



City, partners employing area youth

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Editor

The city of Jackson along with private sector partners are putting more than 700 area youth ages 16-24 to work as the Summer Youth Employment Program officially kicked off last week.

Mayor Tony T. Yarber and the Department of Human Cultural Services' Family and Youth Division made the announcement June 2.

The city is employing 300 youth, while about 30 private sector partners/businesses are employing another 425.

"The Summer Youth Employment Program is alive and well," Yarber said. Reports from earlier in the year indicated the program might get eliminated due to budget issues, but employing youth remained a priority for the city the mayor said. He also acknowledged the beneficial role of businesses. "The private sector was definitely able to come through and be a major savior for this program." To employ more youth, the city would like for an additional 30 private sector businesses to get involved.

The program is a component of the city's I Need You To

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Clinton, Trump trying to unify respective parties

By Kathleen Hennessy and Lisa Lerer
The Associated Press

NEW YORK – Energized by a final batch of primary victories, Hillary Clinton is setting out on the difficult task of uniting her fractured Democratic Party for the five-month presidential battle with Republican Donald Trump. Fellow Democrats urged Bernie Sanders to end his all-but-hopeless challenge to her, but still tried to give him space to make that difficult decision.

"Let him make that decision. Give him time," Vice President Joe Biden said Wednesday when asked if it was time for Sanders to halt his effort.

Sanders vowed to continue to his campaign to the last contest in the District of Columbia next Tuesday. But about half his campaign staff is being laid off, two people familiar with the plans said Wednesday. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to speak publicly about the layoffs.

Clinton cruised to easy victories in four of the six state contests Tuesday. With each win she further solidified Sen.

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Events across state commemorate March Against Fear

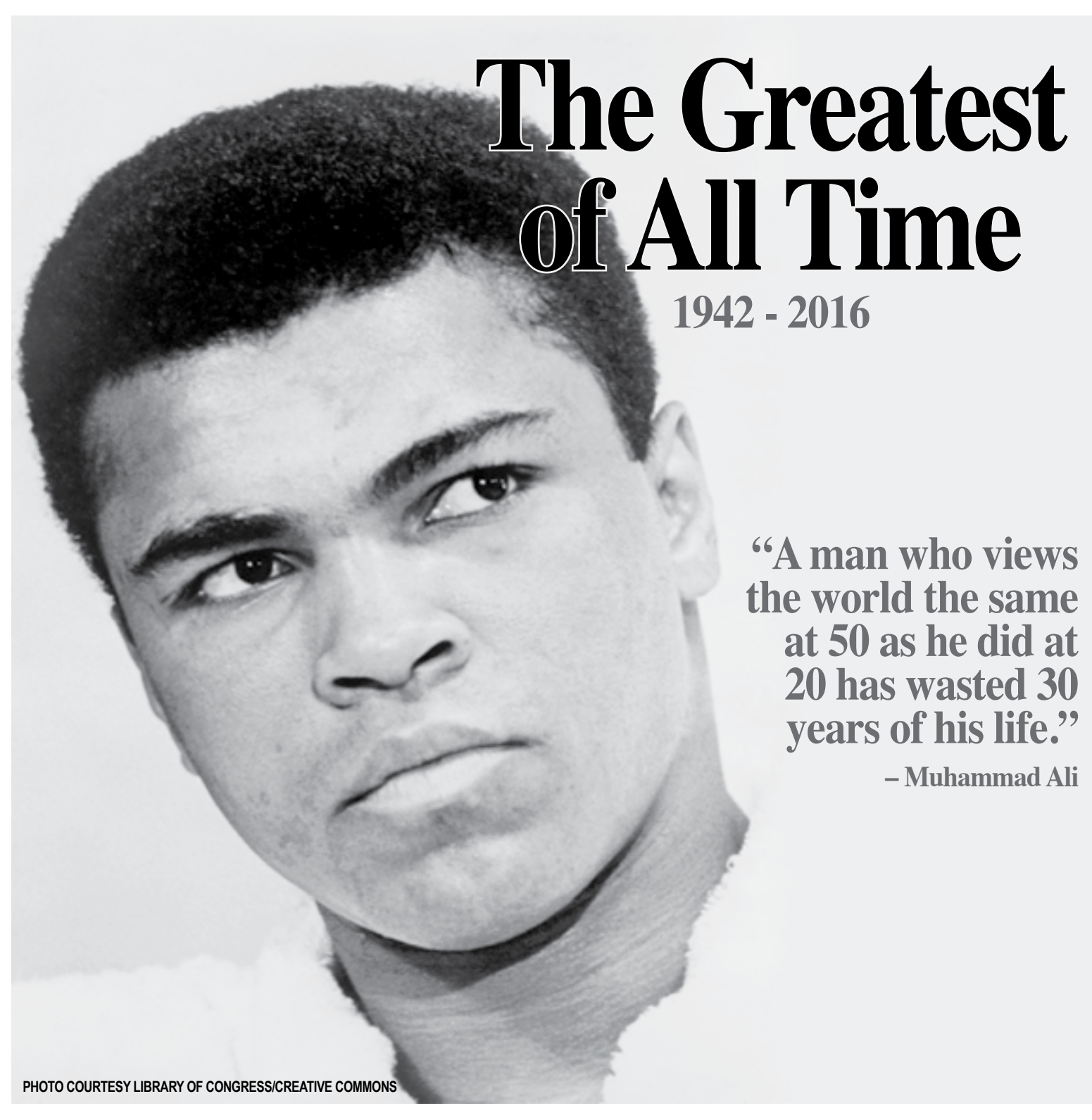
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On June 5, 1966, civil rights activist James Meredith began a 220-mile walk against fear from Memphis, Tenn., to Jackson. This self-proclaimed walk was intended to challenge the culture of fear and to encourage more than 400,000 African Americans in Mississippi to register to vote.

One day after Meredith began his walk, he was shot during the walk. Following the shooting, civil rights leaders continued on Meredith's path calling their efforts the March Against Fear.

From June 6-26 this year, various cities in Mississippi will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the March Against Fear and its role in the Civil Rights Movement and the memorable call for Black Power through a series of conversations, intergenerational dialogue and concluding with a "Walk for Good and Right." The purpose of these commemorations is to recognize the bravery

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"A man who views the world the same at 50 as he did at 20 has wasted 30 years of his life."

– Muhammad Ali

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Ali was confident symbol of Black pride

By Jesse J. Holland
Associated Press

WASHINGTON – For Muhammad Ali, the idea of being a humble athlete – someone pre-packaged and palatable for white America – was never an option.

Instead, he demanded respect not only as a boxer but as a brash, unbought and unbossed black man and endeared himself to African Americans as a symbol of Black pride. He radiated courage and confidence, skill and showman-

ship. "He became the incarnation of black defiance, black protest and black excellence at the same time," said Rev. Al Sharpton, a longtime friend of Ali's.

Ali, who died Friday at 74, gave voice to many blacks frustrated with a white society that asked them to fight communism in Vietnam but openly practiced segregation and discrimination at home.

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Muslim service set for Thursday

Muslim prayers over the body of Muhammad Ali will be witnessed worldwide Thursday, offering a window into a religion many outsiders know little about, but have come to scorn. About 14,000 people are expected for the service Thursday in Louisville, Ky., which will be broadcast on TV and streamed live online. Organizers say the service, or Jenazah prayer, is open to all, but meant especially as a chance for Muslims to say goodbye to a man considered a hero of the faith. U.S. Muslims hope the service for the Kentucky native will help underscore that Islam, so much under attack in recent months, is fully part of American life. In addition to the traditional funeral prayers Thursday, an interfaith memorial service is planned for Friday, which will include representatives of several religions, including Jews and Christians. – The Associated Press

Inside, outside of ring, Champ made difference



Malcolm X photographs Muhammad Ali after his victory over Sonny Liston in 1964. PHOTO COURTESY BOB GOMEL/CREATIVE COMMONS

By Stacy M. Brown
The Washington Informer, NNPA Member

Muhammad Ali's historic win against George Foreman in Kinshasa, Zaire in 1974 was perhaps the greatest of all of his ring victories. Ali dropped Foreman in the eighth round of that heavyweight bout known as "The Rumble in the Jungle." Foreman was among the first to pay homage to the fallen champion when news of his death spread late Friday evening on June 3. He was 74.

"It's been said it was 'rope a dope,' Ali beat me with," Foreman tweeted. "No his beauty beat me. The most beauty I've known; loved him."

Early Saturday morning, Mike Tyson tweeted, "God came for his champion. So long great one. @MuhammadAli#TheGreatest#RIP."

After a long battle with Parkinson's disease, the world-renowned champion died at a Phoenix, Arizona-area hospital. The iconic sports figure was fighting respiratory issues that were complicated by the Parkinson's that he was di-

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