



# Michael Bloomberg ends presidential campaign and endorses Joe Biden

By Emily Larsen  
Associated Press

Michael Bloomberg dropped out of the Democratic presidential race and endorsed Joe Biden, marking the end of a high-spending, self-funded campaign that rejected conventional campaign tactics.

His announcement comes as early results in Super Tuesday states show that he failed to become the choice of centrists as dropout candidates and Democratic leaders coalesced around the former vice president in the days before the Super Tuesday contests.

“I’m a believer in using data to inform decisions. After yesterday’s results, the delegate math has become virtually impossible — and a viable path to the nomination no longer exists,” Bloomberg said in a statement released March 4, the day after the elections.

He endorsed centrist ally Biden in an apparent bid to stop socialist Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders from winning the Democratic



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presidential nomination. “I’ve always believed that defeating Donald Trump starts with uniting behind the candidate with the best shot to do it. After yesterday’s vote, it is clear that candidate

is my friend and a great American, Joe Biden,” Bloomberg said.

He joins fellow dropout candidates former South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg, Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar and former

Texas Rep. Beto O’Rourke in backing Biden as the last remaining centrist alternative to Sanders.

Bloomberg, 78, made his late

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## NNPA NEWSWIRE SPECIAL REPORT

# Fear of the Coronavirus is palpable

By Stacy M. Brown  
NNPA Newswire Correspondent

The coronavirus (COVID-19) is no longer a problem just for China.

The deadly illness now has many panicking, as new cases are diagnosed daily.

The disease reportedly has affected 70 countries, with 90,000 cases and 3,100 deaths. The vast majority of cases and deaths have been in China.

As of March 3, there are 80 reported cases of the virus in the United States. These include 40 Americans who were aboard a cruise ship recently detained in Japan.

Washington State health officials reported that six people there have died from the virus. Meanwhile, on March 2, Georgia’s health department announced the state’s first two confirmed diagnoses of the virus.

In the nation’s capital, which boasts a population comprised

of people from nearly every country, officials continued testing for the virus.

This week, Washington, D.C. officials announced they had tested the sixth person suspected of having the virus since the December 2019 outbreak of the disease.

In D.C.’s Ward 7, whose residents are predominately African-American, City Councilman Vincent Gray voiced his concerns, saying, “As part of my oversight of the Department of Health, I have had numerous questions regarding the district’s response to potential threats of the coronavirus including how we conduct tests and prepare residents for any health risks associated with the spread of this deadly virus.”

Glenn Ellis, writing in a guest column for the *Philadelphia Tribune*, questions the future

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## WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH

# ‘A quiet soldier’ of Civil Rights celebrates 95 historic years ‘Mother Maxine is a walking history book,’ voiced Pastor Hall

By Gail M. Brown  
Guest Writer

March is Women’s History Month and Holmes County native Elma Maxine Howard Smith has seen and been involved in a great deal of history. Recently, family, friends, church members and former students of the matriarch packed the fellowship hall of Holy Temple Baptist Church in West Jackson for “her 95th birthday celebration. Also known as Mother Maxine, Smith is a longtime member of Mt. Moriah M.B. Church of Pickens, Miss., and an associate member of Holy Temple.

The crowd gathered from as far East as New Jersey and as far West as Colorado to praise God in celebration of her longevity.

“If one would stop and simply allow her to expound, one would discover that she is a walking history book,” said Rev. Audrey Lynne Hall, pastor of Holy Temple. “I love to hear her speak with pride about being a classmate of



Smith

the late great Medgar Evers at ‘Alcorn College’ as it was known then.”

As a historical reference for younger readers, Medgar Evers (1925-1963), a Decatur, Mississippi native, was an African-American civil rights activist and National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) field secretary for Mississippi, whose murder drew national attention. Evers had been subjected to threats for being considered the most visible civil rights leader in the state. He was shot to

death in June 1963. (History.com). His Jackson, Miss. home today is one of Mississippi’s frequently-visited historic points of interest by many tourists.

Although not widely known due to threats of reprisal, Smith and other educators, were also woven into the fabrics of Black History, Mississippi History, American History and Women’s History.

“Our mother did civil rights work in the background because of her and her husband being educators and not wanting to lose their jobs,” said her eldest son, Dr. Langston D. Smith of Silver Springs, Maryland. “She was a strategist. She didn’t hold up a banner or wave a flag during the civil rights struggle. She was a ‘quiet soldier’ who worked without ceasing for the betterment of her people,” he added.

Numerous black educators throughout the South worked behind the scenes. Occasionally criticized by their peers for not being vocal, they still made a positive

impact.

Emory University Professor Vanessa Siddle Walker, who has studied and written about the segregated schooling of black children, shares in her book, *The Lost Education of Horace Tate: Uncovering the Hidden Heroes Who Fought for Justice in Schools*, “the little-known story of how black educators in the South — courageously and covertly — laid the groundwork for 1954’s *Brown v. Board of Education* and weathered its aftermath” (Melinda D. Anderson, *The Atlantic*, Aug. 9, 2018).

A retired Mississippi educator of 39 years, Mother Maxine is a lifetime member of the NAACP. She is also a member of the Holmes County Chapter of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party (MFDP). The MFDP “was founded April 26, 1964 as part of a voter registration project for African Americans in the state. For over half a century blacks in Mississippi had attempted to at-

tend regular Democratic Party meetings and conventions but were continually denied entry. They formed the MFDP, which welcomed both whites and blacks, to run several candidates for the Senate and Congressional elections June 2, 1964.” (<https://www.blackpast.org/african-american-history/mississippi-freedom-democratic-party/>)

Smith humbly recalls meeting civil rights champion Fannie Lou Hammer, one of the MFDP founders. Smith feels that the hard work and endurance of MFDP was instrumental in Mississippi African Americans finally getting the opportunity to attend regular Democratic Party National Conventions.

Smith was proud to have been chosen to serve as one of Mississippi’s delegates to the Democratic National Convention in 1992.

“It was the year that the young man from Arkansas became the nominee and won the presidency,” she said in her quiet, articulate voice. “I remember that it was so

cold to me at the convention,” she added.

Holmes County Deputy Sheriff Sam Chambers, who was one of Smith’s former students from 1971 to 1975 at Durant Attendance Center, now Williams-Sullivan Middle School, and also a fellow Mt. Moriah church member, was among the guests at the celebration. He said he received very valuable lessons and guidance from Smith as a student.

“She was quiet spoken but would get the point over to you,” Chambers stressed. He stated that her involvement in politics as the chairperson of the Holmes County Democratic Executive Committee was exemplary to and for the entire county. He said that she has been [and still is] a strong pillar and example to all who know her.

Smith served several terms as president of the Holmes County Democratic Executive Committee. She also holds membership in

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# Butler Snow Attorney Tray Hairston selected for Leadership Council on Legal Diversity Fellows Program

## Mississippi Link Newswire

Butler Snow attorney Tray Hairston has been selected to participate in the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD) Fellows program. Hairston is the fourth Butler Snow attorney to be selected for the program.

LCLD is an organization of more than 320 corporate chief legal officers and law firm managing partners who have dedicated themselves to creating a truly diverse U.S. legal profession. The organization carries out its mission by implementing action programs designed to attract, inspire and nurture diverse talent within their member organizations, thereby helping a new and more diverse generation of attorneys ascend to leadership positions.

Launched in 2011, LCLD’s fellows program selects high-potential, mid-career attorneys from diverse backgrounds and sets them on the path to leadership of their organizations.

Participants will embark on a year-long professional development regimen that includes in-person conferences, training in the

fine points of legal practice, peer-group projects to foster collaboration and building relationships and extensive contact with LCLD’s top leadership.

“Tray’s dedication and commitment to making an impact on our profession and the clients we serve is reinforced by this prestigious recognition,” said Christopher R. Maddux, chair of Butler Snow. “We applaud him as he joins a select group of accomplished attorneys from diverse backgrounds who have been recognized for their efforts to promote inclusivity in their organizations.”

Hairston is a member of Butler Snow’s public finance, tax incentives and credit markets group. He concentrates his practice on public finance and economic development matters, including all types of municipal bond issues, serving as bond counsel for both taxable and tax-exempt financings. He has served as bond counsel for various cities and counties and has worked on transactions totaling more than \$100 million.

Prior to his legal career, Hairston served as counsel and economic

development policy advisor to Mississippi Gov. Phil Bryant. He was also a member of the Global Business Division at the Mississippi Development Authority where he provided project management assistance to companies and consultants looking to locate new businesses in Mississippi. He also previously served as an adjunct law professor at the Mississippi College School of Law. Hairston regularly publishes scholarly legal articles, with his most recently published paper titled “The Future of Economic Development, 35 Miss. C.L. Rev. 370 (2017)”. Hairston has also served as a lecturer at the Trent Lott National Center for Excellence in Economic Development and Entrepreneurship at The University of Southern Mississippi in the school’s Masters of Economic Development Program.

The Bond Buyer has also recognized Hairston as a Rising Star. The publication’s Rising Stars program honors 28 municipal finance professionals under the age of 40 throughout the country whose leadership, collaborative spirit and innovative work with issuers has

positively impacted their communities. Rising Stars are nominated by their peers, and submissions are judged by a panel of municipal finance leaders throughout the country and The Bond Buyer’s editorial leadership team.

Additional accolades include being recognized by Mid-South Super Lawyers® for Government Finance (2016-2019), Mississippi College School of Law as Young Lawyer of the Year (2013) and Mississippi Business Journal as one of its Top 40 under 40 (2012-2013). Hairston is a member of the National Association of Bond Lawyers, International Economic Development Council, Southern Economic Development Council, Mississippi Economic Development Council and Mississippi Bar Association. He received his undergraduate degree from Tougaloo College, his MBA from Belhaven College and his Juris Doctor from the Mississippi College School of Law.

Butler Snow attorneys Gadson William (Will) Perry, Ashley N. Wicks and Kathleen Ingram Carington are also fellows of LCLD.



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the Mississippi Association of Educators (MAE), Holmes County Association of Educators (past president), Holmes County Retired Teachers Association, TRIAD (The Right Information and Direction) of Holmes County, Heroines of Jericho, and the Order of Eastern Star.

Reflecting on their history-making mother, Smith’s children appreciate her parenting skills and positive impact on their life.

Kermit Smith, her third child, said one thing he has always carried in life taught to him by his mother is: Always treat people the way you want to be treated. If you offend or mistreat someone, go to them, acknowledge what you have done. Apologize. If you are wrong, show sincere regret. He said he has lived life that way and truly believes it has benefited him over 69 years of being on earth.

Don Smith, her fourth child, said that their mother taught them to pay God His 10% first, next pay yourself 10% and then pay your bills.

“My mom always said there’s something in a name,” said Corliss Smith Mills, the youngest sibling. “Names have meaning and people take on characteristics of their name. Mom was named Elma after her mother’s oldest sister. Now two of mom’s grandchildren have named their daughters after her: Elma Rose Davis and Zoe Maxine Smith.”

Holy Temple’s Deaconess Cheryl Brown, Smith’s fifth child and caregiver, said her mother was very instrumental in her becoming one of the founding members of the Mississippi Mass Choir. “Mom has been shy, yet outspoken in a gentle quiet way,” said Brown. “She believed in pushing her children and her students whose lives she helped mold during more than 39 years of teaching. Speaking of teaching – she comes from five generations of teachers on her

maternal side.”

Carolyn Smith Massey, her second child, of Cranbury, New Jersey, and an educator of 40-plus years, commented, “Mommy, also known as Madame Butterfly, is the most caring person/mother anyone could ask for. Her patience is stellar and is the best emotion there is. I pray I can take a page from her book of life to not be quick to anger and slow to react. I believe that kind of temperament gives you longevity.”

Speaking of longevity, Langston Smith reflected on how things have changed since his mother was born. “When my mother was born in the Richland Community of Holmes County in 1925, bacon cost .47 a lb., chicken cost .39 a lb. and eggs cost .25 a doz. Many of the guests were amazed.

A church member shared that “Calvin Coolidge was president when Maxine was born.” She also echoed the sentiments that Smith is a walking history book and her life has spanned a total of 23 presidential terms.

When asked what her reaction to the then-Senator (D) Barack Obama being elected the nation’s first African-American president in 2008, she replied, “I got up out of my seat. Stood up and said, it’s about time. The color of his skin did not deter him from reaching his goal – the highest office in the [United States], and he represented all people. To God be the glory.”

The 95-year-old is grateful to God for the progress that her race and country have made that even today, when it is convenient to enter the church through the side door, she refuses any assistance by politely and articulately saying, “We don’t have to enter the back door anymore. I will go through the front, thank you.” She takes her walker and her time and goes through the front door.

# Bloomberg

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entry into the Democratic presidential field in November, reportedly deciding to run after Biden faltered in the polls. His expensive, unconventional campaign met with criticism from his rivals and party insiders.

The former New York City mayor and financial software mogul’s estimated \$56 billion net worth allowed him near-unlimited cash to spend on his bid, and he refused to accept outside donations. Bloomberg placed \$37 million in television ads nationwide, setting a record for money spent on presidential campaign television ads in one week.

In total, Bloomberg spent \$558 million on digital and television advertisements over the course of his campaign, according to ad tracking firm Advertising Analytics, plus more spent on more than 2,000 high-paid staff and other campaign operations.

Despite losing the presidential nomination, Bloomberg has committed to keeping a team of about 500 staff members intact in battleground states through November in order to run operations to defeat President Trump.

Rival candidates scolded Bloomberg for his massive personal spending. Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren ac-

cused Bloomberg of trying to buy the presidency.

Bloomberg skipped competing in the first four nominating contests in Iowa, New Hampshire, South Carolina and Nevada and instead directed resources across Super Tuesday states that were expensive for his competitors to reach. The tactic angered party officials in the early states, who argued candidates should demonstrate traditional grassroots strength.

Rising left-wing factions in the Democratic Party proved to be a challenge for Bloomberg. In the weeks before he launched his campaign, Bloomberg apologized for supporting stop-and-frisk policing tactics that he pushed while he was the mayor of New York City, and his campaign team apologized for his past comments disparaging women.

Democratic presidential debates exposed a stiff candidate unprepared to rebut harsh attacks on his record and alleged treatment of women, particularly from Warren.

“None of them accused me of doing anything, other than maybe they didn’t like a joke I told,” Bloomberg said of the allegations during his first debate, prompting groans from the audience.

# Coronavirus

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impact of the virus on communities of color – what happens if things continued to get worse.

“African Americans are affected disproportionately by every disease and health condition, I’m sure there’s no need to elaborate,” noted Ellis, a Research Bioethics Fellow at Harvard Medical School and author of “Which Doctor?” and “Information is the Best Medicine.”

While more people are wearing masks, individuals who openly cough and sneeze are now subjected to worrisome glares from others.

The virus also has affected pro sports.

The National Basketball Association has directed its players to give fist-bumps instead of high-fives and have urged them not to sign autographs.

Because of the historical disparities in health conditions and disease, experts say it’s understandable why those in communities of color would display the most concern about the virus.

“Communities of color should understand that, similar to other viruses, the way to help prevent the spread is by using good hygiene such as washing your hands frequently,” noted Dr. Amber Robins, a physician with Your Doctors Online, a website that allows people to chat with a board-licensed doctor for consultations on various health concerns. “Also, staying home when you’re sick, and covering your cough with your elbow or a tissue,” Robins told NNPA Newswire, adding that the coronavirus seems more dangerous for the elderly and individuals with underlying health conditions.

The World Health Organization reported that age-related death risk probably reflects the strength, or weakness, of an individual’s respiratory system.

Meanwhile, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) noted that there have been very few reports of the clinical outcomes for children with the coronavirus.

CDC officials note that limited information from China suggests that children with confirmed cases of the illness may present with mild symptoms and though there’s been reports of severe complications, they appear uncommon.

“The CDC is also recommending communities to be prepared for a possible spread of the coronavirus,” Robins stated. “For the communities with confirmed cases of coronavirus, they recommend canceling social

events, making preparations to work from home and preparing for school dismissals.”

NNPA Newswire asked Ayanna Julien, the managing editor of the life insurance site, Quickquote.com, about the coronavirus and the overall health disparities routinely experienced in communities of color.

“Communities of color need to understand that the symptoms of the coronavirus will present very much like a common cold – i.e., a runny nose, cough, sore throat, fever, shortness of breath and headache,” Julien responded.

“As with the common cold, anyone with a weakened immune system, such as the elderly and children or those with a pre-existing health condition, are most at risk, so extra care should go to them.”

“Also, communities of color need to know that you or someone you know could already have it and not know it can take up to 14 days before symptoms present. So, as a precaution, it’s best that you and your loved ones always practice covering your mouth when you cough and distancing yourselves from others when they sneeze or cough,” Julien added.

Julien encourages the frequent washing of hands – for at least 20 seconds at a time.

She also recommended the use of disinfectants to keep common areas clean and limit the spread of germs, and to wear a face mask and gloves when in direct or indirect contact with the secretions of someone who appears sick or otherwise limit exposure to that individual.

“Because the typical symptoms of coronavirus present similar to a common cold, the most important thing for communities of color to understand is that it’s critical to act quickly if you start to notice these symptoms,” Julien said.

“The best-case scenario is that it may be the common cold. But the worst-case scenario is that it may not be, and the longer you wait to seek medical care for confirmation and treatment, the worse it can get, including spreading it to others and potential death.”

She continued:

“Knowledge is power, and the best thing communities of color can do right now is to tell others about the coronavirus and how to be proactive against the spread of the virus, both among loved ones and strangers. Also, when someone appears to have symptoms, then seek medical care immediately. Don’t wait and stay safe.”



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## Jackson/Hinds Library System receives Literacy Award



(L to R) Dave Miller, Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life; Patty Furr, Jackson/Hinds Library System; Ava Pomerantz and Rachel Glazer, both with Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life

### Mississippi Link Newswire

The Mississippi Library Commission (MLC) annually awards the Jane Smith Literacy Award, which recognizes an existing literacy project or program that is outside of traditional library service, is innovative in nature, and held in a Mississippi public library.

Jackson/Hinds Library System won the 2020 Jane Smith Literacy Award for their ongoing "Our Reading Family" program, which connects families with books and reading skills. Families with children from 5-9 are invited to attend, and childcare is provided for younger siblings as well.

For six Saturdays, families play literacy games, hear storytellers and are tutored in phonics and literacy activities to do at home. Since the program started in 2017, over 600 families have been through the program. Jackson/Hinds partners with the Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life and the Junior League of Jackson.

The Mississippi Center for the Book is one of 50 state affiliates of the Center for the Book at the Library of Congress. The center's mission is to promote books, reading, libraries and literacy in

society.

The Center for the Book was established in 1977 as a public-private partnership to use the resources of the Library of Congress to stimulate public interest in books and reading. More specifically, Mississippi's Center for the Book is devoted to promoting and exploring Mississippi's rich literary heritage through statewide activities.

The Mississippi Center for the Book is housed at the Mississippi Library Commission.

The Mississippi Library Commission supports innovative programs and initiatives to strengthen and enhance library services for all Mississippians. The agency is funded by the Mississippi Legislature, with additional funding provided through the Institute of Museum and Library Services under provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). MLC offers leadership in library services, advocacy, and training for library professionals and paraprofessionals.

For more information, contact Mississippi Center for the Book Director Tracy Carr at [tcarr@mlc.lib.ms.us](mailto:tcarr@mlc.lib.ms.us) or visit [www.lettersaboutliterature.org](http://www.lettersaboutliterature.org).



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# Sam Bailey remembered but not in an ordinary way



Pencil Rendering of Sam Bailey by local artist Gail Gettis

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The tradition of honoring an ordinary man continues to be a heart-felt event at College Hill Baptist Church in Jackson, as shown during the 2020 Sam Bailey Scholarship Banquet. The event, hosted by the ladies of Mission Circle #6 of College Hill, continues to be an evening of recognition and reflection for a community icon.

The late Sam Bailey, an ordinary man who many say accomplished extraordinary things, was a longtime member of College Hill. He also served the community as a civil rights advocate while working with Medgar Evers who served as the NAACP Mississippi Field Secretary.

Bailey was a railroad worker who fought for better conditions for black workers in the 1940's. In 1961, he united with others to lead a federal suit to desegregate public transportation and accommodations in Mississippi. The outcome was victorious.

Bailey would later serve as president of the Jackson branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, alongside Evers, in an effort to se-



Gail Gettis bringing welcome.

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Pam Confer with Pamela Junion (center) and Debra McGee



Milalai Walden with Emma Holmes



Emma Holmes with Jerry Mitchell III



Jimmy Coleman and Daphne Higgins



Cianna Reeves and Kelvin Jones

cure racial equality in the state.

Staying true to the program's theme – "Honoring the Legacy: In Pursuit of Excellence," the speaker for the evening, Pamela Junion, the director of Two Mississippi Museums (The Museum of Mississippi History and the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum) delivered an address that recalled her personal interaction with Bailey, while evoking her own past as a child growing up in west Jackson's Washington Addition. Junion, a Jackson State University graduate, is the former museum manager of the Smith Robertson Museum and Cultural Center in Jackson.

Members of Bailey's family were special guests for the eve-

ning. Junion spoke directly to them acknowledging his large stature and his compassionate heart. She shared that his presence in the community made a difference in her life.

The program also paid tribute to the church's high school seniors by awarding scholarships. Deacon Jimmy Coleman presented scholarship awards to two College Hill members.

Milalai Walden was the recipient of the Sam Bailey Ordinary Man Scholarship award. She is a member of the National Honor Society and the band at Murrah High School. At College Hill, she is active with the Usher Ministry, The Girl Scouts, the Youth Ministry and Sunday School.

Jerry Mitchell III was the recipient of the Sam Bailey Book stipend. Jerry, who serves as Mr. Jim Hill High School, is an honor student and an athlete. He is a member of the church's youth ministry.

Daphne Monix Higgins, a 25-year member of College Hill, received the Black Achievers Award. Higgins is an active member of the church, serving as a deaconess, chair of the College Ministry, Wednesday Night Bible Study and Sunday School teacher and a member of both the General Mission (Circle #1) and the Public Relations Ministry. She is the original chair of church's Children's Church. Higgins works with Holmes Community Col-

lege's Workforce and Adult Education Development Department, while also fulfilling her dream as an entrepreneur as the owner of C. Alexander Enhancement Services. She is the former Religion Editor of *The Mississippi Link Newspaper* and continues to do freelance work for the paper.

Daphne is involved in several community organizations. She is a member of the Madison County (MS) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the Jackson State University/Madison County and National Alumni Associations. She currently serves as a board member for the South Central Community Action Agency.

The evening ended with Cian-

na Reeves, a College Hill member who is a senior mass communications major at Jackson State University, showcasing a presentation: "A Tragedy to Triumph," created by her and seven fellow classmates. The video tells the story of Phillip Gibbs and James Green, two young men killed during the riot on the campus of Jackson State College May 15, 1970.

The program, emceed by Timothy Rush, ended as it began, with pride that College Hill members are delighted to honor the elders of their past, embrace those who serve in the present and remain in pursuit of and support the excellence of their youth and the generations to come.

## In Memoriam • Jones Brown • April 19, 1918 - February 23, 2020



Brown

Jones Brown, affectionately known as "Bro" or "Uncle Bruh," was born April 19, 1918 to the late John and Bessie Shearrill Brown. He was the 2nd of 15 children born to this union.

The seeds of his life were planted in Farmhaven, MS and Chicago, IL. He was educated in the Madison County public school system.

Private Jones Brown was a rifle marksman while serving in the

U.S. Army from 1942-45. He spent time in Central Europe. He received the European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the WW II Victory Medal and a Good Conduct Medal.

He worked at Ford Motor Company in Chicago and retired in 1987.

Jones married Agnes in his early years. He married Ada Lee in 2002.

They were delighted when their daughter Danielle entered their lives in 2006.

Jones accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior. He was a member of Crossroads Church of God.

Along with his brothers, Jones was a neighborhood "handy man" and building contractor. He completed the State Fire Academy as a Madison County Volunteer firefighter. He had a green thumb and

took great pleasure in tending his garden.

On Sunday, February 23, 2020, after an extended illness, Jones moved to his holy home. His earthly reward was exemplified through a praiseworthy and glorious life, and an abundant love for his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Agnes, four brothers and seven sisters.

Jones is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Ada; daughter Danielle; brother Leo Brown (Canton, MS) and sisters Estelle Williams (Jerome) of St. Louis, MO and Bessie Word (Chicago, IL); one brother-in-law; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He had a close relationship with his nephew Jeffrey Smith (Chicago, IL) and acted as his surrogate father.



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# JPS senior athletes commit to colleges at National Signing Day celebrations

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All seven JPS high schools hosted signing day events on National Signing Day, Wednesday, February 5. While some of our senior-athletes are still weighing their options, at least 20 have announced the schools they will be playing for next year. Here are some of the highlights:

Callaway High School had the most recruits by a single institution with four of their football players accepting offers to play at Hinds Community College.

Provine had two commits to four-year schools. Javorrius Selmon, a top-rated cornerback, signed a letter to play at Mississippi State next year. Multi-sport athlete Kelvin Gardner chose Millsaps College over Mississippi State University for academics and soccer.

For Wingfield Falcons football player Joshua Hargrove “going the distance” takes on a new meaning. Twice recognized by MaxPreps as Defensive Player of the Game in the 2019 football season, Hargrove has accepted an offer to play at Nichols College in Dudley, Massachusetts.

**Callaway Chargers**  
Thaddeus Bishop, Hinds Community College (football)  
Sharisse Bridges, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College (girls basketball)  
Emahd Dabney, Hinds Community College (football)

Kosner Haley, Holmes Community College (football)  
Sharman Holmes, Hinds Community College (football)  
Deontez White, Hinds Community College (football)  
Zacchaeus Williams, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College (football)  
Liqouri Young, Co-Lin Community College (football)

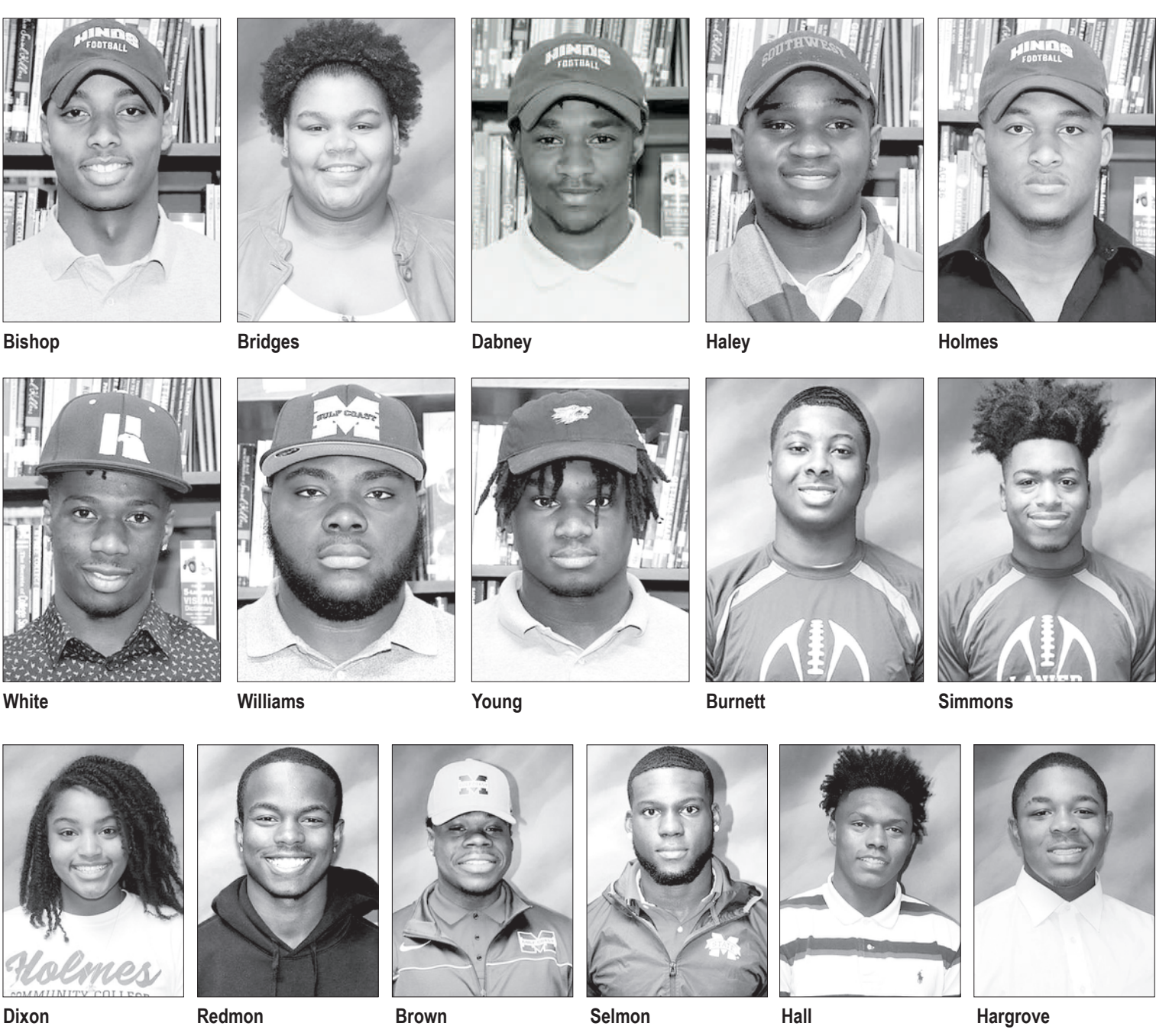
**Forest Hill Patriots**  
Chris Hughes, Hinds Community College (football)  
William McCollum, Colin Community College (football)

**Lanier Bulldogs**  
Zacchaeus Burnett, Coahoma Community College (football)  
Jaylin Simmons, Coahoma Community College (football)

**Murrah Mustangs**  
Zoe Dixon, Holmes Community College (girls soccer)  
Desmon Redmon, Hinds Community College (boys soccer)

**Provine Rams**  
John Brown, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College (football)  
Dearion Henry, Holmes Community College (football)  
Javorrius Selmon, Mississippi State University (football)  
Kelvin Gardner, Millsaps College (boys soccer)

**Wingfield Falcons**  
Tyrese Hall, Mississippi Delta Community College (football)  
Joshua Hargrove, Nichols College (football)



Shepherd

## Attorney Shepherd retiring from Jackson Public Schools

*Mississippi Link Newswire*

Attorney JoAnne Nelson Shepherd, general counsel for the Jackson Public School District, is retiring after 27 years of service. She was the district’s first staff attorney.

Shepherd earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Mississippi. She then attended the University of Mississippi School of Law where she earned her Juris Doctor degree. She served two terms on the board of directors of the Council of School Attorneys (COSA) of the National School Board Association. She is past chair of the In-house

COSA Group. She is past president and board member of the Council of School Board Attorneys of the Mississippi School Boards Association.

Shepherd is a member of the Mississippi State Bar, the Magnolia Bar Association, the American Bar Association and the Defense Research Institute.

She is also licensed to practice law before the United States Supreme Court of America.

She is listed in the Bond Buyer’s Municipal Marketplace Directory in the education issue specialization as sole bond counsel.

Shepherd has presented on numerous school law topics including but not limited to sexual harassment, bullying, employment, student records and privacy and student discipline.

She has successfully tried cases in both federal and state courts.

Shepherd is the author of “Free Speech and the Enforcement of Dress Codes and Mandatory Uniforms in Mississippi Public Schools,” which was published in the Mississippi College Law Review. She also wrote “Laying Down the Law,” which was published in the American School Board Journal.

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# HCCSD helping Tchula flood victims



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Forty-two families in the Tchula area of Holmes County have been displaced by the recent flooding.

At least 25 students in SV Marshall Elementary School are affected. They have either sought shelter in the (former) Mileston Middle School building in Mileston, MS or they're staying with family and friends in the Holmes County area.

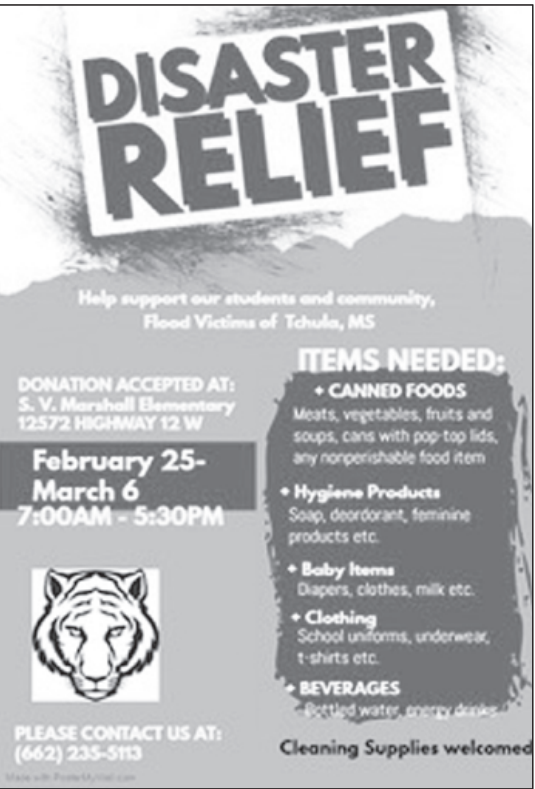
These families have lost the things most of us take for granted, such as household goods, food, clothing, and the daily essentials, such as personal hygiene items, that everyone needs.

Shaqueta Jefferson, mother of four SV Marshall students, said that she and her family were forced out of their home when the water got up to the top step and the electricity was cut off. She said they are staying with her sister in a part of Tchula not flooded. She said, "I wasn't in Tchula last year to see the flooding, so I didn't know it could get this bad. It means a lot to me that my child's school is collecting things to help us out."

SV Marshall principal Karina Peterson said that this is the second consecutive year she's had students suffer from flooding in Tchula. "To see, not even a year later, the same devastation in the same area is really heart-wrenching. What saddens me most is that the flood waters have caused families to be displaced to shelters and the homes of relatives. I can just imagine the frustration and loss the families are feeling."

The faculty, staff and student body of SV Marshall is participating in the Disaster Relief drive from February 25 through March 6. Donations are accepted at the school at 12572 Highway 12W from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Families who need assistance are invited to pick up any needed donations on March 6.

Peterson said she wants the Tchula community to know that SV Marshall Elementary is their child's second home and the SVME family won't sit back and not do anything. "The SVME family has reached out to families and community



members to determine the needs of those affected by the flood. We are collecting items to donate to these families to provide some relief from the disaster."

Superintendent of Schools James L. Henderson said, "Our hearts go out to the families of Tchula. Suffering catastrophic loss two years in a row at the hand of Mother Nature is never easy, no matter how resilient we are. We are contributing to the relief fund to help support our students and their families and we hope our efforts can ease their pain. Our students are our number one priority and we want to ensure that they have what they need; we are here for them in all that we do."

*For more information contact Deborah Antoine, media spokesperson, by email: dantoine@holmesccsd.org, or call 662 854-3447.*

# Hinds CC names hoops court after longtime coach, mentor

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

Hinds Community College named the basketball court inside J.D. Boyd Gymnasium on the Utica Campus after former basketball coach Earl Joe Nelson during a brief program Feb. 17 between the women's and men's scheduled games.

Daryl Nelson, one of Nelson's two sons, was among those who addressed the crowd during the program.

"A good coach can change a game," Daryl said. "But a great coach can change a life. He changed many lives here. He affected my life tremendously. He was a mentor, a coach and friend to several people here right now. He had that competitive spirit and nature, and he instilled that in you."

Nelson coached the men's basketball team at Hinds for 17 years, starting in 1977 when the campus was Utica Junior College. His time as coach included state championships in 1978-1979 and 1989-1990, the latter of which was the program's first season playing home games on the Utica Campus. The Mississippi Junior College Athletics Association named him Coach of the Year for the 1989-1990 season.

His coaching career spanned 29 seasons in all, including his



Nelson family.

years at Hinds County Agricultural High School.

He produced six junior college All-Americans, five of whom played professional basketball. In 1975, he was named national Alumni of the Year in sports by Jackson State University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in Health and Physical Education. He later earned a master's degree in Administration of Athletic Recreation from the University of Southern Mississippi. He died in June 2012.

Utica Campus Vice President Sherry Franklin emceed the program. Dale Sullivan, of Copiah County, the longest-serving member of the college's Board of Trustees, dating back to the campus' existence as Utica Ju-

nior College, also spoke to the crowd.

"If it wasn't for trailblazers like coach Nelson, we wouldn't have this facility or a place for this team," Sullivan said. "So we give a special tribute tonight to him and what he did for us."

Hinds President Clyde Muse noted Nelson's accomplishments and the recent upgrades to Boyd Gymnasium.

"This facility just underwent over \$1 million in renovations," he said. "There is new heating, air condition, roofing, flooring and more. This makes this building among the finest in the junior college circuit and the finest in Region 23. We know it will serve many students well in the future."

# NFL legend Michael Vick visits Alcorn on National Empowerment Tour



*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

Thirteen-year NFL veteran Michael Vick visited Alcorn State University during his HBCU tour to encourage students to defy the odds to reach their goals.

The retired four-time pro bowler spoke to students as part of his Empowerment Tour Feb. 26, in the James L. Bolden Student Union Gold Room. About 300 students, faculty and staff listened to Vick's stories about fame, redemption and motivation.

Vick's tour has visited Florida A&M and Port Gibson High School and will continue at Texas Southern University and Grambling State University.

Vick made history in the 2001 NFL Draft by being the first African-American quarterback to be selected with the number one overall pick. He garnered major acclaim as a quarterback for the Atlanta Falcons from 2001-2006.

After a two-year absence from the NFL due to serving prison time for dogfighting, Vick returned to the league and had a career resurgence with the Philadelphia Eagles from 2009-2013. He retired in 2015 after a brief stint with the Pittsburgh Steelers.

While reflecting on his college years at Virginia Tech, Vick spoke about his time as a player and a student. He was honest about his educational shortcomings and how he wishes he would have taken his schoolwork more seriously. He encouraged the students to stay focused on their studies and avoid the mistakes he made.

"Academics are serious," said Vick. "If I could go back and do it again, I would have taken school more seriously. Take advantage of your education from the beginning so you won't have to struggle academically toward the end of your journey. Knowledge is power."

Growing up in a poverty-stricken area in Newport News, Virginia, Vick was determined to rise above his circumstances to live his dream. He encouraged the crowd that they can also achieve their goals by having confidence and working hard to perfect their craft.

"My confidence in my abilities drove me to make it out of my hometown. I always believed that as an athlete, I was better than everyone else. You can strive to be better than everyone in your field, but you can be humble in doing so. The sky is the limit."

With graduation approaching in May, some seniors will soon start looking to begin the next phase of their lives in graduate and professional school and the corporate world. Vick gave them tips



on how to handle themselves when searching for the right opportunities.

"Believe in yourself, have a plan and be patient. I know lots of people who came out of college who weren't patient and made bad decisions because they were eager to make money. Making the wrong decision and rushing into situations will backfire on you. Stick to your passion and build toward your future. It won't happen overnight, but if you work hard and maintain a positive attitude, you'll be okay."

Shifting the conversation to football, Vick shared how inspired he was watching Alcorn great Steve McNair get drafted with the number three overall pick by the Houston Oilers in the 1995 NFL Draft.

"Steve McNair is a legend. When I saw him get drafted by the Oilers, I knew I had a chance. I didn't see many black quarterbacks in the NFL when I was in high school, but then this guy from Alcorn came out of nowhere and did great things."

When asked about being a blueprint for today's black

quarterback, Vick feels proud that his legacy is being carried by NFL quarterbacks like Lamar Jackson, Patrick Mahomes and Deshaun Watson. He credits his God-given ability and his coaches for his success.

"Things happen for a reason. I believe God put me in the quarterback position to be an example to future quarterbacks. My success would not have been possible if it weren't for my coaches and others that supported me. My college coaches taught me so much."

Antonio Austin, a graduate student, majoring in computer science, admired Vick for his openness and willingness to uplift him and his peers.

"It felt great to witness one of the NFL's best players in person on Alcorn's campus," said Austin. "He gave us an inspiring speech that will stay with me forever. He's very courageous for overcoming all of his trials and still managing to have a great career."

After his speech, Vick spent time greeting students, taking pictures and signing autographs.







# State Fire Marshal Mike Chaney warns against using propane cabinet or construction heaters in residential buildings

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

The Mississippi State Fire Marshal's Office has become aware that some people may be using propane cabinet heaters (a/k/a construction heaters) indoors to heat their residence. For safety reasons, these heaters cannot be used in residential buildings.

Cabinet or construction heaters may operate using commonly owned five (5) gallon/twenty (20) pound propane gas cylinders as its fuel source. The gas cylinders are commonly used in outdoor barbeque grills. State law prohibits the storage of twenty (20) pound cylinders in residential buildings, meaning that use indoors is also prohibited.

Some cabinet heater owner's manuals clearly note that such heaters are not for home use and to not use them in a tightly enclosed area. These manuals go on to add that such heaters are designed for use as construction heaters and are intended to be used as temporary heating of buildings or structures under construction, repair and alteration.

Consumers should always read owner's manuals and operating instructions and related product packaging or



This is an example of a propane cabinet heater.

materials before operating anything that uses propane as a fuel source.

These heaters produce or may produce carbon monoxide. If carbon monoxide builds up and is not adequately ventilated, poisoning or death may result. Even the improper storage of propane cylinders has previously led to injury, death and property damage caused by cylinder leaks.

*If you have a question about properly using a heater or storing propane, call the Mississippi State Fire Marshal's Office at 601 359-1061.*

# Mississippi Library Commission presents second Annual Summit Award



Representatives of Mississippi Department of Wildlife Fisheries and Parks were presented with the FY19 Summit Award for excellence in state government publications for Mississippi Outdoors September-October 2019 issue. Pictured are (L) Russ Walsh, chief of staff, Wildlife and (R) Larry Pugh, chief of staff, Fisheries.

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

The Mississippi Library Commission (MLC) collects, catalogs, and maintains an archival collection of over 60,000 Mississippi state agency issued publications as a part of the State Depository Program. State government publications and reference services are accessible to patrons on the second floor of the MLC building at 3881 Eastwood Drive in Jackson and online at the state documents website.

The second annual Summit

Award was awarded recently at MLC, and served to recognize a state agency for excellence in state government publications for FY19.

The Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks won for Mississippi Outdoors, in particular the September-October 2019 issue and the feature "Blanket of Water." Accepting the award at MLC's awards ceremony were Chief of Staff, Wildlife Russ Walsh and Chief of Staff, Fisheries Larry Pugh.

The Mississippi Library

Commission supports innovative programs and initiatives to strengthen and enhance library services for all Mississippians.

The agency is funded by the Mississippi Legislature, with additional funding provided through the Institute of Museum and Library Services under provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).

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# Employees honored for service at Mississippi State Hospital

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Mississippi State Hospital recently honored employees with February anniversaries for their years of service to the hospital.

Service awards are given to MSH employees in the month of their date of hire, beginning with one year and followed by every fifth anniversary year. Employees receive a certificate of appreciation and a service award pin.

The program is sponsored by Friends of Mississippi State Hospital, Inc.

MSH, a program of the Mississippi Department of Mental Health, was founded in 1855 and helps the individuals it serves achieve mental wellness by encouraging hope, promoting safety and supporting recovery. The hospital is accredited by the Joint Commission.



Mississippi State Hospital February service award recipients include: Front row (left to right): Catina Singleton (Florence, 1 year), Kathy Peacock (Brandon, 1 year). Back row (l-r): Brice Batton (Pearl, 1 year), Dr. Duncan Stone (Whitfield, 30 years), Deron Harmon (Pearl, 15 years).

# Thompson announces \$199,657 awarded to the Housing Authority of the City of Canton

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

Recently, United States Representative Bennie G. Thompson (D-MS) announced the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has awarded \$199,657 to the Housing Authority of the City of Canton.

These funds will be used for supportive services and resident empowerment activities, which should enable participating families to increase earned income, make progress toward achieving economic independence and housing self-sufficiency, or, in the case of elderly or disabled residents, help improve living conditions and enable residents to age-in-place.

For more information about this project contact Stanford Beasley, executive director, at 601 859-4032.



# First Lady Elee Reeves brings awareness to heart disease at Governor’s Mansion

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Recently, First Lady Elee Reeves held her first official press conference to bring awareness to heart disease and the risks to women in Mississippi.

Joining American Heart Association staff and volunteers, Go Red for Women Passion Committee members, Circle of Red members, and heart disease survivors, Reeves addressed the importance of celebrating February as Heart Month to highlight the impact of heart disease among Mississippi communities.

“We are gathered today to turn the Governor’s Mansion red for a very specific reason – to help save lives. February is Heart Month, and we need to bring awareness to the fact that heart disease is the number one killer of women and men in Mississippi and our nation,” Reeves said at a press conference inside the Governor’s Mansion. “When we Go Red, we are standing up for the lives of our mothers and our daughters, our sisters, our friends and coworkers.”

Starting at 5 p.m. the Governor’s Mansion will be lit red every night from Wednesday, February 26 through Wednesday, March 4 to help raise awareness of heart disease.



# A statement from Forrest Health president / CEO

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Forrest General Hospital is truly blessed to have some of the most talented doctors in the country as members of our medical staff. As the only level-two trauma and STEMI hospital in the region, we treat patients in a 19-county service area and beyond which encompasses over 600,000 people. From neurosurgeons, trauma surgeons, orthopedic surgeons, cardiologists, cardiothoracic surgeons, vascular surgeons, and many more specialties, we stand ready to meet the needs

of the community we serve.

The Emergency Room (ER) is typically described as the front door of the hospital, generating over 80 percent of hospital admissions. Averaging approximately 85,000 emergency visits per year, Forrest General Hospital is the third busiest ER in the state. You, the public, have entrusted us with the care of you and your family. This is a responsibility that we don’t take lightly. Our mission is to “Do what is best for the patient.”

Our response times in the ER

for lower acuity patients (less ill) have not met our internal expectations, even considering the fact that we treat over 230 patients per day. Although we have provided great care, sometimes our wait times have caused frustration for our patients and families. We can do better. We have heard our patients, and we are going to make changes.

One of these changes is that we have partnered with Relias Healthcare to assist us in the improvement process. Relias, along with many of our exist-

ing Emergency Medical doctors, will implement fresh ideas to help improve our response times. Over the course of the next 12 months, we will also be training our nursing staff on the new processes. We are confident these changes will improve our patient satisfaction.

We appreciate your support as we work towards improvements to meet the demands of our patients. Again, we thank you for entrusting your care to Forrest Health, and we look forward to serving you in the future.

# Health Department advises residents to take precautions after flooding

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) reminds all residents affected by recent flooding that there are precautions to take when returning home and cleaning up after a storm.

## Personal Protection

When cleaning up storm-damaged areas, be sure to wear protective clothing and sturdy shoes to prevent cuts and scratches from debris. Do not let children play in floodwater and discard any items that come into contact with floodwater.

Any food (including food in plastic or glass) medicines, cosmetics or bottled water that has come in contact with floodwater should be discarded. If in doubt, throw it out. Intact cans may be

thoroughly disinfected with one-quarter cup of bleach to one gallon of water, and then used.

## Around Your Home

When cleaning up debris around your home, be sure ladders are secure before climbing on them to clean the roof and gutters. If you plan to use a chainsaw to clear debris, be sure to operate the machine according to the instructions. If injury occurs, call 9-1-1 or seek immediate medical help.

Flooding can cause mold to grow inside your home, which can cause allergic reactions, asthma episodes, infections and other respiratory problems. The MSDH does not handle mold removal or abatement. You will need to call a private contractor for further assistance.

## Tetanus Information

Tetanus vaccination is recommended if it’s been 10 years or more since your last tetanus vaccination (Tdap is the recommended vaccine). In the event of a puncture wound or wound contaminated with floodwater, individuals should consult a healthcare provider. Tetanus vaccinations are available at all county health departments.

## Disinfecting Private Water Wells

Homeowners impacted by the recent flood who do not receive their water supply from a public water system regulated by the MSDH should have their private well inspected, disinfected and sampled in order to protect their health. For step-by-step instructions on disinfecting your pri-

vate water well, visit the MSDH website at [www.HealthyMS.com/flood](http://www.HealthyMS.com/flood).

## Snakes

If you come in contact with a snake during cleanup efforts, do not attempt to catch or kill the snake. Slowly back away from the snake. If you are bitten by a snake:

Do not attempt to cut, suck or apply ice to the bite area.

Do not apply a tourniquet.

Call 911 immediately. Lay the person flat and keep the bitten part of the body at the level of the rest of the body. Do not elevate or dangle a limb or leg.

For more information on flood safety, visit [www.HealthyMS.com](http://www.HealthyMS.com). Follow MSDH by e-mail and social media at [HealthyMS.com/connect](http://HealthyMS.com/connect).

# The early history of blacks and medicine in the U.S.

By Glenn Ellis  
TriceEdneyWire.com



From the time that Africans were enslaved on the west coast of Africa and packed onto ships for the horrific voyage across the Middle Passage, we have been intrinsically tied to the growth and development of the field of medicine in America.

This troubled history began with the substandard medical attention provided on the ships by doctors, who’s charge was to keep as many enslaved beings alive as possible, in order to ensure the traders would make as much from the auctions that awaited them.

These doctors embraced their role, seeing it as an opportunity to enhance their reputations, as well as to improve their experience and practice dealing with a myriad of health issues within a captive patient base.

Once sold, and finding homes on plantations in this strange land, the inferior medical care continued. Afterall, there was an unlimited supply of human cargo headed, continuously, to America’s shores.

On the plantations in the South, doctors were few and far between, and their range of care was dependent upon their individual, professional training. Due to the shortage of doctors, the enslaved Africans were often left on their own to treat illnesses, handle medical emergencies and to bring new life into this world. Many of these Africans continued to use traditional homemade remedies, folk beliefs, conjuring and superstition to help meet their medical needs.

The shortage of doctors during this time was made worse by the fact that the Old South had only five medical colleges before 1845, and medical students spent only one to two years working with a preceptor and attended only a few lecture courses to complete their medical training.

In fact, due to the large numbers of enslaved Africans across the South, plantations provided a “training ground” for medical schools, students and doctors. Many learned human anatomy through some of the most inhuman means, since people of African descent were thought by whites to be different in the physiology and medical needs. There was also an opportunity to conduct medical research, and to develop, and perfect, many medical procedures; some of which are still in common use in medicine today.

Professor Ran Hogarth calls this “Medicalizing Blackness” from her book of the same name). A few of the most notorious examples of this are:

Southern physician Dr. Samuel Cartwright, who believed that the size of black people’s brains was “a ninth or tenth less than in other races of men,” while black people’s hearing, sight and sense of smell were better. This “medicalization of blackness” wasn’t removed from the medical manual for Psychiatric diagnosis until the 1970’s.

Cartwright also is responsible for another instance of “Medicalizing Blackness.” He coined the term “Drapetomania” (with Greek roots roughly translating to “runaway slave” and “crazy”) as a “disease that causes slaves to run away.” Cartwright outlined a treatment for this disease; he reassured slaveowners that it was

entirely curable by “whipping the devil” out of the slaves who suffered from it.

From these we know that Cartwright was among the first respected doctors throughout the country who saw being black and enslaved, and wanting to be free, was a psychological disorder.

Just as heinous as Cartwright’s assertion was the “work” of Dr. J. Marion Sims, who is considered the “Father of Gynecology.” Vesico-vaginal fistula (VVF) results in a tear from the bladder to the vagina, in pregnant women during a difficult labor. Sims is credited for perfecting the procedure to successfully treat VVF, to the relief and benefit of millions of (mostly white) women all over the world. Prior to Sims’ “contribution” to the field of Gynecology, women in Europe and the United States who suffered with VVF became social outcasts rejected from society. Great advancement for medicine, right?

The problem is...Sims conducted the development and testing of this revolutionary procedure on enslaved African women. In order to conduct research, Sims also needed to learn and understand as much as possible about the little-known anatomy of a woman’s reproductive system. He also needed to carry out countless attempts to perfect the procedures and develop the right instruments. He did this all successfully, with one exception: Sims did these extensively invasive, surgical procedures, often without any anesthesia!

Probably, the brightest ray of hope began to shine for enslaved Africans, as it related to medical care, came around, and after, emancipation. This represented the period of the rise of black hospitals and medical schools, beginning with Freedman’s Hospital in 1862 in Washington, D.C.

However, this was not to signal a permanent change for the better for black health in the United States.

By 1920, there were over 200 black hospitals, staffed by black doctors and staff.

By some counts, this number reached almost 500 across the nation. But, between 1961 and 1988, 50 closed, and another couple of dozen merged. Today, there is only one black hospital...Howard University Hospital; and it is being managed by a Hedge Fund with a horrible record for running hospitals. One of their flagship hospitals, Hahnemann Hospital in Philadelphia closed last year as a result of poor management.

African Americans remain the least healthy ethnic group in the USA, a somber legacy of years of racial and social injustice. As we continue to celebrate our history and our heritage, let’s be mindful of the history of institutional racism in medicine.

Remember, I’m not a doctor. I just sound like one. Take good care of yourselves and live the best life possible!

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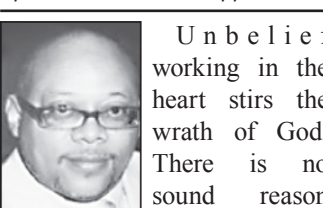
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# Exhort one another daily

PART 2

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



Unbelief working in the heart stirs the wrath of God. There is no sound reason for anyone not to believe God. The Lord performed many mighty miracles before their eyes, and He is still doing great things today. Yet some people grow careless in their souls because things do not go the way they think they should or because God does not answer as quickly as they feel He should answer. Then, they are ready to give up on God.

A desire to turn back to the old life of sin seems to overtake them. Entertaining the thought of turning back to the old sinful life and the things from which one was once delivered arouses God's displeasure. Unless those thoughts are quickly cast aside, one may find himself in serious trouble with the Lord.

Jesus stated in Luke 9:62, "No man, having put his hand

to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God."

Days of temptation can be times of great danger. God will allow every person to be tested and proven to see what is truly in the heart. This testing time is a good opportunity for each one to see what is really motivating his or her life. Is it a true love for God and His way? Do you just follow Him for the many blessings that you can receive?

Deuteronomy 8:2 reads, "And thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep His commandments, or no."

The danger in temptation is the possibility of becoming disgruntled and actually thinking that the old life was a better way to live, a time when we had more pleasure and things went better. That is the way Israel thought when they faced the hardships they encountered.

They began accusing God of mistreating them and making their way hard. They also accused Moses of bringing them to the wilderness just so that God could destroy them. Undoubtedly, those accusations hurt God and stirred His wrath.

The Scripture verifies the fact that Israel's unbelief and disobedience to follow God in faith prevented them from ever gaining the rest He promised. This same condition is falling on mankind today. Some people grumble over the way God chooses to lead them. Others dislike the way God requires them to live and conduct themselves. They reject His standard and His man or woman. This is dangerous!

What happened to the Israelites can happen yet today. God wants a willing and an obedient people to serve Him. If we will do things God's way, we will be blessed and we will prosper in our souls.

In Isaiah 1:19-20 we read: "If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."

My friends, if we allow an evil heart of unbelief to take hold of us and remain, we will end up departing from the Lord, even as old Israel. It would be well for each of us to take heed to the word of God and believe it. That which has been sent to be a blessing and a guide through this life can become a curse that destroys if disbelieved.

We should never allow Satan to entertain us with the thought that we had it better when we were living in sin. The Christian life is the best life to live here, and the only one that will assure our entrance into Heaven.

*Rev. Simeon R. Green III is pastor of Joynes Road Church of God, 31 Joynes Road, Hampton VA 23669. He is a member of the National Association of Evangelism Church of God, Anderson, Ind.*

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# A Word for Seasoned singles

By Shewanda Riley  
*Columnist*



I had a conversation with a long time good friend a while ago about her and her boyfriend's relationship. She stated that even though they'd been dating for a number of years, she knew they weren't "in love" even though they loved each other. She continued that at their age (43 and 50 respectively), marriage at their age wasn't about being in love with someone.

She could tell by the way I paused and said just barely above a whisper "Okay," that I didn't necessarily agree with that. She added that because of past relationships that they'd both had, they were just happy to have someone who had their back when things like sicknesses came. She said that based on my past relationships, I had a much more romantic view of marriage.

After listening to her explain her perspective for a few minutes, I told her that I was a romantic at heart but that regardless of age, I believed that if what you really wanted was a romantic relationship that you shouldn't settle for less than that. She told me that she didn't consider it settling...she was just being realistic. "Living single for the rest of my life is not my goal," was her passionate response.

After talking to a few other seasoned male and female singles (those of us over 40), I got some who did and did not agree with her. See, dating in your 40's and 50's isn't necessarily like in your 20's and 30's. In your 20's and 30's, your focus typically is


building a career and starting a family. You date with that specific focus in mind and recover fairly quickly from disappointments and losses After all, you figure you have a good 40-50 years to get it right.

From my experiences and those of friends, your perspective on getting a relationship changes once you reach 40. It's not about meeting someone with good hair and a nice body; it's about whether he's got good health benefits and is moderately healthy. The energy you focused on building a career can now be devoted to building a solid relationship.

Remember this: You don't have to settle. Don't think because you are at a certain age that you have to take just anything from anybody. Maintain your standards. Proverbs 25:26 says, "Like a muddied fountain and a polluted spring is a righteous man who yields, falls down, and compromises his integrity before the wicked."

It could be that part of the reason why you are still single isn't because you are picky or don't know what you want - it might just be that you recognize when your needs/wants won't be met and are smart to move on to something that is more compatible. No matter how it may initially feel, compromise never remains comfortable.

*Shewanda Riley is a Fort Worth, Texas based author of "Love Hangover: Moving from Pain to Purpose After a Relationship Ends" and "Writing to the Beat of God's Heart: A Book of Prayers for Writers." Email [preservedbypurpose@gmail.com](mailto:preservedbypurpose@gmail.com) or follow her on Twitter @shewanda.*




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# Lynching

By E. Faye Williams  
*Trice Edney Newswire*



I don't think anyone would argue that America has a tragic history of lynching, and as much as some would like to think, that part of America's history is not so long ago. As a matter of fact, some of us would argue that the potential for lynching is still with us.

In 2005 Dick Gregory, Mark Planning, Janet Langhart-Cohen and I began a project to change the names of despicable racists on buildings who had the stain of lynching on their hands and their calendars. We began with U.S. Senate buildings. To be exact, we chose the Russell Building named for Senator Richard Russell of Georgia. Russell was a founder and leader of the conservative caucus. He served in the U.S. Senate for almost 40 years. He led Southern opposition to the Civil Rights Movement.

We thought that our country had become more enlightened and once learning who Russell actually was, removing his name would be a breeze. Well, it wasn't. Some of our most beloved senators thought it would be a bad idea with the most often cited reason that if we removed Russell's name, what would stop the removal of names of people we supported from other buildings.

Convinced that we were not even going to get more enlightened senators to support the removal, Louisiana Senator Mary Landrieu and Virginia Senator George Allen offered an option that would seek to have the U.S. Senate finally apologize for lynching. We agreed to support that effort. For a long time, Gregory, Planning, Langhart-Cohen and I walked from office to office encouraging senators to vote for what finally became S.Res.39 apologizing for senate inaction that could have saved countless lives. It wasn't easy because several senators opposed the resolution.

Among those who supported the resolution by agreeing to be sponsors were Senators Joe Biden, George Allen, Mary Landrieu, Chuck Hagel, John McCain, Diane Feinstein, Patrick Leahy, Barack Obama, Ted Kennedy and others.

Lynching was listed in the resolution as "the ultimate expression of racism in the United States following Reconstruction." It apologizes to the victims of lynching and the descendants of those victims for the failure of the senate to enact anti-lynching legislation – nothing more; yet, there were senators who voted against the resolution. We weren't even asking to make lynching a crime at that time!

Well, a few days ago, Congressman Bobby Rush (IL) did take the next step and got that bill through the House 15 years later to make lynching a crime. It's shocking that it took so long to do that, but even more shocking is the fact that Congressmen Louie Gohmert (TX), Thomas Massie (KY), Ted Yoho (FL) and Justin Amash (MI) voted against the bill.

The presidency of Donald Trump is charged with carrying out laws congress decides and the men I have just named are responsible for making the laws. I have to wonder if their constituents will in good conscience send them back to Washington or will they vote "NO" on them?

For over 150 years an anti-lynching bill failed in the Senate even though the house and several presidents had supported anti-lynching measures. Does this sound like the current senate that refused to convict Trump even though the house had proven without a doubt that Trump was guilty of the charges against him?

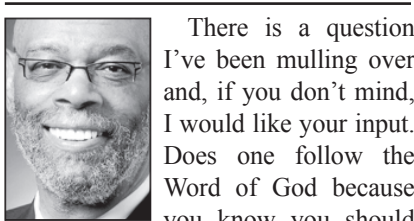
Rush decided the time had come to make lynching a crime so he introduced HB 35 – named for Emmett Till.

If Trump's behavior and lynching human beings are not crimes, we are a shameless nation and have no right to tell another nation what decency is. Now, let's see what the current senate will do about lynching.

*E. Faye Williams is president of the National Congress of Black Women. She hosts "Wake Up and Stay Woke" on WP-FW-FM 89.3 radio.*

# “Daddy do I have to?” *Spiritually Speaking*

By James A. Washington Jr.  
*Publisher, Dallas Weekly Newspaper*



There is a question I've been mulling over and, if you don't mind, I would like your input. Does one follow the Word of God because you know you should or, because you have to?

I mean is the faith walk a walk of need or one of sincere desire?

You see, scripture is full of rules. The rules of the Old Testament and the laws of Moses give way to the parables of Jesus and the new covenant of the New Testament.

The question is, do we attempt to abide by the precepts of the New Testament out of fear of punishment or loss of reward, or, do we follow a path of righteousness (rules) because we genuinely love the Lord so much, we just want to please Him?

If you think about it, our spiritual freedom has been blood bought and arguably remains the most significant event in documented history. In the grand scheme of things, the Word became flesh in order for us to reclaim eternal life, that life Adam rejected with but one bite of one piece of forbidden fruit. Jesus' sacrifice, by design, was an act of love so great that humankind will forever be the beneficiary.

So, in order to claim freedom, a simple act of belief is required; a simple act of faith that demonstrates you understand this really was a sacrifice made by the Son of God.

From there, do we follow the teachings of Christ Jesus begrudgingly, because if we don't, we'll burn in hell or, do we rejoice in the knowledge that someone loved us so deeply that living according to His guiding principle becomes a real desire to please? This sort of behavior is easily understood not to

be a purposeless "have to," but rather a sincere "want to."

The Christian experience should not be confused with a view of a lifestyle restricted by arbitrary rules requiring one to deny life's pleasures. Rather, the Christian experience should be viewed as a lifestyle filled with all that life has to offer and then some.

That's right, more not less. I believe it all starts with knowing. The kind of knowing that sees right from wrong and gives you insight into choosing right over wrong.

This brings me back to the question at hand: Are you behaving in a manner dictated by a set of predetermined rules, or are you living a life based in principle, purpose, conviction and yes, love?

One is hard. One is relatively easy. I live the way I live because if I don't, I'll be punished vs. I live the way that I live because I believe it's right and I

want to. The former is like going to a job you hate but you have to because you need the money. Where is the joy in that?

I'm sure there are those of you who are much more mature in the faith than I am and can explain this better. But I am starting to see a path that looks pretty good to me. The more I try to understand the teachings of Christ, His life and His sacrifice, the more I understand just how much He and His Daddy think of me. That's a heaven of a thought and one that should be embraced.

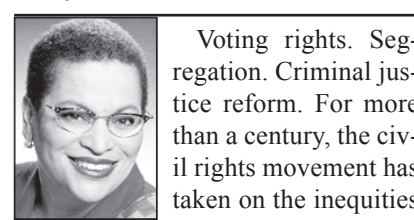
The point is life should be a labor of love and not a labor of necessity. The more you understand the Word of God, the more you understand it to be worthy, not demanding, of your praise.

I guess what I'm asking you is at what point does the light go on and the questions get answered? At what point do you live free of all the rules?

May God bless and keep you always.

# Why “green buildings” are a civil rights issue

By Jacqui Patterson and Mandy Lee  
*NAACP*



Voting rights. Segregation. Criminal justice reform. For more than a century, the civil rights movement has taken on the inequities that divide and disfigure American society. Now the green building sector has joined the fronts of struggle for access and equity.

Why?

The green building sector is transforming the places in which we live, work and gather. Sustainable buildings, defined by certification programs like LEED, promote the health and wellbeing of building occupants while minimizing climate change and pollution. For some people.

This wave of better building practices has yet to fully reach the people suffering the most from buildings that are unsafe, unhealthy, unaffordable and unsustainable. African Americans and other people of color disproportionately feel the burden of unsustainable buildings: energy insecurity in their homes, health problems like asthma from poor indoor air quality and damage from worsening disasters fueled by climate change. These are enduring legacies of discriminatory practices, disinvestment, and barriers to building wealth over the generations.

What's worse, the sustainable building sector is an insider's club with a serious diversity problem. Whether it's as policy makers, advocates, architects, contractors, or even in the construction workforce, the most impacted communities are underrepresented in the design and construction of sustainable buildings. For example, according to the National Organization of Minority Architects, less than two percent of registered architects are African Americans, and less than 0.4% are African-American women.

Green building is a huge growth industry, but communities of color are not yet positioned to fully benefit



from it.

When we decided to establish our new headquarters as a living building and began to explore what it takes to do so, we saw the problem firsthand at meetings of green building organizations. We were struck by just how homogenous some of those spaces were in terms of race, with a significant dearth of people of color engaged in these discussions. We juxtaposed this against what we knew to be true: Communities of color and low-income communities are more likely to be in sick buildings, whether it's mold, lead, asbestos or radon. We are more likely to be in the least energy-efficient buildings, and that is reflected in the fact that we pay the highest proportion of our income for electricity. And we are more likely to be in the least disaster-resilient buildings, with homes in floodplains or without reinforcement.

That's why the NAACP recently launched the Centering Equity in the Sustainable Building Sector (CESBS) Initiative, pushing forward civil rights in this critical (if unexpected) new sphere. The NAACP will define and articulate an agenda for an equitable green building sector, using its Baltimore headquarters as a living

laboratory for this concept. Through this effort, the NAACP will develop a replicable model for centering equity in all aspects of sustainable, healthy, safe and regenerative buildings.

So, what would an equitable green building sector look like? It would advance community-wide transition, not just a few green buildings in isolation. Sustainability would be seen as a basic necessity – not a luxury item – in any building project. Low-income communities, communities of color, and women would be at the heart of a better building industry, supported by more inclusive education and professional development pathways.

Sustainability investments would prioritize the most impacted communities. And underrepresented communities would be deeply engaged in planning and design, because “shaping the environment is best done by the people who live in it,” according to Professor Dale Glenwood Green of Morgan State University.

Some communities and organizations are getting it right and helping us imagine what is possible. For example, the Mental Health Center of Denver, Colorado planned to build a new, green campus in the predominantly African-American and low-

income Northeast Park Hill community. The center sought input from neighbors to shape the design and function of the four-acre property. As a result, the Dahlia Campus for Health and Well-Being now offers a comprehensive array of services in addition to mental health care: a pre-school that is inclusive of students regardless of ability; a pediatric dental clinic; an urban farm, teaching kitchen and farmers' market; and a variety of indoor and outdoor community spaces. The campus' sustainability and equity approaches were verified through LEED Gold certification and a tool called the SEED Evaluator.

Another model is the Green Communities Criteria (GCC) program, a framework and certification developed by Enterprise Community Partners to bring the benefits of sustainable construction practices to low-income families and affordable housing. While this program is still in development, it has already produced 127,000 certified affordable homes through \$3.9 billion in investment.

Thanks to the leadership of standards like GCC, a total of 32 states have incentivized green building certification programs for affordable housing developments receiving support from the federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program.

Fundamentally, sustainability without equity will merely sustain inequity. The civil rights movement has a critical role to play in creating a sustainable building sector that is both green and just – for the benefit of our families, our communities, the economy and the planet.

This op-ed is adapted from two reports released from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Centering Equity in the Sustainable Building Sector (CESBS) Initiative. Patterson is the senior director of the NAACP Environmental and Climate Justice Program; Lee is the program manager for the CESBS Initiative at the NAACP.





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Professional: Burris/Wagnon Architects, P.A.  
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING

ZONING CASE NO. 4088

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 Rhemalyn Lewis has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from R-1A (Single-Family) Residential District to C-2 (Limited) Commercial District allow for a commercial childcare center at 4872 North State St., in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Lot 3, Block "C", Broadmoor Subdivision, Part I, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of the First Judicial District of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 5 at Page 15 thereof, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and is a part of this description.

Lot Two (2), Block BROADMOOR SUBDIVISION, Part One (1), a subdivision in and to the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, 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 5 at page 15 thereof, 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, March 25, 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 27th day of February 2020.

/s/Ester L. Ainsworth  
Zoning Administrator  
City of Jackson, Mississippi

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The City of Jackson is accepting Contractor Applications for all City of Jackson funded Housing Rehabilitation and Lead Hazard Control Programs, until 5:00 PM, CDT on Monday, March 30, 2020 in the Office of Housing and Community Development, 218 South President Street, 2nd Floor, Jackson, MS, 39201.

Applications are available in the Office of Housing and Community Development, located at 218 S. President Street, Second Floor, Jackson, MS 39201, and on the City's website at www.jacksonms.gov. The application must be filled out in its entirety and all required documentation must be attached at the time of application submission. The City of Jackson reserves the right to approve and terminate contractors for all Housing Rehabilitation and Lead Hazard Control Programs at any time.

Questions should be directed to:  
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ZONING CASE NO. 4087

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 Jamika Dixon has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from C-1 (Restricted) Commercial District to C-2 (Limited) Commercial District allow for a commercial childcare center at 241 Briarwood Dr., in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Commence at a point which is 50 feet Southwest corner of Lot 19, of Block B of Fernwood Subdivision, according to the map thereof which is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 4 at Page 76, as the Point of Beginning of the parcel hereby conveyed, to-wit:

Thence run Eastward 100 feet along the South line of Briarwood Drive to a point; thence run South for a distance of 200 feet; thence run West a distance of 100 feet to a point; thence run North a distance of 200 feet to the point of Beginning. Said parcel lying and being in Section 12, Township 6 North Range 1 East, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi.

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WITNESS my signature this 27th day of February 2020.

/s/Ester L. Ainsworth  
Zoning Administrator  
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LEGAL NOTICE  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

CITY OF JACKSON

Notice is hereby given that Proposals will be received by the City Clerk of the City of Jackson, Mississippi until 3:30p.m., Tuesday, March 31, 2020. The City of Jackson, Mississippi requests proposals from art groups and other community development groups providing services to the citizens in the City of Jackson.

Financial assistance is available to support arts and community development activities designed to increase awareness, understanding and appreciation of the arts and improve the quality of life among the citizens of Jackson. This solicitation seeks proposals with an emphasis on community exposure, history and education.

Grant awards offered by the City of Jackson shall only represent supplemental funding in support of arts projects and community development based projects. To be eligible for funding, proposing organizations must have verifiable cash match contributions that equals to at least 50% of project cost.

A workshop on the Request for Proposals packet is scheduled for MONDAY, March 23, 2020 beginning promptly at 2:00pm. It will be held at the Municipal Art Gallery located at 839 North State Street Jackson, MS 39202. Those interested in submitting proposals should attend this Workshop.

For the Request for Proposals packet, please contact Beverley Johnson-Durham at 601 960 0383. All proposal must be sealed and plainly marked on the outside of the envelope: Proposal for general funds Arts and Community Based Grants. Proposal packets must be received by the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, 219 South President Street by 3:30pm on March 31, 2020. The city reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

Request for proposal documents can be downloaded from the City of Jackson website: www.jacksonms.gov and may be picked up at the City of Jackson Department of Human and Cultural Services located at 1000 Metrocenter Drive Suite 101, Jackson MS.

By: Adriane Dorsey-Kidd, Director  
Department of Human and Cultural Services

3-5-2020, 3-12-2020, 3-19-2020, 3-26-2020

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PUBLIC NOTICE  
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The City of Jackson is accepting applications for all local non-profit agencies interested in performing professional services for the City of Jackson's Lead Safe Jackson Housing Program, until 5:00 PM, CDT on Friday, March 13, 2020 in the Office of Housing and Community Development, 218 South President Street, 2nd Floor, Jackson, MS, 39201.

Applications packets are available in the Office of Housing and Community Development, located at 218 S. President Street, Second Floor, Jackson, MS 39201, and on the City's website at www.jacksonms.gov. The application must be filled out in its entirety and all required documentation must be attached at the time of application submission. The City of Jackson reserves the right in its sole discretion, to amend, suspend, terminate, rescind, or reissue this RFQ for the Lead Safe Jackson Housing Program.

Questions should be directed to:  
Valerie Tucker, 601-960-4238 or email vtucker@city.jackson.ms.us  
Mary Manogin, 601-960-1861 or email mmanogin@jacksonms.gov

3-5-2020

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION

ZONING CASE NO. 4085

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 Laura A. Robbins has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Special Exception to allow for the operation of a residential child care center. within a R-1A (Single-Family) Residential District on property located at 5663 Beechwood Dr. in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

LOT 18, BLOCK "C" OF NORWOOD SUBDIVISION, PART 4, 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, Mississippi, in Plat Book 21 at Page 29, 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, March 25, 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 27th day of February 2020.

/s/Ester L. Ainsworth  
Zoning Administrator  
City of Jackson, Mississippi

3-5-2020, 3-19-2020

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT

ZONING CASE NO. 4086

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 Bertha Chapel M. B. Church has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit to allow for an accessory parking area and an accessory church related fellowship hall in a R-4 (Limited Multi-family) Residential District on property located at 2606 Williamson Ave. (Parcel: 100-84, 100-84-5, 100-84-3, 100-84-1 & 100-83), Parcel 100-84-2 and Parcel #100-71 in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Parcels: 100-84, 100-84-5, 100-84-3, 100-84-1, 100-83 & 100-84-2

Lot 1, Block F Suburba 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 1, at page 90, reference to which is hereby made in aid and as a part of this description.

Lot Two (2), of Block "M" of Homestead Heights, Part 2, 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 5 at Page 20, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and a part of this description. (Also known as 2607 Prosperity Street, Jackson, MS)

Lot 3, Block "F" SUBURBA, 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 1 at Page 90, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as part of this description.

Lot 4 and 5, Block "F", Suburba Subdivision, a subdivision according to the map or plat thereof on file and of Hinds County, Mississippi in Plat Book 1 at page 90 thereof, reference to which is made in aid of thereof, reference to which is made in aid of and as a part of this description.

Lot 6, Block F, Surburba 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 1 at Page 90; the herein described property is also known by City of Jackson municipal address as 2634 Williamson, Jackson, Mississippi.

Parcels: 100-71  
Lot 6 & 8, Block E, Surburba Subdivision.

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, March 25, 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 27th day of February 2020.

/s/Ester L. Ainsworth  
Zoning Administrator  
City of Jackson, Mississippi

3-5-2020, 3-19-2020

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PUBLIC NOTICE  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The City of Jackson is accepting proposals from certified Lead Inspectors and Lead Risk Assessors for all City of Jackson funded Housing Rehabilitation and Lead Hazard Control Programs, until 5:00 PM, CDT on Friday, March 13, 2020 in the Office of Housing and Community Development, 218 South President Street, 2nd Floor, Jackson, MS, 39201.

Applications are available in the Office of Housing and Community Development, located at 218 S. President Street, Second Floor, Jackson, MS 39201, and on the City's website at www.jacksonms.gov. The application must be filled out in its entirety and all required documentation must be attached at the time of application submission. The City of Jackson reserves the right to approve and terminate contractors for all Housing Rehabilitation and Lead Hazard Control Programs at any time.

Valerie Tucker, 601-960-4238 or email vtucker@city.jackson.ms.us  
Mary Manogin, 601-960-1861 or email mmanogin@jacksonms.gov

3-5-2020

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ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A LEISURE AND RECREATION DISTRICT WITHIN THE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI AND DESIGNATE THE GEOGRAPHIC AREAS INCLUDED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF SAID DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, Section 67-1-101 of the Mississippi Code Annotated provides that the governing authorities of a municipality, by ordinance, may establish one or more leisure and recreation districts within the corporate boundaries of the municipality and designate the geographic area or areas to be included within a district; and

WHEREAS, Section 67-1-101 of the Mississippi Code Annotated requires that an ordinance which establishes a Leisure and Recreation District include a detailed description of the area or areas within the district, the boundaries of the district, and a georeferenced map of the district, as well as a description of the manner in which the municipality will provide for adequate law enforcement and other public safety measures and services within the district; and

WHEREAS, municipalities that create Leisure and Recreation Districts authorize businesses within the district with alcoholic beverage permits issued by the Department of Revenue to allow patrons to leave the licensed premises with an open container of alcohol and carry and consume alcoholic beverages within the designated Leisure and Recreation District; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the City has determined and hereby finds that the City of Jackson would benefit from the establishment of a Leisure and Recreation District within Highland Village by enhancing pedestrian-oriented areas; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the City has further determined that the establishment of a Leisure and Recreation District at Highland Village would be in the best interests of the City; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the City has found and determined that the manner of current law enforcement is adequate and sufficient for the area to be designated as a Leisure and Recreation District, and the Mayor, therefore, has agreed to direct that the Jackson Police Department continue to provide adequate and sufficient law enforcement and other public safety measures and services as stated herein in the City's Leisure and Recreation District established pursuant to this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, nothing herein is intended to confer any rights or entitlement as the sale of alcohol within an area designated as a Leisure and Recreation District is a privilege and not a right and is subject at all times to reasonable regulation; and

WHEREAS, subject to Miss. Code Ann. § 67-1-101 and this Ordinance, the City hereby establishes a Leisure and Recreation District at Highland Village as more fully set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. ADOPTION OF FINDINGS: The matters, facts and things recited in the above and foregoing Preamble to this Ordinance be, and they are hereby adopted as the official findings of the governing authority of the City.

SECTION 2. TITLE: This ordinance shall be known as ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING HIGHLAND VILLAGE LEISURE AND RECREATION DISTRICT.

SECTION 3. CREATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICT: Under the authority granted in Miss. Code Ann. § 67-1-101, the City does hereby establish a Leisure and Recreation District in Highland Village, within the geographic areas and within such boundaries as are set forth and designated herein and as represented on the geo-referenced map which is incorporated herein and attached hereto as Exhibit 1. The Leisure and Recreation District established herein shall be known as the "Highland Village Leisure and Recreation District" (the "District") and shall have the boundaries incorporated herein and attached hereto as Exhibit 2.

SECTION 4. OUTSIDE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES PERMITTED; CONDITIONS: Any on-premises retail alcoholic beverage permittee (a "permittee") located within the District shall comply with all laws, rules and regulations which govern its license type, except that a patron, guest or member of that permittee may remove an open container of alcoholic beverage, beer or wine from the licensed premises, and may possess and consume such beverage outside of the licensed premises anywhere within the boundaries of the District subject to the following regulations:

- Nothing in this Ordinance permits a patron to possess or consume an alcoholic beverage, beer or wine in an open container that was not purchased from an on-premises retail alcohol beverage permittee located within the District.
- A person may not enter licensed premises with an open container or closed container of alcoholic beverage, beer or wine acquired outside the District.
- A permittee located in the District shall allow alcoholic beverages to be removed from the licensed premises only in containers possessing the insignia or indicia of a permittee or the District.
- No permittee shall allow a patron, guest or member to exit its licensed premises with more than one open container of an alcoholic beverage, and it shall be unlawful for any person to exit such licensed premises with more than one such open container. Permittees located in the District may allow alcoholic beverages to be removed from the licensed premises during the District's hours of consumption, which are during the permittees' hours of operation.
- Nothing in this Ordinance shall require a permittee located in the District to allow its patrons to remove alcoholic beverages in open containers from the licensed premises.
- Permittees located in the District shall post, at all points of egress from the licensed premises, a map of the boundaries of the District in which it is located along with an overview of the policies enacted to enforce this Ordinance. The map and policies shall be provided, either in electronic or paper form, to those permittees upon their request.
- The purpose of this Ordinance being primarily to allow pedestrians to carry open containers as described in this Ordinance within the District, nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to allow patrons, guests, or members of a permittee to drive a motor vehicle or non-motor vehicle while carrying an open container of alcoholic beverage onto or into such vehicle, and it shall be a violation of this Ordinance for any person to drive a motor vehicle or non-motor vehicle while carrying an open container, as described in this Ordinance, containing an alcoholic beverage within the District in which it was purchased. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to allow patrons, guests or members of a permittee to leave the District as a pedestrian or passenger in a motor vehicle or non-motor vehicle of any kind while carrying an open container of an alcoholic beverage.
- Each permittee shall be required to place trash receptacles, consistent with the specific design approved for the District, at an exit and/or entrance door of the licensed premises.

SECTION 5. OUTSIDE CONSUMPTION OF BEER AND LIGHT WINE PERMITTED; CONDITIONS: Within the boundaries of the District, a permittee may also allow beer and light wine to be removed from the licensed premises subject to the same regulations and Alcoholic Beverages and Wine.

SECTION 6. DEFINITION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: For the purposes of this Ordinance, the term "alcoholic beverages" shall mean any alcoholic liquid, including wines of more than five percent (5%) of alcohol by weight, capable of being consumed as a beverage by a human being, including native wines. Within the boundaries of the District, a permittee may allow beer and light wine to be removed from the licensed premises as permitted in Section 4 of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS: The City reserves the right to modify or repeal this Ordinance, and any district designation created hereunder, upon at least thirty days' written notice to all permittees located within the District.

SECTION 8. PUBLIC SAFETY MEASURES: The City, by and through its Police and Fire Departments, shall provide for adequate law enforcement and other public safety measures and services within the District as required by State Law. In addition, the Police and Fire Department shall provide public safety services within the District in the same manner it provides those services in the remainder of the City. Nothing in this Ordinance shall amend or change any other ordinance pertaining to amplified music, noise, litter or loitering.

SECTION 9. CONFLICTING ORDINANCES: All ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with this Ordinance, to include without limitation, Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jackson, are hereby declared to be inapplicable within the geographic boundaries of the District.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE: This ordinance shall be effective 30 days after passage, and after publication as subscribed in Section 21-13-11 of the Mississippi Code Annotated of 1972



EXHIBIT 2  
Legal Description  
A parcel of land situated in the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 and the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 24, Township 6 North, Range 1 East, City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being a part of Lots 1 and 2 of the J.O. Trawick Estate Subdivision and Lots 3 and 4 of Shamrock Hill Subdivision (including a part of Spruce Street which is now closed and abandoned) and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Commence at the Northeast corner of Lot 1 of the J.O. Trawick Estate Subdivision as recorded in Plat Book 5 at Page 9 of the Chancery Records of the First Judicial District of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi said point being the POINT OF BEGINNING for the parcel herein described; thence South 89°44'38" West for a distance of 278.80 feet along the southern right of way line of Northside Drive to the intersection of the said southern line of Northside Drive with the eastern right of way line of Interstate Highway No. 55; thence South 19°19'48" West for a distance of 6.14 feet along the said eastern right of way line of Interstate Highway No. 55 to a "PK" nail set; thence South 40°03'01" West for a distance of 65.79 feet along the said eastern right of way line of Interstate Highway No. 55 to a 3/4" rebar with cap set; thence South 12°24'00" West for a distance of 218.59 feet along the said eastern right of way line of Interstate Highway No. 55 to a "PK" nail set; thence run 11.92 feet along the arc of a 3336.05 foot radius curve to the right along the said eastern right of way line, said arc having an 11.92 foot chord which bears South 14°47'48" West; thence South 14°53'57" West for a distance of 249.70 feet along the said eastern right of way line of Interstate Highway No. 55; thence run 239.33 feet along the arc of a 5703.58 foot radius curve to the left along the said eastern right of way line, said arc having a 239.31 foot chord which bears South 13°41'49" West; thence South 45°42'10" East for a distance of 18.84 feet along the said eastern right of way line; thence run 10.95 feet along the arc of a 5687.58 foot radius curve to the left along the said eastern right of way line, said arc having a 10.95 foot chord which bears South 12°20'23" West; thence run 38.27 feet along the arc of a 5687.58 foot radius curve to the left along the said eastern right of way line, said arc having a 38.27 foot chord which bears South 12°05'31" West; thence South 11°53'57" West for a distance of 20.41 feet along the said eastern right of way line; thence South 69°53'37" West for a distance of 18.87 feet along the said eastern right of way line; thence South 11°53'57" West for a distance of 43.55 feet along the said eastern right of way line; thence run 143.57 feet along the arc of a 4609.66 foot radius curve to the right along the said eastern right of way line, said arc having a 143.56 foot chord which bears South 12°47'29" West; thence leave said eastern right of way line of Interstate Highway No. 55 and run South 88°11'25" East for a distance of 186.84 feet; thence South 88°40'00" East for a distance of 24.69 feet to the centerline of Spruce Street (now closed) to an iron pin; thence South 00°35'40" East for a distance of 22.17 feet along the said centerline of Spruce Street (now closed); thence run 10.20 feet along the arc of a 113.81 foot radius curve to the left along the said centerline of Spruce Street (now closed) to a drilled hole in a concrete wall, said arc having a 10.20 foot chord which bears South 03°09'44" East; thence South 26°00'14" East for a distance of 81.22 feet along the northeastern boundary of the property conveyed from Earl W. Stanton to Bankers Trust in Deed Book 2014 at Page 231 of the Chancery Records of Hinds County, Mississippi, to a drilled hole in a concrete wall which marks the intersection of the said centerline of Spruce Street (now closed) with the western right of way line of Old Canton Road; thence North 47°13'09" East for a distance of 25.0 feet along the said western right of way line of Old Canton Road; thence North 45°18'19" East for a distance of 336.30 feet along the said western right of way line of Old Canton Road; thence North 41°14'09" East for a distance of 174.40 feet along the said western right of way line of Old Canton Road; thence North 38°17'39" East for a distance of 44.27 feet along the said western right of way line of Old Canton Road; thence North 38°18'09" East for a distance of 59.35 feet along the said western right of way line; thence North 30°30'38" East for a distance of 138.60 feet along the said western right of way line; thence North 26°48'38" East for a distance of 127.01 feet along the said western right of way line; thence North 26°48'38" East for a distance of 86.19 feet along the said western right of way line; thence North 26°37'38" East for a distance of 409.20 feet along the said western right of way line of Old Canton Road to the said southern right of way line of Northside Drive; thence leave said western right of way line of Old Canton Road and run South 89°44'38" West for a distance of 481.79 feet along the said southern right of way line of Northside Drive to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 15.0069 acres more or less.

Council Member Banks moved adoption; Council Member Priester seconded.

Yeas- Banks, Foote, Lindsay, Priester, Stamps and Tillman.  
Nays- Stokes.  
Absent- None.

ATTEST:

Angela Harris  
Interim Chief Deputy Municipal Clerk

I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Interim Chief Deputy Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records of the Council and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Regular Council Meeting on January 21, 2020 and recorded in Minute Book "6Q, Pgs. 396-404".

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 25th day of February, 2020.

SEAL Angela Harris, Interim Chief Deputy Municipal Clerk

3-5-2020, 3-12-2020

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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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Advertisement for Electronic Bid  
Bid 3123 Murrah High School Entry Walkway

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) April 06, 2020, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. A Pre-Bid Conference concerning the project for Murrah High School Entry Walkway will be held at Murrah High School, 1400 Murrah Drive, Jackson, MS on March 23, 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 \$75.00 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 Preston McKay at M3A Architecture, PLLC. Phone: (601)-981-1227 or Email: [pmckay@m3aarch.com](mailto:pmckay@m3aarch.com).

3-5-2020, 3-12-2020

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
SIGN VARIANCE FOR CAMPBELL'S CRAFT DONUTS

THE JACKSON CITY COUNCIL WILL CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SIGN VARIANCE FOR CAMPBELL'S CRAFT DONUTS TO RECEIVE CITIZEN INPUT HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT THE CITY HALL BUILDING, 219 SOUTH PRESIDENT STREET, JACKSON, MS, 39201. INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND. PLEASE CONTACT THE SIGNS & LICENSE DIVISION (601) 960-1154 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

3-5-2020

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NOTICE  
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 APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT

ZONING CASE NO. 4089

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 Dwan Wakefield has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit to allow for the operation of a used car lot in a C-3 (General) Commercial District on property located at 3603 Robinson Rd. (Parcel 644-10) in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

A tract of land 175 feet long and 150 feet wide located in the northeast corner of a larger 2.3-acre tract owned at one time by Harmon, Inc., said 175 — foot tract by 150-foot tract being more particularly described as follows:

From the southwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of Northeast Quarter (SE ¼ of NE ¼ ) of Section One (I), Township Five (5) North, Range One (1) West, Hinds County, Mississippi, go east 532.8 Feet to the Southwest Corner of said 2.3 acre tract formerly owned by Harmon, Inc.; thence along the west line of said 2.3 acre tract North 0° 33' west for 321.65 feet, more or less, to the southern line of Robinson Road as broadened; thence run along the southern line of Robinson Road north 810 41' east for 282.4 feet to the western line of the right-of-way of interstate highway No. 220, this being the point of beginning of the 175 foot by 150 foot tract being described; thence run southerly along the western right-of-way line of said highway south 10 56' east for 150 feet; thence run south 810 41'; west and parallel to the southern line of Robinson Road for 175 feet to a point; thence run north 10 56';

3-5-2020, 3-19-2020

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING

ZONING CASE NO. 4090

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 Chris Clark has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from C-3 (General) Commercial District to I-2 (Heavy) Industrial District to allow for a towing and recovery business at 430 Stokes Robertson Rd., in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

A certain parcel of land being a part of Lot 8, The Meadows, a subdivision according to the map or plat thereof, on file and of record is the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, as now recorded in Plat Book 3 at Page 92, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Point of Intersection of the original West right-of-way line of Interstate Highway 55 with the North right-of-way line of Stokes Robertson Road (as both are now laid out and improved); run thence West along said North right-of-way line of Stokes Robertson Road for a distance of 155.00 feet to an existing iron pin marking the POINT OF BEGINNING of the parcel of land herein described; from said POINT OF BEGINNING, continue thence West along said North right-of-way line Stokes Robertson Road for a distance of 235.00 feet to a set iron pin; leaving said North right-of-way line of Stokes Robertson Road, turn thence right through a deflection angle of 88 degrees 31 minutes 00 seconds and run northerly or a distance of 575.00 feet to a set iron pin; turn thence right through a deflection

angle of 91 degrees 29 minutes 00 seconds and run easterly for a distance of 250.18 feet to a set iron pin; turn thence right through a deflection angle of 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds and run southerly for a distance of 574.81 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 3.2 acres, more or less.

And being (he same property described in Warranty Deed recorded in Book 5495 at Page 117.

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, March 25, 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 27th day of February 2020.

Ester L. Ainsworth  
Zoning Administrator  
City of Jackson, Mississippi

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SECTION 901

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

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The City of Jackson, Mississippi will receive bids for the South Jackson Traffic Signal Project, Federal Aid Project No. STP-0250-00(049)LPA/107545-701000 no later than 3:30 p.m., local time, Tuesday, April 7, 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.

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Robert K. Miller  
Director  
Department of Public Works

3-5-2020, 3-19-2020

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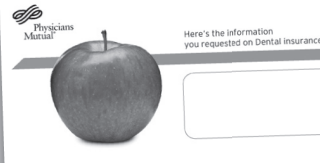
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# New Hope's grand finale: A Celebration of Black History

PHOTOS BY AL WHITE

By Jackie Hampton  
Publisher

New Hope Baptist Church presented a month long observation of Black History as each Thursday during February they presented events that helped to showcase their 9th annual "Back in the Day" celebration.

Attorney Constance Slaughter-Harvey, a Tougaloo College graduate, was the speaker for the grand finale, held Feb. 27. It was at Tougaloo where she met civil rights leader Medgar Evers.

Harvey stated in her address

that it was the 1963 murder of Evers that, along with values instilled in her by her parents, and the racial injustices she witnessed, inspired her to join the civil rights movement.

Several classmates who graduated with Slaughter marched in and were seated together in support of their classmate. As she looked over the audience she said that many individuals in the audience participated in movements as well.

She spoke on the subject "Movements Change, but Commitments Remain the

Same." She acknowledged the importance of registering to vote and voting.

Slaughter told the audience "we must stay vigilantly, we can't take a break." She was referring to voter suppression and other injustices that still exist today.

Slaughter recognized her classmates from the class of 1967 who walked with her in activism and fights against racism and discrimination.

Slaughter received a standing ovation for her heartfelt speech.

Flonzie Wright, chairperson

for the month-long Black History celebration, said she was very pleased with the entire month of "Nine Years of Telling the Story."

During week one, Dr. John A. Peoples, was the featured speaker. Peoples served as president of Jackson State University from 1957 to 1984. In addition to numerous achievements, in July 2012, Peoples was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal as one of the African-American Marines of World II who was trained at the racially segregated Montford Point Camp of Camp

Lejeune, North Carolina.

During week two, tributes were given to Mississippi Civil Rights Living Legends, Rep. Alyce G. Clark, Rev. Edwin King, Euvester Simpson and Hezekiah Watkins.

During week three, a Youth Talent Showcase Explosion was held where New Hope Christian School students made presentations. Praise dancers performed and the MIME Ministry of Greater Bethlehem Temple and the Tougaloo Concert Choir performed.

Pastor Jerry Young, during

his remarks, said less than a year ago, a group asked him what he thought they should do about the upcoming election. Young said today his response would be to make sure in 2020 that we vote and that 'we vote our hopes and not our fears.'

The celebration was sponsored by the Black History Ministry at New Hope, where Wright serves as program director. It was financially assisted by the National Endowment for the Humanities through the Mississippi Humanities Council.





# VFW Post 9832 hosts first Black History Fashion Show

*VFW Post • Jackson, MS • February 23, 2020*

PHOTOS BY TIM JOHNSON

*Special to The Mississippi Link*

Brooks W. Stewart VFW Post 9832, on Sunray Drive in Jackson, MS, hosted its first “I am Black History Fashion Show” Sunday, February 23, 2020.

Host and co-host were Comrade Patrick and Sonja Powe. Veronica Harrison was committee chairperson.

Special guest speakers for the program included Mississippi State Senator, District 26, John Horhn, who gave a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., by reciting his “I have a Dream” speech; Dr. Rosie Walker McNair, an internal medicine specialist in the city of Jackson and 2 of the 3 first African-American highway pa-

trolmen in Mississippi, Richard Williams and Lewis Younger.

Walking the runway for the “I am Black History” fashion show included auxiliary members of VFW Post 9832, Comrades of VFW Post 9832 and members of the community. Models wore outfits for formal, business, church, casual and of course African wear.

Special tributes were also part of the program.

Demetri McKenzie, a registered nurse from Clinton, MS, paid tribute to the late L.A. Lakers basketball star Kobe Bryant and VFW Post 9832 Jr. Vice Commander Jeffory McKenzie paid tribute to the Negro League Baseball teams.



Demetri McKenzie – Kobe Bryant tribute



Jeffory McKenzie – Negro League Baseball tribute



Senator John Horhn – MS State Senator District 26



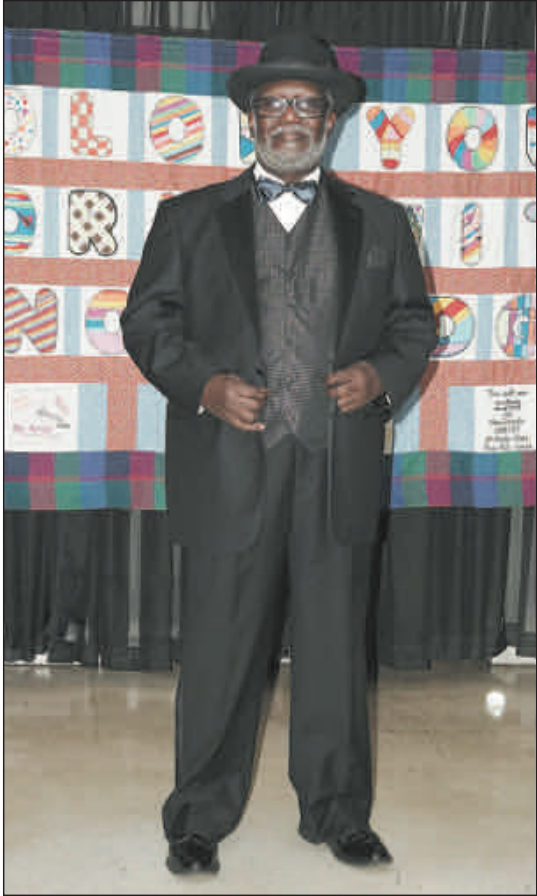
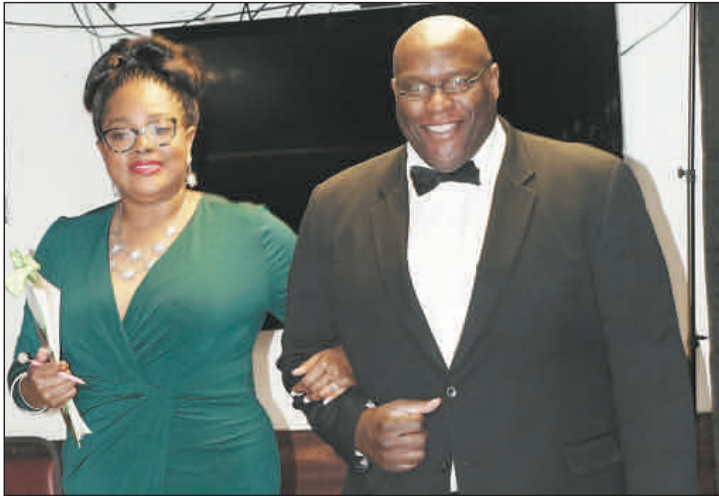
Dr. Rosie Walker McNair – Jackson Internal Medicine



Richard Williams – MS Highway patrolman



Lewis Younger – MS Highway patrolman





# Alcorn’s founding president, Hiram Revels, honored on 150th anniversary of historic election to the U.S. Senate

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The legacy and triumphant political success of one of Alcorn State University’s most historical figures were honored during a celebratory gathering on the university’s Lorman, Mississippi campus. The Sesquicentennial Celebration of the U.S. Senate Seating of the Honorable Hiram Rhodes Revels was held Monday, Feb. 24, in the Oakland Memorial Chapel. This year marks 150 years since Revels, Alcorn’s first president, became the first African American elected to serve in the Congress as a U.S. Senator in February 1870. Mayor Darryl Grennell, of the city of Natchez, delivered the keynote address for the occasion. In his remarks, Grennell drew parallels between Revels’ path to the U.S. Senate and his journey to achieving success in academics and politics. He started by speaking on how both had struggled to endure and overcome to achieve success. “Both of us had to overcome struggle to find success,” said Grennell. “I was an introvert that had a speech impediment as a child. I had a different style of learn-

ing also, but none of these obstacles deterred me from pursuing a biology degree. I met friends and professors that helped me overcome my struggles. My professors told me to endure and overcome the struggle because once I got into the real world, I would have to roll up my sleeves and work hard.” In politics, Grennell said that he prefers for people to see him as a statesman rather than a politician. He believes that Revels shared the same outlook and applied it to his leadership approach. “We are both elected officials. Like myself, I imagine Senator Revels viewed himself as a statesman and not a politician. I’m not the type of person to only seek help from others when I need their vote. The reason why the people of Natchez elected me was because they knew that I would do the right thing and represent them well. It’s important to keep it simple and do what’s necessary for the advancement of the people.” The final commonality that Grennell spoke about was Revels’ ability to see the need of people and not their standing in society. “I believe that Senator

Revels wanted to help his fellow man, no matter their race. I feel the same way because it’s all about helping your neighbor, no matter their race, socioeconomic status or sexual orientation. I don’t see circumstances; I only see people.” Grennell encouraged student attendees to take heed to the lessons being learned during their years as a student so that they lead to success in the future. “My charge to you is the struggles you face will prepare you to achieve your professional goals in life. You have a promise to keep, and that is to continue the legacy of Alcorn by scoring high achievements in life.” Two history majors at Alcorn took the podium to present insights into Revels’ journey as a political leader. Dominique Varnado and Lucas Wisner, both seniors, spoke about Revels’ time in Natchez, Mississippi where he served as an alderman, his one-year stint in the senate, life as a man free from slavery, and how he became a renowned political figure in United States politics. Rust College President David Beckley spoke about

Revels’ time as pastor of Asbury United Methodist Church in 1866, which was the first African-American church in Holly Springs, Mississippi. Beckley also spoke about Revels’ return to Rust College to be a professor of religion after retiring from Alcorn. The Rev. Neddie Winters, president of the Alcorn National Alumni Association, highly regarded his alma mater for producing legendary icons such as Revels. “When I look at Alcorn, I don’t look at it as an institution, I look at it as a family and producer of legends,” said Winters. “To matriculate at Alcorn is like a right of passage into the real world.” President Felecia M. Nave closed the event by thanking everyone. She expressed her gratitude for officiating the program. “It is an honor and privilege to host such a special event to celebrate this remarkable man,” said Nave. “Several individuals shared their insights and highlights to recognize this monumental occasion.” A tree-planting ceremony in honor of Revels was held following the event.



## Hinds County School District Weekly Update

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### HCSD celebrates School Board Recognition Month



Kayla Banger – District 4      Carolyn Samuel, Secretary – District 5      Dr. Linda Laws, President - District 3



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Thank you to our Board of Education for your leadership and commitment to our students, staff and communities. We appreciate your efforts in leading us into the future. Thank you for all your dedication and hard work for our school district. We appreciate all the time you spend serving our board.

Dr. Delesicia Martin, Superintendent of Education

### Highlights from Board Recognition Night







# STATEMENT FROM MIKE BLOOMBERG

Mike Bloomberg released the following statement:

“Three months ago, I entered the race for President to defeat Donald Trump. Today, I am leaving the race for the same reason: to defeat Donald Trump – because it is clear to me that staying in would make achieving that goal more difficult.

“I’m a believer in using data to inform decisions. After yesterday’s results, the delegate math has become virtually impossible – and a viable path to the nomination no longer exists. But I remain clear-eyed about my overriding objective: victory in November. Not for me, but for our country. And so while I will not be the nominee, I will not walk away from the most important political fight of my life.

“I’ve always believed that defeating Donald Trump starts with uniting behind the candidate with the best shot to do it. After yesterday’s vote, it is clear that candidate is my friend and a great American, Joe Biden.

“I’ve known Joe for a very long time. I know his decency, his honesty, and his commitment to the issues that are so important to our country – including gun safety, health care, climate change, and good jobs.

“I’ve had the chance to work with Joe on those issues over the years, and Joe has fought for working people his whole life. Today I am glad to endorse him – and I will work to make him the next President of the United States.

“I am immensely proud of the campaign we ran, the issues we raised, and the sweeping and achievable plans we proposed – including our Greenwood Initiative to right historic wrongs, fight racial inequality, and make the promise of equal opportunity real for the Black communities that have endured centuries of exploitation and discrimination. That work is fundamental to the future of our country – and to the more perfect union that each generation is called to build.

“I am deeply grateful to all the Americans who voted for me – and to our incredibly dedicated staff and volunteers all around the country, who knocked on more than two million doors and held 12 million voter conversations in an incredibly short amount of time. No one outworked our team, and I couldn’t be prouder of everyone who was part of it. And I will be forever grateful to all the mayors, local and state legislators, Members of Congress, and many others who believed in me, endorsed my candidacy, and worked hard to unite voters around our vision. Your support and trust sustained me, and I look forward to working with you in the months and years ahead.

“We made our campaign slogan a clear, simple promise: Mike will get it done. And I intend to keep working on the “it.” I will continue to work for sensible, common sense policy solutions that can get done. That includes passing gun safety laws that save lives. Fighting climate change. Improving health care. Making college more accessible and affordable. Creating economic opportunity for all. And helping mayors and local leaders across the country who are doing so much important work on all of these issues.

“The past few months have been some of the most inspiring of my life, and I want to thank the tens of thousands of Americans, from Maine to California, whom I was privileged to meet – and who every day, with their voices and their ideas, made this campaign such a powerful experience. And I am intent on making it a lasting experience: I want my supporters to stay engaged, stay active and stay committed to our issues. I will be right there with you. And together, we will get it done.”