



# Alcorn State University Statement on off-campus shooting

## ASU mourns the passing of students James Carr and Tahir Fitzhugh

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Statement from the Office of Alcorn Public Relations

Overnight Monday, Feb. 17, Alcorn State University was notified by local authorities that four of our students were involved in a shooting that occurred at a non-university event venue 13 miles north of campus off Highway 61 in Claiborne County.

Three of the students were transported to the Claiborne County Medical Center in Port Gibson. We are deeply saddened to report that two students have passed as a result of critical injuries suffered in the shooting. One student is being treated at the hospital and is listed in stable condition.

Claiborne County and state law enforcement authorities indicate one of the alleged perpetrators is still at large. Although campus safety was not compromised, out of an abundance of caution, Alcorn Campus Police



Carr



Fitzhugh

instituted a lockdown on all campuses. The lockdown has been lifted and the university is open for normal business operations.

The university's Division of Student Affairs Office of Counseling Services will have coun-

selors available to any students, faculty or staff impacted by this tragic and traumatic event. We also ask the public and media to respect student privacy at this time.

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tends our heartfelt prayers to the families and loved ones of the students we lost and humbly ask for the university community's thoughts and prayers for the full

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Holmes County 6th-graders experience HOPE; other grades targeted

Special to The Mississippi Link

The Community Students Learning Center (CSLC), in partnership with the Holmes County Consolidated School District and other key partners, is implementing HOPE (Health Optimization and Prevention Education).

The CSLC HOPE program offers a healthy relationship evidenced-based curriculum to the students of Holmes County titled Love Notes, Life and Work by Dibble's Institute. A program of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Population Affairs (OPA), TPP19, HOPE targets youth in 6th-12th grades.

It helps students to better understand themselves – their past experiences and how they shape current life, their personality style, and their qualities and strengths as well as growth challenges. The curriculum encourages youth to explore and clarify their values, relationship expectations and to set



life goals.

With informed parental consent, sixth-graders at S.V. Marshall and Williams-Sullivan middle schools were the first to complete the 13-lesson sessions last semester just prior to the holidays.

"My son really benefited from HOPE," said parent, Christie Davis. "He said it was 'good' and he really enjoyed Ms. Saffold." Aisha Saffold is one of several CSLC HOPE facilitators trained in the Dibble's Love Notes EBP 3.0 curriculum.

"I think HOPE is very much needed in our community,"

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# Princeton's Eddie Glaude Jr. to keynote MVSU's MLK Black History Convocation, Feb. 27

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Mississippi Valley State University will celebrate Black History Month with its annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Black History Convocation.

This year's event, themed "African Americans and the Vote," will be held Thursday, Feb. 27, in the Carver A. Randle Auditorium, located in the William Butts Social Science Building.

The keynote speaker will be Mississippi native Eddie S. Glaude Jr, chair of the Department of African-American Studies and the James S. McDonnell Distinguished-University Professor of African-American Studies at Princeton University.

Organizer Dameon Shaw, who serves as the interim vice president for University Advancement at MVSU, said he's excited to have Glaude visit MVSU's campus.

"Black History Month is a special time when we honor the legacy and sacrifices of those who came before us," said Shaw. "We



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are excited to have Dr. Glaude visit and discuss the important topic of African Americans and the vote. I've had the pleasure of hearing Dr. Glaude speak previously, and I believe this will be a very informative and impactful Black History Convocation."

In addition to serving as the chair, Glaude is a university professor in Princeton's Department of African-American Studies – a program he first became involved with shaping as a doctoral candidate in Religion at Princeton.

He is a scholar who speaks to

the black and blue in America. His most well-known books "Democracy in Black: How Race Still Enslaves the American Soul" and "In a Shade of Blue: Pragmatism and the Politics of Black America" take a comprehensive look at black communities and reveal complexities, vulnerabilities, and opportunities for hope – Hope that is, in one of his favorite quotes from W.E.B Du Bois, "Not hopeless, but a bit unhelpful."

Glaude's other "muses" include James Baldwin, Malcolm X, and Bobby "Blue" Bland. In addition to his readings of early American philosophers and contemporary political scientists, Glaude turns to African-American literature in his writing and teaching for insight into African-American political life, religious thought, gender and class.

Known to be a convener of conversations and debates, Glaude takes care to engage fel-

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# Eric DeVaughn “Ricky” Stringfellow

## August 31, 1960 - Februrary 5, 2020

Eric DeVaughn Stringfellow, “Ricky,” as he was known to his family, was born August 31, 1960 in Meridian, MS to Clint and Delores Stringfellow. He departed this life Wednesday, February 5, 2020, following a brief illness.

Stringfellow was a member of New Horizon Church International in Jackson, MS.

Stringfellow received his education in the Jackson Public School system, graduating from Provine High School in 1978. While at Provine, he played quarterback on the football team, served as a member on the basketball team as well as many other clubs and organizations. He was named “Mr. Provine.” After graduating from Provine, he attended Jackson State University where he was a member of the JSU football team. He received both his undergraduate and master’s degree from Jackson State University. He was a life member of the JSU National Alumni Association, Inc.

Stringfellow had a career in media that spanned decades. He began his journalism career at *The Commercial News* in Danville, Ill., where he served as an intern and a general assignment reporter. During his first stint at *The Clarion-Ledger* he served as general assignment reporter, county government reporter and City Hall reporter before leaving for *The (Cleveland) Plain Dealer*. He served Ohio’s largest newspaper as a general assignment reporter and later covered state courts and federal courts. He also served as president of the Cleveland Chapter of the JSU National Alumni Association and president of the Cleveland Association.

After returning to *The Clarion-Ledger*, he served as night editor, political editor, public

editor and was a member of the newspaper’s Editorial Board and started his own column.

He was the founding chairman of Tougaloo College’s Department of Mass Communications. He served as executive director of University Communications at JSU and interim chair of JSU’s Department of Mass Communications. In 2018 he moved to Hawkins, Texas to serve as director of Mass Communications at Jarvis Christian College.

Stringfellow is past president of the Jackson Association of Black Journalists, the 100 Black Men of Jackson, former board member of Mission Mississippi, Baby Steps and the Tiger Fund. He was a member of the Margaret Walker Alexander Research Center and a board member of JSU Sports Hall of Fame.

Stringfellow was the recipient of the Mary Church Terrell Literacy Club Award for Journalism, Alpha Phi Alpha’s Community Service Award, Phi Beta Sigma’s Community Service Award for Journalism, the Mississippi Black Chamber of Commerce’s Charles Tisdale Award for Journalism and the 2008 Mississippi Humanities Council Teacher of the Year for Tougaloo College.

Stringfellow leaves to cherish his memories his devoted parents Clintorice and Delores Stringfellow, son Courtney (Kianca); grandson Braxton; four sisters, Deborah, Felicia Wilson (Dewayne), Brenda Williams (Bobby) and Yolanda; one brother Clintorice Jr.; five nephews, three nieces and a host of great-nieces, great-nephews and other relatives and friends.

Services were held at New Horizon Church International in Jackson, MS, February 13, 2020.





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# 60 years ago: Students launched Sit-In Movement

By Dr. Kelton Edmonds  
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Although its origins predate 1960, even one of the largest and most noteworthy national student organizations, Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), owe its resurgence and major elements of its effectiveness to the spark ignited by the Greensboro Four on February 1, 1960.

Even recent episodes of student activism exhibited in the Ferguson, Missouri protests of 2014-15, as well as the student protests led by black students at the University of Missouri in 2015, which ultimately led to the resignation of the chancellor, have attributes that correlate to the 1960 student movement. The student movement of 1960, ignited by the Greensboro Four, provided a blueprint for future students to build upon, perfect and utilize in a variety of ways for a plethora of circumstances.

Most importantly, what happened in 1960 showed young people the power they possessed to address their grievances and ultimately bring about change on both local and national levels if they organized themselves and remained committed.

### Unique Weapons for Non-violent Students

In addition to the typical traits that come along with youthfulness such as idealism and impatience, student success during the 1960 sit-ins and thereafter was directly affixed to two distinct assets possessed by students juxtaposed to their older adult activist counterparts. The first asset is condense demographics, as student-body populations were primarily located on campuses and/or nearby the colleges.

The fact that hundreds to thousands of students in a college town lived within a square mile of each other led to the expeditious mobilization of large numbers of people and efficient dissemination of information and strategy.

Although black churches proved to be invaluable throughout the Black Freedom Struggle from Reconstruction to the Civil Rights Movement, there was still no equivalent amongst the older black generation to the college campus' effectiveness as both a meeting place and as a domicile for housing and dispersing the shock troops of the movement.

The second major asset specific to students would be the relation between arrest and reprisal. At some of their demonstrations prior to 1960, older black activists strategically triggered their arrests for charges such as trespassing or loitering as a way to dramatize unjust treatment via media coverage and to pressure white officials to change discriminatory laws.

Once mobilized per the sit-ins however, student activists were able to invite and withstand incarceration for far longer periods of time and in extremely larger numbers. Students vastly elevated this critical strategy of the overall movement. During 1960



and beyond, the enormous numbers unleashed by black student activists put unyielding pressure on local law enforcement, political officials and jail facilities. In many cities like Greensboro, there were not enough jail cells for all of the students arrested, particularly since the students refused bail and chose to remain incarcerated.

This action severely drained local municipalities of money and resources, forcing local governmental, business and law officials to dramatically adjust policies and sometimes change discriminatory laws. Student activists were able to perfect this strategy because they could endure prolonged imprisonment without fear of major job or housing reprisal.

Comparably, many older activists, whose families depended on their incomes, could not sacrifice prolonged periods of incarceration, as it would threaten their livelihood. Furthermore, angry employers or landlords, who disapproved of their protest activities, could threaten to fire them or abruptly remove them from property they were renting.

Students were not confronted with the same ramifications of these economic, employment and housing reprisals, as the majority of them lived on campuses and perhaps had part-time, albeit replaceable, minimum wage jobs, often with no dependents.

Drawing the contrast between student activists versus the older activists is not synonymous with drawing divisions, as the older activists understood the assets that students solely possessed to further the movement along. In fact, many of the older activists encouraged the younger activists and actively supported them in numerous ways.

For example, when Bennett College students, who were the heroines on the 1963 Greensboro protests, were arrested and refused bail during the 1963 sit-ins in Greensboro, their professors came to the jail facilities and gave them their classroom and homework assignments every week. This scenario personifies the symbiotic relationship between both generations in the fight against racism, as the professors showed their appreciation for the young people's unique and valiant position for the benefit of the entire race and future generations, yet not removing the students from their responsibilities and academic requirements.

Altogether, students endured countless hardships that included incarceration, verbal assaults and physical violence. Sometimes,

attacks from white antagonists were compounded by disproportionate responses from law enforcement, as Portsmouth activist, Edward Rodman explained, "...the fire department, all of the police force and police dogs were mobilized. The police turned the dogs loose on the Negroes – but not all the whites."

Students also understood that they could pay the ultimate price for protesting against the status quo of racial inequality, as numerous activists were murdered throughout the Civil Rights era. Nevertheless, over 50,000 black students and sympathizers participated in the sit-ins of 1960. As historian Clayborne Carson highlighted, "Nonviolent tactics, particularly when accompanied by rationale based on Christian principles, offered black students...a sense of moral superiority, an emotional release through militancy, and a possibility of achieving desegregation."

A movement within a movement was born February 1, 1960 and that movement evolved into its own distinct force by the middle of the decade. Soon after the sit-ins began, students realized their collective prowess, as student activism consistently helped define the decade of the 60s in forcing monumental political, legal and social changes throughout the nation.

Finally, the black student activists of the 1960 sit-ins did three important things, albeit unintentional: they helped lay the foundation for all collective student activism in the 60s and beyond, they played a legendary role in the larger African-American Freedom Movement that began as early as Africans' arrival to colonial America, and they cemented a valuable place in one of America's most significant traditions, the protest tradition, which has continuously defined and propelled our country since its inception.

Our society, and all post-1960 social movements, have undeniably benefited from the audacity of those four brave freshmen and their actions February 1, 1960.

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recovery of those injured and impacted as a result of this unfortunate event. As more information is gathered, we will share it accordingly.

The passing of a student deeply affects the entire Alcorn family and is especially difficult and heart breaking. Alcorn State University faculty, staff, students and alumni are deeply mourning the passing of student scholars James Carr, a 22-year-old freshman from Itta Bena, Mississippi and Tahir Fitzhugh, a 20-year-old junior from Brookhaven, Pennsylvania.

Alcorn President Felecia M. Nave, extends her personal expressions of sympathy and condolences to the Carr and Fitzhugh families.

"Alcorn is more than a university, we are a family. Today, we lost two dear members of our beloved Brave Family. There are no words to help ease the pain that has befallen our campus. We know time heals all wounds and take comfort in the fact that through time, prayer and being there for each other, we will be able to celebrate and honor James and Tahir's memory. I want the Carr and Fitzhugh families, friends

and loved ones to know that the deepest and most heartfelt sympathies and prayers of Alcorn State University are with them at this time."

Individual and group counseling services are available to students, faculty and staff through the university's Office of Counseling Services. Additionally, the list of services below is also available.

Alcorn State University Counseling Services  
601 877-6230

Alcorn State University Health & Disability Services  
601 877-6460

National Suicide Prevention Hotline 1 800-273-8255

Southwest MS Mental Health Complex  
601 684-2173

Warren-Yazoo Behavioral Health Services  
601 638-0031

*More information regarding memorial services and funeral arrangements will be released once confirmed.*

## Holmes

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Davis stated. She sees the program as an effort to prevent "dating violence and ongoing domestic violence." She said a lot of children are not taught the importance of healthy relationships. "I would like to see HOPE continue. My son would like to take it again," she said.

HOPE will continue this semester and throughout the coming school year. Parents are encouraged to return their consent forms as soon as possible.

Love Notes has proven to be effective in empowering youth to make healthy relationship decisions for their futures, recognize red flags to avoid dating violence and risky sexual behavior as they prepare to enter relationships in their teenage years. It also helps them understand the full definition of intimacy prior to becoming involved in relationships. Participants are being equipped to enter healthy future relationships and are prepared with the tools to develop healthy present friendships.

A sixth-grader at S.V. Marshall felt empowered knowing that she could effectively respond to a friendship or a relationship that did not work out by saying that "he or she did not meet my expectations" as opposed to speaking badly about the other person.

"Through HOPE, these students are creat-

ing their own foundations for healthy relationships," said Kendra West, another facilitator who served the sixth-graders. "I enjoyed seeing the amazement on many of the students' faces as they discovered new and beneficial relationship information."

HOPE's administrative officer, Beulah Greer who serves as CSLC executive director, stated that CSLC, its board of directors, staff and volunteers are "grateful to have the opportunity to collaborate with such engaging partners to positively impact the lives of youth by educating them in the knowledge and practice of healthy adolescent relationships." "Our organization and partners are very fortunate to have been chosen to implement such a proven program model," said Greer.

CSLC HOPE is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Population Affairs.

CSLC HOPE is currently serving 7th, 8th and 12th graders. The program will continue next school year. Parents may begin now signing their consent forms for their youth to participate.

*Parents should check with their child's school or call CSLC HOPE at 662 834-0905 for the form and for more information.*



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## Glaude

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Glaude takes care to engage fellow citizens of all ages and backgrounds – from young activists, to fellow academics, journalists and commentators and followers on Twitter in dialogue about the course of the nation. His scholarship and sense of himself as a public intellectual are driven by a commitment to think carefully with others in public. Accordingly, his writing and ideas are cited and shared widely.

Glaude is described as a quintessential Morehouse man by many, having left his home in Moss Point, Miss., at the age of 16 to begin studies at the HBCU. He holds a master's degree in African-American Studies from Temple University and a Ph.D. in Religion from Princeton University.

He began his teaching career at Bowdoin College. He has been a visiting scholar at Amherst Col-

lege and Harvard. In 2011, he delivered Harvard's Du Bois lectures. In 2015, he was awarded an honorary doctorate from Colgate University, delivering commencement remarks titled, "Turning Our Backs."

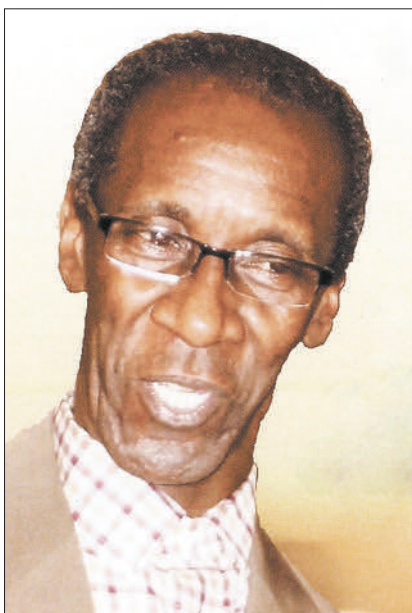
Glaude is a columnist for *Time Magazine* and regularly provides commentary on radio and television news programs like Democracy Now!, Morning Joe, and the 11th Hour. He hosts the podcast AAS 21, recorded at Princeton University in Stanhope Hall, the African-American Studies department's home.

*For questions or more information about MV-SU's 2020 Martin Luther King Jr. Black History Convocation, contact MV-SU's Office of University Advancement at 662 254-3790.*

## In Memoriam

# Delanis Earl Walker

October 15, 1957 - February 6, 2020



Lincoln Community College and obtained his certificate in welding. After graduation, Delanis was employed with Magnetek, Inc., and he worked offshore for several years. He was employed with Pennsylvania Life Insurance and worked in management in various grocery stores, including Sack & Save, Jitney Jungle, Winn-Dixie, McDade's and Sullivan's Grocery. His last employment was with Sanderson Farms.

In his free time, Delanis loved to explore trails, fish, hunt and appreciate the beauty of nature. He passed on this love of nature to his daughters, Chelsea and Shelby. He was an avid equestrian and taught his girls how to handle and ride a horse. So skilled was Shelby in riding horses that she rode in the Jackson Black Rodeo parade on several occasions, with Delanis always riding by her side. In 2019, Delanis and Shelby were featured in an article, "Jackson Black Rodeo: Father, Daughter Over the Years," in Tin Gordon Loiter.

Aside from his love for nature and photography, Delanis was a deeply spiritual man. In 1993, he joined College Hill Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Hosea J. Hines. At College Hill, he was ordained as a deacon and later accepted a call to the ministry, preaching his first sermon in November 2000. He loved spreading the Word of God, and his love of God extended to his love of people.

He reveled in touching the lives of people, especially young people. As a manager and supervisor of a grocery store, he would hire and inspire young people to have a strong work ethic.

At the very core of his being was his love for family. He was a devoted son, a protective brother, a caring uncle and husband, and above all a proud and dotting father. He encouraged his daughters to reach for the stars and to uplift others as they strive for excellence. Like her father, Chelsea was a natural athlete, and she could count on her father's support in all her endeavors. With his encouragement, she excelled in science fairs, as well as church and school presentations. Her father was always a constant at her athletic events whether she was playing basketball, golf, running track or cheerleading. This memory of him shouting and whistling on the sidelines is forever etched in Chelsea's mind as one of her favorite memories of her dad.

One of Shelby's favorite memories of her father is riding their horses at night under the light of a full moon. They rode and rode and rode until they were ready to go home. Tonight, when you look up at the moon, know that Delanis is riding home to glory, smiling down on us, and cheering all of us on to victory.

Delanis leaves to cherish his memories: two daughters, Clidscalanai and Shelby Kathleen and their mother Tara Bryant Walker; a son, Arden Michael Dyer; two sisters, Delores (Lynell) Smith and Virginia (Robert) McDuffey; aunt, Mary Lou Everett; nieces, great nieces, a great nephew, cousins and friends; and his faithful dog and constant companion, Sara.

Celebration of Life Service was held February 15, 2020 at College Hill Baptist Church in Jackson, MS with Rev. Hosea J. Hines serving as eulogist.

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# Bloomberg meets with black leaders

*Mississippi Link Newswire*

Systematic institutional barriers have plagued African Americans for decades, and the results are morbidly astounding.

The median income for a black family in the United States is nearly 10 times less than that of a white family.

Black workers earn about 28% less than their white counterparts.

The unemployment rate for black Americans is nearly twice that of white Americans and the average black worker earns about 28% less than the average white worker.

Only 43% of black Americans own a home, compared to 73% for white Americans.

On average, black students will attend a school that ranks in the 37th percentile for test scores, while white students will attend one in the 60th percentile.

These numbers come as no surprise, which is why many presidential candidates give lip service to changing these realities. But Democratic candidate Mike Bloomberg has released a radical, comprehensive plan designed to break down those systematic institutional barriers.

**What is the Greenwood Initiative?**

The Greenwood Initiative is Mike’s plan to create generational wealth for black Americans, drive economic empowerment and close the economic gap between white and black Americans.

Here is some of what the Greenwood Initiative includes:

- Create 1 million new black



Steve Benjamin, mayor of Columbia, SC, talks to a group of Mike Bloomberg supporters in Southaven, Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020.

homeowners in the next decade. To do this, Mike will close this gap by providing down-payment assistance, getting millions banked and recognized by credit scoring companies, enforcing fair lending laws, reducing foreclosures and evictions and increasing the supply of affordable housing.

- Create 100,000 new black-owned businesses in 10 years. To boost black-owned businesses, the plan will set up user-friendly one-stop shops for entrepreneurs across the country, expand mentorships and incubators, increase access to capital (both debt and equity), support black-owned banks and expand procurement from black-owned businesses. These efforts are aimed particularly at benefitting black female entrepreneurs, the fastest growing group of new entrepreneurs.
- Invest \$70 billion in our 100 most disadvantaged neighborhoods. Mike will commit \$70 billion in funding and technical support towards a national initiative to turn around 100

of the country’s most disadvantaged communities, with a relentless focus on evaluation to expand programs that work. Mike’s national initiative will offer communities a menu of evidence-based programs in areas including health, education, infrastructure and justice.

He outlined his vision in a speech in Greenwood, a neighborhood in Tulsa, Oklahoma, known for its role in the historical discrimination and destruction of black wealth in America. Greenwood was home to Black Wall Street in the early 20th century, the most prominent district of black-owned businesses in the United States. In 1921, the community was decimated in the Black Wall Street Massacre.

“Black Americans have been disproportionately incarcerated, politically disenfranchised and subject to systematic discrimination,” Mike said. “The enduring legacy of discrimination is reflected in the fact that the typical black family has one-tenth the wealth of the typi-



Mike Bloomberg meets with Mayor Hardie Davis Jr. of Augusta, Georgia, Dec. 6, 2019.

cal white family.”

While Mike built a multi-billion dollar company and philanthropic foundation through hard work and determination, he said his black peers did not have the same opportunities as he did simply because they were black. He wants to change that reality in America.

“As someone who has been very lucky in life, I often say my story would only have been possible in America – and that’s true,” Bloomberg said during his 30-minute address in Tulsa last month. “But I also know that my story might have turned out very differently if I had been black and that more black Americans of my generation would have ended up with far more wealth, had they been white.

“Instead, they have had to struggle to overcome great odds, because their families started out further behind, and excluded from opportunities – in housing, employment, education and other areas.”

**Response to the Greenwood Initiative**

Mike’s plan has been met with applause across the country by some of the nation’s strongest black leaders.

Mayor Percy Bland, Meridian: “Mike knows that there are practical, passable policies that will tackle our infrastructure needs, address the violence impacting our communities and provide economic empowerment. Whether it’s his groundbreaking Greenwood Initiative or the work he’s done for decades, Mike is that guy, and I look forward to sending him to Washington. He can go toe-to-toe with the roadblocks that have been an impediment to progress.”

U.S. Rep. Bobby Rush, D-Illinois: “He alone, among the current Democratic candidates, has been the clearest, the most focused and the most reasonable voice for addressing the depressed state of the African-American economy. His Greenwood Initiative is not only inspirational, it’s practical and it’s doable.”

Mayor Frank Scott Jr., Little

Rock, Arkansas, who is also co-chair of the Mike for Black America National Leadership Council: “Though many candidates offer good solutions for our country, Mike has a proven track record as a successful businessman and mayor solving problems through collaboration and effective policy. Mike and I do not agree on everything, but I am confident he is committed to righting wrongs, stimulating our economy and bringing people together.”

Mayor Steve Benjamin, Columbia, South Carolina: “Mike has a record of getting things done, leading in business, in public policy and in public life, and leading in philanthropy. He is a self-made man who represents what I believe is the American dream. He wants to make sure that every single one of us has the opportunity to do the same.”

Geoffrey Canada, founder of Harlem Children’s Zone: “I’ve known Mike Bloomberg for many years, and I know he will bring our country together to start closing the racial wealth gap in America. During Bloomberg’s time as New York City’s mayor, graduation rates for African-American students rose and the black-white achievement gap shrank. He launched an ambitious plan to expand affordable housing. And he reduced the number of black New Yorkers in prison by reforming policies that disproportionately impact young men of color.”

*To learn more about the Greenwood Initiative, visit [www.mikebloomberg.com/greenwood](http://www.mikebloomberg.com/greenwood).*



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# Mood Therapy app created by CDC students wins 2019 Congressional App Challenge



The 2019 Congressional App Challenge winners are (from left) Shamar Stamps, Shamyia Robinson and Kameron Lewis. They are members of the Technology Student Association and students of the Simulation and Animation Design Technology Program at the JPS Career Development Center.

## Mississippi Link Newswire

For the third consecutive year, JPS Career Development Center students have won the Congressional App Challenge for the 2nd Congressional District of Mississippi represented by Congressman Bennie Thompson.

Congratulations to students Shamyia Robinson, Kameron Lewis and Shamar Stamps for their winning app that uses sound therapy to help students who suffer from anxiety and depression.

The app is called Canetis Cure, and it is programmed to play natural sounds at various hertz levels to send healing frequencies to the brain. Also, the app features forums where students can communicate their feelings with peers and counselors.

It gets its name from the Latin verb ‘cano’ which is translated as sound but

also references music. The team developed the app to address the rising incidences of depression and anxiety in their age group.

As Congressional App Challenge winners, these students will have their work put on display for one year in the U.S. Capitol Building and on the House.gov website. They will also receive \$250 in Amazon Web Services (AWS) credits and access to hands-on experience with AWS technology, training, content and pathways to cloud computing careers.

The Congressional App Challenge will invite winners to showcase their apps at a #HouseOfCode reception on Capitol Hill March 24.

#HouseOfCode is an annual celebration of the program’s winners. Students will have the opportunity to interact with their Members of Congress and

participate in activities facilitated by representatives from some of the country’s leading tech companies.

Over 10,000 students across the nation signed up to participate in the 2019 Congressional App Challenge. The challenge is a public effort to encourage middle and high school students to learn how to code applications through annual competitions hosted by Members of Congress for their districts.

With support from the Internet Education Foundation, the program’s goal is to teach coding and inspire careers in computer science. It especially aims to reach underserved populations and promote diversity in the industry’s workforce.

Since its inception five years ago, the Congressional App Challenge has resulted in thousands of functional apps developed by 25,000 students.

## JPS School Board approves 2020-2021 District Calendar

### Mississippi Link Newswire

The 2020-2021 District Calendar was approved by the Board of Trustees at its February 4 regular meeting. The detailed calendar is available as a downloadable PDF. The At-A-Glance calendar includes first and last days of school, Districtwide closures, graduations and professional development days. We are releasing these dates earlier than usual to support our families and community partners in making their plans for the next school year.

The district will use five of the districtwide closures as inclement weather days if needed. If bad weather causes unplanned school closures during the school year, these days will be converted to regular school days to make up for the days missed:

- Monday, October 12 (Fall Break)
- Monday, October 26 (Parent-Teacher Conference Day)
- Monday, February 15 (Parent-Teacher Conference Day)
- Friday, April 2 (Good Friday)
- Monday, April 5 (Easter Monday)

## District Calendar At-A-Glance 2020-2021

DATE	EVENT
July 1–3 & 6–7, 2020	<b>Independence Holiday Break</b> (Districtwide Closure)
August 5, 2020	First Day for Teachers
August 10, 2020	First Day for Students
August 25, 2020	Professional Development for Teachers (80% Day for Students)
September 7, 2020	<b>Labor Day Holiday</b> (Districtwide Closure)
September 22, 2020	Professional Development for Teachers (80% Day for Students)
October 12, 2020	<b>Fall Break</b> (Districtwide Closure)
October 26, 2020	Parent-Teacher Conference Day (No School for Students)
October 27, 2020	Professional Development for Teachers (80% Day for Students)
November 17, 2020	Professional Development for Teachers (80% Day for Students)
November 23–27, 2020	<b>Thanksgiving Break</b> (Districtwide Closure)
December 18, 2020	Winter Break Begins (60% Day for Students)
December 21, 2020–January 3, 2021	<b>Christmas Holiday</b> (Districtwide Closure)
January 4, 2021	Teachers and Staff Return
January 5, 2021	Students Return
January 18, 2021	<b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b> (Districtwide Closure)
January 25, 2021	Professional Development for Teachers (80% Day for Students)
February 15, 2021	Parent-Teacher Conference Day (No School for Students)
February 23, 2021	Professional Development for Teachers (80% Day for Students)
March 15–19, 2021	<b>Spring Break</b> (Districtwide Closure)
March 23, 2021	Professional Development for Teachers (80% Day for Students)
April 2 & 5, 2021	<b>Easter Break</b> (Districtwide Closure)
May 26, 2021	Last Day for Students (60% Day for Students)
May 28, 2021	Last Day for Teachers
May 31, 2021	<b>Memorial Day</b> (Districtwide Closure)
June 1 & 2, 2021	High School Graduations

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# Hinds CC the perfect stop in student’s new career plan

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For Charles Bryant, a light came on in more ways than one when he was in a vehicle accident on the job, which involved outfitting mobile homes and hauling them across Mississippi.

“We had a wreck in Rosedale in 2016 after I’d stopped alongside the road to air up a tire,” Bryant said. “I could have been killed. After that, the business just didn’t have the same luster. I was having to travel farther and farther. Being on the highway that long each day can get dangerous. I decided it was time to get educated.”

Bryant, 49, a Smith County native who’d moved as a teenager with his family to Vicksburg in 1979, had completed his high school education and went to work as a construction contractor in mobile homes.

“I didn’t want to be tied down to a factory, so contracting seemed like something good and outside the norm,” he said. “After a foundation on a mobile home was set, I came in and did all the drywall, doors, carpeting, windows, everything. I had never pursued a full, formal education in any type of career, so in 2017 I enrolled at Hinds in Vicksburg.”

He quit the road and took up the best available maintenance job he could find.

“After the accident, I started working at a casino and got around some guys



**Bryant**  
HINDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE/APRIL GARON

who’d worked on industrial equipment like PLCs (programmable logic controllers),” he said. “I became more attracted to the electrical field.”

This semester, he’s balancing a job in maintenance at a local hospital with some impressive achievements in the classroom. He’s attending Hinds on the John & Mabel Loviza Family Scholarship. He was inducted into the Alpha Omega Chi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and earned a technical certificate in electrical technology in December.

He plans to pursue a full Associate of Applied Science degree in 2020, then

move on to Mississippi State University to pursue a bachelor’s in electrical technology.

The culture shock of being in class with students young enough to be his children hasn’t been too rough on Bryant, himself a father of one adult son.

“I’m in a classroom of mostly young people in their 20s,” he said. “We all push each other to achieve and do things. We tell each other, ‘You can do this!’”

His experience in the workforce for years has been a positive influence on fellow classmates, Electrical Technology instructor Craig Davis said.

“He has worked in the field for a long time, so he came in with knowledge,” Davis said. “He always helps the students when they can’t figure something out with hands-on material or even homework. With him in the room, I feel like there is another teacher here.”

For the time being, Bryant is perfectly content playing the role of student. His eyes widen when he talks about taking industrial maintenance courses at Hinds.

“I want to learn how to program PLC’s and other large industrial equipment,” he said. “Robotics is something new. I love learning anything new. It’s amazing how you can type something in a computer and a robotic arm does exactly what you want it to do. My old tools didn’t do that.”

# Hinds CC Raymond Campus Preview Day draws crowd

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Faith Taylor wants to pursue her passion in college and at the same time learn how to make money doing it.

“I want to get to know the basics of fashion design, plus learn how to run a business with it and manage my money,” said Taylor, a senior at Northwest Rankin High School, as she spoke with instructors of various programs at Hinds Community College Raymond Campus Jan. 31 for Preview Day.

Taylor already has a good guidance counselor in her mother, Marquela, who accompanied her to the annual recruiting event. “Everyone’s helpful and we’re looking forward to a good two years here,” her mother said.

They were among more than 800 high school seniors and their parents who attended the event at the Mayo Gym. The annual exhibition features all the college’s academic and career-tech programs, activities and organizations Hinds has to offer.

Prospective students from high schools in and around metro Jackson, plus other places in Mississippi, toured the campus and interacted with students and faculty about admissions, scholarships, financial aid, majors, housing, student life and more.

For high schoolers, it’s a time to find



out how Hinds’ programs of study can build a successful career. Friends Josh Adams, of Park Place Academy in Pearl, and Mikayla Alford, who is home-schooled, want to study American Sign Language in the college’s Interpreter for the Deaf program.

“Learning any language is a challenge, but once you get locked in, it feels like you’ve always known it,” Adams said. Having family members with hearing challenges forms the basis of Alford’s interest in the topic.

Isaiah Jones, a junior at Velma Jackson High School in Madison County, was most intrigued by Hinds’ varied career and technical education programs, especially those that train students to operate the latest automated equipment and land jobs with high earnings potential.

“I want to do something with autono-

mous robots here,” Jones said.

Upcoming similar events at Hinds locations include:

Kendall Agricultural Complex, Raymond Campus, Feb. 28, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Ag Expo 2020

Vicksburg-Warren Campus, March 20, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., College Carnival recruiting event

Jackson Campus-Nursing/Allied Health Center, March 5, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Nursing and Allied Health Spring Showcase

Jackson Campus-Academic/Technical Center, April 3, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., College Carnival recruiting event

Utica Campus, April 17, times TBA, Spring Into The U! recruiting event

For more information about these special events, visit [www.hindscc.edu/events](http://www.hindscc.edu/events).

# Hinds County School District to host Community Leaders and Parents Luncheon

District invites parents and community stakeholders to hear updates and learn more about ongoing efforts to promote student achievement

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The Hinds County School District (HCSD) will host its Community Leaders and Parents Luncheon Sunday, February 23, at Utica Elementary Middle School (260 Highway 18 & 27, Utica, Miss.). The luncheon will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

The theme for the event is “Acting for Impact” – Schools, Churches, Parents and Communities Collaborating for Success, and district leaders will share updates about student performance and ongoing projects.

Participants will also have an opportunity to better understand the district’s role and responsibilities to the schools,

parents, educators and community leaders to ensure all stakeholders are working together to ensure HCSD students are college and career ready.

“The success of our schools and our district is directly related to the level of engagement of support from students and community members, so this luncheon is an important way for us to keep everyone engaged as we share our plans to finish the school year out strong,” said HCSD Superintendent Delesicia Martin. “We’re also excited about our plans for the upcoming school year as we continue to build on the momentum and success we’ve experienced over the past five years.

During the luncheon, speakers will

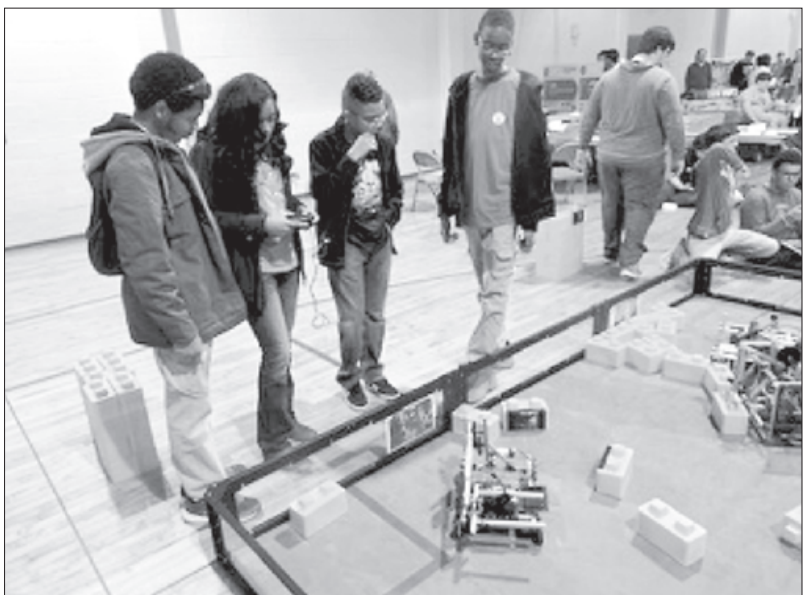
discuss Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment (CIA); I-Ready; and the Impact of the 2020 Census Report on School Funding. Entertainment will be provided by Hinds County students.

District leaders will also discuss enrollment for the 2020–2021 school year. Enrollment will begin in March, and current students will be able to register online.

Parents can receive more information about enrollment by contacting the Central Office at 601 857-7008 or visiting one of the district’s schools.

To RSVP for the luncheon, contact John Neal, associate superintendent of community relations, at 601 857-7008 or [jneal@hinds.k12.ms.us](mailto:jneal@hinds.k12.ms.us).

# HCCHS students debut FIRST robot at NW Mississippi CC



Carleigh Andrews and Patrick Wright brainstorm to devise and apply science and engineering principles to discover the most effective track on which to maneuver the robot.

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The Holmes County Central High School (HCCHS) robotics team competed in the FIRST Tech Challenge Robotics Competition February 8 at Northwest Mississippi Community College in Senatobia where they placed 13th out of 19 schools from across the state.

The HCCHS students had no previous robotics competition experience, but they overcame technological issues to represent the district in a competition with global sponsorship. Each team had six opportunities to complete the assigned robotic task.

“Students who competed in this competition are now eligible for millions of dollars in scholarship opportunities from a variety of colleges,” said teacher-coach Corey Redd.

The FIRST Tech Challenge sends teams a kit of materials and challenges them to design, build, program and operate robots in order to compete in a head-to-head challenge using an alliance format. Guided by adult coaches and mentors, students develop STEM (Science, Technology, Math and Engineering) skills and practice engineering principles, while realizing the value of hard work, innovation and working as a team.

In addition to designing and building robots, teams raise funds, design and market their team brand, and perform community outreach to earn specific awards.

Participants are eligible to apply for over 80 million dollars in college and university scholarships.

HCCHS students Patrick Wright and Carleigh Andrews were the drivers of the robot in the periods of the competition when the robot was not operating autonomously. Four

other team members helped prepare the robot for the competition, including Chasity Gregory-Wright, Na’Darius Vance, Ricky Webster III and Sandra Young. The team had pre-competition assistance from Tougaloo College students, as well.

Carleigh Andrews said, “The event was exciting because of the challenge of building and programming the robots for specific tasks. We ran into trouble with the wiring early but figured out the problem using teamwork. We placed 13th out of 19, which is a great start for our team. The FIRST Tech Challenge is a great opportunity for us because we need to be exposed to more technology to prepare us for the future job force which is technology-based.”

District Science Coordinator Shimelle Mayers said, “The robotics learning experiences provide exposure and empower future innovators to achieve their full potential through STEM learning. We are happy to have students grades 6-12 participating in FIRST Tech events.”

Superintendent of Schools James L. Henderson said, “These types of real-life applications are what prepare students for the career opportunities. Using the Python computer language to program a robot for autonomous, offensive and defensive maneuvers is not only fun, it stimulates an innovative problem-solving thinking process in order to succeed. Our students are working as engineers and experiencing real-world career roles while still in school.”

For more information contact Deborah Antoine, media spokesperson by email: [dantoine@holmesccsd.org](mailto:dantoine@holmesccsd.org) or call 662 854-3447.



Patrick Wright and Carleigh Andrews use controllers to obtain the necessary motion control trajectories to drive the actual robot.



Patrick Wright unpacks and assembles the HCCHS robot

[atmosenergy.com/HireMississippi](http://atmosenergy.com/HireMississippi)

# Seven Mississippi lawmakers announced their endorsement of Mike Bloomberg for president

*Mike’s record as mayor, his plans for the future and his ability to take the fight to President Trump make him the clear choice March 10*

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

“Mike’s message is resonating with people more and more everyday,” state director Pam Shaw said. “The endorsement from these lawmakers is proof that what Mike is saying makes a lot of sense for Mississippians. We’re thrilled that they are joining our team and doing their part to help nominate Mike in March.”

State political director Teresa Jones said, “These legislators understand the issues facing Mississippi and our communities. They’ve studied what the different candidates have said. And they’ve decided what more and more Americans are saying – Mike Bloomberg is the best choice.”

The lawmakers endorsing Mike are:

Rep. Bo Brown of Jackson

Rep. Oscar Denton of Vicksburg

Rep. John Faulkner of Holly Springs

Rep. John Hines of Greenville

Rep. Abe Hudson of Shelby

Rep. Hester Jackson-McCray of Horn Lake

Rep. Cheikh Taylor of Starkville.

Why they are supporting Mike?

Brown: “Mike was right for New York City and Mike will be right for America. As mayor, he created over 400,000 jobs, expanded access to health care and worked to reform the criminal justice system. He has plans that will do the same things for all of us.”

Denton: “One of the toughest issues facing Mississippians is the high incarceration rates among young, black men. As mayor, Mike worked with law enforcement and the courts to lower incarceration rates by nearly 40% overall and 63% among youths. As president, Mike will bring proven sentencing, prison, bail and juvenile justice reforms to Mississippi and the rest of the country.”

Faulkner: “Health care in this country is expensive and hard to get for many Ameri-

cans. Here in Mississippi, we have an estimated 300,000 hard-working citizens who cannot afford health insurance. Part of Mike’s health care plan will prioritize reforms in states like Mississippi, where Republicans have refused to expand Medicaid. We need someone like Mike who will help the most underserved.”

Hines: “While Mike and I may not see eye to eye on everything, moving the needle on economic development and generational wealth will help our communities move forward overall. Mike is a self-made billionaire, but he knows that his success would have been a lot harder – probably impossible – if he were an African American. That’s why he has an aggressive plan called the Greenwood Initiative to break down systematic roadblocks through increasing black homeownership, black-owned businesses and federal investments in the 100 most disadvantaged neighborhoods in our country. He has proven his abilities to provide economic improvements to distressed communities and he will leverage federal resources to turn depressed areas into thriving communities.”

Hudson: “From the start, Mike Bloomberg has had my attention. Now, after making a real commitment to be in Mississippi, I am fully supporting

his candidacy. He is a businessman who understands the pulse of the global economy, varied health care issues and complex environmental issues. Mississippians want to participate in a progressive campaign that really has the influence to improve the South. I think he is the candidate who has the outside-the-box thinking to engage Mississippians.”

Jackson-McCray: “A lot of people are struggling to make ends meet, and I ran for the Legislature to fight for them. Mike has been fighting for these same people for years, as a mayor and as a philanthropist. He has given millions of dollars to improve underserved communities and his policies as mayor reflected that same passion. As president, he will continue to make sure everyone has the opportunity for good jobs, affordable health care, safe communities and fair treatment from our government.”

Taylor: “We need a nominee who can really take the fight to President Donald Trump. Mike Bloomberg not only can do it, he already is doing it. He has spent hundreds of millions of his own money holding Trump accountable for his awful record. Mike isn’t afraid. He’s a fighter. He can win in November and beating Donald Trump is the most important thing in this election.”

## Ronnie Agnew, executive director of Mississippi Public Broadcasting, accepted Senate Concurrent Resolution 520 from Senate President Pro Tempore Dean Kirby, February 13. MPB’s 50th anniversary was celebrated February 1, 2020.



Standing with Agnew are (left), Henry Williams, Human Resources director for MPB and (right), Jason Klein, director of Radio. MPB is responsible for the administration, operation, control and supervision of educational television and radio in Mississippi.

# Governor Tate Reeves sets special election for House District 88

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

Recently Governor Tate Reeves announced that a special election will be held April 21 to fill the vacancy in House District 88. The qualifying deadline for District 88’s special election is March 2. If no candidate receives a majority of votes cast April 21, there will be a runoff election held May 12.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor

WRIT OF ELECTION

TO THE ELECTION COMMISSIONERS OF JONES AND JASPER COUNTIES, MISSISSIPPI:

A vacancy exists in District 88 of the Mississippi House of Representatives due to the resignation of Ramona Q. Blackledge on January 31, 2020.

Therefore, pursuant to Article 4, Section 77 of the Mississippi Constitution of 1890 and Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-851, I, Tate Reeves, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby issue this Writ of Election, and hereby declare that the special election to fill the vacancy in House of Representatives District 88, as such district existed for the 2020 legislative elections, shall be held on **April 21, 2020**. This special election shall be held and notice thereof shall be given in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-851 and § 23-15-833.

Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-851, the qualifying deadline shall be **March 2, 2020**. Candidates shall qualify pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-359(7).

If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast in the special election, then a runoff election shall be held on **May 12, 2020**, in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-833.

All other relevant state laws not in conflict with the terms of this Writ of Election shall further apply.

The Election Commissioners of Jones and Jasper Counties shall govern themselves accordingly.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE at the Capitol, in the City of Jackson, this the 10th day of February, in the year of our Lord, two thousand twenty, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-fourth.

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# White House Budget Proposal cuts \$8.6 billion from HUD

By Charlene Crowell  
NNPA News Wire Columnist

Once again, the White House Budget Proposal slashes funding and programs that many low-and-moderate income consumers rely upon.

From higher education to a repeated attack to deny the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau its full funding and financial independence from the annual congressional appropriations process, efforts to increase support to businesses continue while retreats from programs that citizens have come to rely upon is the crux of the proposal’s fiscal priorities.

And among federal agencies, one of the most severe budget cuts would occur at the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). A proposed 15% reduction from current funding levels will mean \$8.6 billion would either eliminate or severely cut programs serving many of the nation’s most vulnerable citizens and communities.

“This Budget advances our key priorities, including empowering HUD-assisted families to achieve self-sufficiency,” HUD Secretary Ben Carson said. “For generations, the idea of the federal government providing housing assistance meant only one thing – helping to pay the rent so families can have a roof over their heads.”

Housing experts have a differ-



ent perspective.

“With this proposal, President Trump and Secretary Carson make clear their willingness to increase evictions and homelessness – through rent hikes for some of the lowest income people in subsidized housing, and slashing or eliminating funding for programs that keep the poorest people in our country affordably and safely housed,” said Diane Yentel, president and CEO of the National Low Income Housing Coalition.

For example, Public Housing’s

Capital Improvement Fund that provides revenues for major repairs, would end, while the Public Housing Operating Fund would be slashed 21%. Together, these two cuts would worsen housing conditions for the estimated 1.2 million households living in public housing units, managed by some 3,300 local Housing Authorities across the country.

The biggest portion of the HUD cuts would end the \$3.3 billion Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program that uses a formula to support over

1,200 metropolitan city, county and state governments. An additional 214 counties receive direct CDBG grants.

Begun in 1974, CDBG has earned longstanding bipartisan praise for its ability to lure much-needed private investment. According to the National Association of Counties, every CDBG dollar leverages \$4.09 in non-CD-BG revenues. Further, it is one of the few federal programs that enable local communities to design community development services that respond to local priorities and

needs.

Other HUD programs proposed to end include: Choice Neighborhoods Initiatives, Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Vouchers, Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA).

Although HUD would not shutter its Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity efforts, its capacity to pursue equal housing would be cut 7% in FY2020. Tenant-based Rental Assistance would also have 21% fewer renewed contracts.

Even before the February 10 budget proposal’s release, Lisa Rice, president and CEO of the National Fair Housing Alliance sounded an alarm on the heels of HUD’s announcement to abandon its rule promulgated during the Obama Administration, Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH).

“Access to fair housing determines where we live, which in turn determines the quality of education and health services our children have access to, among other resources. That’s why HUD’s proposed AFFH rule is so troubling,” said Rice. “By seeking to dismantle the 2015 requirements put in place specifically to address discrimination and segregation, HUD’s plan could negatively impact the lives of millions

of children.”

Nikitra Bailey, an EVP with the Center for Responsible Lending also spoke out about HUD’s troubling actions against fair housing.

“The 2015 AFFH rule was designed to address the impact of residential segregation and the harmful inequities that result from the discrimination behind it. Discrimination in housing is not a thing of the past, it is ongoing and real,” noted Bailey. “[L]ow-income communities and communities of color now more than ever need the government to provide them with critical tools to combat discrimination in housing and the insidious harms that result. Instead we’ve seen HUD, under the current Administration, do the opposite.”

Hannah Matthews, deputy executive director for Policy with the Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP), a national, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization advancing policy solutions for low-income people pointedly summarized the budget proposal.

“The roadmap laid out in the administration’s budget proposal is not a viable path forward, said Matthews. “Instead, we need a federal budget that invests in America’s future. We need investments that reduce poverty, promote economic opportunity and reduce racial and ethnic disparities.”

# General Motors CEO, Mary Barra speaks with finesse, unique style and honesty to the National Association of Automobile Dealers

By Steven N. Larkin  
Special to the NNPA

The finale at the annual National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA) show recently held in Las Vegas, NV was a face to face sit down chat with 2019 NADA Chairman Charlie Gilcrest and Mary Barra, General Motors chief executive officer. Gilcrest’s demeanor, which can be business aggressive was rather uplifting and down home in his candid discussion with Mary Barra.

Gilcrest is a legend himself in the automotive business located in Southwestern, TX which is family owned and has a stellar reputation of doing more than just selling cars. He is known for building relationships with his customers for over 35 years.

Usually on the last day of your average convention most participants are

ready to head to the airport and bust a move to get out of town. However over 300 attendants made sure that they were on hand to get some wisdom from the young lady, who runs one of the largest automotive companies in the world, Mary Barra.

Barra’s is not new to the car business, and the entire audience was on the edge of their seats to learn from a woman who is unlike anyone in the automotive biz. Barra came across as smart and honest. She talked so matter-of-factly that everyone in attendance became comfortable when she talked about life and the challenges of being the first female CEO of a leading automotive company.

Barra started off talking about her entry into the automobile business at the age of 18 as an intern for GM working on the assembly line, where she wit-

nessed firsthand what it means to have pride in your work. The experience to be around workers, who are taking care of spouses and children showed Barra in indelible ways how important it is to take pride in the production of your work.

Without a doubt her success can be attributed to her upbringing. She shared the importance of the values her parents instilled in her. Her father, Ray, worked for at GM for 39 years. He worked for the Pontiac division in Detroit. Despite not going to college, he was a natural engineer and just as smart as his supervisor, was not only well respected but inspired Mary to be the best person she could dream to be. While her mother believed in the importance of getting Mary and her brother a college education.

She graduated from the General Mo-

tors Institute with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. She went to Stanford to earn a Masters Degree in business administration.

Barra said that family and good friends are essential in keeping her happy, while maintaining a heavy workload. Being around family and good friends also provides her an opportunity to relax and think.

The room full of automotive dealers continued to listen to her exchange with Gilcrest as she talked about the challenges that dealers are facing in this ever-changing world. She shared that because of the extra little things that dealers do, she receives and reads a lot of mail from customers complimenting the extra touch that makes a “customer for life.”

She described how GM is taking great

pride with an extra focus on electric cars and the future of the automotive industry.

Barra also emphasized the benefits of diversity and that GM is constantly looking for more ways to be more inclusive in employment and proving opportunities for new dealerships.

Barra told the auditorium, “the bottom line will result in higher profit margins and a better work atmosphere.”

She thanked the dealers for everything that they do to help customers, their employees and the American economy.

Little things with a touch of honesty still mean a lot as GM continues to lead the industry.

The NADA represents about 16,500 new-car and -truck dealerships, with both domestic and international franchises.

## Kroger

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said the refueling station is for JSU’s athletes, with \$5,000 going to the athletic refueling station and the remaining \$10,000 to the JSU Tiger Food Pantry.

“Being a former student-athlete, I understand the need for additional resources,” Dickerson said. “They need food that you probably wouldn’t think of. They are consistently burning en-

ergy; on the run by going back and forth to class; then to practice while also trying to study. If they’re not eating properly, specifically nutritious meals, then it would be detrimental to their health.”

Dickerson met JSU’s Vice President and Director of Athletics Ashley Robinson through Fred Jones, the founder of the Southern Heritage Classic. The

relationship-building began instantly.

Robinson said, “We thank Kroger for investing in us. Whenever I talk to anyone about sponsorships I include the whole university, not just athletics. So, this is a big deal for the refueling station and the Tiger Food Pantry.”

Robinson said, “In between those times student-athletes can refuel their

bodies. This helps when they’re working out as well. Refueling stations are very big in the athletic world. JSU has three stations now for our student-athletes.”

Jonathan Demming is the I-55 North Kroger store leader and a 1999 JSU graduate. He, too, is excited about the JSU partnership.

“This is a huge opportunity for our

company, especially being the only Kroger store in Jackson and its close proximity to Jackson State University. We want to focus on fresh foods – produce and meats,” Demming said.

Meanwhile, Dickerson said the gift cards are “very convenient.” She said, “Food can be purchased seamlessly just by handing over the gift cards to the store leader.”

# Christian Living

PART 2

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



We read in Philippians 1:3: “I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now.” Paul begins the body of his letter in this very lovely manner, which reveals the sweet relationship between him and the Philippian believers.

That is the way it ought to be today among believers, especially between pastor and congregation. Every time anybody would men-

tion Philippi, Paul would just thank God for the believers at Philippi; but how wonderful it would be to have a church like the Philippian church.

Always in every prayer Paul remembered the Philippian believers. He did this “Always,” not just some times. Jesus Christ’s name appears over forty times in this epistle. He is the center of this epistle. He is the One who is the very source of joy. Therefore, the emphasis should be put upon Him rather than upon the joy.

As we see and learn, the philosophy of Christian living has to do with Him; the pattern has to do with Him. The price of Christian living has to do with Him and the

power has to do with Him. Actually, it is a personal relationship with Christ that brings joy to a believer’s life.

Real joy depends upon the inward condition of the individual. It depends on the proper attitude toward life. If you are complaining and whining about your lot in life, certainly you will not be experiencing joy. You may be able to go to a church banquet and have a little fun, but that will not be joy. When you and I get to the place where we find ourselves in the center of the Will of God and know we are in His Will regardless of our circumstances, then there will be joy in our lives.

Paul wrote that this church was having fellowship with

him. He had communicated to them the gospel. They had shared with Paul in a sympathetic cooperation. They had sent a gift to him and had ministered to his physical needs again and again. Then when they were together, they had sweet communion. It makes us partners with Christ.

Spiritual communication is sharing the things of Christ. This would be sharing the great truths concerning Christ.

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# PRESERVED

## First Class Blessing

By Shewanda Riley  
Columnist



“Unable to select seat.” A few years ago, I was trying to be organized and print out my boarding pass the night before a flight back to DFW and got this error message on the airline website. I stared at the computer screen for a few seconds hoping that staring long enough would somehow make it change. I tried checking in again a few other times but I kept getting the same message. Slightly annoyed, I finally went to bed. When I got to the airport and went to the airline ticket counter, they told me that my seat assignment would be made at the gate.

After about 30 minutes of browsing through a few shops in the concourse area, I returned to the gate area and noticed that now there were about 10 people lined up waiting to talk to the gate agent. Hoping to finally get a seat assignment, I joined the line. One by one, the polite but obviously overwhelmed gate agent told each of us that we’d have to wait for another half hour before she could help us.

Looking at my watch, I realized that would put us close to the flight departure time. I started to get nervous. After about 25 minutes, first class passengers started boarding the plane. I immediately jumped up and went back to the gate counter. I asked as politely as I could whether the gate agent had a seat assignment for me yet. Without looking up, she reassured me that she was still


working on it and that she’d have a seat for me. I believed her...sort of. So she wouldn’t forget me, I placed myself and my luggage right by the gate counter. I didn’t say anything to the gate agent but watched silently as groups 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 boarded the plane.

In fact, within a few minutes, I was the only person left in the waiting area. I hadn’t moved from my spot by the counter but was now confused. When I leaned in to ask her about my seat, the gate agent smiled, said “Thanks for waiting” and handed me my new boarding pass. I thought since I was the last person on the plane, I’d be in the back of the plane but to my surprise, my seat was in first class.

It took me just a few seconds to get over the shock, grab my suitcase and board the plane. All I could think of was two things: This seat assignment was a reward for my patiently waiting and that there is still much truth in Matthew 19:30: “But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first.” I was last on the plane but I got into first class.

My waiting was a lesson on the rewards of patiently waiting on God: We may think he has forgotten us but he’s actually just preparing us for the upgrade to a first-class blessing.

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## Fear paralyzes

By E. Faye Williams  
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With all the fearmongering, the unjust firings, transfers, the name-calling, the profanity-laced rantings, the lying, the mean spirited actions, the early negative predictions about the Democratic Party and its candidates – one could just give up and ask, “What’s the use of trying to make a difference about anything?”

Well, I’m not on that list of the fearful, nor are many of my friends and associates. All is not lost because Joe Biden may not be the Democratic nominee for president. All black people aren’t suddenly jumping over Joe to get to Michael Bloomberg. Those of us who’ve seen black people rise to the occasion at the voting booth so many times haven’t conceded the November 2020 election to Donald Trump.

We continue to hear on the news how important the black vote is. If that’s the case, it’s up to us whether we choose to be the victors for winning where we have such power or whether we choose to be blamed when candidates not in our best interest win.

If we choose to win, why should we be fearful? Those of us who believe what we’ve been taught that “God has not given us a spirit of fear,” 2nd Timothy tells us that what the Apostle Paul was saying to his young friend is that his fear was standing in his way of success. All of us have struggles but we shouldn’t allow them to control us to the point that we lose faith in our ability to succeed. My friend, Dick Gregory, always said that fear and God do not occupy the same space, and we should not allow fear to block our good. If we put it out there, we’re sabotaging what we claim to want.

Let’s not become paralyzed and do nothing because somebody thinks we’re going to stay home or we don’t believe we can help to get a new occupant in the White House. Let’s go forward courageously doing all the things we can to win an election that brings about justice.

God is faithful. Let’s look at the full promise that says, “God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”

Instead of fearing the worst, let’s be like the Apostle Paul by mentoring the doubters and the fearful. Instead of criticizing them, let’s help them believe we have the power to make a difference in the coming election. Never allow our friends or families to concede the election to those who mean us no good.

Even if we’re not in need of a hand up, think about children at the border who’ve been kept in cages, children who don’t have nutritious meals, those who don’t have access to a safe home or a useable education. Think about the damage already done to a system some of our ancestors died to make better. Think of the embarrassment about our so-called leaders we face as we travel around the world. Think about the threats faced by Americans who put their jobs and their lives on the line to testify before the House Impeachment Committee. Think about those who were too afraid to testify or to vote against what is evil and un-American.

So many of those who remained silent and try to make us believe they’re pro-constitution are really traitors because they resisted every effort to be guided by the constitution in making their decisions about impeachment and conviction of the scoundrel in the White House.

As was said in the movie “Black Panther” we have a duty to protect those we love, so let us never fear being courageous no matter what the consequences are.

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# Trump’s 2021 budget reflects his values

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If you tell me how you spend your money, I can tell you what your values are. You say you are a Christian but neither tithe nor have a church home. You say support civil rights but have no connection to a civil rights organization. You love your alma mater but never contribute to the place.

Put your money where your mouth is. Budgets are reflections of values. Thus, I was unsurprised with the budget our forty-fifth president (also known as “Forty-five”) proposed to Congress February 10. His budget cuts domestic programs, maintains defense spending and targets poor people. It cuts education, housing and environmental protection. It would eliminate our art and cultural agencies, including the National Institute for the Arts, the National Institutes for Humanities and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Forty-five’s hostility to poor people is reflected in reductions in Medicaid, food stamps and the CHIP program, which provides health care for poor children. And while he is starving poor people, he insists on preserving the 2017 tax cuts that mostly benefited the wealthy.

I’m not surprised that “forty-five” maintains his hostility to the poor. We’ve seen this in the previous budgets that he’s presented to Congress.

He favors cuts in domestic spending, increases in military spending, a wall (which he has directed the Pentagon to fund), and indifference to the environment.

The budget shows contempt for the planet and its survival. Forty-five would cut the Environmental Protection Agency’s budget by more than a quarter, through the EPA budget, and even more with environmental initiatives that are embedded in other budgets. For example, with our crumbling infrastructure, the Forty-five budget cuts the Transportation Department by 13 percent, cutting highway infrastructure programs and transit grants. The Department of Interior is proposed to shoulder a 13 percent cut, reducing land acquisition, conservation and assistance for Native American tribes.

This administration’s hostility toward environmental protection is evidenced by the fact that Mandy Gunasekara, who spearheaded the rollback on President Obama’s Clean Power Plan, is returning to the EPA as chief of staff this spring. She has advocated scaling back rules on greenhouse emissions and is credited with urging the president to leave the Paris accord.

Until 2017, the world has looked toward the United States for global leadership, but this most recent budget would reduce our involvement in world affairs. The State Department and USAID would be cut by \$12 billion, more than a fifth less than last year. Virtually everything in the US-

AID and State budgets is reduced, including humanitarian aid, contributions to international organizations, and cultural exchanges; only Ivanka Trump’s Women’s Global Development fund seems to have been protected, with its allocation doubling.

The Department of Veteran’s Affairs is the only Cabinet agency that will experience a double-digit budget increase of 12 percent. After a series of scandals involving the delivery of health service to the nation’s veterans, few would dispute the need for a stronger agency; but wonders if the \$12 billion increase in this agency’s budget will improve efficiency, or if it is merely pandering to veterans, a core part of the president’s base.

NASA is another agency that gets a double-digit budget increase, partly to fund space exploration. The Defense Department budget remains relatively flat, with an increase at just one-tenth of one percent. The budget is generous enough, however, to purchase new nuclear warheads and new missiles. It also will fund an arms race with China and Russia. What if just a tenth of the “defense” (I consider it an offense) budget were devoted to human needs? That would be \$70 billion to, perhaps, restore the \$9.5 billion Health and Human Services cut, restore the \$5.6 billion Department of Education cuts, to restore the \$1.3 billion cut to the Labor Department (“savings” will be realized by cutting unemployment insurance and payment to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, among

other programs/ That \$70 billion could also restore the \$1.9 billion cut from the Agriculture Department.

I’m fantasizing, of course. Few in our warmongering nation would have the nerve to cut the defense budget. Predatory capitalism and the war-industrial complex will keep our “defense” department in business, with companies that manufacture nuclear warheads, missiles, and more, raking in record profits.

This budget illustrates what this administration is all about. It is hostile to poor folks, to culture, to education and to farmers. It is unwilling to spend money on international relations. It is willing to continue to reward the wealthy for just being wealthy. It reflects forty-five’s values.

But there’s good news. Congress has failed to pass forty-five’s budget in the past, and they probably won’t pass it this time either. With a Democratic majority in the House, human needs will likely have a higher priority. It won’t cut State and USAID budgets. It’s a good thing Congress has more of a conscience than the president does. But this budget is a wake-up call for those who want health care and also a second Trump term. The two are incompatible.

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## Rev. William Barber’s Poor People’s Assembly and Moral March in June will be “generationally transformative”

By Marc H. Morial  
Trice Edney Newswire



*“There’s no way we can inspire people to move with the normal politics that doesn’t fully address poverty. When you can work a full-time job at minimum wage and still not be able to afford a two-bedroom apartment anywhere in this country, that’s poor. And if we can’t see that and if we don’t acknowledge that poverty then we are refusing to call upon these witnesses among us.” – Rev. Dr. William Barber II, co-chair, The Poor People’s Campaign.*

In the richest country in the world, 140 million people struggle with poverty and low wealth.

Over the last 50 years, the U.S. economy has grown 18-fold. Yet wealth inequality has exploded. The top 1 percent’s share of the economy has nearly doubled, to more than 20 percent of our national income.

In 2017, the 400 wealthiest Americans owned more wealth than more than two-thirds of the entire U.S. population, and three individuals possessed a combined wealth equal to the wealth of 50 percent of the country.

The Poor People’s Campaign, led by the Rev. Dr. William Barber II, is a national call for a moral revival. It is a continuation of the work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who was just beginning to build the campaign when he was assassinated in 1968.

On June 20, the campaign will lead the Mass Poor People’s Assembly



Rev. Barber speaking at Moral March on Washington rally

and Moral March on Washington, a “generationally transformative” gathering to demand that both major political parties address the “interlocking injustices of systemic racism, poverty, ecological devastation, militarism and the distorted moral narrative of religious nationalism.”

At the National Urban League’s 2017 Conference in St. Louis, Rev. Barber delivered a powerful and inspirational message of justice, drawing parallels between Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, and modern political figures.

“They were former slaves, and he was oppressing them in this historical moment because they were growing in power and influence and he saw this as the last chance to stop a growing diversity,” Barber said of the Hebrew people. “He wanted to control their influence. He wanted to control their wealth. He wanted to control their faith. He even wanted to control their health.”

He suggested that the nation is in a third reconstruction.

“The first reconstruction was from 1868-1880. The second reconstruction was from 1954-1968, when black and brown and white people came together – particularly in the South,” he said. “And when we broke through the Southern Strategy and elected President Obama, that represented the possibility of a third reconstruction. What we see happening is a Nebuchadnezzar spirit that is trying to block the transformation of America. Nebuchadnezzar might be dead, but the spirit – that narcissistic stuff still lives.”

That “Nebuchadnezzar spirit,” he said, is evident in the massive voter suppression effort that has swept the nation since the gutting of the Voting Rights Act in 2013.

In addition to the Poor People’s Campaign, Rev. Barber is president of the faith-based social justice organization Repairers of the Breach;

bishop with the College of Affirming Bishops and Faith Leaders; visiting professor at Union Theological Seminary; and pastor of Greenleaf Christian Church, Disciples of Christ in Goldsboro, North Carolina.

He came to national attention in 2015 when, as president of the North Carolina NAACP, he organized weekly protests at the State Legislative Building that were known as “Moral Mondays.”

“Some ask the question, why don’t they be quiet?” Barber wrote of the Moral Mondays protests. “Well, I must remind you, that it has been our collective silence that has quietly opened the city gates to these undemocratic violators of our rights. If we must pray forgiveness for anything today, it will be the silence with which we have allowed this to happen in the dark. Thoreau said in his famous essay, ‘Civil Disobedience,’ that if he had to repent of anything, it would be his good behavior. What possessed me, he asked himself, that I behaved so well in the face of such evil?”

“As people of faith, we understand that we have been called to be the voice of the voiceless and the shepherd of God’s beloved community. What we do here today is only what any responsible shepherd does to alert God’s flock to the presence of the predators of democracy.”

The Urban League Movement is proud to support the Poor People’s Campaign and count ourselves as allies of Rev. Barber. We look forward to the Assembly and March in June.

# ‘No quit in him’

*After ATV accident causes brain injury, Meridian pitcher pushes hard to get back on mound*

By Susan Christensen  
*Health and Research News Service*

His baseball was made of rubber rather than leather.

And his every throw and catch was being monitored by therapists at Methodist Rehabilitation Center.

Yet 16-year-old Jake Williams of Meridian was happily in his element as he tried out his fast ball, curve ball and slider in the Jackson hospital’s fifth floor therapy gym.

After he suffered a traumatic brain injury Dec. 8, the Clarkdale High School standout feared he’d never return to the game he’d loved since he was a 4-year-old T-baller.

“The first day we didn’t know whether he’d live or die,” said his dad, Jay Williams. “We knew his jaw was destroyed and he had blood on his brain.

“For the longest time, he was not moving his left side at all. But we are people of faith, and we kept believing in Jake’s complete restoration and healing.”

“God was definitely there during the accident because Jake could have been killed or paralyzed,” said his mom, Misti Williams.

Adolescent males have among the highest rates of traumatic brain injury. And like Jake, many arrive at Methodist Rehab as the result of an ATV accident.

“We get so many admissions, from brain to orthopedic injuries,” said Dr. Hyung Kim, Jake’s physician at Methodist Rehab. “I would never let a child ride an ATV because I see too many catastrophic injuries.”

In Mississippi, ATVs are almost a rite of passage as part of the state’s hunting culture. And their popularity is reflected in the ATV statistics collected by the U.S. Consumer Product and Safety Commission. Based on ATV deaths from 1982-2014, Mississippi ranked 14th in the nation with a total of 393 fatalities. From 2015 to 2017, there were an additional 35 deaths and the reporting window is still open.

“People don’t realize the danger,” said Methodist Rehab



Tossing a baseball while he walks down a hallway, Jake Williams works on a variety of therapy goals with Methodist Rehabilitation Center physical therapist Kollin Cannon, at left.

nurse practitioner Pam Jeffries, who has also seen many young lives derailed after ATV-related brain trauma. “I think they should all wear helmets.”

Jake’s parents did, as well, and had bought him a helmet with a face guard. But he didn’t have it with him when he climbed on an unfamiliar ATV at a friend’s house.

No one saw his accident, so Jake can only guess what happened. “So much is a blur, and I don’t remember,” he said.

But he believes that one of the ATV’s wheels dropped off the pavement as he rode on the streets of his friend’s neighborhood. It then flipped down an embankment and hit a tree.

“My dad thinks my chin hit the four-wheeler, and it knocked my jaw out of place,” Jake said.

“There was also a big gash on his head behind his ear on the right side,” said his dad. Doctors also found a fracture in his neck.

A family friend who was passing by freed Jake from the four-wheeler and called 911 and his parents. They arrived to find their son unconscious and breathing in blood.

“He’s thrashing, and I’m trying to hold his head,” his dad said. “And Misti is trying to get his tongue out of the way so he

can get air.”

An ambulance took Jake to Anderson Medical Center in Meridian. He was then airlifted to the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson.

To help his brain heal, Jake was put in a coma and the pressure inside his skull was closely monitored. After his condition became less critical, he underwent jaw surgery Dec. 18.

Jake emerged looking much like his old self. But his parents say the surgery seemed to set him back neurologically.

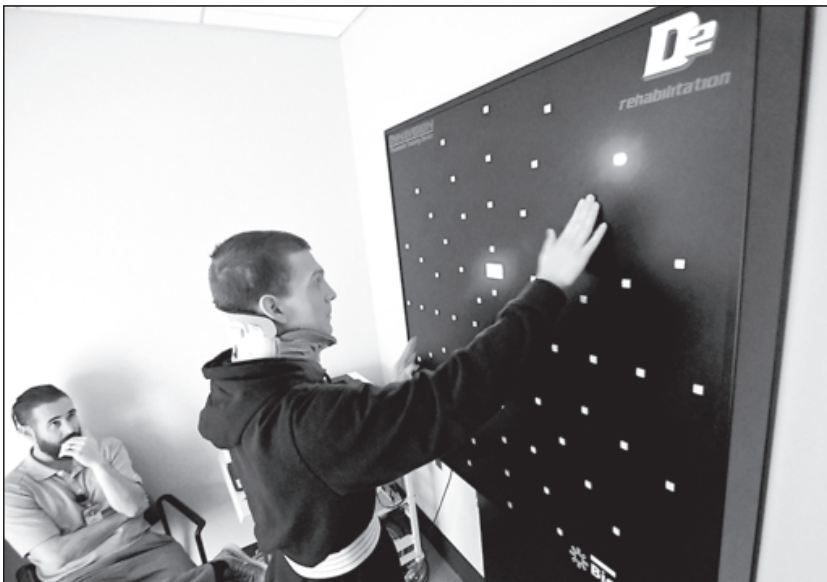
“He had seizure-type activity and his hands were posturing, and it seemed like he had been knocked back to the beginning,” said his dad.

“And he didn’t talk after the jaw surgery,” said his mom. “We didn’t know if his mouth was swollen and hurt or if something happened in surgery.”

By New Year’s Day, their worries had abated after Jake woke up and was able to correctly identify the year.

Eight days later, Jake arrived at Methodist Rehab. He was weak and had lost about 40 pounds. Still, he immediately made progress.

“Studies have shown acute inpatient rehab helps to speed recovery in most cases,” Jeffries said. “And he went from a



To increase Jake Williams’ upper extremity range of motion and coordination, muscular endurance and motor planning, Methodist Rehabilitation Center occupational therapist Chuck Crenshaw had him do sessions on the hospital’s Dynavision unit. Working with the flashing light board also helped him improve a variety of ocular-motor skills that can be damaged by a brain injury, such as peripheral visual awareness, visual attention and anticipation, eye-hand coordination and visual-motor reaction time.

5 to a 10 in a matter of days.”

As an athlete, Jake had been in great shape before his accident. And that conditioning and his youth aided his recovery, Dr. Kim said.

It also helped that his therapy team was attuned to his desire to get back to pitching and playing third base for the Clarkdale Bulldogs.

Methodist Rehab physical therapist Kollin Cannon had played left field for Pearl River Community College, while occupational Chuck Crenshaw was still involved in the sport because his son plays baseball.

Together, they put Jake to work like two coaches pursuing a championship pennant. “They went straight to what he loves,” said his dad. “This place is amazing.”

“Jake was doing pretty good the first day he came to therapy, but his high level balance needed to be challenged,” Cannon said.

So instead of merely tossing a ball, Jake pitched while perched atop a floor-level balance beam.

“He had lost a lot of muscle mass, so doing some exercises was pretty strenuous for him,” Crenshaw said.

Still, Jake never tried to avoid the work.

“He was ready for therapy

every day and even asked for more therapy,” Cannon said. “It’s very easy when we have motivated patients like him.”

Jake also underwent sessions on the hospital’s Dynavision unit, a flashing light board used to fine-tune reaction times.

Sessions on the unit can help increase upper extremity active range of motion and coordination, muscular and physical endurance and improve motor planning.

It also can improve a variety of ocular-motor skills, such as peripheral visual awareness, visual attention and anticipation, eye-hand coordination and visual-motor reaction time – all important abilities for an athlete.

To advance his fine-motor skills, Jake worked on another of his passions – playing the guitar. Crenshaw said doing fret-work was a good way for Jake to improve mobility in his left hand.

“It was a blast watching him get better,” Crenshaw said.

His recovery also meant a lot to his teammates back in Meridian, who bought “Stay Strong Jake” bracelets and even gave up their usual Dirty Santa gifts in favor of helping fund his medical care.

“That tells you how they feel



Methodist Rehabilitation Center physical therapist Kollin Cannon, at right, said Jake Williams needed to work on his high-level balance. So he had him practice his wind-up. “They went straight to what he loves,” said his dad, Jay Williams.

about him,” said Clarkdale athletic director and head baseball coach Scott Gibson. “Seeing him come a long way has helped us more than we realized.”

Gibson said Jake was one of the “top district arms” before his accident, as well as “an even better person and student.”

And it has not escaped Jake’s attention how much he almost lost by putting himself at risk for a brain injury.

“If you ride a four-wheeler, you definitely need to wear a helmet,” Jake said. “It isn’t worth having your family and people you love suffer because you chose to make a stupid mistake.”

Today, Jake said he feels “really close to back to normal.” And he credits a good portion of his comeback to his time at Methodist Rehab.

“They encouraged me to push my body, and I like it that way,” he said.

It remains to be seen how soon Jake will reclaim his spot on the Clarkdale lineup. But no one doubts his determination to succeed.

“There’s no quit in him,” Gibson said. “He has a goal set to get back on the field and Lord willing, he will.”

# AARP report: Heart health can lead to brain health

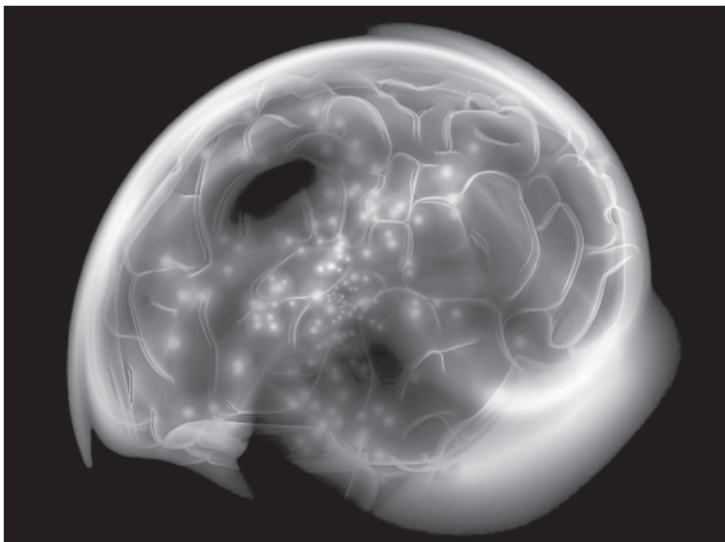
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A consensus paper from the AARP and the Global Council on Brain Health echoes what University of Mississippi Medical Center experts have said for years: “What’s good for your heart is also good for your brain.”

A Medical Center expert on brain aging and dementia helped prepare “The Brain-Heart Connection.” Dr. Tom Mosley, Robbie and Dudley Hughes Distinguished Chair and director of The MIND Center, was one of the 11 experts selected worldwide to review research and prepare guidance for people over 50 and health care providers.

Published Feb. 10, the report summarizes the importance of managing blood pressure, blood sugar, weight and other cardiovascular risk factors in preventing dementia.

“Dementia is a major cause of disability in older adults, affecting more than 50 million people globally. It is an enormous public health problem,” said Mosley, who studies Alzheimer’s disease and other forms of cognitive decline. “However, even in the absence of cures, we see



that certain risk factors, if controlled, may lessen the risk of cognitive decline and dementia in older adults.”

These risk factors include high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, smoking, sedentary lifestyle, obesity, high salt intake, poor sleep quality and irregular heartbeat. Each can raise the risk of heart disease, stroke and different forms of dementia.

“We know that cardiovascular risk factors can lead to stroke and vascular dementia, but we’ve also found that the same factors increase risk for other

types of dementia, most notably Alzheimer’s disease,” Mosley said.

Mosley said it was an honor to be included on the report’s expert panel, saying it underscores the research achievements made by The MIND Center.

The MIND, or Memory Impairment and Neurodegenerative Dementia, Center at UMMC leads research on and provides clinical care for patients with Alzheimer’s disease and other forms of dementia. Studies at The MIND Center include the multisite Atherosclerosis Risk

in Communities Neurocognitive Study, or ARIC NCS, which has studied cardiovascular disease and brain aging in 16,000 people, including approximately 4,000 African Americans from the Jackson metropolitan area.

For example, Mosley said, The MIND Center has “found that even in the absence of brain changes related to clinical stroke, controlling high blood pressure and diabetes may decrease the risk of dementia later in life.”

This finding extends to people with “high normal” measurements, such as pre-hypertension and pre-diabetes, during middle age.

In the absence of stroke, Mosley considers hypertension, diabetes and smoking to be the most influential dementia risk factors outlined in the report, based on their prevalence and their outsized effect on brain and heart health.

“However, if an individual has atrial fibrillation or a history of excessive alcohol use or another risk factor, that could be the most influential risk factor for them,” Mosley said. “It’s never too late to start taking steps to

lessen your risk for dementia, and the earlier in life you start, the larger the risk reduction will be.”

The report also highlights where experts still don’t know enough. Mosley said we are still unsure of the causal mechanisms that link brain and heart health.

“What is it about damage, often subtle, to blood vessels that damages the brain, beyond the known effects of a stroke?” Mosley asked. One possibility is that blood vessel damage produces chronic inflammation and immune responses that promote brain aging and cognitive decline, but more work is needed to understand the underlying mechanisms.

The MIND Center’s ongoing research includes a collaboration with Johns Hopkins University studying cardiovascular risk factors and amyloid plaques in the brain, a marker for Alzheimer’s disease. They are also part of the UMMC MIND Center-Mayo Clinic Study of Aging, studying geographic and racial differences in risk and burden of dementia.

“We want to elucidate the factors that explain why cognitive

decline and dementia are more prevalent in our region and in African Americans,” Mosley said.

“The Brain-Heart Connection” has received the seal of approval from multiple health-related associations.

“The American Heart Association endorses this report and commends AARP for focusing on the heart-brain connection. Despite growing science about this relationship, most people are not aware of it,” said Dr. Mitchell Elkind, president-elect of the American Heart Association.

Mosley said it is an important publication because there is “a lot of false and misleading information” on the Internet about unproven remedies and prevention strategies for dementia. This report gives people evidence-based recommendations on how to preserve brain health as they age.

“People are understandably very worried about dementia,” Mosley said. “The AARP and the Global Council on Brain Health have done important work in getting this information out to the public.”



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Electronic Advertisement for Bid  
Bid 3121 High Schools Science Lab Renovations

Sealed, written formal bid proposals for the above bids will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 2:00 P.M. (Local Prevailing Time) March 17, 2020, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. A Pre-Bid Conference concerning the project JPS High Schools Science Lab Renovations will be held at Jim Hill High School, 2185 Fortune Street, Jackson, MS 39204 on February 28, 2020 at 1:30 P.M. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is not mandatory but strongly encouraged. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date bids are opened.

Plan holders are required to register and order bid documents at [www.jpdsmsprojects.com](http://www.jpdsmsprojects.com). A \$500.00 Non-refundable deposit shall be required on each printed set of bid specs/documents. A \$100.00 Nonrefundable deposit shall be required on each digital PDF set of bid specs/documents. Documents must be purchased through the website. All plan holders are required to have a valid email address for registration. Questions regarding website registration and online orders, please contact Plan House Printing, 607 W. Main Street, Tupelo, MS 38804, (662) 407-0193. Questions regarding bid documents please contact John Murray at Canizaro Cawthon Davis, Phone: 601-948-7337 or Email: [jmurray@ccdarchitects.com](mailto:jmurray@ccdarchitects.com).

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Jackson, MS will conduct Public Hearings and an Application Workshop regarding the development of its 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and its 2020 One-Year Action Plan. The Consolidated Planning process requires broad public participation by citizens and entities which are interested in, or are providing assistance in, the areas of housing, services for the homeless, public services and other community development activities.

The draft 2020 One-Year Action Plan will contain applications for funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The City of Jackson estimates that we will receive \$1,871,982 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds; \$941,110 in Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds; \$166,816 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds; and \$1,434,010 in Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds for a total of \$4,413,918. Due to the Federal budget negotiations, the actual amounts funded may differ.

This notice's amounts originated from last year's allocation; however, the City anticipates adjusting the amounts after final Federal budget negotiations.

The Public Hearings will explain the purpose of the City's Annual Action Plan; discuss the City's goals and accomplishments with HUD funds; and consult with the public by accepting public comments regarding proposed activities for the programs. The Public Hearings will be held at the following locations:

March 3, 2020 7:00 p.m.	Bolden Moore Library/Westside, 1444 Wiggins Rd.
March 10, 2020 6:00 p.m.	Grove Park Community Center, 4126 Parkway Ave.
March 25, 2020 6:00 p.m.	Champion Gymnasium, 1355 Hattiesburg St.
April 23, 2020 6:00 p.m.	Jackson Medical Mall, 350 W. Woodrow Wilson.
May 11, 2020 6:00 p.m.	Warren Hood Building, 200 S. President St. (Final Public Hearing)

Further, the City of Jackson will conduct an Application/Proposal Workshop on Friday, May 8, 2020, beginning at 9:30 a. m., at the Jackson Police Department Training Academy, 3000 St. Charles St. for non-profit organizations interested in applying for CDBG, ESG, HOPWA, and HOME funds. Non-profit organizations may obtain Application/Proposal packets at the workshop.

Application/Proposal packages for CDBG, ESG, HOPWA, and HOME funds should be delivered to the Development Assistance Division, Richard Porter Building, 218 South President St., 2nd Floor, Jackson, MS 39201, no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, June 12, 2020. No Application/Proposal packages will be accepted after this deadline.

The draft Annual Action Plan will be available for review at the final public hearing and on the City's website at [www.jacksonms.gov](http://www.jacksonms.gov) on May 11, 2020. The City will be accepting public comments on the draft 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and its 2020 One-Year Action Plan until no later than 5:00 p.m., on Monday, June 10, 2020. Residents with disabilities are encouraged to notify the City at least five (5) days before the public hearing of any needed accommodations. For more details contact the Office of Development Assistance Division at 601-960-2155.

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Notice of Sale  
Abandoned Vehicle

Notice of Sale is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles that the following vehicle will be sold for repair and storage charges and for cost of this sale.

2015 CHEV 4- Door - Vin# 1G11B5SL5FF271380  
Registered to Bowles Alvin  
GM Financial, Lien Holder  
Date of Sale: March 4, 2020  
Place of Sale: Archie Towing Services; 6700 Medgar Evers Blvd., Jackson, MS 39213

Sellers reserve the right to bid on the above property and to reject any and all bids.

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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION  
BUREAU OF BUILDING, GROUNDS AND  
REAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

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 2:00:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 03/17/2020 , for:

RE: GS# 323-016 Water & Wastewater Improvements  
South Mississippi Correctional Institution  
RFx #: 3160003443

at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Contract documents may be obtained from:

Professional: Mid-South Consulting, Inc.  
Address: Post office Box 349  
Florence, Mississippi 39073  
Phone: 662-397-6959  
Email: [abernathycg@mid-southconsulting.com](mailto:abernathycg@mid-southconsulting.com)

A deposit of \$150.00 is required. Bid preparation will be in accordance with Instructions to Bidders bound in the project manual. The Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject any or all bids. NOTE: Telephones and desks will not be available for bidders use at the bid site.

Calvin R. Sibley, Bureau Director  
Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management

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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION  
BUREAU OF BUILDING, GROUNDS AND  
REAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

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 2:00:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 03/17/2020, for:

RE: GS# 350-023 New Jefferson Lot  
Office of Capitol Facilities  
(Department of Finance and Administration)  
RFx #: 3160003452

at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Contract documents may be obtained from:

Professional: Burris/Wagnon Architects, P.A.  
Address: 500L East Woodrow Wilson Avenue  
Jackson, Mississippi 39216  
Phone: 601-969-7543  
Email: [info@burriswagnon.com](mailto:info@burriswagnon.com)

A deposit of \$50.00 is required. Bid preparation will be in accordance with Instructions to Bidders bound in the project manual. The Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject any or all bids. NOTE: Telephones and desks will not be available for bidders use at the bid site.

Calvin R. Sibley, Bureau Director  
Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management

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Advertisement for Bids

Sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk of Jackson, Mississippi, at 219 S. President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201 or at Post Office Box 17, Jackson, Mississippi 39205 until 3:30 PM, local time, Tuesday, March 17, 2020, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud for:

The demolition and cleaning of parcels for the following:  
1. 1833 WALTHAM ST.  
2. 1720 CAMELLIA DR.  
3. 2611 TERRY RD.  
4. 614 MCDOWELL RD.  
5. 1071 MCDOWELL RD.

The City of Jackson, Mississippi ("City of Jackson") is committed to cultivating and ensuring the quality of life of its citizens, through various programs, employment, initiatives, and assistance. The City encourages all persons, corporations, and/or entities doing business within the City, as well as those who seek to contract with the City on various projects and or conduct business in the City, to assist the City in achieving its goal by strongly considering City residents for employment opportunities.

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 provisions of the City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Ordinance. Failure to comply with the City's Ordinance 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 ordinance, EBO Plan Applications and a copy of the program are available at 200 South President Street, Room 223, Hood Building, Jackson, Mississippi.

The City of Jackson hereby notifies all bidders that in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4 that all bidders will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, or disability in consideration for an award.

Contract Documents may be obtained from and/or examined at the offices of the Community Improvement Division located at 200 S. President Street, Suite 331, Jackson, Mississippi 39201. Telephone 601.960.1054. Prospective bidders may obtain copies of all materials required for bidding purposes. There is NO charge for electronic or e-mail copies. Official bid documents can be downloaded from Central Bidding at [www.centralbidding.com](http://www.centralbidding.com). Electronic bids can be submitted at [www.centralbidding.com](http://www.centralbidding.com). For any questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814.

Bid preparation will be in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any and all irregularities in respect to any bid submitted or to accept any proposal which is deemed most favorable to the City of Jackson.

by: LaTonya Miller, Manager  
Community Improvement Division of Planning and Development

2-13-2020, 2-20-2020

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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  
Zoning Administrator  
City of Jackson, Mississippi

2-6-2020, 2-20-2020

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Advertisement for Electronic Bid  
Bid 3122 Callaway High School Roof, HVAC, and Gym

Sealed, written formal bid proposals for the above bid will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 2:00 P.M. (Local Prevailing Time) Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. A Pre-Bid Conference concerning the project for Callaway High School Roof, HVAC and gymnasium will be held at Callaway High School, 601 Beasley Road, Jackson, MS on March 6, 2020 at 1:30 P.M. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is non-mandatory but strongly suggested. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date bids are opened.

Plan holders are required to register and order bid documents at [www.dalebaileyplans.com](http://www.dalebaileyplans.com). A \$300.00 Non-refundable deposit shall be required on each set of bid specs/documents and must be purchased through the website. All plan holders are required to have a valid email address for registration. Questions regarding website registration and online orders, please contact Plan House Printing, 607 W. Main Street, Tupelo, MS 38804, (662) 407-0193. Questions regarding bid documents please contact Wanda Elliott at Dale Partners, Associates, Phone: 601-352-5411 or Email: [WandaElliott@dalepartners.com](mailto:WandaElliott@dalepartners.com).

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NOTICE  
THE JACKSON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY WILL RECEIVE  
PROPOSALS  
UNTIL 3:00 O'CLOCK P.M., MARCH 27, 2020,  
FOR SPACE AVAILABLE TO BE LEASED  
IN THE MUNICIPAL PARKING FACILITY NO. 2

Proposals to lease space in the Municipal Parking Facility No. 2 will be received by the Jackson Redevelopment Authority (the "Authority") at the offices of the Authority, 3rd floor, Richard J. Porter Municipal Building, 218 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 3:00 o'clock P.M., March 27, 2020, for any space available to be leased in the Municipal Parking Facility No. 2 (the "Facility").

The Municipal Parking Facility No. 2 is located in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, on the south side of Capitol Street, between Congress and President Streets, and space available for lease is located on the first floor of the Facility.

All proposals shall be in accordance with all of the requirements of the Request for Proposals, copies of which are available for review at the offices of the Authority and will be furnished upon request. Proposals shall be made by those interested on or before 3:00 o'clock P.M., March 27, 2020.

Thereafter, Notice of Request for Proposals by the Authority to lease any remaining available space in the Municipal Parking Facility No. 2 may be published bi-monthly until all space in the Facility is leased, with the last Submission Deadline being 3:00 p.m. on November 20, 2020. Interested parties may submit proposals to the Authority for any unleased available space pursuant to the RFP issued and dated February 19, 2020, or subsequently. Such further information as is available regarding lease space in the Municipal Parking Facility No. 2 may be obtained at the offices of the Authority.

DATED: FEBRUARY 19, 2020  
/s/ Mary Ealey  
Manager

2-20-2020, 2-27-2020, 3-5-2020

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THE JACKSON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY WILL RECEIVE PROPOSALS  
UNTIL 2:00 O'CLOCK P.M., MARCH 27, 2020,  
FOR SPACE AVAILABLE TO BE LEASED  
IN UNION STATION MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION CENTER

Proposals to lease space in the Union Station Multi-Modal Transportation Center will be received by the Jackson Redevelopment Authority (the "Authority") at the offices of the Authority, 3rd floor, Richard J. Porter Municipal Building, 218 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 2:00 o'clock P.M., March 27, 2020, for any space available to be leased in Union Station Multi-Modal Transportation Center (the "Facility").

The Union Station Multi-Modal Transportation Center is located in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, on the north side of Capitol Street between Mill and Gallatin Streets, approximately bisected by the Illinois Central Railroad line, and space available for lease is located on the first and second floors of the Facility.

All proposals shall be in accordance with the requirements of the Request for Proposals, copies of which are available for review at the offices of the Authority and will be furnished upon request. Proposals shall be made by those interested on or before 2:00 o'clock P.M., March 27, 2020.

Thereafter, Notice of Request for Proposals by the Authority to lease any remaining available space in the Union Station Multi-Modal Transportation Center may be published bi-monthly until all space in the Facility is leased, with the last Submission Deadline being 2:00 p.m. on November 20, 2020. Interested parties may submit proposals to the Authority for any unleased available space pursuant to the RFP issued and dated February 19, 2020, or subsequently.

Such further information as is available regarding lease space in the Union Station Multi-Modal Transportation Center may be obtained at the offices of the Authority.

DATED: FEBRUARY 19, 2020  
/s/ Mary Ealey  
Manager

2-20-2020, 2-27-2020, 3-5-2020

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE  
JACKSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE JACKSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (JHPC) WILL HOLD ITS MONTHLY MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2020 AT 12:00 NOON IN THE ANDREW JACKSON CONFERENCE ROOM (RM. 105) OF THE WARREN HOOD BUILDING, 200 SOUTH PRESIDENT STREET, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS  
A. NEW BUSINESS

• CASE NO. 2020-05, REQUESTED BY: JEFF SEABOLD, TO CONSTRUCT CUSTOM DESIGNED FENCE ALONG SIDE AND BACK YARD OF THE PROPERTY AT 1320 ST. ANN ST, LOCATED IN THE BELHAVEN HISTORICAL DISTRICT.

• ADJOURN  
DUE TO A CONFLICT IN HIS/HER SCHEDULE, COMMISSIONERS MAY UTILIZE CONFERENCE CALLING TO HEAR CASES & VOTE IN THE EVENT OF THEIR ABSENCE.

DATES OF PUBLICATION: FEBRUARY 20, 2020 & FEBRUARY 27, 2020.  
PLEASE SEND PROOF OF PUBLICATION TO: BIQI ZHAO (P.O. BOX 17, 200 S PRESIDENT ST. JACKSON, MS 39205-0017) HISTORIC PRESERVATION (601) 960-2006 OR EMAIL IT TO BZHAO@CITY.JACKSON.MS.US

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Crossword Puzzle

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1. Omelette ingredient  
5. Harsh criticism  
9. Thug  
11. Restaurant  
12. Sanskrit  
13. Professional football team  
14. Lyric poem  
15. Mississippi (abbr.)  
17. Old-fashioned Fathers  
18. Spiky  
20. Mr. Carson  
22. Steal  
23. Ontario (abbr.)  
24. Blackguard  
27. Tub spread  
29. Type of wood  
31. Posttraumatic stress disorder  
32. Indian monetary unit  
33. Leered  
34. Nightly tv show

DOWN  
1. Repeat  
2. Power system  
3. Departed  
4. Sward  
5. Former president of U.S.  
6. Jumped  
7. Facial soap brand  
8. Peck  
10. Robe  
16. Transgressor  
18. Acidity  
19. Big Apple  
20. Jolting  
21. Very fat  
22. Strong cord  
24. Manage  
25. Fresh  
26. Colors  
28. Queer  
30. Hamburger holder

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Crossword Solution

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Section 901

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

City of Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi  
Woodrow Wilson Avenue Improvements Project  
Federal Aid Project No. STP-7281-00(004) LPA/ 107549-701000

The CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI will receive bids for the Woodrow Wilson Avenue Improvement Project from Mill Street to just west of the I-55 ramps, Federal Aid Project No. STP-7281-00(004)LPA/ 107549-701000 no later than 3:30 p.m., local time, Tuesday, March 24, 2020 , in the City Clerk's office of Jackson, at which time said bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the City Hall located 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi.

The work shall consist essentially of the following items:

Mill and overlay of existing lanes of Woodrow Wilson Avenue from Mill Street to just west of the I-55 ramps, repair existing underlying concrete pavement where indicated in the plans and as determined by the Engineer, construct a shared use path and related curb and gutter and storm drain system improvements from State Street to the Peachtree Street, and construct a third westbound lane from Peachtree Street to just west of the I-55 ramps for a total project length of 1.18 miles.

The above general outline of features of the work does not in any way limit the responsibility of the contractor to perform all work and furnish all plant, labor, equipment and materials required by the specifications and the drawings referred to therein.

The attention of bidders is directed to the Contract Provisions governing selection and employment of labor. Minimum wage rates for Federal-Aid projects have been predetermined by the Secretary of Labor and are subject to Public Law 87-581 Work Hours Act of 1962, as set forth in the Contract Provisions.

The City of Jackson hereby notifies all Bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged and women's business enterprises will be afforded the full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The award of this contract will be contingent upon the Contractor satisfying the DBE/WBE requirements. The DBE goal will be 6%.

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The contract Documents are on file and may be examined at the following locations:

- City of Jackson, Department of Public Works, 219 S. President St Jackson, MS, 39205
- Michael Baker International, Inc., 310 New Pointe Dr., Ridgeland, MS 39157
- Official bid documents can be downloaded from Central Bidding at www.centralauctionhouse.com. Electronic bids can be submitted at www.centralbidding.com. For any questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814.

Copies of the Proposal and Contract Documents may be obtained at Michael Baker International, Inc. upon payment of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for each set, none of which is refundable.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Certified Check on a solvent bank or a Bidder's Bond issued by a Surety Company licensed to operate in the State of Mississippi, in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total bid price, payable to the City of Jackson Board of Aldermen as bid security. Bidders shall also submit a current financial statement, if requested by the City. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount.

The proposal and contract documents in its entirety shall be submitted in a sealed envelope and deposited with the City Clerk, 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi prior to the hour and date above designated. Stripped Proposals will be rejected. Bidders may not withdraw their bid within sixty (60) days after the date of the actual bid opening without consent of the City of Jackson.

Work to be performed shall be in accordance with the "Mississippi Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, 2017 Edition", together with all amendments and/or special provisions and/or addenda to the standards duly approved and adopted, unless otherwise noted in these specifications.

The attention of bidders is directed to the provisions of Subsection 102.07 pertaining to irregular proposals and rejection of bids.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities.

Robert K. Miller  
Director  
Department of Public Works

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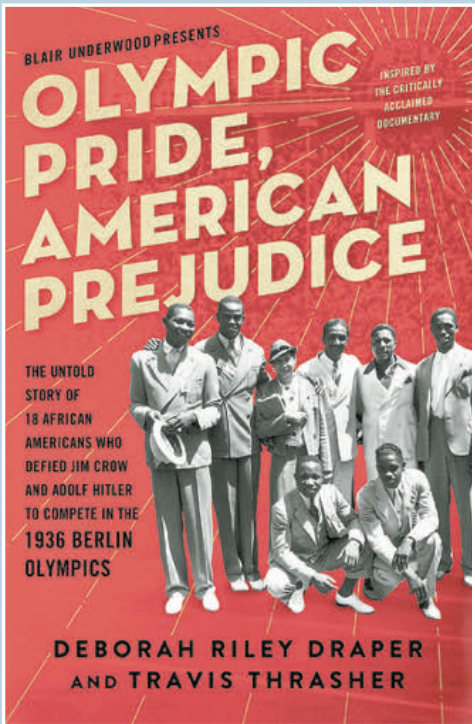
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By Terri Schlichenmeyer  
*Columnist*

You’ve always held such promise. People could see it in you, starting when you were small: you were going to go places, do good, make a mark on the world. They were proud to know you, happy to watch you land until – except – as in “Blair Underwood Presents Olympic Pride, American Prejudice” by Deborah Riley Draper and Travis Thrasher, the promise was broken but not by you.

Although Eddie Tolan was one heckuva runner, and though

he’d won two gold medals, by 1933, he was done. The 1932 Olympics were over and so was Tolan’s career because he knew that opportunities for African-American athletes were few and “simply getting by may be his best path forward.”

Ralph Metcalfe hated to see that, but it wasn’t entirely bad news. He, too, was a medal winner in ‘32, and he had his sights set on running the 100-meter dash in Berlin in 1936. Competition was bad enough; seeing Tolan literally out of the running was a relief.

Metcalfe wasn’t the only

African-American athlete hoping for glory in Berlin. Max Robinson knew he’d have to run against Jesse Owen and that would take some planning. No problem; Max had to set an example for his little brother, Jackie Robinson anyhow. Archie Williams wanted to run, but he wanted an education more; medals were good, but his future held a degree in engineering. Louise Stokes was a record-breaker, and she and Tidy Pickett were fast friends, in part because they were the only two black women on the 1936 track team and sticking together

helped them deal with the racism from inside and outside that team.

Altogether, there were eighteen African-American athletes who boarded a luxury cruise ship and set sail for Berlin – but not quickly. Not until officials decided that despite what Germany and its leader represented, America would compete against the Nazis...

Believe it or not, it’s not the descriptions of the competitions that make “Olympic Pride, American Prejudice” so heart-pounding – although that’s pretty exciting stuff.

It’s not the fact that authors Deborah Riley Draper, Blair Underwood and Travis Thrasher show the outrageous racism endured by elite athletes of the time, and were then forgotten – although you’ll have to pick your jaw up every few pages, so beware.

No, the thing inside this book that’ll make you catch your breath is something that swims just beneath the story, something so malevolent that the authors don’t, initially, even have to give it a name to scare readers plenty.

You’ll absolutely love the

stories of these athletes, each of which starts in their childhoods and moves forward to their competitions and beyond. After knowing what they endured, and disappointments they had because of racism, you may feel like righting more wrongs that have already been remedied.

These things are true. But it’s a maniacal dictator that gives this book its chill.

Step up and find this tale, then step back in time. If you need a fascinating history book now, “Olympic Pride, American Prejudice” holds that promise.

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# Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated – Alpha Delta Zeta Chapter Financial Fitness Workshop

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*  
Jackson Mississippi- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Alpha Delta Zeta Chapter, presented a Financial Fitness Workshop held on Saturday, February 1, 2020 at New Jerusalem Church - Altawoods location. “The keynote speaker, Ms. Geraldyn Terry, Regional

Operations Manager Liberty Bank, provided an overview of Money Smart and Financial Literacy Training. Ms. Terry was very informative and highlighted the importance of managing finances to include money values, budgeting, credit reports and scores, and protecting your identity. The program also highlight-

ed Mr. Larry C. Brunch Chair of Board of Directors for Veritas Federal Credit Union- Official Credit for Nissan. Mr. Brunch touched on utilizing exchange rates, budgeting and reasons for debt. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated National Initiative is Z-HOPE, Zetas Helping Other People Excel.

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From the desk of

MIKE BLOOMBERG

Dear Reader,

Thank you for taking the time to learn about The Greenwood Initiative.

As someone who has been very lucky in life, I often say my story would only have been possible in America – and that’s true. But I also know that because of the artificial barriers of discrimination, my story likely would have turned out very differently if I had been Black, and that more Black Americans of my generation would have ended up with far more wealth, had they been white.

**Building Generational Wealth for Black Families is Critical.** That’s why I launched The Greenwood Initiative in Tulsa last month. I visited the site of the Black Wall Street Massacre, where a white mob decimated the prosperous community of Greenwood. It is to the memory of the lost lives and promise of Greenwood that we’ve dedicated The Greenwood Initiative: a plan to address the systematic bias that has kept Black Americans from building wealth.

**THE GREENWOOD PLAN WILL:**

- Create 1 million new Black homeowners
- Double the number of new Black-owned businesses
- Invest \$70 billion in the country’s 100 most disadvantaged neighborhoods

**Fixing the System for Black Families.** When I was mayor of New York, I was proud to take on the systematic inequality that held back too many New Yorkers. **We increased education funding, built 650 new schools and raised Black graduation rates to record highs.** We led an ambitious effort to reduce poverty and managed the largest amount of affordable housing in the nation. And as President, I will work even more aggressively to combat inequality nationwide.

I understand that undoing generations of systematic discrimination won’t happen overnight, but we can make progress with a clear vision and a comprehensive plan. I’ve included a pamphlet along with this letter that lays out my plan. When I’m President, implementing The Greenwood Initiative: will be a top priority.

**Join me in ending the systemic inequality that has held Black Americans back for too long!**

Sincerely,

  
Mike Bloomberg



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