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Katrina: Remembering Hurricane Katrina 10 years later

There has been an incessant outpouring of accounts and reflections on the direct impact across the south of Hurricane Katrina 10 years earlier and onward. Specials and tributes can be found in broadcast, print and the internet. Locally, lives lost, families displaced, efforts to rebuild and the lingering memories are poignant.

Jackson’s Mayor Tony Yarber issued a statement: “Katrina underscored the importance of coordination and communication. The hurricane also reminded us not to take anything for granted. Katrina was supposed to be a coastal storm, but its destruction reached far beyond that region and had a generational impact.”

Congressman Thompson said in a released statement, “This week, 10 years ago, Mississippi and the entire Gulf Coast were hunkering down and preparing for what turned out to be one of the most devastating natural disasters of our lifetime. ‘The tragic loss of life was great across the region and included 238 Mississippians. The loss of property was also immense. But what made this storm so traumatic was the loss of family and friends and the loss of the place where we grew up and called home.’”

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continued included more than 60 percent of single-family dwellings on the coast being destroyed or considered uninhabitable. Thompson said that though systems were thought to be in place, the recovery process was slow and wrought with mistakes at the federal, state and local level. “Since Katrina, we have learned from those mistakes and partnerships at each level of government have grown stronger and become more in sync,” Thompson said.

Additionally, over the past decade, Gulf Coast residents, with federal support and the help of volunteers from across the country, have rebuilt much of what was lost. However, we cannot forget those for whom recovery remains an elusive goal, and we must remain committed to recovery efforts until those who have struggled are on a better path toward rebuilding their lives,” Thompson added. “The impact of Hurricane Katrina is a story of American tragedy. But Hurricane Katrina recovery, in many respects, has become a story of American perseverance and generosity that I hope we can all look to for encouragement and hope.”

The Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) opened its exhibit, titled “Katrina ‘10,” at the Ohr-O’Keefe Museum of Art, 386 Beach Blvd., Biloxi, Miss. Visit the museum’s exhibit highlights at www.GoMDOT.com/Hurricane.

The exhibit, according to its release, features residents along the Mississippi Gulf Coast who give “their own stories, along with images of water on the rise, the total destruction of houses washed away and the emotional impact on survivors recalled.”

Recently, the Hattiesburg Arts Council presented the Disaster Photo Exhibit, titled “The Katrina Project: Hell and High Water.” It featured selected pieces from the HAC Museum’s collection, the Southern Miss Center for Oral History and Cultural Heritage. For more information, visit DaedalosProject.com.

And throughout this issue of The Mississippi Link are more accounts.

The AMR emergency service recruits its participation during the immediate hit of Katrina. worker (page 3). MEMA worker Angel Hampton explains why she did not intend to evacuate (page 4). The Childen’s Defense Fund Southern Regional office was on the scene in New Orleans to help children recover (page 5).

Religious Editor Daphne Higginbotham responds to the major roles of various churches to assist with sustaining displaced crisis and helping them onto the road of recovery (page 12).

Moving accounts are given by survivors and workers reported by contributing writers (Gail Brown and Janice Neal-Vincent). Habitat for Humanity of Mississippi Central Area demonstrates its rebuilding skills after the storm (page 21).

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Bids and payments must be made within 15 days of notification. Properties are sold “as is,” and the Secretary of State reserves the right to “reject any and all bids.” No more than 160 acres may be purchased by one person within one year.

Hoemanne said, “Our goal is to place this property back on the tax rolls to benefit the capital city and the state of Mississippi. By partnering with the city of Jackson, we are taking an aggressive step to return these properties to productive use.”

Vartabed said, “This public auction will add momentum to the city’s efforts to strengthen our communities. This will give citizens the opportunity to purchase property and play a vital role in Jackson’s revitalization.”

Hoemanne said upwards of 25 percent of the refuge sales could come to the city of Jackson and another part of the income to the public schools.

The Secretary of State office also has held similar tax-forfeited sales in partnership with the districts of Hattiesburg, Greenwood, Hattiesburg-McPike County, Meridian Lauderdale County and Green-Washington County.

Pictures of tax forfeited properties available for auction and area maps on display at City Hall.

Kathy Sykes the ‘upset win’ in run off elections

By Stephanie R. Jones
Contributing Writer

Kathy Sykes wins the Democratic runoff election Tuesday, Aug. 25, for Miss. House of Representatives District 70. Sykes, a community organizer in Jackson, drew 54 percent of the vote to beat out challenger Sammie Bongard, an attorney, who garnered 46 percent. She will face Republican James P. Jerry in the November general election.

Sykes attributes her runoff win to grassroots campaigning — knocking on doors, beating the streets and talking to people one on one.

“A lot of people in the district personally know me. I’ve lived here my entire life. They know my record of standing up for issues that are important to them,” she said. The district is comprised of mostly lower income neighborhoods of Jackson with pockets of middle and higher income areas, she said.

It was also helpful, Sykes said, that she had the endorsement from the campaign start of long-time District 70 Rep. Jim Evans, who encouraged her to run for the seat.

Sykes previously ran unsuccessfully for election commissioner and state Senate. The difference with this run was the alignment of the district.

In those other races the district went for the south Jackson and even outside Jackson, where I wasn’t as well known, she said. “Personal relationships made the difference this time and that’s important for a candidate who didn’t have a lot of funding.”

The Jackson State University biology graduate built her platform around working for affordable housing, job creation, providing health care for all people and instituting early voting.

In other Democratic runoffs in Hinds County, incumbent District 2 Supervisor Darrel McQuitter, bested opponent David E. Archie. McQuitter, a minuteman, received 57 percent of the vote while Archie got 43 percent. McQuitter had been president of the Board of Supervisors until shortly before the primary election.

In District 5, Bobby “Bobcat” McGowan defeated journalist Eric Stringfield. McGowan received 1,226 votes Stringfield 1,062. McGowan, a retired country road worker, will face independent Al Stubbsfield in November.

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**REMEMBERING KATRINA**

**AMR worker remembers heroes during Katrina**

By Jim Powell

**Chief, AMR Central Mississippi**

When big storms threaten our region, AMR Central Mississippi employees pull together to serve Harrison and Hancock counties. I was among the AMR Central employees who traveled to Mississippi after Hurricane Katrina in 2005 as part of AMR Central Mississippi's emergency preparedness. Our team was deployed to Harrison County EOC, in Gulfport to help Katrina’s victims, and I remember the events that unfolded in the days and weeks after the storm.

I remember so many acts of heroism, and I am proud to be a part of such a great organization. I was overwhelmed by the response of those in need. It was a time of great need, and we responded.

The Harrison County EOC set up at a vocational school a few miles from the shore of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. We were the first people to arrive at the EOC, I was amazed to find a lowly receptionist on duty. I was asked a bunch of chainsaws to get here on the other side of the bay, but the receptionist had them as “the cavalry.” I remember in that moment of need, there was a sense of oneness and a collective spirit.

We worked without much sleep, but we were all dedicated to helping the people who were suffering. We were a team, and we were able to provide them with the support and resources they needed.

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After a week or so working in the Harrison County EOC, I was asked to help with public information in the Hancock County EOC. The storm surge had destroyed the original AMR EOC and an intermediate shelter. I was put up on a temporary shelter a few miles inland. When I reached the Hancock County EOC, I was asked to find a low-power AMR radio station that had been set up in the public information office. I knew the location, and it was supposed to be working, so I wondered how it was possible to have no radio broadcast at all.

I learned to, from this day, still put me in a frame. A lady named Sarah Allen was sitting at her desk in Harrison County EOC, perhaps the SeaBees, as the storm continued to rage. I saw them step outside, and I stayed on duty. I was told to help staff shelters.

I was driven to do whatever was necessary to restore power. They wished until there was a line of fire to the EOC. The line was terrible, and we were dedicated to helping them.

At night, the dark was so thick, you could not see your hand. But, as the dawn broke, we felt a sense of hope and a sense of purpose. We were able to provide them with the support and resources they needed.

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**AMR on the Coast battled Katrina despite employees’ own losses**

Harrison County EOC, Gulfport, Mississippi. Chief Joel Ellzie, AMR Central Mississippi. Staff: AMR Central Mississippi employees set up the Harrison County EOC, still fighting, and continued to provide support.

**By John Powell**

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Hurricane Katrina forever altered everyone who called the Mississippi Gulf Coast their home. Since late August 2005, coast residents discuss their lives with the storm’s effects on the shore and in their homes. I am one of those residents.

AMR was (and still is) the emergency service for Harrison and Hancock counties. Greg Doyle, AMR’s operations manager on the coast, said, “Our medical and other personnel did not flinch in the face of Katrina, but instead we pulled it together to put a low-power station on the air in Hancock County. We provided our own transportation to the Mississippi coast. On arrival at the EOC, she obtained from the AMR’s 300-channel AM/FM radios, which we distributed across the county via a variety of unorganized hospitals.

Sarah stood on the air for hours, telling listeners about sources of emergency assistance. She also dealt with everything from boil-water alerts to getting rid of animal carcasses. To her knowledge, Sarah never received a penny for her work. To the dying, I told Sarah Allen was sitting at her home in Mississippi: “We love you.”

When we, the staff, returned to our homes, we were able to provide them with the support and resources they needed.

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I didn’t plan to evacuate. I had gotten used to hurricane threats being a way of life for me as a student at Xavier University. Sometimes we evacuated and sometimes we didn’t; the decision to stay or leave was based on the forecasted track and severity. I had spoken to a few friends earlier in the week, and we all had said that our plans wouldn’t involve evacuating this time. I continued to watch the news throughout the week, and by the time it was clear that the hurricane was headed our way, I had made up my mind to stay. It would have been impractical for me to have moved very far away. I was already on the front line of the storm, and moving would have been difficult. I decided to stay and ride out the storm depending on the forecasted track and severity.

I had been living in New Orleans for almost ten years, and I had come to know it as home. I had seen it through many hurricanes and had evacuated many times. I was accustomed to seeing an evacuation as a reason for a short vacation home and then when the storm turned east and missed us, I would head back to the city. So, ten years ago I packed a small bag for Tokey, my 4-year-old Shih Tzu, and enough clothes for myself to last three days, and the two of us got into my SUV and headed to home to Jackson, Mississippi. Tokey and I arrived home about 24 hours before the storm made landfall.

What was normally a two and half-hour drive, took me five hours with the number of evacuees on the road. I considered myself blessed because I had heard of people leaving an hour after I did and it took them 10 hours or more to make the same drive. Although I was glad to be home with my family, I was concerned about my friends that had not evacuated and the city and I had to come to know as home. For a short time, I remember feeling relieved when I found out that New Orleans dodged a direct hit. However, that feeling of relief was very short-lived. We were without power for a week even in Jackson; therefore I had very little in the way of new reports.

My daily routine consisted of setting alarm on my phone, coffee, reading the news online and ice box shopping for what I could get. I remember crying as I saw the pictures of the devastation. I remember trying desperately to contact the friends that had decided to remain in the city but to no avail, as there was no cellular service. All I could do was pray.

In the weeks after the storm, I was eventually able to contact my friends. One who had decided not to leave said that he was stranded for three days in the attic of his apartment building. When I asked him where he had been during those three days, he stated that he was trying nonstop to break through the roof. He was eventually rescued by helicopter and taken to San Antonio.

Another friend who had evacuated with family to Texas at the same time I evacuated to Jackson, had to leave there less than a month later to face hurricane Rita. He came home to Jackson and war and ten years later has his own barbershop in Jackson, the city which is now his home.

I had become somewhat familiar with FEMA over the previous hurricanes, ice storms including Hurricane Sandy in New York where I spent 50 weeks, and in a remote village in Alaska where I also spent almost a year. I have continued to travel around the United States, providing assistance to disaster survivors. I have opened a local office and was looking for persons with information technology skills and suggested to her that I should apply for the position.

I had become somewhat familiar with FEMA over the previous months as a disaster survivor myself. I had the opportunity to work for FEMA as an associate disaster survivor. My “temporary” employment was working 12 hours a day, seven days a week and could not come back to my apartment to salvage anything.

There still was no power in the city or parish that day, and in the dim light and extreme heat we loaded up what we could during the time allotted so that we could be out and on our way back by dark. It was very emotional for me to see the devastation that had occurred. It was during that trip back into the city that I realized it would be a long time before things would be back to some semblance of normalcy.

I had to figure out what I was going to do next. I did not think that I would be back in Jackson long term. Prior to Hurricane Katrina I worked for the Jefferson Parish Public School System as web site designer for the school district. While in Jackson representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) visited my mom’s office at The Mississippi Link newspaper and informed her that FEMA had opened a local office and was looking for persons with information technology skills and suggested to her that I should apply for the position.

I took Tokey with me on several trips to see places that I may not have seen, ever. I have since been able to purchase a home and complete a graduate degree that I was just one hour from completing when New Orleans due to Hurricane Katrina. Jackie Hampton received a BS Degree in computer science from Xavier University and a MA in technology management from the University of Phoenix. She has employed by FEMA for an information technology network manager. Jackie is also the daughter of The Mississippi Link publisher, Jackie Hampton.
By Ayesha K. Mustafaa

Titled “What It Takes to Rebuild A Village After a Disaster: Stories from Internally Displaced Children and Families of Hurricane Katrina and Their Lessons for Our Nation,” the report is self-explanatory.

The report was commissioned by the Children’s Defense Fund’s Southern Regional and Louisiana offices and funded by The W.K. Kellogg Foundation. The Children’s Defense Fund also established Freedom Schools in New Orleans.

The report covered such topics like ‘Growing Up Displaced from Your Village’ and ‘Homeless and Jobless Families.’

Its summary begins, “If it takes a village to raise a child, what happens to children and their village when disaster strikes and the resources necessary for protecting the village against future disasters as well as rebuilding the homes, jobs, schools, child care centers and hospitals in the village are not forthcoming?”

The report includes letters to President Obama, who came into office in 2008; Katrina hitting in 2005. They are written by New Orleans children. One letter by Terrian C. Jones reads in part:

“I have been having a lot of difficulties ever since I evacuated from New Orleans. I miss my home and my friends and family. I have had a hard time adjusting in school and with my school work. We have had to move many times and as a result, I have gone to many different schools.

“When I got used to a school, the teachers and friends, we had to move to another house…. I think things would be better for me if I was back home (in New Orleans), and I hope I can go back home at some point.”

It concluded with suggested “Safeguards Against Displaced People Becoming Homeless or Jobless.” As a Katrina survivor said (page 15), “the worse thing was when they started calling us ‘refugees.’”

For more information on the CDF report, contact their office at www.childrensdefense.org

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ETEC salutes the spirit of the Gulf Coast and New Orleans as they continue to rebuild 10 years later.

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By Curtis Bunn

New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu took to the road to declare his city is “no longer recovering, no longer rebuilding” a decade after Hurricane Katrina devastated it as one of America’s worst natural disasters, but some refuse to buy that message.

Unique does not mean better for African Americans feel things are different. and it’s wonderful. I love New Orleans. I love Atlanta. But I don’t want to be Houston or Atlanta.

Many African Americans who endured six days of uncertainty conditions as the city drowned - the many rebuilt neighborhoods and the overall growth in reputation of the city as evidence of progress.

“I will come on home,” Landrieu said while touring Houston. “But this is home to what?” An African American asked “New Orleans is my heart, in my blood. That will never change. But it’s not like it was the best place for jobs before the hurricane. And with our neighborhoods, we say we have to live where we always lived - but our neighborhoods just haven’t gotten the attention it deserves.”

New Orleans will celebrate the city’s rebirth on the anniversary of Hurricane Katrina and with parades featuring Marching Band Indians, and brass bands marching through Uptown and downtown New Orleans on August 29.

The event is promoted as the Katrina 10 Commemorative Parade, created to be “a cultural showcase that celebrates New Orleans, its resilience and the incredible spirit of its people,” said Flozell Daniels Jr., president and CEO of the Foundation for Louisiana.

But many on the sidelines, and in the Ninth Ward, will not see reason to celebrate. They are still drowning in tears.

10 years later, Hurricane Katrina’s impact still devastating on New Orleans’ black residents

Everyone at Entergy values our Katrina first response team, line men and support staff for their selfless commitment throughout the days and weeks following the storm. We also owe our gratitude to our customers and communities. Your strength, encouragement and cooperation were crucial to our recovery efforts. Thank you.
The Mississippi Department of Health

Today, the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) confirmed the report of rabies in a domestic cat. The MSDH reported that the cat was infected with rabies, which is a highly contagious and invariably fatal disease of the nervous system caused by a virus. Rabies is almost always fatal to humans and animals, and there is no treatment or cure once symptoms appear. The only way to prevent rabies is through vaccination. The MSDH urges residents to be aware of rabies and to take precautions to protect themselves and their pets. If you see a dog or cat acting aggressively or showing signs of rabies, such as excessive salivation, difficulty swallowing, or loss of coordination, please contact the local health department immediately.

The Mississippi Link Newswire

In a report issued on Tuesday, health researchers say there are now nearly 47 million people with or at risk of developing dementia, with the number of cases expected to nearly double every 20 years. The report, published by the Alzheimer’s Association, found that the number of people with or at risk of dementia in 2020 was 35 million, and that by 2050, the number is expected to reach 132 million. The report also notes that the number of people with dementia is expected to reach 1.2 billion by 2050, with the largest increases expected in Asia.

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Ruddy Rodriguez-Cazāla

WASHINGTON — Sign up for President Barack Obama’s health care law doesn’t start for another couple of months, but the mistakes that are crucial for hundreds of thousands of people in losing financial aid when they renew their plans.

Call them tardy tax filers: an estimated 1.8 million people who failed to file for their premiums last year but fail to file their tax returns as required by the law, or left key IRS paperwork.

Because of coordination issues between the IRS and marketplaces like HealthCare.gov, consumers who keep processing claims through the fall are taking chances with their financial aid, according to insurers and the agency. That means, for example, that someone who hasn’t paid $500 could suddenly get hit with a bill for $5,000.

Government officials say they have a back-up plan that should help prevent that from happening. Nonetheless, insurers and advocacy groups say they’ve been told the best way returning custom- ers will be refunded is by mailing in statements of standing water around your home and yard to the MSDH.

Wear loose, light-colored, long sleeves and pants to prevent mosquito bites, and apply insect repellent that contains DEET to your skin. Use insect repellent to keep mosquitoes away while you are outdoors.

After you see a dog or cat acting aggressively, you may want to consider reaching out to your local Animal Control officials.

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Researchers from Alzheimer’s Disease International say about 58 percent of all people with dementia live in Asia. In 2050, nearly half of all people with dementia in the world will live in Asia. Researchers are expected to age with aging populations and in more cases be identified.

Experts estimate the cost of treating dementia in 2050 will be at least $1 trillion in the U.S. and $6 trillion globally. The cost of treating dementia in Asia will likely be even higher.

The Alzheimer’s Association is calling on countries to start planning for the future. The association recommends that countries begin by mapping their current dementia care systems, identifying the services that are needed, and setting a timeline for implementation.

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One of the Chibok schools that escaped Boko Haram militants last April, sparked by the BisiAliOlorunmogunGhana girls' fundraising campaign hosted by the United States Congress in Washington, D.C.

After the recent election of the Nigerian military's professional West African body, Boko Haram continues to be a major threat. The group that is responsible for the terror group's attacks has been identified, and the families of the abducted girls believe that they are still alive. Ogebe said that the geographer was kidnapped, and the group has shown more determination in its tactics since the moment the girls were kidnapped.

On April 14, the day of the massacre, the girls were abducted from the school, and they were taken to a nearby bush. The official reported that the girls were revealing signs of severe physical and emotional trauma, and the girls were taken to a nearby bush, where they were held for several days. The girls were released on April 29, and they were seen walking along the road.

On August 12, the Reuters news agency reported that the group is still active and that it has continued its attacks on the Nigerian military. The group is able to trek back and forth across international borders illegally, and it still poses a major threat.

Going by her first name to protect family and friends, the girl who is still in high school, Li Li, one of the rescued girls, said that she is still alive. She said that the group that is responsible for the terror group's attacks has been identified, and the families of the abducted girls believe that they are still alive.

The former U.S. representative, who served 15 terms after being elected to the House in 1991, died at a Detroit hospital just after a month after announcing he had been diagnosed with cancer. His election to the House came years after his brother Carl, who was elected mayor of Cleveland, the first African-American mayor of a major U.S. city.

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Power APAC Visual Arts Chair Martha Hamburg and dance instructor Lisa Brown were recently honored by the Mississippi Alliance for Arts Education. They were recognized for their work in building and restructuring of New Orleans’ schools. Gov. Kathleen Blanco’s recommendation of the Louisiana State Legislature established the Orleans Recovery School District (ORSD), which took over control of the schools, wresting it away from the corrupt school board. The district worked with charter school operators from around the nation to launch a host of charter schools throughout the district. The majority of the top schools were selected by the state and selected by the charter school operators to ensure that the most effective schools were chosen. New Orleans is now the most charter-friendly jurisdiction in the nation, with nearly all of its public school children now en-
eted in charter schools.
In 2007, the district was able to build a successful program that
continues to grow and thrive.

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Power APAC. The Arts in Education Awards were presented at a special awards luncheon held as part of the Mississippi Arts Commission Whole Schools Institute. The High School Strings program at the Mississippi School for the Blind and the summer camp Roy Caldwell Student Scholarship were two of the awards presented. The Mississippi School for the Blind is a state-run school for students who are blind or visually impaired. The school offers educational programs and services to students from preschool through grade 12. The school is located on the campus of the Mississippi School for the Blind in Jackson.
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Katrina: memories and moments

During this tenth anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, many are reflecting on the effects of this natural disaster. Deacon Jasper reminds us of the importance of service as a way to address the needs of those who were affected. He shares how God turned a tragedy into an opportunity to serve and assist the needy at all levels.

Katrina has been through the community and the world. The immediate Past International Missionary, Alcorn, and the College Hill family did it. We have learned that no matter what the storm, we all need to contribute to the recovery efforts of those who were affected. We were able to help many people through our efforts and contributions.

In the College Hill family, we want to demonstrate that a quality education and service to others is important. We address the global perspective and explore important dimensions to educational vocations.

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The American Cancer Society’s ‘Making Strides Against Breast Cancer’ Jackson fundraising kick-off attracts diverse crowd

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Nonprofits commemorate 10 year Katrina anniversary
Leaders recall successful collaboration to make recovery inclusive

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
City of Jackson
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

Sealed bids will be received at the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, 501 North West Street, Suite 1401 B, Jackson, Mississippi, 39201, until 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 1, 2015, for:

SECTION 1. That this Ordinance shall become effective immediately, and shall require the property to be rezoned from C80-C2 (Limited) Commercial Subdistrict to C80-C3 (General) Commercial Subdistrict, to allow for a used car sales business.

WHEREAS, J. D. Calhoun, LLC has filed a petition to rezone property located at 301 East Broadway Dr., in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, from C80-C2 (Limited) Commercial Subdivision to C80-C3 (General) Commercial Subdivision, to allow for used car sales business:

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Planning Board, after holding the required public hearing, has recommended approval to rezone the property from C80-C2 (Limited) Commercial Subdivision to C80-C3 (General) Commercial Subdivision, to allow for used car sales business, and

WHEREAS, notice was duly and legally given to property owners and interested citizens that a meeting of the Council would be held at 6:00 p.m., Monday, July 20, 2015 to consider said rezoning, basing upon the record of the case as developed before the City Planning Board;

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WHEREAS, the Jackson City Planning Board, after having considered the matter and finding that the property is a public need for additional property in that area zoned C80-C2 (Limited) Commercial Subdistrict, to allow for a used car sales business;

WHEREAS, the Council after having considered the matter, is of the opinion that the property is and will continue to be in the best interest of the City and that there has been a substantial change in the usage of the property which will facilitate the growth and expansion of the jurisdiction of the City and that the property and there is a public need for additional property in that area zoned in accordance with the request in said application since any previous City Council action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the COUNCIL of the CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI that:

The property located in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, more particularly described as follows:

Lots 1 & 2, BLOCK 6, BROWNING ESTATES, PART I, A SUBDIVISION OF A CERTAIN REAL ESTATE LOCATED IN THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN PLAT BOOK 19 PAGE 97.

is hereby rezoned and changed from C80-C2 (Limited) Commercial Subdivision to C80-C3 (General) Commercial Subdivision, to allow for used car sales business and

The above must comply with the City’s specifications. Copies of proposal forms can be obtained from the Purchasing Division, 200 South President Street, Room 604, Hood Building, Jackson, Mississippi 39201. Copies of bid specifications are filed with the City Clerk for public record and available with the Office of Economic Development at 218 South President Street, Second Floor, Jackson, Mississippi.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The City also reserves the right to waive any and all informalities in respect to any bid submitted. Bid awards will be made to the lowest and best bidder quoting the lowest net price in accordance with specifications. The award could be according to the lowest total cost per item; or to the lowest total cost for all items; or to the lowest total cost for all items; or in some variation thereof. Statements to this affect will be included on the proposal form. Absence of such statement renders the City will make that determination during the bid review.

Claude N. Mitchell, Acting Supervisor
Office of Economic Development
(601) 960-1025

Sealed, signed RFQ’s are invited and will be received by the City of Jackson until 2:30 p.m., in the City’s Office of Procurement, on Tuesday, August 25, 2015, for:

Bids are available at www.jacksonms.gov.

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After the storm came, Mississippi newspapers helped lead the way forward.

When the winds subsided and the waters receded a decade ago, the state of Mississippi and her people along the Gulf Coast were left to deal with the death and destruction wrought by one of America’s greatest weather catastrophes.

Through the aftermath and the rebuilding, your local newspaper was there.

From the first moments after the storm roared ashore, the men and women who work for your local paper were on the job, offering guidance and clarity in a time of terrible adversity.

On the tenth anniversary of the storm, we salute the newspaper journalists and their colleagues who didn’t give up on the job.

And we offer our best hopes and gratitude to the residents of our Gulf Coast who have weathered the past decade with such resilience.

Together, we will grow stronger. And we’re proud to say your local newspaper will be there to help lead the way.
"Straight Outta Compton’s" Jason Mitchell in talks for ‘Kong: Skull Island’

BY ZANE WILSON

Up-and-coming British actor Na’el Mitchell has been cast as Kunta Kinte in A&E Networks’ remake of "Roots," reported Deadline.

Billied as an "event series," the remake will follow the iconic character as he is captured from his homelands in Gambia and sold into slavery in America, and his descendants struggle to survive over the next century.

Production begins next month in South Africa and filming is on schedule for a premiere date in 2016 on Lifetime, A&E and the History Channel.

The story was first broadcast in 1977 in a landmark adaptation of the Alex Haley novel "The Autobiography of Malcolm X," in which LeVar Burton in the lead role. It was watched by a record-breaking 130 million viewers.

Will Packer ("Straight Outta Compton") is among the executive producers of the remake.

Kanye to receive Video Vanguard Award at MTV VMAs

By Kam Williams

Award at Kanye to receive Beyonce for Best Female honor.

Jackson (1988) and Madonna (1993), James Brown (2011), Duran Duran (2003), the award include Beyonce have had on a generation.

It’s safe to assume that the audience at this Sunday’s Video Music Awards will be in for a treat when Beyonce (29) is presented with the Video Vanguard Award at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn. The Recording Academy presented the award to Beyonce for her role as a trailblazer in music, fashion and philanthropy.

For over 20 years, Beyonce has been a force in the music industry and has become one of the most successful entertainers of all time. She has sold over 110 million albums worldwide and has won 24 Grammys, making her one of the most decorated female artists in history.

Beyonce’s reign over the music industry has been nothing short of extraordinary. From her breakthrough hit “Crazy in Love” to her recent release of the album “Lemonade,” Beyonce has proven time and time again that she is a true trailblazer and a force to be reckoned with.

Beyonce’s impact on the entertainment industry has been monumental. She is not only a talented musician, but also a fashion icon and a philanthropist.

With a career that spans two decades, Beyonce has become a global icon and a role model for women everywhere. She is a true embodiment of the Video Vanguard Award, and it is fitting that she is presented with this honor at the MTV Video Music Awards.

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Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area played important role in Katrina recovery

Before the first anniversary of Katrina, this multi-house street development was going up in Hancock County, thanks to the leadership and technical expertise provided by Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area.

Cindy Griffin, executive director of HFHMCA, gives former President Jimmy Carter a tour of Habitat homes being built in Hancock County as a part of the Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts.

When Hurricane Katrina devasted housing on the Mississippi Gulf Coast and New Orleans in 2005, Habitat for Humanity Mississippi Capital Area (HFHMCA) was prepared to do what was necessary to help provide housing as quickly as possible in the storm’s aftermath.

HFHMCA was the only Mississippi Habitat affiliate between the Mississippi and the Gulf Coast still in operation after Katrina, and was positioned both geographically and strategically to assist in both the short and long-term recovery.

It had the infrastructure and the unique ability to plan and implement an efficient, high quality response to this massive rebuilding effort in the storm-affected area of Mississippi and Louisiana while helping meet Jackson’s new neighbors — evacuees from the Gulf Coast and NOLA — find decent, affordable housing.

“Keep moving, stay judged and take a leadership role,” said Cindy Griffin, executive director of HFHMCA. “We did everything from piloting the “House in a Box” national program for the Gulf Coast...to constructing buses for Red Cross food distribution trucks in Jackson...to starting a Habitat affiliate in the worst affected county on the Gulf Coast — Hancock County.”

More than 200,000 homes were destroyed or damaged in Mississippi alone. The state was looking at only getting through the days after the storm and providing emergency housing, but a decade of rebuilding was ahead.

HFHMCA set out on a mission to fulfill a lifelong dream of owning a decent, affordable home for evacuees. HFHMCA developed a New Neighbors Program — an expanded model of qualifying evacuee families for new homes in the same city where they have left their homes. HFHMCA built 131 homes in the metro Jackson area, including 200 new homes, rehabbing 550 homes, and weatherizing 46 homes, and it continues to be a high-capacity builder.

HFHMCA multiplied its building efforts to assist evacuees and the recovery on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, while continuing the non-profit’s core ministry in the metro Jackson area. “While all these new challenges, we were able to meet our regular September and October construction schedules,” Griffin noted.

One of great adversity came incredible hope, Griffin said, as HFHMCA built 131 homes in the metro Jackson area, including 30 New Neighbor homes for evacuees effectively multiplying its work rather than redirecting resources to new development.

HFHMCA built more than 200 homes from 2006-2009, including more than 70 homes in the Bay St. Louis-Waveland area.

As early as recovery efforts, HFHMCA and its volunteers were spotlighted nationally when the Today Show staff removed their work with a Habitat “House in a Box” build televised in New York, while featuring a simultaneous “House in a Box” build long build in Jackson that produced multiple houses.

“Houses in a Box” were the walls of Habitat homes that were placed in 18-wheeler trailers to build for distribution to the Gulf Coast when rebuilding could begin.

Volunteers came from all over the country to work on this unique city rehousing, and it was a way for all of us to start lending a hand to our neighbors in need,” Griffin said, “so all who wrote blessings and prayers on the walls to literally resurrected the families in prayers for the rebuilding of their lives.”

HFHMCA faced the challenges of building in a post-disaster world, the non-profit increased its efforts with three prioritized goals:

• The construction of its community of helping families in need move out of poverty housing.

• Lending passion and determination to the rebuilding of the devastated Hancock County.

• HFHMCA immediately responded by making available current HFHMCA homes in Jackson for evacuee families and recruited volunteer families and resources for clean-up and repair of local Habitat homes damaged by Hurricane Katrina. It helped the Red Cross by building stairs for the trucks storing and distributing food donations at the Mississippi Coliseum.

HFHMCA piloted and served as the distribution center for Habitat for Humanity International’s Operation Home Delivery (“House in a Box”), a program that provided pre-built house frames shipped in containers to the Gulf Coast with materials needed to complete construction.

In May 2008, more than 5,000 volunteers joined the Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project at sites along the Gulf Coast from Mobile, Alabama to Beaumont, Texas. Their effort helped move 250 more families closer to living in a secure home once again. Twenty-five of these homes were built in the metro Jackson area.

“With our state was devastated by Hurricane Katrina, Griffin said, “we all wrote blessings for all of us to start lending a hand to our neighbors in need.”

HFHMCA’s work entered a new phase in 2007, serving as a partner in founding Habitat for Humanity Mississippi

To date, the affiliate has helped become a HFHMCA donor, volunteer or homeowner please call 601-978-6100 or visit www.habitatmsca.org.
BEIJING, China - Former Jackson State track and field standout Anaso Jobodwana finished in second place in his heat of the 200 meter dash semi-finals at the IAAF World Championships. Jobodwana recorded a time of 20.01, which was a personal best. The race featured Usain Bolt, the fastest man in the world in the lane next to the former JSU star. Jobodwana was Bolt’s nearest challenger in the event. The Jamaican star finished with a time of 19.95. The scene played out in similar fashion as the 2013 Summer Olympics 200 meters semi-finals when Jobodwana was able to hang with Bolt for most of the race.

Jobodwana won his heat in the preliminaries with a time of 20.22 to advance to the semi-finals. The final takes place on Thursday, Aug. 27. Log onto www.iaaf.org or www.letsrun.com

Jackson State’s Faith Toennies has been recognized by the Southwestern Athletic Conference as the league’s Goalie of the Week following her exceptional performance over the weekend (Aug. 21-24).

The freshman from Sherwood Park, Canada started and played in JSU’s match against Southern Mississippi, which ended in a 1-1 tie Sunday evening. Playing for a total of 110 minutes, Toennies recorded 10 saves and allowed only one goal for a .909 save percentage.

This is the first time in the match-up’s history the Tigers were able to thwart a Golden Eagle win.

The Lady Tigers return to action Friday, Aug. 28 when they travel to Alexandria, La. to face LSU-Alexandria in non-conference action. Match play is set for 3:00 p.m.

For all of the latest information about Jackson State Athletics, check back with www.jsutigers.com and follow the Tigers at twitter.com/jstatetigers or facebook.com/jstatetigers.

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