

Diversity signaling what a Biden-Harris administration may bring

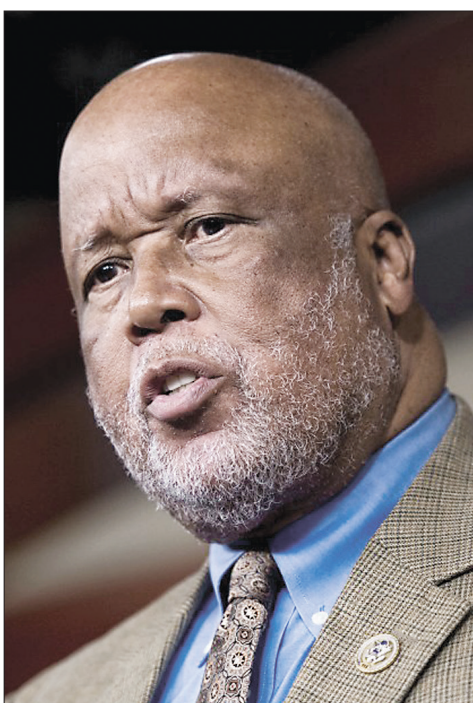
MS Congressman serve as DNC chair



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By Jackie Hampton
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On night one of the Aug. 17-20 virtual Democratic National Convention even before Congressman Bennie Thompson, chairman of the Democratic National Convention, gaveled the event to order, everyday Americans were seen virtually reading the Preamble of the United States Constitution. All over the world, people were able to watch on their television screens, what a Biden-Harris administration might look like if voters elect Joe Biden as president of the United States and Senator Kamala Harris as vice president. It was easy to see that this candidate believes in diversity.

“For the People” was the theme for Monday night’s opening event. A multicultural virtual choir singing the national anthem included singers representing all 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Cheyenne Nation and five ter-

ritories, including Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the Northern Mariana Islands. Diversity could be seen everywhere.

The Covid-19 pandemic forced the convention to be held virtually rather than at the Milwaukee convention hall as planned prior to the pandemic.

Mississippi Congressman Bennie Thompson was chosen to serve as permanent chair of the 2020 Democratic National Convention and as chair, he presides over all official convention business. Thompson has served as U.S. Congressman of District 2 since 1993. He is the first elected official from Mississippi to preside as chair of the Democratic National Convention. Other Mississippians were engaged in the opening of the virtual convention.

On Monday night viewers were able to watch a conversation with former Vice President

Biden, “The Path Forward” on the subject of racial justice. Included in that conversation was Mississippi native Derrick Johnson, NAACP president.

Soon after former First Lady Michelle Obama gave a speech which many have characterized as the highlight of day one, the benediction was given by another Mississippian, Dr. Jerry Young, president of the National Baptist Convention, USA and pastor of New Hope Baptist Church in Jackson.

The diversity and inclusion continued on day two when it was time to call roll for the states and territories to announce their primary results. Instead of taking place in an arena or convention hall, the traditional delegate roll call was conducted remotely with many delegates engaging amongst various backdrops and announcing their votes in pre-recorded messages. The delegates were individuals from all walks of life showcas-

ing the country’s rich cultural and geographic diversity.

In what is normally an uninteresting process involving representatives sent by each state to announce how many delegates they have for each candidate, Tuesday was much more exciting as viewers were able to take a trip around the country and seven territories. The representatives from Puerto Rico and other territories emphasized that they are U.S. citizens too and a Tennessee representative emphasized it was the deciding state on giving women the right to vote.

From the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Rep. Terri Sewell, D-AL, announced that Alabama had cast eight votes for Bernie Sanders and 52 votes for Joe Biden.

Speaking for the state of Mississippi from the campus of Tougaloo College, President Carmen J. Walters stated

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Takeaways from first night of the Democratic Convention



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Obama

By Bill Barrow and Nicholas Riccardi
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In another profound way that the coronavirus pandemic has upended American life, the Democratic National Convention started with no convening. Instead, Democrats opted for the first virtual convention as the party begins the formal process of nominating Joe Biden as its candidate for president.

Five takeaways from Monday night:

Michelle Obama’s Dominant Moment

Michelle Obama, in an uncharacteristically pointed and political speech, said President Donald Trump is “simply in over his head,” as she forcefully made the case against his administration and tried to create a sense of urgency and energy for Joe Biden’s candidacy.

As one of the most popular women in the world, the former first lady’s words carried added weight and set a tone for a convention that will try to make the election a referendum on the president’s character as much as his record.

Four years ago, she used her Democratic National Convention speaking slot to highlight a slogan that didn’t work, politically, for her party in 2016: “When they go low, we go high!”

She insisted that was still the right path, but said that did not mean she wasn’t vigorously opposed to Trump. “Let’s be clear,” Obama said. “Going high does not mean putting on a smile and saying nice things when confronted by viciousness and cruelty.”

She then pivoted to a searing critique of Trump.

“Donald Trump is the wrong president for our country,” Obama said during her pre-recorded 18-minute speech – more than twice as long as any other speaker had.” He has had more than enough time to prove he can do the job but he is simply in over his head.”

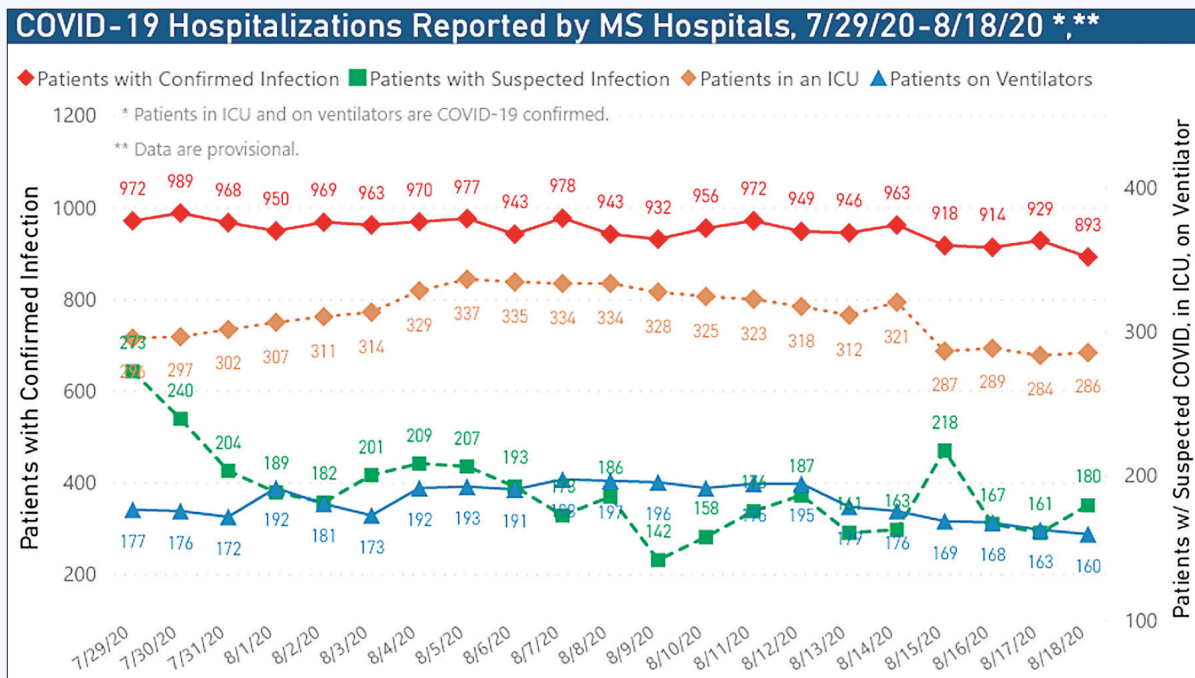
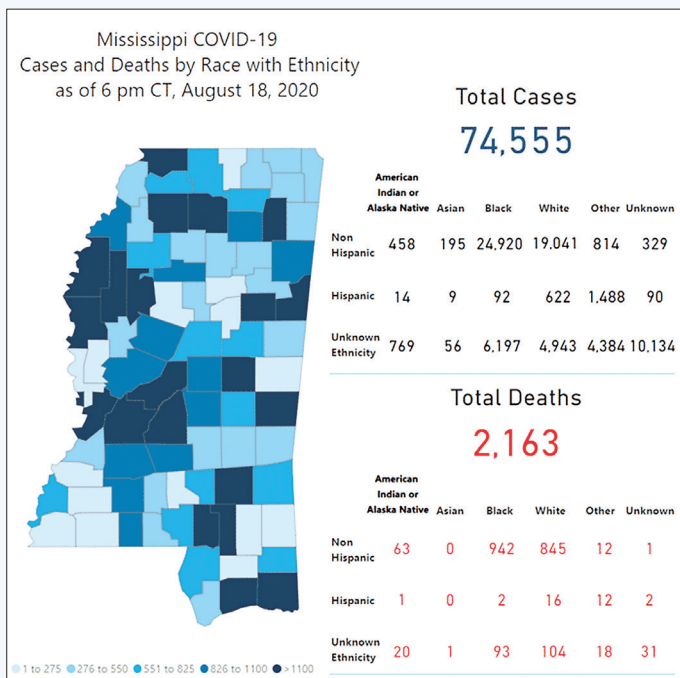
Joe Biden Is Casting A Wide Net

The first chunk of the convention’s primetime hour was dominated by a quartet of Republicans – part of Democrats’ effort to emphasize the breadth of their party’s coalition, and implicitly contrast it with the narrower one Trump has built.

The four prominent former Republican officials all slammed Trump and praised Biden, hoping to speak to what the Biden campaign believes is a big swath of the electorate that remains uncomfortable with the president. Biden’s ability to unite the country has

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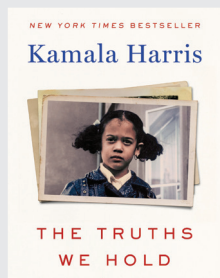
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Meet the Candidate

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De’Keither Stamps is a candidate for the Mississippi House of Representatives special election September 22 in District 66. He is a church trustee, husband, father, retired combat war veteran and a Jackson city councilman. He spoke about his campaign with *The Mississippi Link*.

Why are you running for House of Representatives, District 66?

DS: We are running to restore the very soul of Mississippi. Mississippi is deeply divided and we want to unite people around our common interests, goals and objectives to move Mississippi forward.

What are your top priorities, if elected?

DS: Our priorities are rooted in the principles of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party. A strong local economy, education, healthcare, criminal justice reform and eradicating poverty.

What are your top priorities for District 66?

DS: The interlocking economy of Hinds county between Jackson, Byram, Terry, Utica, and Raymond should be the strongest in the state. We pledge to focus intensely on creating jobs and moving Hinds County to a brighter future.

What will you do to make the Legislature more transparent and accountable?

DS: We will do this by not turning a blind eye to public corruption. As the public sees us holding ourselves accountable, that will evoke greater public confidence in state leadership.



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What are your thoughts on the Black Lives Matter Movement?

DS: I support peaceful protests and raising awareness of issues that our state so desperately needs to change.

What are your views on public education?

DS: We support fully funding public education and pay raises for teachers.

What makes you the best candidate for District 66?

DS: We have several good people vying for this position. We are just the only one with the record at every level of government – from federal legislation to state legislation to city legislation. We have written laws at every level of government. With that track record of service and being a legislator we stand on our record.

What can Mississippi do to solve it’s teacher storage in the state?

DS: We must have leadership that values public education and the profession of being an educator. The profession of education must be lifted to a higher level of respect. Leadership shows what its values are by

what it funds and does to support our education system. We pledge to strongly support our education system at all levels.

What are your ideas for improving access to healthcare as well as coverage?

DS: First, we must expand Medicaid in the State of Mississippi. Secondly, we must execute a strategy to retain those dollars in the state so that they create a new economy. Third, we must build new businesses to retain our economy and talent in Mississippi.

How do we reform the criminal justice system?

DS: Our philosophy must be to rehabilitate people, not just incarcerate them.

Anything else you would like to include that I did not ask?

DS: We must restore the very soul of Mississippi. We must work hard to remind all Mississippians that we are here together. We must work together, pray together and never forget that we are one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Make sure you vote September 22 for the best candidate in the special election for House of Representatives, District 66.

District 66 covers south Jackson, parts of Byram, parts of Terry, a part of Raymond, a part of Learned, also a part of Utica, MS. The precincts that are in the district within the Jackson area are Precinct 69, Precinct 74, Precinct 91, Precinct 92, Precinct 93, Precinct 94 and then it’s Byram 2, Chapel Hill, Dry Grove, Learned, Raymond 2, Spring Ridge, Terry 2 and Utica 2.

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been a centerpiece of his campaign, and on Monday night Democrats tried to show that by cramming as wide an ideological spectrum as possible into a single hour.

“This isn’t about Republican or Democrat. It’s about a person – a person decent enough, stable enough, strong enough to get our economy back on track,” former Environmental Protection Agency chief Christie Todd Whitman said. “Donald Trump isn’t that person. Joe Biden is.”

Former Ohio Gov. John Kasich said he didn’t believe Biden would turn “sharp left.”

That open-door approach for Democrats is an implicit contrast with Trump, who is notorious for slamming any Republican who publicly criticizes him and whose convention next week is not likely to feature as wide an ideological range. It makes it harder to agree on a governing platform besides Don’t-Be-Trump. But Democrats are gambling on that being sufficient to win.

Sanders, Klobuchar Lead Democratic Unity Front

Bernie Sanders spoke for the second time in four years as runner-up. But this one felt different.

In 2016, he led a surprising progressive insurgency. The palpable tensions between Sanders and nominee Hillary Clinton were on display even as Sanders nominated Clinton from the floor of the Philadelphia convention.

This time, Sanders delivered an unqualified endorsement of Joe Biden and a harsh indictment of Trump.

“At its most basic, this election is about preserving our democracy,” Sanders said, adding that “authoritarianism has taken root in this country” under Trump. “As long as I am here, I will work with progressives, with moderates and, yes, with conservatives to preserve this nation,” he said.

In another dig, Sanders said: “Nero fiddled while Rome burned. Trump golfs.”

He added a litany of policy examples of “how Joe will move us forward” to address the fundamental economic inequities that Sanders has railed against for decades.

As runner-up, Sanders got his own time slot Monday night. He followed a video montage of more than a dozen other Democratic primary contenders introduced by Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar. They all offered praise of Biden.

“Out of many, one,” Klobuchar said, translating the national motto “e pluribus unum.”

Together, it highlighted both Biden’s personal relationships in his own party and how much of a unifying force the desire to defeat Trump is for the Democratic Party in 2020.

Virtual Enthusiasm Isn’t Easy

One of the most urgent questions heading into a virtual convention was whether the format could generate enthusiasm. The first impression, charitably, is that it remains a tall order.

Actress Eva Longoria emceed the night’s programming, a combination of prerecorded and live material, from a studio. On one hand, Longoria’s video interactions with everyday Americans – a farmer, a student, a small business owner, among others – offered a better look at their lives than having them on a traditional convention stage in front of thousands of delegates.

But there’s also something lost when the headliners – well-known politicians who are used to much different environs – can’t feed off the crowd. You can take the same zinger against Trump or a wrenching personal biographical pitch about Biden, and it just won’t land the same way when delivered straight to a camera.

Democrats are clearly aware that they also lost the camera shots that at a normal convention would capture the party’s racial, ethnic and gender diversity – that much is assured by party rules on state delegations. They tried to make up for it from the start, with an invocation delivered in Spanish and English and a national anthem sung by children and adults from all over the country, representing a range of races and ethnicities.

Conventions have long been

derided in some circles as infomercials. Now the evolution is complete.

Dems Push Contrast With Trump On Race

Democrats showed out of the gate that they will continue to draw a sharp contrast with Trump and Republicans on the matter of racial justice – giving the issue emotional prominence on the opening night.

In the first half-hour, Democrats showcased the family of George Floyd, the black man whose killing by a white Minneapolis police officer May 25 spawned nationwide protests and intensified calls to address the nation’s history of systemic racism. One of Floyd’s brothers spoke about him and named a litany of other black Americans killed by police, followed by a moment of silence.

Mayor Muriel Bowser of Washington, D.C., introduced the Floyd family from Black Lives Matter Plaza, the stretch of 16th Street in Washington leading up to the White House that was repainted and re-named in the wake of Floyd’s death.

Bowser compared the history of peaceful protest in the nation’s capital with Trump ordering Lafayette Square cleared with tearing agents so he could walk to a nearby church to be photographed with a Bible.

“While we were peacefully protesting, Donald Trump was plotting,” Bowser said. “I knew if he did this to D.C., he would do it to your city or your town, and that’s when I said enough.”

Trump, meanwhile, confirmed two guests he has invited to participate at his convention next week: a white St. Louis couple who gained national headlines when they emerged from their house wielding weapons to confront protesters who were in their neighborhood.

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Multi-virtual choir singing the national anthem – AP PHOTO

that Tougaloo College reflects the progression of people from slavery to citizenship, from scholarship to leadership. She said, “Our alumni are leaders like Convention Chair, Congressman Bennie Thompson.”

After the virtual roll call was completed, and “Celebrate Good Times” blasted over the airways, it was announced that Joe Biden received enough support to clinch the nomination for president of The United States.

The highlight of the second evening event was Jill Biden, who gave everyone an inside view of Joe Biden, the husband, the father, the grandfather, the friend and the politician who can work with everyone, regardless of their party affiliation. Indeed a man of passion.

It was announced that the nation would be hearing from Senator Kamala Harris on Wednesday night and Joe Biden on Thursday night.

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Dr. Hill Williams, Jr.

June 13, 1944 – August 11, 2020

On June 13, 1944, the midwife, the late Katie Price, arrived at 714 Jackson Street in Laurel, Mississippi, to deliver the only son of Hill Williams Sr., and Ruby Davis Williams; the paternal grandson of Job ‘Pye’ Williams and Ida Williams and maternal grandson of Rev. Joseph Davis and Sarah McAdory Davis. Hill Williams Jr. grew up in the “Free State of Jones County,” Laurel, Mississippi.

His developmental years were spent going to school and working in his father’s businesses, Hill’s Café and Southside Taxi Stand, both located at 714 Jackson Street. He spent his elementary school days at Sandy Gavin and Southside on the southside; middle school at Nora Davis in Kingston and high school at Oak Park in Queensburg where he lettered in football and graduated in 1964. His college journey started at Alcorn State University for one summer session and then he took the train ride with Alfred Jenkins and the late Wayne Thames to Carbondale, Illinois to attend Southern Illinois University on a football scholarship.

In 1967 he married his college sweetheart Millie Inge from Columbus, Mississippi and to this union one son was born, Hill Williams, III, during the time he was stationed at Folk Polk, Louisiana in the United States Army. He was honorably discharged in 1970. In 1972, he earned the Bachelor of Science degree and in 1974 the Master of Science degree both in Health, Physical Education and Recreation from Jackson State University, in Jackson, Mississippi. Three years later in 1977, he went to the University of Missouri in Columbia, Missouri, to earn the Doctor of Education in Health Physical Education and Recreation with a research focus in Adapted Physical Education.

Over a 53-year period, his focus was centered on his relationship with God, family life, his work in higher education, community outreach and his three grandchildren until his untimely passing in 2020.

In 2010 his higher education focus allowed him to provide leadership in the development of the Master’s level program in Sports Science in the Health, Physical Education Recreation Department at Jackson State University, with concentrations in Sports Management, Strengthening and Conditioning. He also served as a lecturer for the Jackson State University Urban Executive Ph.D. program. Through the College of Education in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, he served as chair and associate professor for ten years, as well as intramural director for over twenty years. Williams’ range of educational experiences has primarily been in higher education at HBCUs, including serving as assistant professor, Department chair at Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio. This assignment included providing a workplan blueprint for the development of intramural sports and aquatics at Central State University.

Professional networking was important to Williams. His involvement in organizations gave him access to strong bridge building skills needed for teaching and research. His involvement in the organizations below allowed him to make sure his students had full and strong access to the enterprise of research, internships, apprenticeship opportunities, graduate school access and job placements once they were beyond the classroom in the tower of higher education. His work included: American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance; Kappa Delta Pi – Honor Society in Education; Mississippi Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance; Ethnic Minority Council (AAHPER) vice president; Eth-



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nic Minority Committee (SSDAAHPERD) chair; NASSM (National American Society for Sport Management); NSCA (National Strength and Conditioning Association); NAFA (National Health and Fitness Association).

He served on numerous committees during his tenure at Jackson State University and a highlight of that service was his role as assistant chief marshal (1979-2002) and chief marshal (2003-2016) Jackson State University Graduation Exercises. After 30 years of service he decided to step down from this role as chief marshall after his oldest granddaughter, Jordyn Atiya Williams, received her undergraduate degree in 2016 when first lady Michelle Obama was the graduation commencement speaker.

He was proud that over three generations in the Williams family received ten college degrees from Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi.

Other professional profiles included: vice president – United Concerned Citizens, Columbia, Missouri; Board member – Voluntary Action Center, Columbia, Missouri; board member – Multi-County Health Association for Minorities – Laurel, Mississippi; founder and sponsor – Laurel-Jacksonian Club; president – National Oak Park High School Alumni Association; The Council for Exceptional Children; American School Health Association; American Cancer Society; Mississippi Special Olympic Committee; Mississippi Educational Association; National Education Association; Missouri Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance; Young Men’s Christian Association; Noon Optimist Club of Jackson (president, vice president, secretary/treasurer); Alabama/Mississippi District Optimist International (lieutenant governor); the American Red Cross – board member.

His attention to various community outreach programs enhanced his professional career and was centered around a commitment to increasing the number of black students attending college with high standards of expectations in academic achievement. His philosophy was “College is for all youth and that all African Americans who hold a high school diploma or GED credits should attend a Historically Black College or University (HBCU).” His passion was to have more African-American students earn graduate degrees.

Other community involvement included: vice-polemarch, Jackson Alumni Chapter Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated 1990-1996; member PTA, Peoples Junior High School; co-undergraduate advisor, Delta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated; president, Noon Optimist Club of Jackson, Mississippi; member of the board, Opera South Guild; membership chairperson, Jackson Metro Oak Park High School Alumni Association; Community Stew Pot (meals for homeless); founder and director, Community Youth Summer Swim Program; founder and director, Moving Toward Manhood Youth Program, Piney Woods Country Life School, Piney Woods, Mississippi; founder and director,

Summer Youth Recreation Program, Calvary Baptist Church, Laurel, Mississippi.

His genetic code for business was planted in him by his parents and he understood the value of land ownership, home ownership and being involved in some form of retail and service-related activities for the community. The seed was planted in 1939 in Laurel. Williams’ lifetime dreams and desires were that he would leave a legacy of land ownership, whereby providing affordable rental housing to families at the Hill Williams Sr. Building, 714 Jackson Street, Laurel, Mississippi in 2020.

Honors, awards and special recognitions given to Williams have included: Kappa Alpha Psi Polemarch Achievement Award – Jackson, Mississippi; Certificate of Appreciation, Mississippi Special Olympic Committee for Volunteer Work; Outstanding Young Men of America; The Pride in Teaching Award (MAHPHERD) Vicksburg, Mississippi; Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding and Dedicated Service – Laurel – Jacksonian Club; The Mayor’s Award of Merit, Mayor of Jackson, Mississippi; Outstanding Service Award, National Oak Park High School Alumni Association; Outstanding Contributions as Intramural Director, Jackson State University; Personality of the South; Teacher of the Year, Jackson State University Health, Physical Education and Recreation; Teacher of the Year, Jackson State University School of Education; Laurence Clifton Jones Distinguished Service Award, Piney Woods Country Life School; Banquet Speaker Award, Jackson State University, School of Education; I.S. Sanders Board Chairman Award, Young Men Christian Association (YMCA); President’s Award, National Oak Park Alumni Association; Outstanding Contribution Award, Mississippi Alliance Health, Physical Education and Recreation; Girls and Women Sports Day Leadership Award.

His spiritual walk allowed him to be a dedicated member for over 40 years with the church family of Greater Pearl Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi. He served as a deacon, treasurer and Sunday school teacher. At home, in Laurel, Mississippi with extended family members his fellowship was strong at his mother’s church, Calvary Baptist Church, Laurel, Mississippi. He established the Ruby Davis Williams HBCU Annual Scholarship Award. At his father’s church, at St. Elmo Missionary Baptist Church, Laurel Mississippi, the Hill Williams, Sr. HBCU Annual Scholarship Award was created. At Green Hill Baptist Church, Shubuta, Mississippi, he established and was involved in the Hill & Ruby Williams Annual Family Legacy Program.

In his lifetime, his pillars of strength were rooted in God and his relationships and bonds with family, neighbors, community and education. Williams was married fifty two-plus years to Millie Inge Williams; along with her he leaves wonderful memories to be cherished by their son Hill Williams, III; two beautiful granddaughters, Jordyn Atiya and LilaReece; one grandson Hill Williams, IV of Katy, Texas; three sisters, Marva Williams Appleberry and Ivory Williams Shelby (Robert) of Laurel, Mississippi and Eva Carlotta Williams Clanton of Jackson, Mississippi and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, four in-laws (Linda Inge Brown (Anthony); Evie Inge, Jr.; MacArthur Inge (Daisy) Columbus, MS; Johnson Inge (Wanda), Vancouver, WA; and many neighbors and friends. He was preceded in death by both parents, Hill Sr., and Ruby Williams; one sister, Emmetta Jean Williams Hardy, his daughter-in-law Christa ‘Muffin’ Williams, and his mentor Dr. Melvin Evans.

Geraldine Barnes

September 08, 1930 - August 14, 2020



Barnes

Geraldine Barnes, also known as Aunt Geah, was born in Prentiss, MS September 8, 1930, to the late Ephraim L. and Shirley H. Barnes. She was the second of twelve children.

Geraldine attended Prentiss Normal Industrial Institute, a private school that she credited with excellent preparation for her future intellectual pursuits. When her dad moved to Pascagoula, MS to work in the new shipyard in the late 1930s, he made the decision to keep her in private school until her graduation. Upon graduation, she attended Jackson State University where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education. After graduation, she taught third- and fourth-grade children in Prentiss. Then she returned to Pascagoula and began her 37-year career with the Pascagoula School District. She began teaching third-grade at Skip Street Elementary, a segregated school for black children. She later taught at both Fair and Jackson Elementaries. She went on to complete her master’s and specialist’s degrees during the summer breaks of her teaching career.

Attending Indiana University, Eastern Michigan University and Central State University, she reflected on her educational experience as the love of her life. She alternated between Beach and South Elementaries and retired as assistant principal at College Park Elementary in 1993.

Geraldine remained active after retirement. She served as a trustee on the College Board of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, the city board of the Pascagoula City Library and superintendent emeritus of the Education Department with Mission Ministry at Union Baptist Church and worked with AARP Pascagoula School District Retired Teachers.

Aunt Geah’s greatest role came as matriarch of the Barnes’ family. She made sure that her eleven siblings were raised and educated after their parents passed away. She even became the legal guardian of her nephew and niece, Charles and Jeredine. She was a sounding board and always gave great advice. She was a woman with remarkable character. Like the Rock of Gibraltar, you could not push her over; she popped right back up.

Geraldine is survived by her brother, Lionel Barnes (Gloria); her sisters Lenora Reed, Shirley B. Laird, Edna R. Barnes, Carolyn S. McCain (Bobby), Diane J. Barnes and Wanda B. Hanshaw (Larry); her sister-in-law Lauretta Barnes; a host of nieces and nephews; and a plethora of friends. She was preceded in death by her siblings Glennis E. Barnes, Eloise Russell, Maxine McLaughlin, Charles B. Barnes and nephew, Charles G. Barnes.

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Freshman Alvin Jones Jr. named a 2020 Gates Scholarship recipient

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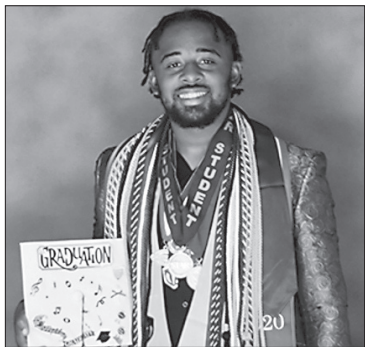
From a young age, Heidelberg, Mississippi native Alvin Jones Jr. has understood the value of hard work. His work ethic has been the catalyst for his early success.

“The hard work that’s gotten me to this point started when I was younger,” said Jones, a freshman at Alcorn State University. “There were many long nights of studying and long days of preparation. There were so many sacrifices that I made to benefit my future. I had to understand at a young age that anything worth having is worth working for. I still believe in this principle today.”

His hard work has paid off. Jones, an agribusiness management major, is a 2020 Gates Scholarship recipient. The Gates Scholarship is a highly selective scholarship for outstanding minority high school seniors from low-income households. The scholarship is funded by a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and administered by the Hispanic Scholarship Fund. The scholarship is awarded to 300 student leaders per year.

Earning the scholarship allows Jones to be a positive example for his community. He hopes to inspire others to reach their full potential.

“Receiving this scholarship is one of the proudest moments I’ve had in my life thus far. I am from a small town where motivation can be hard to find. I feel that receiving this scholarship will give my community hope and set an example for those that will come



Alvin Jones Jr. with several awards and honor chords from high school.

after me. I believe that a person’s true character is not displayed by what they do for themselves, but by what they do to help others. I thank God for this blessing.”

Jones is who he is today because of the teachings of his parents. He appreciates the life lessons and morals that they’ve instilled in him.

“My parents, Alvin Jones Sr. and Harlena Jones, pushed me and motivated me. When I felt like giving up, they would tell me to trust God now and thank him later. Through all things, I kept God first. I prayed before every interview. After I finished reviewing my notes, I always asked God to allow me to be the best.”

Helping others succeed is a life goal for Jones. Achieving the Gates Scholarship has motivated him to one day provide aid to students searching for opportunities.

“I am motivated to work even harder than ever to make my family and myself proud. I am motivated to use what I’ve learned to help others. One day, I hope to create a scholarship foundation

that gives students a chance to become the absolute best in their fields. I want to provide equal opportunities not only for African American students but also for all minorities. I believe that many go unnoticed not because they lack skill, but because they lack opportunity. I want to give people the same opportunity that the Gates Scholarship has given me.”

Now that a full ride through school is solidified, Jones can focus on having the best freshman year possible. He looks forward to his Alcorn experience.

“I’m looking forward to this new chapter in my life where I can create a bright future for myself. I want college to be a world of experiences and opportunities for me. I look forward to meeting new friends and being a part of the Alcorn family. I also look forward to fulfilling my dream of marching with the Sounds of Dyn-O-Mite Marching band.”

Alcorn prepared Jones’ mentors for success beyond graduation, which is one of several reasons why he chose to further his education at the Alcorn.

“I chose Alcorn because of the family atmosphere. When I visited Alcorn, it felt like home. Everyone was welcoming, and they cared about my interest. My father and my high school band direct (Elbert Benton III) graduated from the university and marched in the band. I see that Alcorn instilled character and leadership skills into these two men. I desire the same qualities, so I believe Alcorn is the best fit for me.”

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C Spire to bridge digital divide with ultra-fast fiber broadband in parts of four counties



Firm to spend nearly \$2.2 million to provide fiber infrastructure in rural, unserved portions of Mississippi

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C Spire plans to install over 33 miles of underground fiber infrastructure in unserved parts of Hinds, Madison, Amite and Pike counties and will offer ultra-fast Gigabit speed broadband internet access to consumers and businesses in those rural areas of Mississippi by the end of the year.

The company was one of 19 recipients of a total of \$75 million in federal grant funds under the Mississippi Broadband COVID-19 program designed to help residents and businesses in unserved or underserved areas of the state get fast, reliable internet access in 2020. Each recipient is required to match 50 percent of the overall cost of their individual project.

“Our current public health crisis has shown that Mississippians are in critical need of fast, reliable, symmetric broadband internet service,” said C Spire CEO Hu Meena. “This program will help get more broadband in more places more quickly by relying on public-private partnerships to expand the availability of high-quality, symmetric internet access.”

Since the start of the COVID-19 outbreak in mid-March, the lives of many Mississippians have been dramatically altered, including working remotely

from home, students transitioning to distance learning education models, businesses using e-commerce and on-line ordering, and medical professionals exploring creative solutions to serve patients via telehealth.

In response, C Spire will install underground fiber infrastructure for dozens of residents in rural Hinds County along Highway 18 southwest of Raymond and northwest of Utica along Highway 27. In north central Madison County, the company plans to deploy fiber to serve businesses in Canton west of Interstate 55 along Virililia Road.

In southwest Mississippi, the company will place fiber for dozens of rural residents and businesses in an area southwest of the town of Liberty in Amite County along Highway 48. In Pike County, C Spire will provide fiber access for residents north of Osyka along Highway 51 and west of the town along Highway 584 and Old Mill Road.

After installing the underground fiber broadband infrastructure, the company plans to start offering a suite of next-generation services, including Gigabit speed internet access for residents and businesses, by the end of December.

For more information about C Spire’s fiber broadband program, go to www.cspire.com/fiber

Nissan donations to provide more than 1 million meals to residents in need

Nissan Neighbors program doubles funding to local food banks in Middle Tennessee and Mississippi to address unprecedented level of food insecurity

Special to The Mississippi Link

Nissan North America is extending its fight to curb hunger by doubling its annual contributions to local food banks in response to rising rates of food insecurity due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Nissan’s donations will help purchase more than 1 million meals for residents in need across Middle Tennessee and Mississippi.

According to a report from Feeding America, nearly 54 million people (1 in 6 people) may face food insecurity in 2020, including 18 million children. This means 1 in 4 children in the U.S. may be unsure of where their next meal will come from.

“Our food bank partners have been significantly impacted by COVID-19 in a number of ways, from an increase in the number of people they serve to a decrease in food donations to the reduced number of volunteers allowed in warehouses to assist with food packing for distribution,” says Parul Bajaj, senior manager, Philanthropy. “Increasing Nissan’s annual donations will help our community partners better meet this expanded level of need as we all continue to navigate these unprecedented times.”

Second Harvest of Middle Tennessee

“Nissan has been a longstanding supporter of Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee for nearly 30 years,” said Nancy Keil, president and CEO of Second Harvest. “A lot of industries are struggling right now, so we were truly blown away by Nissan’s generosity in doubling their annual gift to \$200,000. As we continue to face so much uncertainty, this donation will ensure 800,000 meals are provided to our neighbors in need.”

Nissan’s contributions to Second Harvest of Middle Tennessee total nearly \$1.7 million and is the food bank’s first Mission Partner, which



Nissan’s Caroline Wright and Bryan Horn present a donation to Mississippi Food Network’s CEO Charles Beady

denotes an organization that donates more than \$100,000 annually. Nissan employees also regularly volunteer at Second Harvest’s warehouses in Nashville and Smyrna to sort and prepare food for distribution. In addition to funds and volunteering, Nissan has donated five vehicles valued at more than \$100,000 to provide much-needed logistics support.

Mississippi Food Network and Our Daily Bread

“There is a saying that every cloud has a silver lining, and if there is a silver lining to the COVID pandemic cloud that is overshadowing us, it is how graciously those who are able, like Nissan, have responded with their financial gifts to help support the increased demand for food this unprecedented health crisis is causing,” said Charles Beady, CEO of Mississippi Food Network. “Nissan has been an integral community partner with Mississippi Food Network for many years and we look forward to the continued partnership.”

Nissan’s vehicle assembly plant in Canton, Mississippi, has a years-long partnership with both Mississippi

Food Network and Our Daily Bread food banks. Contributions in Mississippi total more than \$311,000. Canton employees regularly volunteer at both organizations to help pack backpacks with healthy lunches and snacks for kids with food insecurities. At Our Daily Bread, which also operates as a soup kitchen in Madison County, employee volunteers serve lunch to residents in need, and Nissan was able to donate a van to the organization’s “Meals on Wheels” program. Nissan’s recent donations will provide more than 200,000 meals to the local community.

Nissan’s donations to Second Harvest of Middle Tennessee, Mississippi Food Network and Our Daily Bread are through its Nissan Neighbors charitable giving program, a community-focused initiative dedicated to improving communities through charitable contributions and in-kind donations to nonprofit organizations working in three focus areas: education, the environment and humanitarian aid.

Additional details on Nissan’s COVID-19 response are available at NissanUSA.com.

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Thousands of Mississippi students quarantined as teachers and students tested positive for COVID-19

By Edelia Dr. Jay Carthan.
Contributing Writer

Thousands of Mississippi students and teachers returned to school over the last several weeks, both online and in person. Although social distancing and masks are required, Mississippi continues to see positive cases at schools.

State Health Officer Dr. Thomas Dobbs announced Monday at a news conference that 71 of Mississippi’s 82 counties have reported positive COVID-19 cases in schools. Dobbs said 245 teachers and 199 students have tested positive while 589 teachers and 2,035 students are quarantined because they were exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19.

Governor Tate Reeves announced measures to assist students, teachers and school districts who are attending school face to face.

“Today, as we work to ensure that children can achieve some quality learning in the state of Mississippi, we are announcing two measures to increase access to health care and COVID-19 prevention in schools. First, we are expanding school-based emergency telehealth coverage throughout the state of Mississippi,” Reeves said. “This will allow schools, even those without school nurses or school-based clinics, to access telehealth services. We also know that testing can allow us to prevent the spread of the virus by immediately identifying and isolating known



Reeves



Dobbs

cases. As teachers return to the classroom, we want to make it simple for them to get access to testing,” Reeves stated at a televised press conference on Monday.

Reeves said he is working with the Mississippi State Department of Health to provide more flexibility for teachers to get tested for COVID-19. The measures include expanding testing for teachers to get tested for COVID-19 which will allow teachers to get tested even if they have not shown symptoms of the virus but have come in close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19.

There are three options available for teachers to be tested in Mississippi. Teachers can be tested at MSHD’s Jackson site at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, community sites across the state and by rotating testing teams at their home county health department.

The governor has come under fire from teachers, community leaders, as well as leading health care officials for opening schools too soon.

“I think you should be charged with treason,” Piers

Woodburn commented on the LIVE feed of the press conference. “You have all that loss of life on your hands. This is your fault. How do you sleep?”

“If you really want to help the people of Mississippi why won’t you expand Medicaid for better healthcare during this COVID-19 crisis?” Rufus Jamerson asked rhetorically.

The Mississippi State Department of Health reported 795 new COVID-19 cases Tuesday, bringing the statewide total number of cases to 73,207 with 2,128 total deaths.

Colleges are not exempt. Mississippi College confirmed seven students have tested positive for COVID-19. Of those seven students, four have returned home to self-isolate, and the three remaining students are being quarantined on campus for 14 days.

Schools and colleges all over the nation are reevaluating the best way to move forward among this COVID-19 pandemic. *USA Today* reported that the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill became the first major college to pivot to online classes after reopening in person. The reversal only took one week after the university started courses in person August 10 with at least four clusters of outbreaks of COVID-19 in student living quarters.

Jackson Public School District was one of the first school districts to announce virtually only classes for the fall semester.

Many steps needed for accurate COVID-19 test results

By Matthew Perrone
AP Health Writer

A widely used coronavirus test is under scrutiny this week after federal health officials warned that it could deliver inaccurate results if laboratory technicians don’t follow the latest updates from the manufacturer.

The Food and Drug Administration’s warning over Thermo Fisher’s TaqPath test underscores the complexity of COVID-19 tests and how easily they can be skewed by faulty processing and equipment.

The FDA action follows a report last month by Connecticut public health officials that the test resulted in at least 90 people receiving false positive results for the coronavirus.

What Happened With The Test?

Thermo Fisher’s test is one of the standard tools used to screen for COVID-19, run on large, automated machines found in many U.S. hospitals and laboratories. The FDA flagged two separate issues that could potentially result in false results: the chemical mixing process and computer software that runs on the company’s machine. Thermo Fisher has provided new instructions for mixing. And a software update fixes the second problem, the FDA said.

For all positive results, FDA said labs should review the instrument settings.

Thermo Fisher said in a statement that its data shows the issues are rare and most users get accurate results by following company directions.

How Accurate Are Covid-19 Tests?

No test is 100% accurate and all medical tests are expected to deliver a certain small portion of false results. Less is known about the accuracy of COVID-19 tests because of how quickly they were rushed through the regulatory process because of the pandemic.

Thermo Fisher’s test uses molecular technology that is considered the gold standard for detecting the COVID-19 virus and other viruses. The test uses chemicals to extract the genetic material of the virus from a nasal swab, then amplifies it many times until it is detectable with a computer.

Thermo Fisher’s test was among the first granted emergency use by the FDA in mid-March. Like other companies, it got the OK based on laboratory experiments it submitted to regulators. The test successfully detected coronavirus in 60 lab-made samples of the virus, and successfully ruled out the virus in 60 samples that didn’t contain

the virus. That was sufficient to meet FDA requirements.

However, experts have warned that these laboratory measures are very different from the large patient studies that assess the real-world performance of a test. Those studies can reveal factors that can skew results, such as faulty samples or incorrect processing.

How Significant Are False Results?

The biggest concern during infectious disease outbreaks is usually avoiding false negatives, or when the test fails to catch people who are actually infected. That can result in some people unknowingly spreading the virus.

But Dr. Albert Ko of Yale’s School of Public Health, noted that false positives can also create problems, particularly in places like nursing homes and prisons where people are grouped together based on test results.

“You may wind up putting someone who hasn’t been infected together with people who may be infected and are contagious,” Ko said.

Test results can be affected by a variety of factors, including the type of test used, the quality of the sample and when it was taken during the course of any infection.

Mississippi will provide free virus testing to teachers

By Leah Willingham
Associated Press/Report for America

The state of Mississippi is expanding access to free coronavirus testing for teachers and school-based emergency telehealth coverage after more than 70 of the state’s 82 counties have reported outbreaks during their first few weeks back in the classroom.

The Mississippi State Department of Health has reported 245 cases of coronavirus in teachers and 199 in students since some districts began returning to school in late July. More than 2,000 students, and around 600 teachers, at the start of this week are in quarantine after being exposed to the virus, Mississippi’s state health officer Dr. Thomas Dobbs said.

To curb the spread of the virus, Dobbs announced Monday that K-12 teachers in the state will now have access to free testing, whether or not they have symptoms or know they’ve been exposed. They will be able to be tested at the state’s two community testing sites, as well as 16 new regional mobile testing sites to be set up early next week.

Additionally, the Mississippi Division of Medicaid said that it has expanded its coverage to allow schools without nurses

or school-based clinics to access telehealth services. That change began Aug. 1 and will continue through the end of the pandemic, officials said.

Republican Gov. Tate Reeves said the two measures will ensure that Mississippi’s schools “will remain safe,” adding that he hopes expanding testing for teachers, in particular, will give educators confidence and “peace of mind” about returning to school.

“We know that there are risks with opening schools, and we know that there are risks if we choose not to open schools,” Reeves said during a news briefing. “Our job, once we have decided to do everything we can to safely reopen schools, is to then administer and find programs to mitigate risks as much as possible.”

Mississippi has seen declining cases in recent weeks after a surge of new cases and deaths in July. On July 29, the state’s seven-day average peaked at 1,390 cases. On Monday, the state’s seven-day average was below 700.

Dobbs said he is feeling hopeful about the state’s coronavirus numbers. However, with students returning to K-12 schools and colleges, he is concerned about more outbreaks

if safety protocols are not followed.

“We have some real opportunities, we also have some threats,” he said,

Meanwhile, college sports are also surging ahead in the state. The University of Florida football team will play at the University of Mississippi Sept. 26. Mississippi State will play Louisiana State University the same day.

The Health Department said Monday that Mississippi, with a population of about 3 million, has had at least 72,412 reported cases and at least 2,095 deaths from COVID-19 as of Sunday evening. That’s an increase of 276 confirmed cases and 11 deaths from numbers reported the day before, with two deaths occurring between July 26 and July 27 and identified later from death certificates.

The true number of virus infections is thought to be far higher because many people have not been tested and studies suggest people can be infected without feeling sick.

The virus causes mild or moderate symptoms for most but can be more severe or fatal for some, especially older adults and those with existing health problems.

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX LEVIES FOR THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR FOR CITY OF JACKSON, MS

The City of Jackson, Mississippi will hold a public hearing on its proposed budget and proposed tax levies for fiscal year 2020-2021 on Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers located in City Hall, 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201.

The City of Jackson, Mississippi is now operating with projected total budget revenue of \$ 351,555,926 (21.4 percent) or \$75,277,569 of such revenue is obtained through ad valorem taxes. For next fiscal year, the proposed budget has total projected revenue of \$375,874,966. Of that amount, (20.1 percent) or \$75,376,594 is proposed to be financed through a total ad valorem tax levy.

The decision to not increase the ad valorem tax millage rate for 2020-2021 above the current fiscal year’s ad valorem tax millage means that you will not pay more in ad valorem taxes on your home, automobile tag, utilities, business fixtures and equipment and rental real property, unless the assessed value of your property has increased for the fiscal year 2020-2021.

Any citizen of City of Jackson is invited to attend this public hearing on the proposed budget and tax levies for fiscal year 2020-2021, and will be allowed to speak for a reasonable amount of time and offer tangible evidence before any vote is taken.

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PART 1

We are living in perilous times

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



Christians everywhere agree that today we are living in perilous times. Wickedness and rebellion ruling in men's hearts are causing this perilous condition. As society continues to worsen, the saint's only hope of making it through with victory is to diligently draw closer to God.

Regardless of what scoffers say, we are living in the last days of time. Satan has been turned loose, and as never before, he is using every means possible to destroy the souls of men and women. It makes no difference what means he uses because he has one purpose and that is to destroy precious souls.

There are many ways that a seducing spirit can make its inroad into the heart and life

of an individual. First Peter 5:8 says that "Your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." When a lion roars in the jungle, it petrifies its prey. In other words, the victim freezes with fear, unable to move. With resistance diminished, the attacker can soon move in on the prey and overcome it. Unless something interrupts this petrifying condition, the intended victim stands no chance of survival.

This is much like the adversary of men's souls. Satan's sly and deceitful tactics often overcome people. His continual roaring brings on undue fear, turmoil and confusion. He deceives ones by causing them to feel that they will not be able to live victoriously over sin. He torments others with fear of dying and not being right with God. This is only a trick of the enemy, but many times it robs the Chris-

tian of the peace and the joy that God wants them to possess. Saints do not have to fall captive to Satan's false fears and lies. Remember, Satan is a defeated devil because Jesus overcame him; because Christ overcame, and we can overcome also.

The children of God face many perils today. If saints are not careful and prayerful, Satan will worry them over things that may never come to pass.

Fear is a terrible thing and it causes men and women to get their eyes off the Savior. When individuals take their eyes off him, they get switched over to looking at the surrounding circumstances, which hinders their faith and allows the enemy to gloat with victory.

Satan uses many seducing spirits to deceive and to lead souls away from the truth of the Gospel. These devilish spirits operate in very deceit-

ful ways. Often, they come in the bodily form of ungodly men. Disgruntles balk and find fault with God's Word, His way and His man.

We read in Jude, Verse 4, these words, "For there are certain men crept in unawares, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God." Then, Second Timothy 3:13-14 states, "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of knowing of whom thou hast learned them."

Next week, Part II
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Free your mind and your faith will follow

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



You either live your dreams or you live your fears. The first time I read these words from the introduction of bestselling author Dr. Dennis Kimbro's 2013 book *The Wealth Choice*, it made me stop and think. Even though his book is an excellent resource full of dynamic success secrets of 1,000 black millionaires, I thought about how the book's strategies could also apply to anyone's life whether they are a millionaire or work at Walmart. For example, the quote about living your fear was a simple statement but one that made me take a step back and look at my life. I wondered how many times I have lived my fear. Like so many of you, I know I can always rely on the truth in the scriptures like 2 Timothy 1:7, "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind." However, even though we embrace the truth of that and other scriptures, we still find ourselves fearful. So how do you overcome that kind of fear?


According to Kimbro and *The Wealth Choice*, one way to overcome fear about your finances is to change your mindset about money. If you have a poor mentality, you will be poor much like Proverbs 23:7 says, "For as he thinks in his heart, so is he." Having faith is a big part of overcoming any fear, but you have to change your thinking first. I was talking to a friend about that same thing a few weeks ago. We were sharing about life goals. Even though

we had very different goals, there was a common factor: once we'd made up in our minds to achieve goals then it was easier to achieve them. For instance, I went back to school to work on my doctorate. It took me nearly 4 years to go back. Why? There were friends, co-workers and even my supervisor who encouraged me to go back to school. I didn't want to do it because I couldn't wrap my mind around having to read tons of books, do homework again and pay tuition.

However, one day I had one of those "moments." I asked myself what was the real reason why I didn't want to go back to school. It boiled down to one thing: I was afraid. Afraid that I would fail and afraid that I would never be able to overcome the fear of failing. Things really changed once I changed my mind about the fear of failure and decided that I would rather live my life knowing that I tried and failed than not having tried at all. In other words, once I freed my mind, my faith followed.

Since I've been back in school, there have been many moments where I have doubted my ability to do the work, but I often remind myself that since this is part of God's vision for my life, He will also give the provision (financially, spiritually and intellectually) to complete the goal.

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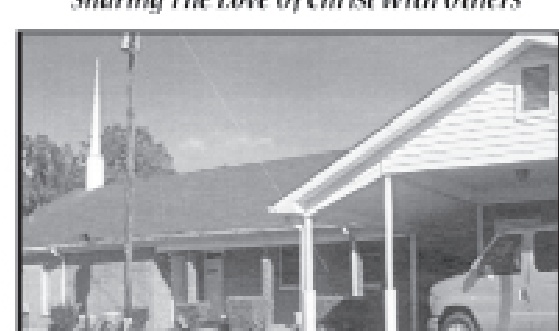
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18.	28912	19-037124	2002 CHEVROLET MONTE CARLO	2G1WW12E629124430	Fund Balance II
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23.	28837	19-014114	2006 NISSAN ALTIMA	1N4AL11D66N373208	Fund Balance II
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32.	28857	19-023327	2012 DODGE RAM	1C6RDK678C528611	Fund Balance II
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51.	23601	15-100344	2008 KAWASAKI ZX6	JKAZ4P168A041063	Fund Balance II
52.	23431	15-075521	2004 HONDA ACCORD	1HGCMT7266A007189	Fund Balance II
53.	23221	14-100730	1976 CHEVROLET C10	CL1465189238	Fund Balance II
54.	23907	15-142412	1995 SATURN SL	1G8ZB52835Z364891	Fund Balance II
55.	23703	15-049893	1988 VOLVO 240	VY1AX85011784281	Fund Balance II
56.	23477	15-082759	1994 FORD RANGER	1FTCR10A6UR98820	Fund Balance II
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58.	28958	19-041707	2006 GMC YUKON	1GKFC13J77R188523	Fund Balance II
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66.	23980	15-154367	1993 PONTIAC BONNEVILLE	1G2HU53J2P1219844	Fund Balance II
67.	26561	17-066041	1995 CHRYSLER SEBRING	1G3AU44Y8SE201138	Fund Balance II
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79.	25154	16-077796	2005 CHEVROLET SILVERADO	1GCEC19523Z22040	Fund Balance II
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92.	25820	16-176623	2002 HYUNDAI ELANTRA	KMHND45D32U398334	Fund Balance II
93.	25088	16-071073	1999 FORD CROWN VICTORIA	2FAFP71W5XK138145	Fund Balance II
94.	26448	17-048336	2001 DODGE INTREPID	2B3HD46R71H685620	Fund Balance II
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97.	27222	17-176805	1986 GMC RALLY VAN	1GDEG55HG67506232	Fund Balance II
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132.	29542	19-159884	1990 CHRYSLER NEW YORKER	1C3XV66R4U0784152	Fund Balance II
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135.	27931	18-070890	2008 FORD CVP	2FAFP71VX8K138673	Fund Balance II

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136.	29390	19-129157	2005 GMC ENVOY	1GKDS13S952160408	Fund Balance II
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138.	29653	18-061482	2007 HYUNDAI ENTOURAGE	KNDMCM233X76033007	Fund Balance II
139.	27835	19-121802	1998 FORD F150	1FTZX1720WKC42526	Fund Balance II
140.	28946	19-038758	2005 CHEVROLET IMPALA	2G1WH52K5S9325733	Fund Balance II
141.	29404	19-132199	2007 CHEVROLET HHR	3GND3A3P975S98480	Fund Balance II
142.	29496	19-151973	2003 CHEVROLET TAHOE	1GN6C18Z53R166003	Fund Balance II
143.	28939	19-039756	2011 CHEVROLET CRUZE	1G1PH55X8K7277953	Fund Balance II
144.	29479	19-149802	2013 CADILLAC XTS	3GYFNDE37DS593208	Fund Balance II
145.	29408	19-132941	1998 FORD MUSTANG	1FAFP4043WF162605	Fund Balance II
146.	29343	19-119253	1995 BUICK CENTURY	1G4AG55M5S6411446	Fund Balance II
147.	29402	19-131372	2007 FORD FUSION	3FAHP08157R192639	Fund Balance II
148.	29351	19-121566	2004 PONTIAC SE1	1G2NF52E9AM541996	Fund Balance II
149.	29336	19-118246	2006 SATURN ION	1G8A5F5F6Z112545	Fund Balance II
150.	29370	19-147772	2007 SUZUKI RENO	KL5J066237K676206	Fund Balance II
151.	27858	18-060688	2008 CHEVROLET I IMPALA	2G1W1S8N689431369	Fund Balance II
152.	27756	18-041348	2007 NISSAN MAXIMA	1N4BA41E17C804426	Fund Balance II
153.	29368	19-123604	1998 FORD F150	1FTZX1768WNA95082	Fund Balance

Office Space for Rent

Garrett Enterprises Building

(Near Jackson Medical
Mall)

2659 Livingston Road
Jackson, MS 39213

2500 Square Feet



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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION

ZONING CASE NO. 4097

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 Lakeita F. Rox-Love dba Rox Love Realty, PLLC has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Special Exception to allow for a professional (real estate) office within a R-1A (Single-Family) Residential District on property located at 5375 Red Fox Rd. (Parcel: 551-168) in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

LOT EIGHTY-FOUR (84), HEATHERWOOD SUBDIVISION, PART TWO (2), a Sub-division 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 21 at Page 37, 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, August 26, 2020, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

DUE TO COVID-19 AND THE CONCERN FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, THE PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS AND THE APPLICANTS HAVE THE OPTION TO ATTEND THE MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO OR IN PERSON WITH REGARDS TO THE WEARING OF MASKS AND THE SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO BY EMAILING EAINSWORTH@CITY.JACKSON.MS.US TO REGISTER PRIOR TO AUGUST 19, 2020.

WITNESS my signature this 30th day of July 2020.

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

8-6-2020, 8-20-2020

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ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, GOVERNING BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES.

WHEREAS, Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Jackson, Mississippi, establishes procedures for appointment of members to governing boards, commissions, and committees; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 2 establishes a ward based geographic distribution requirement for appointments to all boards; and

WHEREAS, certain boards requiring specific technical experience have struggled to meet the geographic distribution requirements to maintain quorums and meeting schedules; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Planning has recommended changes to exempt certain boards from the ward based geographic distribution requirements to ensure the boards are able to conduct business as needed; and

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2-372 Appointment to Boards of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 2-372. - APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS.

Whenever the city council is authorized by any provision of the Code of Ordinances to appoint the members of any board, authority or commission, such power of appointment shall be deemed to vest in the mayor with the confirmation of an affirmative vote of a majority of the council present and voting at any meeting. Every multiple of seven members of each board, authority, or commission shall include one appointee from each ward of the city. Anybody consisting of less than seven members shall include not more than one appointee from any ward. Each member of any board, authority or commission must reside in said ward of the City of Jackson at the time the member is appointed, unless a specific local ordinance or state statute specifies otherwise. Each member of any board, authority or commission must continue to reside in the City of Jackson during the member's term of office on any board, authority or commission. If a member no longer resides in and/or is permanently domiciled outside the corporate limits of the City of Jackson at any given time during the appointed term on a board, authority, or commission, said appointment is terminated and deemed vacant. Such geographic distribution of appointments shall commence as the present terms of office expire and shall be accomplished in the following manner: For any multiple of seven members on any appointed body which does not have a representation of ward one, a resident of ward one shall be appointed to the first vacant position on such body. If any multiple of seven members does not contain a resident of ward two a resident of ward two shall be appointed commission, said appointment is terminated and deemed vacant. Such geographic distribution of appointments shall commence as the present terms of office expire and shall be accomplished in the following manner: For any multiple of seven members on any appointed body which does not have a representation of ward one, a resident of ward one shall be appointed to the first vacant position on such body. If any multiple of seven members does not contain a resident of ward two, a resident of ward two shall be appointed to the second vacant position, etc., until the proper geographic balance is obtained. The following boards shall be exempt from ward based geographic distribution requirements due to the specific qualifications required for service on the board:

1. Historic Preservation Commission Boards that are exempt from geographic distribution requirements shall still be subject to the requirement for residency within the city limits.

SECTION 2. Should any sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, or section of this Article be adjudged or held to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this Article as a whole, or any part or provision thereof other than the part so decided to be invalid, illegal, or unconstitutional, and shall not affect the validity of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, as a whole.

SECTION 3. The preceding amendments and revisions to Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Jackson, Mississippi, shall be published and effective 30 days after passage, in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. Section 21-13-11 (1972 as amended).

Council Member Priester moved adoption; Council Member Lindsay seconded.

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

ATTEST:

Angela Harris
Municipal Clerk

I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records 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 July 7th 2020 and recorded in Minute Book "6R, Pgs. 260-261".

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 6th day of August, 2020.

SEAL Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

8-20-2020

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING WITH A USE PERMIT

ZONING CASE NO. 4096

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 Christopher Kalu has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning of Parcel 712-3-30 from C2 (Limited) Commercial District to C3 (General) Commercial District with a Use Permit and a Use Permit for Parcel 712-3-1 to operate a liquor store for property located at 6262 Hanging Moss Rd. in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

TRACT ONE:

Beginning at a found iron marking the northeast corner of that certain Gulf Oil Corporation tract as recorded in Deed Book 2564 at Page 646-647, as recorded in the office of Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, Mississippi; from said point of beginning, run thence South 88 degrees 45 minutes 30 seconds East, 80.00' to a set iron; thence run along a line of 80.0 ft. east of and parallel with the east line of said Gulf Oil tract, South 01 degree 17 minutes 21 seconds West, a distance of 165.00' to a set iron pin; thence run North 88 degrees 45 minutes 30 seconds West, a distance of 80.00 ft. to a found iron pin at the southeast corner of said Gulf Oil tract; thence along the east line of said tract, North 01 degree 17 minutes 21 seconds East, a distance of 165.00'; which is the point of beginning, having an area of 13,200.7 square feet, 0.30 acres.

Together with a 60 ft. non-exclusive, perpetual ingress/egress easement over and across a portion of the grantors' property lying immediately south of and adjacent to the above described property and running westerly, along the Fleet Morris Petroleum Inc. Property, 255 ft., more or less, to the east right of way of Hanging Moss Road, as presently laid out and constructed. (The "Easement")

TRACT TWO:

A certain parcel of land being situated in the NE 1/4 of Section 3, Township 6 North, Range 1 East, Hinds County. Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows:

Begin at a point in the East right of way line of Hanging Moss Road, which point is 673.3 feet measured Northerly along the East line of Hanging Moss Road from the Northwest corner of Lot 1, Block "R", Woodhaven Subdivision, Part 5, according to a map or plat on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi in Plat Book 21 at Page 47, and from said Point of Beginning continue Northerly along the East right of way line of Hanging Moss Road for a distance of 165 feet; turn thence to the right through an angle of 90 degrees and run Easterly 175 feet; turn thence to the right through an angle of 90 degrees and run Southerly and parallel with the East line of Hanging Moss Road for a distance of 165 feet; turn thence to the right through an angle of 90 degrees and run Westerly 175 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 0.663 acres more or less.

Together with a right of way and easement to construct, lay maintain, operate, alter, repair, remove and replace pipelines and appurtenances thereto for the transportation of sewerage or any liquids or substances which can be transported through pipes, in, on, under and across the following described property:

Being situated in the NE 1/4 of Section 3, Township 6 North, Range 1 East, Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northwest corner of Lot 8, Block R, Woodhaven Subdivision, Part 8 as recorded in Plat Book 23 at Page 11 of the Chancery Records of Hinds County, Mississippi and run Easterly along the North boundary of said Lot 8, 130.0 feet to the Point of Beginning for the herein described easement; turn thence to the left through a deflection angle of 90 degrees 36 minutes and run Northerly, 61.0 feet, more or less, to the South boundary of that certain property now or formerly owned by Reproco, Inc., as recorded in Deed Book 1864 at Page 389 of the aforesaid Chancery Records; turn thence to the right through a deflection angle of 90 degrees 00 minutes and run Easterly, along the South boundary of said Reproco property, 10.0 feet; turn thence to the right through a deflection angle of 90 degrees 00 minutes and run Southerly, 61 feet, more or less, to the Northeast corner of aforesaid Lot 8, Block R, Woodhaven Subdivision, Part 8; turn thence to the right through a deflection angle of 90 degrees 36 minutes and run Westerly, along the North boundary of said Lot 8, 10.0 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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, August 26, 2020, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

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WITNESS my signature this 24th day of July 2020.

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

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING WITH A USE PERMIT

ZONING CASE NO. 4098

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 Alltel Communications, d/b/a Verizon Wireless has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from R-1 (Single-Family) Residential District to C3 (General) Commercial District with a Use Permit to construct a wireless commercial communications tower facility for property located at Parcel 830-80-2 on TV Road in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Hinds County, Mississippi, and being 4.97 acres within the lands of Fountain Real Estate, L.P., as recorded in Deed Book 4392 page 142, and being further located in Lot 18 of Saunders Farm Subdivision, as recorded in Plat Book 2 Page 107, Hinds County records, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a ½-inch rebar found on the northerly right-of-way line of TV Road (having a 60-foot right-of-way), said rebar marking the southeast corner of said Fountain Real Estate lands; Thence running along said northerly right-of-way line, North 89°59'54" West, 399.93 feet to the southwest corner of said Lot 18; Thence leaving said right-of-way line and running along the west line of Lot 18 (said line also being the west line of a 15-foot wide sewer easement), North 00°00'06" East, 541.23 feet to a point; Thence leaving said west line of Lot 18 and running, South 89°59'54" East, 399.93 feet to a bent 1-inch open top pipe found; Thence, South 00°00'06" West, 541.23 feet to a ½-inch rebar found on the northerly right-of-way line of TV Road and the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Bearings based on Mississippi Grid North, NAD83, West Zone.

Said tract contains 4.97 acres (216,455 square feet), more or less and was compiled using tax maps and deed descriptions. This description does not constitute a subdivision and is intended for zoning purposes only.

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

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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.

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Hint: Quote by Princess Diana

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The Biden-Harris ticket is historic so let us get busy

By James B. Ewers Jr.
President Emeritus
Teen Mentoring Committee of Ohio



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, “But it really doesn’t matter with me now, because I’ve been to the mountaintop. I’ve seen the Promised Land. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the promised land.”

The day after he gave this speech to the Memphis sanitation workers, Dr. King was assassinated April 4, 1968. Maybe Senator Kamala Harris accepting the offer from former vice president Joe Biden to become his running mate got us a little closer to the mountaintop.

I listened with pride and with purpose on last Wednesday as Harris publicly accepted Biden’s offer to be his vice president on the Democratic ticket. On this day, I thought about what my Jamaican dad told me when I was a boy.

Each day, he told me about the importance of having an education, working hard and being determined. There are no shortcuts you can take to becoming successful.

Harris is of Jamaican ancestry. Her education, hard work and determination have catapulted her into being considered for the second highest office in the United States of America.

Her competence and her credentials will be put to the test in the weeks ahead. She has already been maligned by Mr. T. His ignorance and lack of humanity reach new lows by the hour.

The West Indian community is being empowered by the Harris announcement. “There was just this sense of energy,” said Representative Anika Omphroy, a daughter of two Jamaican immigrants.

Reports suggest there is an increasing number of voters of West Indian descent living in Florida. Having Harris on the ticket will certainly motivate them to vote.

The pick of Harris as the Democratic vice-presidential choice ended months of speculation. There were other women such as Susan Rice and Karen Bass considered but at the end of the process, Harris came through as the selection.

The immediate reaction to her has been overwhelmingly positive. The African-American community was ecstatic about her selection for this powerful position.

Harris is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. So, I suspect every AKA has already booked a flight and hotel accommodations for the expected inauguration in January.

If you are a part of the Divine Nine, you are also happy and overjoyed. Each fraternity and sorority must be both pro-active and resolute in getting Harris to the finish line. This is a proud moment for us as members of black fraternities and sororities.

When Harris was announced as the candidate, the forces of evil began their evil machine. He has already called her nasty. This is just the beginning of an all-out vicious and un-remitting attack on Biden and Harris.

The fight for right has never been easy. This fight will be for the soul of this country. There is no other way to say it. We must be prepared to do battle every waking hour.


Our voices and our votes must be heard and felt. We set the record with Barack Obama when he became president. Now, we must break the record if we want Kamala Harris to become vice president of the United States of America.

If you are young, gifted, black or white and want to realize success, then on November 3, you must vote and get your friends to vote too. If you are a senior citizen like me and you want another highlight to your life, then vote to make Senator Kamala Harris the first black woman to become vice president.

The future of our nation is in our hands. Let us use our ballots to bring Joe Biden and Kamala Harris to the house of the people, the White House.

Beyoncé’s message to America: “Vote like your life depends on It.”

By Lauren Victoria Burke
NNPA Newswire Contributor



Popular singer Beyoncé Knowles-Carter, 38, had a message for the audience at this year’s BET Awards.

During the ceremony, Beyoncé was presented with a Humanitarian Award by former first lady Michelle Obama, who congratulated Beyoncé on her commitment to the black community.

“You can see it in everything she does, from her music that gives voice to black joy and black pain, to her activism that demands justice for black lives,” Obama said. Obama also honored Tyler Perry, Trayvon Martin’s mother Sybrina Fulton and others.

“You’re proving to our ancestors that their struggles were not in vain,” Beyoncé said as she accepted the award, adding, “I’m encouraging you to continue to take action, continue to change and dismantle a racist and unequal system. We have to vote like our life depends on it, because it does.” The singer from Houston dedicated her award to protesters around the country.



Beyonce

Several celebrities have become increasingly involved in philanthropy focused on struggling communities. They include Beyoncé, Pusha T, Trey Songz, Common and John Legend. Trey Songz and Pusha T have both participated in large efforts in their hometowns of Portsmouth and Norfolk, Virginia to feed needy families as part of the “Feed Your City Challenge.”

Thousands have benefited from their events, including the literal tons of food that have been given away to help families in those communities.

Pusha T had previously been involved in philanthropy with a focus on giving back to his community in Norfolk. The rapper has said the work of The Ricky Davis Legacy Foundation in Houston inspired him to replicate a similar effort in Hampton Roads, Virginia. On June 3, a large food giveaway drive-thru event took place in Norfolk and Trey Songz hosted a large drive-thru food giveaway event in Petersburg June 20.

Beyoncé was honored at the 20th annual BET Awards in part because

of her BeyGOOD initiative. BeyGOOD is a philanthropic initiative that teams up with local charities in places of need to help the homeless, sick children and the unemployed. BeyGOOD joined with Bread of Life, Greater Houston Community Foundation, and Texas Southern University to assist people displaced after Hurricane Harvey in August 2017.

Beyoncé, whose net worth is over \$400 million, recently released the song “Black Parade,” celebrating black pride. “...I hope we continue to share joy and celebrate each other, even in the midst of struggle. Please continue to remember our beauty, strength and power. “Black Parade” celebrates you, your voice and your joy and will benefit black-owned small businesses,” the description reads under the YouTube video of “Black Parade.”

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Trump Administration ramps up efforts to dismantle Post Office

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Senior Correspondent

President Donald Trump has made no secret of his desire to dismantle the United States Postal Service or re-vamp the agency in a way that has angered Democrats and others who said it’s a tactic to prevent mail-in voting for the upcoming election.

The CARES Act passed in April authorized the postal service to borrow up to \$10 billion from the Treasury Department for operating expenses if it’s determined that, due to the COVID-19 emergency, the post office would not fund operating expenses without borrowing money.

“They have withheld that money. They have broken the law,” Congressional Black Caucus Chair Karen Bass told BlackPressUSA during a livestream interview last month. Other Democratic lawmakers, including Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio), Rep. Bobby Scott (D-Va.), and Rep. Hank Johnson (D-Ga.), also told BlackPressUSA that the president is trying to dismantle the postal service.

Trump has steadfastly opposed funding the postal service.

Despite recently voting with his wife by mail in a Florida primary election, the president said he’s against mail-in voting.

“Trump is not stupid. He knows if there is a decent-sized turnout in this election, he loses,” Sen. Bernie Sanders (D-Vt.) wrote on Twitter.

“He and his friends believe they can suppress the vote by destroying the post office. We aren’t going to allow that to happen.”

Several postal workers have reported the removal of sorting machines at postal facilities and the removal of sidewalk mailboxes.

Postal officials reported that in the last week, the agency had removed letter collection boxes in at least four states: New York, Oregon, Montana and Indiana.

Postal workers in at least three states – West Virginia, Florida and Missouri – have received notification that retail operating hours also face reduction.



Removing mailboxes had become a practice along marathon and parade routes since the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing, however, the latest removals are believed intentional and strategically coordinated to impact the election.

In response to the removal of mailboxes and a slowdown in the delivery of mail, the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) sent a letter to the Postmaster General Aug. 7. New Mexico Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver (D), Louisiana Secretary of State R. Kyle Ardoyn (R), Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson (D) and Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose (R) joined in signing the letter.

“State and local election officials are busy planning for the November general election, and many expect an increase in the use of absentee and mail ballots, along with other election-related mailings,” the state officials wrote.

“We view the [United States Postal Service] as a vital partner in administering a safe, successful election and would like to learn more about any planned changes around USPS service due to COVID-19, preparations for increased election-related mail, USPS staffing levels and processing times, and other pertinent issues.”

The postal service has sent letters to warn 46 states that it could not guarantee all mail-in ballots cast for the November election would arrive in time to be counted.

Some states, like Maryland and Virginia, received a “heightened warning” that the postal service could not meet state-mandated deadlines.

In response, a large group of protesters staged a “noise demonstration” Saturday, Aug. 15, outside of Postmaster General Louis DeJoy’s home in Washington, D.C.

The demonstration was organized by the direct-action group “Shut Down D.C.”

The organization said they believe DeJoy is “dismantling” the U.S. Postal Service in favor of President Donald Trump’s re-election. They said his actions contribute to voter suppression.

“DeJoy has fired or reassigned much of the existing USPS leadership and ordered the removal of mail sorting machines that are fundamental to the functioning of the postal service. Meanwhile, mail delivery is slowing down under other decisions made by DeJoy, such as eliminating overtime for postal workers,” the organization wrote in a statement.

This week, the U.S. Inspector General opened an investigation into DeJoy’s policy changes at the post office.

According to some lawmakers, those changes are reportedly taking a toll on military veterans who are experiencing much longer wait times to receive mail-order prescription drugs.

Slowdowns at the post office have reportedly also resulted in seniors receiving their medications late and other important mail like social security checks.

It has also angered those who work for the agency.


Postal workers throughout the country have reported low morale, and many have cited the actions of DeJoy, who was appointed by Trump. On Friday, Aug. 14, the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC), a union that boasts nearly 300,000 active and retired postal workers, endorsed Presumptive Democratic Presidential Nominee Joe Biden.

“Vice President Biden is, was, and will continue to be a fierce ally and defender of the United States Postal Service, letter carriers, and our fellow postal brothers and sisters,” NALC President Fredric Rolando said in a statement.

“Together, Biden and [vice presidential running mate] Sen. Kamala Harris fully exhibit the experience, dedication, thoughtfulness and steady hands that will work to ensure that letter carriers and working families are put first,” Rolando declared.

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It starts early-on.

At first, it seems spontaneous: parents who enjoy their interests naturally display those passions to small children who are dragged along for the ride. The child observes and absorbs until one day, parental interest becomes child’s obsession. And in “The Truths We Hold” by Kamala Harris, that’s how a politician is made.

Supporters can almost see the trajectory in the history: Kamala Harris’s parents, both highly

educated immigrants, instilled a sense of independence in their daughter and both remained supportive of her choices, even as they divorced. Harris’ mother, especially, gave Harris lessons in strength and activism through an upper-middle-class childhood with ballet and piano lessons alongside marches and protests.

Says Harris of her mother, a breast cancer researcher, “... she was determined to make sure we [Harris and her sister] would grow into confident, proud black women.”

Harris describes her community – the women and men who helped raise and educate her – with obvious affection, saying that “the seed was planted very early on,” and she knew that she wanted to be a lawyer and to make a difference in the lives of others.

“When activists came marching and banging on the doors,” she says, “I wanted to be on the other side to let them in.”

By the time Harris had finished law school, her sights were set on working “for the people.” She focused on the prosecution of child molesters, sexual predators, and

rapists. On her way up the career ladder, she continued to advocate for the poor, for women and children, and for the rights of LG-BTQ people and immigrants. She worked for the reduction of recidivism, for Americans in need of health care, and for consumers and homeowners.

Says Harris, “In the years to come, we cannot lose sight of who we are and who we can be.”


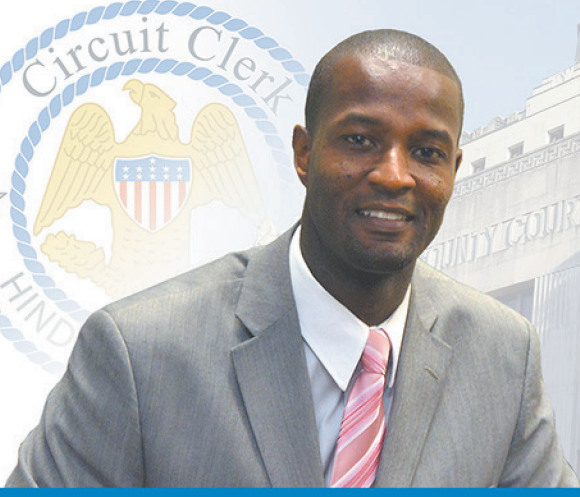
As biographies by famous people go, “The Truths We Hold” is a refreshing surprise, in that there’s very little look-at-me name-

dropping. Author and assumed vice presidential candidate Harris mentions people because of work or family ties, not to impress. Remarkably, she also writes of her friendship with Beau Biden.

The other interesting thing about this memoir is that readers will not see laid-out plans for the future: remember, this book was likely written at least two years ago and Harris presumably had no crystal ball. Instead of plainly-stated plans, what she offers “is a collection of ideas and viewpoints and stories...” Readers are left to see passions between the lines, and can draw their own conclusions.

Aside from this, there’s plenty of biography which, again, is not filled with esoteric names-and-dates but with things that are relevant to the story of who Harris is and how she sees this country. That makes “The Truths We Hold” easy to read, if not a bit long in the achievement department, but not uninteresting.

If you’d like to know more about the woman who may sit in the vice president’s chair next January, read it now, while it’s early-on.



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Birthday Parade overwhelms 90-year old

By Jackie Hampton
Publisher

Gwendolyn Nero Loper has spent a life-time serving others. She became the first black social worker to be employed at Mississippi's GV "Sonny" Montgomery Veterans Affairs Medical Center where she worked until she retired in June 1995. She was one of the first black social workers in the state of Mississippi to hold a graduate degree in social work.

Her accomplishments are many but on Saturday, August 17, she became excited and over-whelmed. Loper was honored with a 90th birthday parade celebration with close to 100 cars of friends and family from the community and across the nation. Loper said, "I was heart-warmed and made to feel like my living has not been in vain."

The birthday parade was given by her daughter, Gerrilyn Levy but on Saturday, August 17, she became excited and over-whelmed. Loper was honored with a 90th birthday parade celebration with close to 100 cars of friends and family from the community and across the nation. Loper said, "I was heart-warmed and made to feel like my living has not been in vain."

Even with the pandemic there was a big celebration and several attendees shared their thoughts.

Wayland Walker, a special friend of Loper's niece Debbie Ali from Chicago, Illinois, stated, "I've never seen anything like this. All

the love and family unity is mind blowing."

Larry Edwards of Jackson said, "This was absolutely amazing and so beautiful and Loper's nephew, Kevin Patterson, from Glen, Maryland, said, "The party was beautiful and Aunt Gwen was so happy!"

Rico Payton of Jackson said, "She has been my mentor and role model and I am grateful to call her my friend."

Levy said she was happy to have planned the parade in her mother's honor. "This was a labor of love for someone who is a pillar of her community, history maker for the state of Mississippi and a beacon of light for many people that she has made contact with and paved the way for creating opportunities and advancement. She has changed so many lives and been an inspiration to others who have crossed paths with her."

Levy continued, "I wanted her to feel the love and appreciation for the enormous impact she has made in her family and community at large. She is the matriarch of our family and one of the oldest living members who is cherished very dearly and unconditionally loved." Levy said in spite of the pandemic, family members traveled from Maryland, Illinois, Texas and Michigan. In addition, there were nearly 50 people on Zoom parade from as far as Spain.

Loper said, I am so overwhelmed that I am able to smell my roses now." A member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Loper was overwhelmed when her sorors sang "The Delta Sweetheart Song."



Hinds County School District Weekly Update

ENGAGING-EMPOWERING-ENSURING-EXCELLENCE

Hinds County School District welcomes back it’s students and parents for the 2020-2021 year

Welcome from the Superintendent’s Desk

Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

Welcome to the start of the 2020-2021 school year! I hope that everyone had an enjoyable and safe summer. We are pleased to welcome returning and new families this school year. As we plan for a beginning like no other, we have seen in the past, our focus will be to provide an environment that is Engaging, Empowering and Ensuring Excellence for all.

As you may know, the Hinds County School District decided to begin the year offering three options of learning for our students out of the concern for safety and well-being of the entire school community. These options include:

Traditional schedule for pre-K through eighth grade students to select.

Virtual schedule for pre-K through eighth grade students to select who will log into their classes and begin their synchronous virtual learning.

Hybrid schedule for high school students to select who will report to their assigned campus if it is their in-person day (Any hybrid student who is virtual will complete their asynchronous assignments online).

Virtual schedule for all high school student who will log into their classes if it is their synchronous

learning day (Any virtual student who is asynchronous will complete their asynchronous assignments).

We have been hard at work over the summer preparing for a new school year and we are excited to work with you throughout the year to help your child achieve their success inside and outside the classroom. Your investment in your child’s educational process has contributed to our collective success and magnified the momentum propelling us further on our journey to excellence. One of the most meaningful factors in assisting students to have a successful school experience is the involvement of their parents. In order to help your children, attain their goals, we need your involvement, whether it be through traditional learning, virtual learning or hybrid learning. Your engagement throughout the year strengthens the parent-student relationship and can increase academic performance. Communication between home and school is critical, especially during a time when circumstances can change overnight. Your child’s school will provide information to parents via text, email, callouts, remind, the school’s webpage and other social media platforms so please ensure your information is updated in the SAM student data base. If you need help updating this information, you can contact the school and they will assist you.

In closing, as we begin the school year, let us all re-commit ourselves to the understanding that



student learning is everyone’s top priority. Thank you in advance for the support that you have demonstrate for your child and the Hinds County School District.

Yours in Education,

Dr. Delesicia Martin, Superintendent of Education

District Highlights

