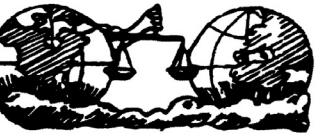


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An open letter to Congressman Bennie G. Thompson

## Goodwill Industries pays workers as little as .20 cent per hour; top execs \$1M a year

By Dr. Anne T. Sulton, Esq.  
JA Sr. International Correspondent

Dear Congressman Thompson:  
I write this letter to respectfully request that you propose or co-sponsor legislation amending the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) to ensure that fair wages are paid to all disabled workers.

The FLSA, originally passed in 1938, currently stands in conflict with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) that was passed in 1990.

The ADA is one of our nation's most important civil rights laws. Among its prohibitions is discrimination on the basis

of disability in employment, public accommodations, and transportation.

As currently written, the FLSA allows employers to pay a special minimum wage rate for the disabled. Too often, this special minimum wage rate unconscionably is too low.

According to a recent article authored by John Hrabe, posted on huffingtonpost.com, Goodwill Industries pays over 7,000 of its employees as little as 20 cents



per hour. At the same time, "Seventeen Goodwill entities reported executive compensation in excess of \$1 million per year."

Goodwill Industries defends these exorbitantly high executive salaries, claiming they are appropriate because some affiliates' annual profits exceed \$10 million. To this explanation, I say "hogwash," particularly given the fact that Canada reportedly does not allow its Goodwill affiliates to pay their Canadian workers less than minimum wage.

It is time for the USA to harmonize its civil rights laws, guaranteeing equal treatment.

*See Goodwill on 16A*



On Tuesday, Jackson Public Schools Deputy Superintendent Wilbur Walters, Sr., received a resolution from the City of Jackson for being an outstanding citizen and upon his retirement as educator and school administrator. Walters' impact in education spans 40 years. He has served as teacher, principal and administrator. Walters is married to Chaney Walters. The couple has three children: Sgt. Major Ronald Walters, Dr. Wilbur Walters, Jr., and Ms. Natasha Walters. The family attends New Hope Baptist Church. The resolution was sponsored by Ward 3 City Councilwoman LaRita Cooper-Stokes. (Photo: Jay Johnson)

## Forest couple ready to celebrate 55 years

James "Bo" and Pearl Moore Clark were married in Detroit, MI, on August 30, 1958. They have selected to return to Detroit to celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary on that historic day. James graduated from Alcorn State University and Pearl graduated from Jackson State

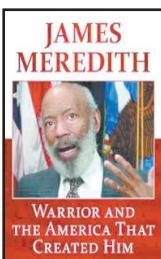


University. The only times they have a serious disagreement is when their schools play each other in sports. The Clarks recently received a signed congratulation card from America's favorite couple, Barack and Michelle Obama. James and Pearl are retired teachers with a total of 70 years between the two of them. James is also the Mayor-Pro Tem for the City of Forest, MS, serving his eighth term. At the end of his term, he will have served the citizens of Forest for a total of 32 years as their Alderman/Mayor Pro tem.

## Niece's book on James Meredith an important read

JANS – Before James Meredith: *Warrior and the America that Created Him* hit bookstores a few months ago, Jackson Advocate publisher Alice Tisdale saw great promise in the historic gatherings of the author, Meredith Coleman McGee, who is the niece of James Meredith.

"As piercing and as lasting as the shotgun pellets which wounded him in 1966, this straight forward account of Mississippi's most heralded living freedom fighter is presented without excuse or pause by his niece, Meredith, who is herself a heroine in the war against injustice," Tisdale wrote in her endorsement of



McGee the book. McGee is also a longtime Jackson Advocate contributing writer.

August 18, 2013, marks the 50th anniversary of James Meredith becoming the first black graduate of The University of Mississippi. To encourage more Mississippians to support McGee's latest work, *James Meredith: Warrior and the America that Created Him*. See *Meredith on 16A*

## In sympathy

The Jackson Advocate family extends condolences to the family of Blonda Young Mack, a community improvement advocate. A celebration of life service will be held on Saturday, Aug. 17 at 11 a.m. at Spirit Word Fellowship M.B. Church, 301 Claiborne St., Jackson, MS.



## Federal court rules NYPD's stop and frisk practices unconstitutional

By Alice Thomas-Tisdale  
Jackson Advocate Publisher

On Tuesday, a federal district court judge declared that the New York City Police Department's controversial stop and frisk practices are unconstitutional. Several civil rights groups are applauding the court's ruling in the case, *Floyd v. City of New York*.

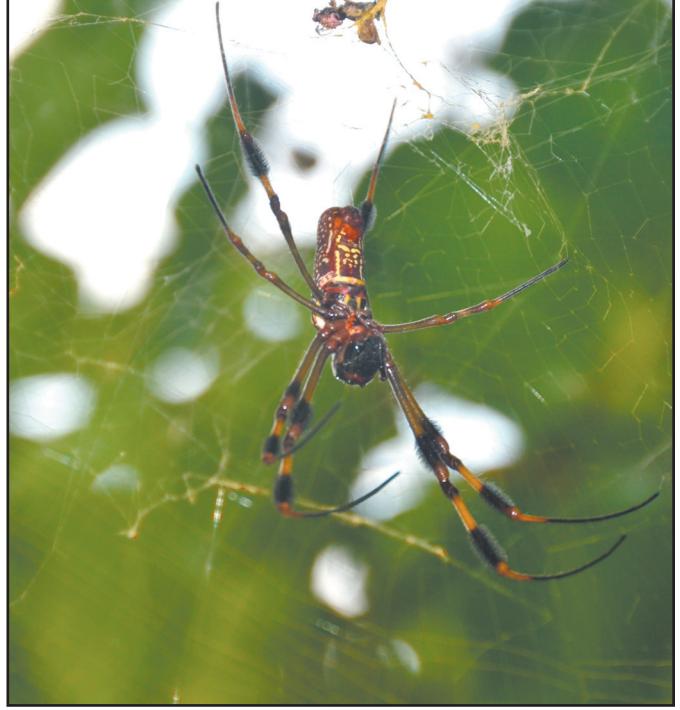
"The court's decision is a promising step toward administering justice more fairly and equitably in New York City. The court recognized that racial profiling can no longer be tolerated and held the New York City Police Department respon-



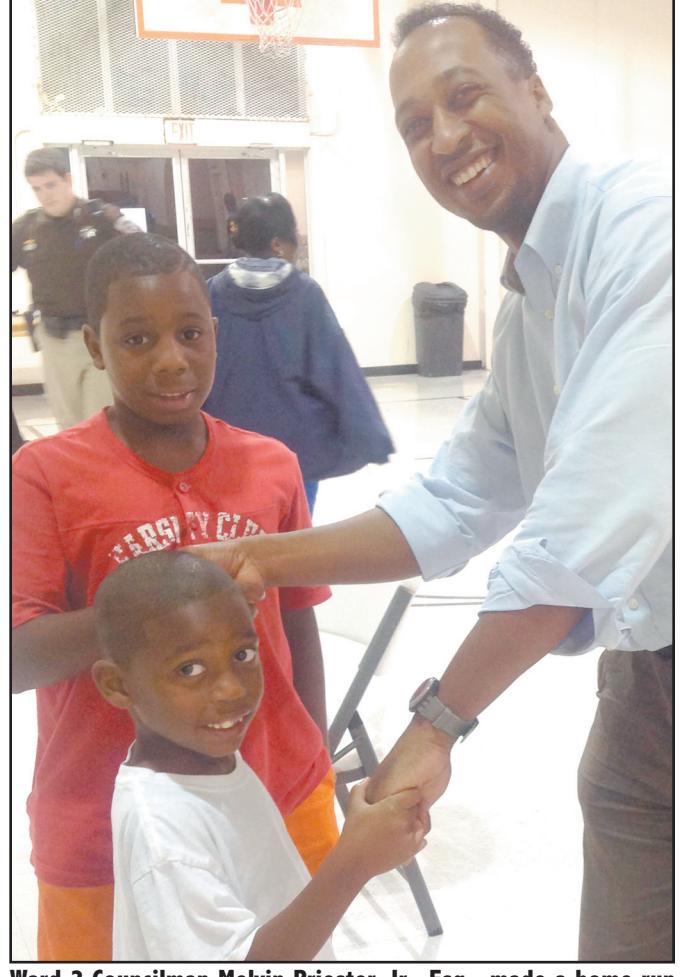
sible for changing these discriminatory practices," stated Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law President and Executive Director Barbara Arnwine. Civil rights groups have

*See NYPD on 16A*

## What's lurking in your backyard?



The Jackson Advocate spotted this sizable brown spotted spider in the backyard of a north Jackson home. By the width of its web, it's probably been there for several months. However, the property owners were unaware it was even there. Ever wonder what insects or something larger may be lurking around your home? As temperatures cool down, before allowing your children to go outside to play, please check around the premises for potentially dangerous creatures. (Advocate photo: Kevin Bradley)



Ward 2 Councilman Melvin Priester, Jr., Esq., made a home run with a Movie Night Forum last weekend at both locations – Triumph Church and Vergy P. Middleton Community Center in Presidential Hills Park. The best part of the evening was Priester making new friends with area youth. Councilman Priester is moving swiftly to meet all Ward 2 residents. He is the guest speaker at the annual Men's Day program at Aldersgate United Methodist Church on Sunday, Aug. 25 at 11 a.m. This year's theme is "Men Serving God." Aldersgate is located at 655 Beasley Rd.