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important tool, which is the Black Press," Johnson said.

A veteran activist, Johnson, 49, said it's also important that the NAACP engage and support young people.

"We urge the young ones to keep studying and continue advocating to make sure their voices are not suffocated, because of a lack of knowledge," he said. "I'm encouraged by the number of young people who have taken to the streets with the tools at their disposal to become more active. If they find that the NAACP is a tool they'd like to use, then it is incumbent upon the NAACP to support their ability to do that, because the young activists of today will be our leaders of tomorrow."

A regular guest lecturer at Harvard Law School and an adjunct professor at Tougaloo College in Jackson, Miss., Johnson previously furthered his training through fellowships with the Con-

gressional Black Caucus Foundation.

As president of the NAACP Mississippi State Conference, he led critical campaigns for voting rights and equitable education, NAACP officials said in a news release.

Johnson also successfully managed two bond referendum campaigns in Jackson, which brought \$150 million in school building improvements and \$65 million toward the construction of a new convention center.

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, Johnson founded One Voice, Inc., to improve the quality of life for African Americans through civic engagement, training and initiatives, according to Johnson's bio on the NAACP's website. One Voice has spawned an annual Black Leadership Summit and the Mississippi Black Leadership Institute, a nine-month training program for community leaders.

"I really appreciate the support of the chair of the Board of Directors, who invested confidence in me to do this job," Johnson said. "I think we

have to control our narrative and tell our story, because we have units across the country that have been extremely effective in their work, but we haven't been able to control the narrative."

Johnson called controlling that narrative both a challenge and an opportunity.

He said the NAACP is working diligently toward the 2018 midterm elections and making sure to tackle voter registration and issues that have worked to deny African Americans the right to cast a ballot.

"We have to figure out how to maximize the engagement of folks in our community to exercise their right to vote," Johnson said. "We have a fertile and vibrant pipeline for young people to have a stronger voice in what's taking place and, at the same time, we can support young people already out there advocating with the understanding that social justice is not a competition, but an opportunity for many individuals to add their voice for progressive change."

Weinstein

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sexual harassment have been shattered, the flood gates are open.

"This is the patriarchy starting to crumble," says Toni Van Pelt, president of the National Organization of Women. "I think that women are finally taking their power. They know they're strong."

In the three weeks since the first allegations were leveled against Weinstein, there have been at least 20 prominent men who have been forced to defend or apologize for past actions. Amazon Studios chief Roy Price resigned after a television producer on one of Amazon's shows said he had sexually harassed her. Following allegations of sexual advances on an underage actor, Netflix halted production on Kevin Spacey's "House of Cards." A Roman Polanski retrospective prompted protests in Paris.

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Sari Kamin was one of 38 women who came forward to the Los Angeles Times to say that the director James Toback sexually harassed her by luring her with the possibility of a film role. Toback has denied the claims but within days the number of alleged victims climbed past 300.

"Listening to women come out from the Harvey Weinstein fallout, that certainly empowered me," said Kamin. "It brought back a lot of painful memories and kind of unlocked something. It made me think: Well, if they can come forward maybe so can I."

"More than anything what made me want to come forward is: I felt like fi-

nally people were listening," said Kamin, a once aspiring actress who now works in publishing and food writing. "That was signaled very clearly with what happened with Weinstein. Another woman spoke and then another woman spoke and there was action. There were consequences. It told me not only that people were listening but that they wanted to do something — that they want to stand up and say: 'No more.' That was a powerful thing to tap into."

An air of "who's next" has settled over not just Hollywood, but elsewhere, too. NBC News terminated Mark Halperin's contract allegations that he sexually harassed a dozen women while at ABC News. John Besh, the New Orleans celebrity chef, stepped down from the company he founded after more than two dozen allegations of sexual harassment. Fashion photographer Terry Richardson, who has previously been accused of sexual harassment, was banned by Conde Nast. Accusations of harassment have been leveled against actors Dustin Hoffman and Jeremy Piven.

Vox fired its editorial director, Lockhart Steele after a former employee raised allegations. Andy Signore, senior vice president of Defy Media, was fired after several women made sexual harassment allegations. The Atlantic magazine removed contributing editor Leon Wieseltier from its masthead after allegations emerged that Wieseltier harassed numerous women during his lengthy tenure with The New Republic.

Two executives at Fidelity Investments were forced out for sexual harassment. Nickelodeon fired "The Loud House" show runner Chris Savino for sexual harassment. NPR news chief Michael Oreskes, who was ousted after sexual harassment allegations dating back to the 1990s surfaced.

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OBITUARY: Anthony Lawrence Stone

Anthony Lawrence Stone was born October 3, 1951 to Forrest and Ruth Stone in Vancouver, WA. He was a loving husband and father. He leaves to mourn his wife Thelma Stone and children Ladel, Robert, Lovey, Artent and Sa-

maura as well as many grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by son Rahshann. Service arrangements are pending and will be made available when completed. He will be missed by many.



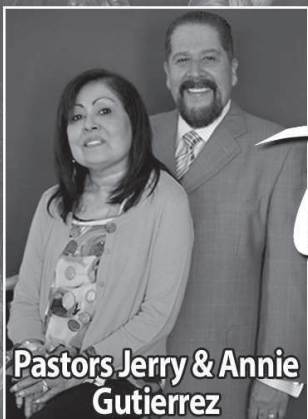
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