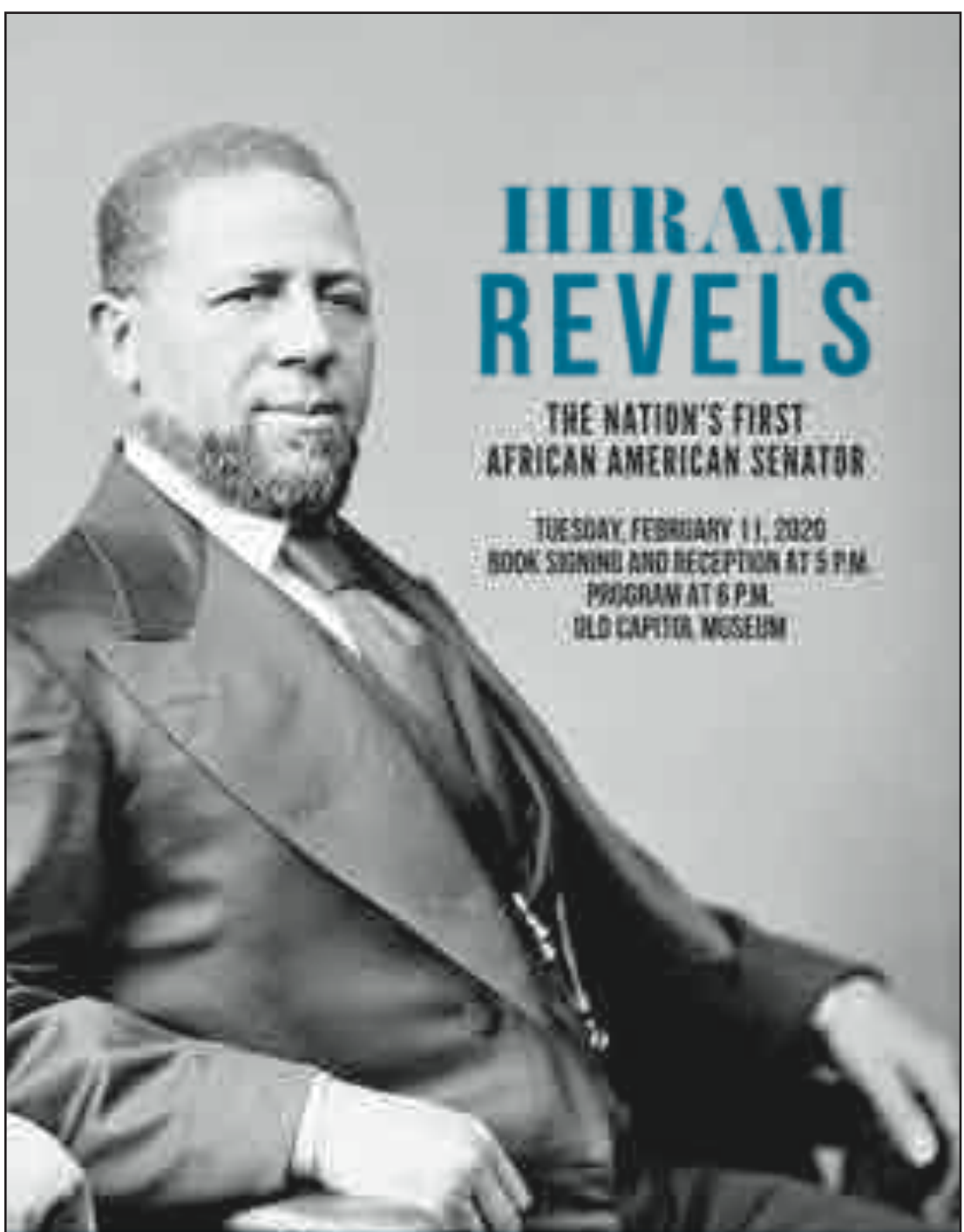
President William B. Bynum Jr. and Vice President of Academic Affairs Lynda Brown-Wright are assisted by Miss JSU Naysa Lynch and SGA President Jordan Jefferson. Lynch is also a fellow with the Center for Innovation. PHOTO SBY CHARLES A. SMITH/JSU



A Center for Innovation fellow guides a student through one of the popular VR displays.



More guests immersed themselves into the VR world with the help of HP representatives.



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Sorority’s State Cluster attendees experience the Joy of Delta

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Mississippi State Cluster and Statewide Founders Day of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was held recently at the Jackson Convention Complex. More than 1,200 members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority were in attendance at the annual statewide conference, under the leadership of Southern Regional Director Sandra K. Horton, Regional Representative Jasmine Minor, Mississippi State Coordinator Carshena Bailey and Mississippi State Facilitator Alia Hall.

During the three-day meeting, attendees participated in workshops and activities focused on the theme “Empower, Embrace, Engage: Connecting the Pathway to Joy, Power and Service.”

Host chapters for the event were Jackson (MS) Alumnae Chapter, Delta Pi Chapter (Jackson State University) and Gamma Psi Chapter (Tougaloo College).

The event kicked off with an exciting welcome reception featuring MADDRAMA Performance Troupe from Jackson State University and greetings from City of Jackson Mayor Chokwe A. Lumumba and Floyd Williams of Visit Jackson. Closing out the first day was a “Down Home Blues and Comedy Show” featuring Blues singer Dexter Allen and comedians Rita Brent, Marvin Hunter and Merc B Williams.

In observance of the Sorority’s 107th Founders Day, members participated in a rededication ceremony the next day. Cynthia M. A. Butler-McIntyre, 24th National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., presided over the ceremony. Following the ceremony, Denise Griffin-Whittington, president of Jackson (MS) Alumnae Chapter, presided over the opening session, which included the presentation of chapter awards

and a Sisterhood Chat with the Regional Director.

Butler-McIntyre was the keynote speaker for the Founders Day Luncheon, which also included the recognition of the Mississippi’s Red Ribbon Chapters.

The culminating event was a spirit-filled Ecumenical praise and worship service, featuring messages by Southern Regional Chaplain Jaye Peabody-Smith, State Chaplain Patrice Jenkins, and State Co-Chaplain Jemina Ballard. The Deltones Choir, led by Worship Leader Marstonya Butler, ushered in the spirit with stirring songs of adoration to God.

Mary A. Hill, served as cluster chair, and co-chairs were Julia P. Crockett and Nakisha Davis.

Kaitlin Graves is president of Delta Pi Chapter and Kadriana Armstrong is president of Gamma Psi Chapter.



Alia Hall, MS State facilitator and Carshena L. Bailey, MS State coordinator



Denise Griffin-Whittington, JMAC president, Sisterhood Luncheon Processional



Julia P. Crockett, Nakisha Davis, Carshena Bailey, Sandra K. Horton, Denise Griffin-Whittington, Kaitlin Graves and Mary A. Hill



Cynthia M. A. Butler-McIntyre, 24th National president of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc.



Cluster choir members



Patrice Jenkins, MS State chaplain; Jaye Peabody-Smith, Southern Regional chaplain; and Jemina Ballard, MS State co-chaplain



Welcome Sorors arriving for Cluster



Sorors photo op



Jasmine Minor, representative, Southern Region and Sandra K. Horton, director, Southern Region Greet Sorors at welcome reception



Jasmine Minor, Southern Regional representative and Sandra K. Horton, director, Southern Region



Kaitlin Graves, president, Delta Pi Chapter, leads rededication ceremony processional



Marstonya Butler, worship leader



Monique Montgomery, JMAC performs with MADDRAMA Theatrical Troupe



Mayor Chokwe A. Lumumba, City of Jackson and wife, Rukia Lumumba



Nakisha Davis, Mary A. Hill, Denise Griffin-Whittington – Welcome Reception processional

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