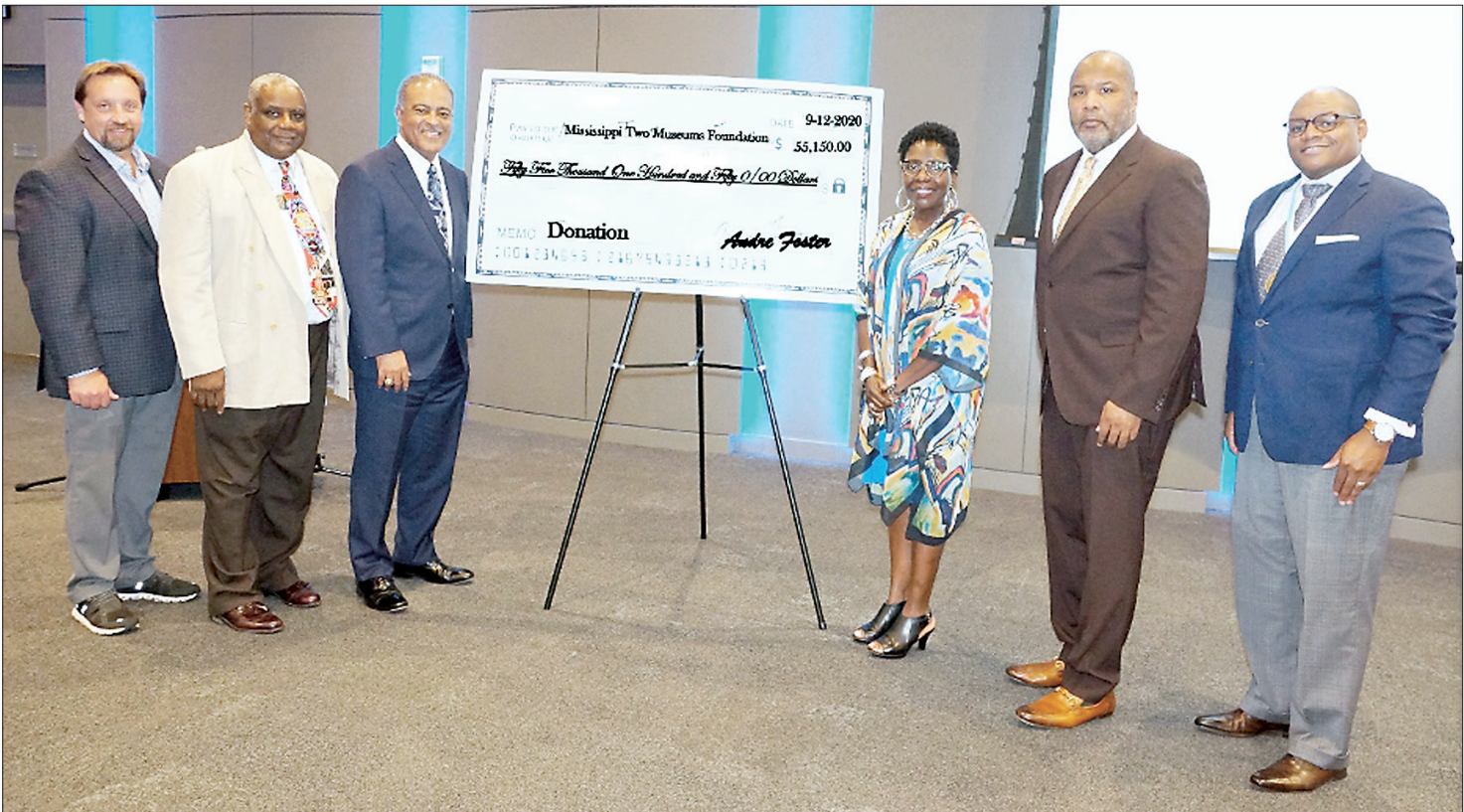


Nations’ oldest black greek-lettered organization presents large donation to Mississippi Civil Rights Museum



(L-R) Robert Benson, Dr. Roy Irons, Atty. Dwayne Murray, Pam Junior, Dr. David Marrion and Jonathan Lee at Mississippi Civil Rights Museum.

By Jackie Hampton
Publisher

Members of Beta Gamma Boule and the National Grand Boule of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity presented a joint donation to the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum September 12 at the museum located at 222 North Street in Jackson.

The organization’s name, ‘Boule,’ means ‘a council of noblemen.’ Members of the organization filled the room while social distancing and wearing masks, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. They had an opportunity to tour the museum, with Pamela Junior, executive director of the Two Mississippi Museums, guiding the tour.

The organization presented a very generous check for \$55,150

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Members of Beta Gamma Boule and National Grand Boule of Sigma Pi Phi. PHOTOS BY JAY JOHNSON

MS Congressman Bennie Thompson honored with NNPA 2020 National Leadership Award

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Correspondent

With the U.S. Postal Service under assault from the Trump Administration, Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-Mississippi) was among the first to cast a vote in favor of H.R. 8015, Delivering for America Act.

The legislation requires the Postal Service to return to the operations and levels of service in place on January 1, 2020, and throughout the coronavirus public health emergency.



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It mandates that all election mail be treated as First-Class mail, and it provides \$25 billion in critical funding for the Postal Service – the same level of funding recommended by the USPS Board of Governors, composed of 100 percent President Trump appointees.

Thompson, who began his grassroots political activism being a civil rights champion through the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) while a student at Tougaloo College, will receive the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) 2020 National Leadership Award.

Each year, the NNPA recognizes courageous Americans that have impacted the nation and world in positive ways.

This year’s recipients include: elected officials, a business maverick and an educator. NNPA Board members said while the recipients’ career paths may be varied, the impact of their shared commitment to creating meaningful and beneficial change in the lives of African Americans cannot be underestimated.

“Thank you for the NNPA 2020 National Leadership Award,” Thompson said.

“The NNPA has been the voice of the black community consistently over the years. The Black Press is the premier and trusted voice of black communities unmatched by any other media organization,” he continued.

“Now more than ever, America needs to hear and be exposed to the black perspective. We are dealing with two pandemics: COVID-19 and racism. While dealing with and fighting a global pandemic that disproportionately affects African Americans, we face racism, discrimination and police brutality.”

Born in a state with a unique history of racial inequality, Rep. Thompson said he draws inspiration from the legacies of Medgar Evers, Fannie Lou Hamer, Aaron Henry and Henry Kirksey.

According to his biography, the Bolton, Mississippi native considers it an honor to walk the path that Mississippi civil rights icons paved decades earlier.

Serving his 13th term in the United States House of Representatives, Thompson represents Mississippi’s

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Racial injustice themes on display in empty NFL stadiums

By Jimmy Golen
AP Sports Writer

Seattle’s Jason Myers kicked the ball through the end zone to open Seattle’s season at Atlanta. No one else on the field moved.

Instead, the Seahawks and Falcons dropped to one knee where they had stood.

After years of pleading with their league to act against systemic racism, NFL players were prepared to wait another 10 seconds to make their point.

Teams opening their seasons in empty stadiums on Sunday knelt, locked arms, raised fists in protest or stayed off the field entirely for the “Star-Spangled Banner” and the Black Anthem “Lift Every Voice and Sing”

as the once-reluctant league brought racial injustice to the forefront on the NFL’s first full slate of games.

In Atlanta, the teams wore armbands honoring civil rights leader John Lewis and staged the most striking of the day’s gestures: They watched the opening kickoff sail through the end zone for a touchback, dropped to one knee, and remained there for about 10 seconds before trotting off the field to resume the game.

“We’re taking this moment and making it a movement, not just as a race, a community or a team, but as a nation,” Falcons defensive end Steven Means said in a statement issued by the team.

“It’s time to stand up, rise up and vote.”

Lewis, the Georgia Congressman who died in July, was named an honorary captain for the game. The Falcons also wore shirts with his quote: “The Vote is the most powerful, nonviolent change agent you have in a democratic society.”

While fans were absent everywhere except Jacksonville because of the coronavirus pandemic, the Minnesota Vikings hosted the family of George Floyd, who died in May in a videotaped killing that sparked national protests over police brutality against black men.

Vikings players locked arms in the end zone about a half-

hour before their game against Green Bay for “Lift Every Voice and Sing,” the song unofficially known as the black national anthem that was played before each game in Week 1 as part of the NFL’s social awakening.

Ten or so of Floyd’s relatives were then shown on the stadium video board from their perch in the upper concourse near the Gjallarhorn. The symbol of Norse mythology, which the Vikings took their name from, had been sounded before every game since 2007.

On Sunday, it remained silent.

“We hope in silencing the Gjallarhorn today we can continue to call attention to these silenced voices and collectively

work toward a better, more just society,” the team said.

The Packers remained in their locker room for the two songs, following the lead of the Miami Dolphins, who said in a video last week that they would stay off the field for the national anthem rather than participate in “empty gestures.”

The Jacksonville Jaguars, Buffalo Bills and New York Jets also remained in their locker rooms for the pregame ceremonies.

“We don’t need another publicity parade. So we’ll just stay inside until it’s time to play the game,” Miami players said in the video. “This attempt to unify only creates more divide. So we will skip the song and dance and

as a team we’ll stay inside.”

Other teams lined up on their sideline or along the goal line and locked arms. A few dozen players – as well as Indianapolis coach Frank Reich – knelt during the anthem, a silent echo of the 2016 protest by 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick that forced the NFL to confront racial injustice in a way that Commissioner Roger Goodell and many of the league’s most powerful owners would have preferred to avoid.

Several teams made a point of stressing on Sunday that their protest was not unpatriotic – a point Kaepernick also made, but which was often drowned out

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Mississippi Free Press hits the ground running, expanding its advisory board to reach across the state

Mississippi Link Newswire

With the advent of the new era after the murder of George Floyd that reignited the call and need for police reform and social justice – across the board – the demands for real time assessing and reporting throughout the U.S.A. and the world became more urgent.

For many “Emmett Till” was their “George Floyd” (and the collective of black men who were murdered extra judiciously, too often with malice). From this renewed pursuit of justice emerged the media platform, Mississippi Free Press, on the landscape of one of the most depressed states in the union.

The mission for this new platform of information gathering and dissemination reads: “Deep, Public-Interest Reporting to Inspire Solutions for Mississippi’s Challenges.”

It is a new nonprofit journalism website and multimedia network that launched in March 2020, to publish deep public-interest reporting into causes of and solutions to the social, political and structural challenges facing all Mississippians and their communities.

The mission statement continues: “Mississippians need to know each other across regions and share our challenges and solutions



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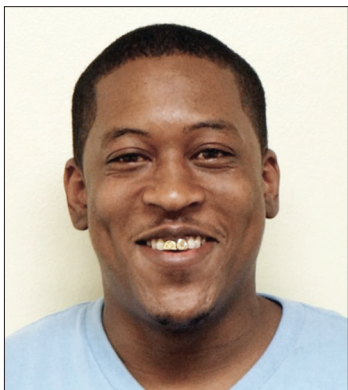
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despite geographic and other differences. We are introducing Mississippians to each other through our deep accountability reporting and compelling people-focused storytelling, and by convening online and in physical solutions circles, using our statewide networks to ensure inclusivity and representation.”

To accomplish its mission, MFP reached out for a broad spectrum of advisors who could contribute to the discourse who understood Mississippi history and were willing to work to “level the playing field” – no matter how many times tried and no matter how long it takes.

Founders of MFP are Donna

Ladd and Kimberly Griffin. Leading its new board is its chair Pam Johnson, vice-chair Judy Alsobrooks Meredith, and with Nancy Anne Branton serving as secretary.

The advisory board members are:

Albert Sykes, executive director, Institute for Democratic Education

in America;

A’lelia Bundles, author and media expert;

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Members of Grand Boule Sigma Pi Phi social distancing during presentation at the museum.

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Second Congressional District, where he has spent his entire life fighting to improve people's lives.

The longest-serving African American elected official in the State of Mississippi and the lone Democrat in the Mississippi Congressional Delegation, Thompson's activism began early.

While in college, he organized voter registration drives for African Americans throughout the Mississippi Delta on behalf of the SNCC before graduating and following in his mother's footsteps by becoming a schoolteacher.

During his tenure educating Mississippi's youth, a fire inside of Thompson was ignited, pushing him to be a voice for the voiceless. From 1969 to 1972, Thompson served as alderman of his hometown, Bolton, before serving as the city's mayor from 1973 to 1980.

During his time as mayor, Thompson was credited with improving the city's infrastructure by paving roads, fixing the water and sewer systems, repairing and renovating dilapidated houses and spearheading the construction of city hall and re-evaluating the town's real estate.

A founding member of the Mississippi Association of Black Mayors, where he instituted policies and provided services that benefited Bolton's underserved,

Thompson's services to his hometown increased when he earned election as a Hinds County supervisor, a position he held from 1980 until 1993.

Constituents embraced the then-supervisor's record of being a pragmatic local servant in Mississippi's most populous county.

His effective problem solving, and coalition building record served as the bedrock for his election to the Congress in 1993, representing Mississippi's largest Congressional District composed of the state's capital city, Jackson, and the Mississippi Delta.

He continues his activism and the fight for racial and social justice today.

"In the African-American community, police brutality has become predictable and expected in most cases," Thompson stated. "We rely on the Black Press to adequately report these stories by not engaging in victim-blaming. Our stories deserve and should be told. I encourage you to continue to tell our stories."

The Virtual 2020 NNPA National Leadership Awards will be broadcast September 17 at 7 p.m. on blackpressusa.com and youtube.com/c/blackpressusatv.

To register for the 2020 NNPA Leadership Awards, visit virtualnnpa2020.com.

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by those – including President Donald Trump – latching onto the issue.

"To be clear – we were not protesting the flag, the anthem or the men and women who wear the uniform," the Colts said in a statement. "The timing of this action is meant to highlight that the presence, power and oppression of racism remains inconsistent with the unity and freedoms of what it means to be an American."

Falcons owner Arthur Blank and Patriots owner Robert Kraft joined their teams as they lined up on the goal line when "Lift Every Voice and Sing" was played before their games. Quarterback Cam Newton, who was making his New England debut against Miami, appeared to be singing along.

The Dolphins remained in their locker room, as they promised in their 2-minute, 15-second video featuring nearly 20 players trading pointed rhymes about the nation's social protest movement.

When the anthem began in Detroit, a slew of Lions walked off the field and headed toward their locker room; some remained on the field and knelt. On the other sideline, several Bears players took a knee while about 20 of their teammates waited for the anthem to end before jogging onto the field.

The NFL had been at the center of social justice protests in American sports ever since Kaepernick began kneeling during the national anthem in 2016 to call attention to the systematic oppression of black people in the U.S. Kaepernick, who led San Francisco to the Super Bowl in 2012 and the NFC title game the next year, was unable to get a job in the league in 2017 or since.

But the football league was in its offseason when Breonna Taylor was shot in her own apartment by Louisville police in March; when a white Minneapolis police officer pressed his knee on Floyd's neck for nearly eight minutes in May, killing him; when Jacob Blake was shot and paralyzed by Kenosha, Wisconsin, police

in August; and when protests over those and other acts of violence against black Americans erupted across the nation.

Goodell posted a video in June conceding that the league had been late in acknowledging the problem. Since then, the league has taken largely symbolic steps like allowing racial justice messages in end zones and on helmets and T-shirts.

Some team owners have pledged money toward social justice causes or offered their stadiums as polling places for the November election.

"For me, it's about change," Chicago Bears tight end Jimmy Graham said. "Obviously, it's a hot topic. And it needs to stay a hot topic until some legislation's passed to hold people accountable and for total reform. That's all we're asking. I don't think anything's gonna stop until it happens."

as a donation from funds they raised, in order to support the museum's mission of shedding light on Black History and to inspire children.

Four members of Beta Gamma Boule are featured in the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum: Gilbert Mason, physician and leader of the wade-in campaign to desegregate the beaches of the Mississippi Gulf Coast; John Peoples, the sixth president of Jackson State University; Robert Smith, physician and civil rights activist and Jack Young, a civil rights attorney.

Pam Junior, director of Two Museums stated, "What a proud moment it is to accept this amazing gift." She said, "In this storehouse lies the stories of brave men, women

and children who faced adversarial bigotry, inhumane treatment, Jim Crow laws, lynching and a host of other tragedies, but they stood firm." She said, these complex stories have helped us to understand what greatness, integrity and strength look like."

Junior accepted the donation on behalf of Katie Blunt, executive director of the MS Dept. of Archives & History, Robert Benson, deputy director, MS Dept. of Archives & History, Reuben Anderson, chair of the Board of Trustees, MS Dept. of Archives & History, Cindy Gardner, Museum Division director and the citizens of Mississippi.

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Rust College announces additions to executive team



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Rust College president Ivy R. Taylor announced new additions to the school’s executive team:

Tiffani Perry will serve as chief of staff. Perry joins Rust College from the largest public-school district in the state of Tennessee, Shelby County Schools, where she served as public information officer. She has a great deal of expertise in marketing, communications and operations, including work with the American Heart Association, DaVita Rx and Hilton Hotels. She is a member of Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated.

Dartell Treadwell will serve as assistant to the president for Strategic Initiatives. Treadwell most recently served as associate dean in the College

of Health Sciences at Alabama State University. He is trained and licensed as a physical therapist, served as a member of the Nashville Metro Police Department and in the United States Marines. Treadwell is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated.

“We are excited to welcome Mrs. Perry and Dr. Treadwell to the Bearcat Family. Their skills will allow us to strengthen our internal operations as a student-centered institution and better communicate with the public about the success of Rust College and our students,” said Taylor.

Perry and Treadwell will begin their new roles immediately and will aide Taylor and the rest of the executive team in strategic planning intended to propel Rust College to greater heights.

About Rust College

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For more information about Rust College, call 662 252-8000, or visit www.rustcollege.edu.

Rankin and Madison County Schools rank among top 10 schools for students quarantined during this COVID-19 pandemic

By Edelia Dr. Jay Carthan
Contributing Writer

The Mississippi State Department of Health has been reporting an aggregated school COVID-19 report since August 17 when many school districts reported back to school for face-to-face learning. Ranking and Madison County School District rank numbers 9 and 10 in the number of students quarantined during this COVID-19 pandemic.

Schools are required to send the Mississippi State Department of Health detailed information about COVID-19 cases among students, teachers and staff.

State Health Officer Dr. Thomas Dobbs and Gov. Tate Reeves have urged schools to be transparent and release information about positive cases and quarantine figures to the public.

As of September 4, the Mississippi State Department of Health reported 124 new cases among teachers and staff with students making up for 326 total cases, and 458 teachers and staff and 4,057 students have been quarantined in the state. The Mississippi State Department of Health is reporting 604 total positive cases for teachers and staff and 1,094 positive cases for students.

Stephanie Russell wrote on Governor’s Tate Reeves’ Facebook page under one of his press briefings, “The only thing I don’t understand is, you don’t want social gatherings because of COVID-19, but you send all the children back to school. So please tell me how is that caring about the people. You are putting our children’s lives at risk while you use them as lil experiments.”

Schools in 80 of the 82 counties are included in this report with a total of 861 schools reporting. Harrison County had the highest with 355 students quarantined and 99 students testing positive since the start of school.

Pontotoc County came in second with 265 students quarantined and 23 positive student cases. Jones County came in third with 238 students quarantined and 45 positive student cases. In fourth, DeSoto County with 207 students quarantined and 58 positive student cases. Lee County comes in fifth with 205 cases and 67 positive students cases.

Jackson County reported 204 students quarantined with 172 positive students cases. Jackson County has the highest number of positive students COVID-19 cases out of all of the schools reported and is sixth on the list. Itawamba County tops the list at

number seven with 201 students quarantined and 40 positive students cases.

Smith County reported 176 students quarantined with 20 positive student cases. Rankin County is number nine on the list with 170 students quarantined and 37 positive student cases. Madison County is number 10 on the list with 165 students quarantined with 20 positive students cases.

School districts who opted to do virtual learning like Jackson Public Schools and Holmes County School District, of course, reported 0 cases. Hinds County reported 44 students and 17 teachers and staff were quarantined with 27 teachers and staff and 10 students testing positive.

“Tate, you have failed the very people you were supposed to lead..you must be looking to make a move to DC with the rest of the trash. Your actions speak for themselves,” Roland Guerra Jr. wrote under the Governor’s Facebook Page.

Schools must report these numbers weekly to the MSHD. Schools are allowed to update the number from previous weeks if an error was reported.

To read the weekly report, visit the Mississippi State Department of Health website.

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Analysis: Mississippi ballot will have candidates and issues

By Emily Wagster Pettus
Associated Press

Mississippi residents will vote on people and issues in the Nov. 3 general election. The ballot will list candidates for president, U.S. House and Senate and state Supreme Court.

Three issues are on the ballot. One is the question of whether to legalize medical marijuana. Another is whether to eliminate an electoral college provision in races for governor and other statewide offices. The third is a yes-or-no vote on a single proposal for a new state flag.

Because of the ballot structure, there's potential for confusion on the medical marijuana question.

Initiative 65 would legalize medical marijuana. It is paired on the ballot with Alternative Measure 65A, which would legalize medical marijuana only for people with debilitating conditions.

There's a two-step process for voting on 65 and 65A. The ballot first instructs people to "Vote for approval of either, or against both." It then says, "And for vote for one" – either 65 or 65A.

"Even if you vote against both, you can still vote for 65 or 65A just in case this was to pass," Secretary of State Michael Watson said in a Facebook video.

Responding to questions from The Associated Press, Watson said Friday that it's OK for people who vote against both 65 and 65A to skip the second part. Their "no" vote will still count.

Initiative 65 got on the ballot because more than 100,000 registered voters petitioned to put it there. The alternative got on the ballot because legislators put it there, as state law allows.

Putting an alternative on the same ballot is generally seen as a way for legislators to kill the original proposal. That happened in 2015, when legislators put an alternative on the ballot along with a school-funding proposal that got there through the petition process. Both the initiative and the alternative failed.

The second measure on this year's Mississippi ballot deals with the election process, and it got there because legislators adopted House Concurrent Resolution 47. The proposed state constitutional amendment says that winning a race for governor or any other statewide office

would require a simple majority; if no candidate receives that, the race would be decided by a runoff.

The Mississippi Constitution currently requires a statewide candidate to win a majority of the popular vote and a majority of the electoral vote. One electoral vote goes to the candidate receiving the most support in each of the 122 state House districts. If nobody wins both the popular vote and the electoral vote, the race is decided by the state House. But representatives are not obligated to vote as their districts did.

Mississippi is the only state with the multistep process for electing a governor. The process was written when white politicians across the South were enacting laws to erase black political power gained during Reconstruction. The separate House vote was promoted as a way for the white ruling class to have the final say in who holds office.

Black plaintiffs sued the state over its electoral process last year. Days before the 2019 governor's race, U.S. District Judge Daniel P. Jordan III wrote that he has "grave concern" about the constitutionality of the electoral vote provision. Jordan wrote that the plaintiffs' argument about violation of one person, one vote is "arguably ... their strongest claim."

The flag issue is on the ballot because Mississippi legislators voted in late June to retire the last state flag with the Confederate battle emblem. They made the change under pressure from business, religious, education and sports groups as widespread protests against racial injustice in the U.S. focused attention on the public display of Confederate symbols.

A commission spent weeks soliciting and revising designs before recommending a new state flag with a magnolia. As required by law, it includes the phrase, "In God We Trust."

If a majority of voters accept the magnolia design, it will become the new flag. If they reject it, the design process starts again, still with a prohibition on the Confederate symbol.

Emily Wagster Pettus has covered Mississippi government and politics since 1994. Follow her on Twitter: [http://twitter: com/EWagsterPettus](http://twitter.com/EWagsterPettus).

Special Election on September 22 for four Mississippi Legislative seats

By Edelia Dr. Jay Carthan
Staff Writer

There are four vacancies in the Mississippi Legislature and on Tuesday, September 22, voters will decide who sits in those vacant seats. Three of the seats were held by Republicans and one seat was held by a Democrat.

District 37 seat became available after Gary Chism (R) retired on June 30, 2020 after serving 20 years in the Legislature. "My wife has had some health issues and I really felt like I should be with her," Chism said in a recent interview. There are three candidates on the ballot for that seat which are David Chism, Vicki Rose and Lynn Wright. District 37 encompasses Clay, Lowndes and Oktibbeha Counties.

"This is a really hard post to make but I look forward to the next chapter in my career. Yesterday was my final day serving in the Mississippi House of Representatives," Jarvis Dortch posted on his Twitter account July 2.

District 66 seat became available after Dortch (D) resigned from the Legislature to lead ACLU-MS as executive director. Vying for this seat are six candidates including Jackson City Councilman DeKeither Stamps, Gregory Divinity, Robert Lee Jr., Fabian Nelson, Kathryn Perry and Calvin Williams. District 66 encompasses Hinds County including south Jackson, Byram, Learned, Terry and Utica.

Gary Jackson (R) resigned from the District 15 seat because of health issues June 30. The four candidates vying for that seat are Bricklee Miller, Levon Murphy Jr., Bart Williams and Joyce Yates. Jefferson Davis, Lamar, Lawrence, Marion and Pearl River are in District 15.

Senate seat for District 39 became available after Sally Doty resigned to become the staff director for the Mississippi Public Utilities. The nine candidates who qualified for that seat are Jason Barnett, Beth Brown, Cindy Bryan,

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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

September 22, 2020 Special Elections

Tuesday, September 22, 2020

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For State Senate 15
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☐ Bart Williams

☐ Joyce Meek Yates

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For State Senate 39
District 39
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☐ Josh Davis

☐ Ben Johnson

☐ Michael Smith

☐ Prentiss Smith

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☐ Write-in

For State House Of Rep 37
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☐ Kathryn Orey Perry

☐ De'Keither A. Stamps

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END OF BALLOT

Mike Campbell, Josh Davis, Ben Johnson, Michael Smith, Prentiss Smith and Bill Sones. The district encompasses Copiah, Lawrence, Lincoln and Walthall Counties.

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the State of Mississippi for four years. Be a resident of the county or district a candidate plans to represent for two years. If running as a Republican or Democrat, pay a \$15 filing fee to the State Executive Committee of the party with which the candidate is affiliated. If running as an independent, submit 50 signatures to the circuit clerk or the secretary of state.

The qualifications are the same for representatives except the age requirement is 21 years old according to the Mississippi State Constitution.

Make sure you vote in the special election, Tuesday September 22. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

MISSISSIPPI COVID-19 UPDATE

Mississippi COVID-19 Cases and Deaths by Race with Ethnicity as of 6 pm CT, September 15, 2020

Total Cases

91,234

American Indian or Alaska Native

Asian

Black

White

Other

Unknown

Non Hispanic

Hispanic

Unknown Ethnicity

483

251

29,050

24,673

990

421

16

11

115

795

1,642

112

778

68

7,253

6,914

4,503

13,159

Total Deaths

2,756

American Indian or Alaska Native

Asian

Black

White

Other

Unknown

Non Hispanic

Hispanic

Unknown Ethnicity

65

3

1,156

1,096

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1

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COVID-19 Hospitalizations Reported by MS Hospitals, 8/26/20-9/15/20 *,**

◆ Patients with Confirmed Infection ● Patients with Suspected Infection ■ Patients in an ICU ▲ Patients on Ventilators

* Patients in ICU and on ventilators are COVID-19 confirmed.

** Data are provisional.

Patients with Confirmed Infection

Patients w/ Suspected COVID, in ICU, on Ventilator

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Report: COVID-19 now is the third leading cause of death among black people

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Contributor

America’s economic situation has substantially deteriorated since the onset of the COVID-19 crisis, and families across race and ethnic lines feel the pain, according to a new report from the Brookings Institution, which notes that the coronavirus now stands as the third leading cause of death among African Americans.

“If I told you on January 1 that a new virus that we did not even know about would, in August, be the third leading cause of death for black Americans, our hair should have been set on fire and we would have an extensive public policy response to this unprecedented pandemic,” noted Trevon Logan, professor of economics at the Ohio State University.

Logan co-authored the report titled, “The Hamilton Project, Racial Economic Inequality Amid the COVID-19 Crisis,” with Bradley L. Hardy of the American University in Northwest, Washington D.C.

“In 2020, more black Americans will die of COVID-19 than will succumb to diabetes, strokes, accidents or pneumonia. In fact, COVID-19 is currently the third leading cause of



Families across race and ethnic lines are feeling the pain, but African Americans are generally in an even weaker position to absorb this economic adversity. PHOTO: ISTOCKPHOTO / NNPA

death for African Americans,” Logan and Hardy concluded.

Among the reasons for the disparity is that African Americans are more than twice as likely as the average worker to be employed in the healthcare support service industry, which has been decimated by COVID-19 in assisted living facilities and nursing homes.

African Americans are also significantly overrepresented in the personal care and service and food preparation industries, which are disproportionately essential worker industries,

the authors discovered.

“Black Americans also comprise more than a quarter of the meatpacking industry’s frontline workforce, which has seen several outbreaks of COVID-19. Among those out of the labor force, the outbreak of the virus among the incarcerated has a disproportionate racial impact as well, given the overrepresentation of African Americans in the prison population,” Logan and Hardy wrote.

Additionally, on average, African Americans share their

living quarters with more people. While only 48 percent of white households have three or more members, more than 58 percent of black households do, the authors noted, citing a 2013 Pew Research Center study.

“This increases the scope for exposure to COVID-19 in living quarters for black households. For nearly all of the health conditions that increase the likelihood of serious COVID-19 complications, African Americans have higher rates of prevalence, according to the Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention,” Logan and Hardy said.

For example, African Americans are more likely to have cancer, be obese, have diabetes and kidney disease relative to white Americans. African Americans also have higher rates of lung disease than white Americans, which is particularly pertinent for respiratory illnesses such as COVID-19.

Death rates among African Americans due to diabetes, heart disease, kidney disease and obesity are all higher than among white Americans, according to the CDC.

The authors summarized the report by noting that America’s economic situation has substantially deteriorated since the onset of the COVID-19 crisis.

According to the Bureau of Economic Analysis, the gross domestic product fell at an annualized rate of 32.9 percent from April to the end of June 2020. It’s the most significant decline on record.

Families across race and ethnicity are feeling the pain, but African Americans are generally in an even weaker position to absorb this economic adversity, the authors said.

Further, black families face a range of economic

risks without the buffer from stable employment, adequate earnings, or sufficient savings and wealth accumulation.

“Amid substantial economic and policy uncertainty, there is the potential for this crisis to have negative, long-term economic and educational consequences. COVID-19 has exposed and further highlighted existing racial inequality across economic and health status,” the authors wrote.

They continued: “As a result, these preexisting factors have left many black families at greater risk to bear the consequences of this historic economic crisis. Inadequate, additional federal economic relief, such as legislation that does not provide enough unemployment assistance and supplements to the safety net, potentially threatens black families’ economic security.

“Ultimately, robust, reliable fiscal policy responses to the crisis will help to reduce the negative impacts of the pandemic on families. If the economic and public health crisis continues at its current pace, many American families will require such assistance, including a disproportionate share of black families.”

2020 hurricane season is in full swing – eight ways to prepare now



NAPSI

Hurricane season officially runs through November, and while no one can predict what lies ahead, there are things you can do to prepare. Here, T-Mobile offers eight ways to stay connected.

1. Make a disaster kit: Include things such as batteries, snacks, water, a first aid kit, a flashlight and device chargers.

2. Update your family, friends and emergency services contact numbers. Make sure they’re saved and backed up in your devices and written down someplace accessible.

3. Subscribe to official text alerts and connect with official social networks to learn about new developments before, during and after a disaster.

4. Keep your mobile devices fully charged. Have charging cables handy and consider picking up a car or portable charging device.

5. Protect your technology

with waterproof re-sealable plastic bags.

6. Download emergency-assistance apps from the Red Cross and FEMA.

7. Make sure your phone supports Wireless Emergency Alerts and that you have enabled notifications on your device. Visit t-mobile.com/wea for details on how to set up alerts on T-Mobile and Sprint devices.

8. Set up Wi-Fi Calling on your phone if you have a phone that supports it. For Apple phones, go to Settings > Phone > Wi-Fi Calling; for Android phones, go to Settings > More Connection Settings > Wi-Fi Calling.

Even with the measures T-Mobile and other wireless operators take to prepare their networks against disasters, there is still the potential for power outages and other communication service interruptions.

If your mobile service is interrupted or spotty immediately following a

hurricane, try the following:

- If you have home broadband and power but no mobile service, try Wi-Fi calling, which lets T-Mobile and Sprint customers with capable devices text and make and receive voice calls via any capable Wi-Fi connection.

Important: If you have to call 911 using Wi-Fi, be sure to give your address to the operator.

- If you have a connection to the T-Mobile and Sprint networks, keep calls to a minimum and as short as possible. This helps reduce the load on the network so others can get through.

- If you are a Sprint customer on the Sprint network, you can automatically roam on the T-Mobile network if the Sprint network is affected and T-Mobile is not.

- Send a text instead of making a call. Text messages get through more easily during times of congestion.

Pandemic depression: Genetic insight may help treatment



NAPSI

Social isolation during the pandemic may pose a mental health threat for those already at risk for COVID-19 – people over age 65.

As doctors treat more senior patients for depression, an increasingly popular genetic test may inform their treatment decisions. The GeneSight test (www.genesight.com) provides information about how your genes may impact how you metabolize and respond to certain depression medications.

Innovative solutions for mental health conditions are important. As the pandemic and its resulting isolation wears on, many are struggling with their mental health. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, loneliness can be associated with higher rates of depression.

“When I first experienced depression, it happened all of a sudden,” shared Doreen, a wife, mother of three grown

children and retiree. “It was like a cloud happened in my head.”

Symptoms of depression can include changes in sleep or eating patterns, decreased energy, difficulty concentrating or a lack of motivation.

Doreen saw her doctor, who prescribed a depression medication but it didn’t alleviate her symptoms.

“I began to see one doctor, then another, to help deal with my depression,” said Doreen. Her doctors “tried many, many different medications and none seemed to work. Finally, my heart doctor said, ‘Doreen, I’ve heard about this gene test, I think it might help you.’”

Her doctor was referring to the GeneSight test.

The test is a simple cheek swab, ordered by a health-care provider who can prescribe medications. A patient can take the test at home or in the doctor’s office.

Using a patient’s unique DNA, the GeneSight test in-

forms doctors about potential gene-drug interactions. The report provides information about which depression medications may require dose adjustments, may be less likely to work, or may have an increased risk of side effects based on a patient’s genetic makeup.

The GeneSight test helped Doreen’s doctor to make an informed treatment decision; she was prescribed a new medication.

“That’s when my life started to change. I got back to smiling, being happy and laughing again. I got back to being me,” Doreen said.

Post-pandemic life will likely never be the same. If depression is one of the unanticipated consequences, treatment is important.

People struggling with depression can ask their doctor about the GeneSight test.

To learn more, visit www.GeneSight.com.

PART 2

Spiritual inactivity - endure the tests

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



The trying of our faith brings praises of victory, and winning the battle brings shouts of victory. Christian friends, God will take us through some battles, whether we want to go through them or not.

When some of us go through tests and trials, we complain and try to argue with God. We might say “God, you know I go to church all the time. I tithe and

teach Sunday school, so why is this happening to me?” Friend, if we will quit questioning God, He will bring us through with victory and praise to Him. Why? We will be stronger, and He will make us better.

Consider Job, who lost everything. He lost his livestock, his children, his health and other material possessions; yet, in essence, he said, “God, though you slay me, I will still trust You.” Job fully trusted God, and he came through that trial with victory. I do not know how long he was in that trial. It might have

lasted six months or six years, but he remained faithful, and God blessed him and gave him double of everything he had formerly.

Today, in many places, the praises are drying up because some of us are unwilling to go through the tests and trails. We try to avoid them, and we start questioning God. “Why is this happening to me?”

My friends, we need to endure the tests that God gives us; it will not last forever. If we will hold on, we will have praises for God. When we hear God’s eternal truth, it will

cause us to praise God for what He has done for us.

Every saint of God wants victory. Dear one, we are not going to have it unless we go through a battle. If we will go through it as patiently as we can, God will help us through.

Next week, – Part III “Spiritual in Activity – Endure the Tests.”

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Living above ‘see’ Level

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



A few years ago, I had one of my most challenging experiences with my natural vision. What started out as a normal day for me ended with

me having a splitting headache and blurred vision. I thought I might have my contact lenses in the wrong eyes so I switched them. But my vision seemed to get worse so I switched them back. Also, I did all that I could over the next three days to clean them...but there didn’t seem to be a strong enough solution to remove what looked like a cloudy layer on the lenses. I reluctantly made an appointment with the eye doctor dreading having to buy another pair of contact lenses.

I prayed for God to supernaturally heal my eyes on the way to the doctor’s office but God obviously had a more important lesson for me.

The eye doctor was able to clean the lenses and remove most of what had clouded them. He said that part of my physical discomfort was the fact that I was right eye dominant... and it was my right eye’s contact lenses that was the most blurred. The weaker left eye was trying to overcompensate for the temporary weakness of the right.

He further explained that his great “top-secret” solution that cleansed my contact lens included baking soda. He carefully explained all that he did and recommended that I do the same thing to clean my contact lenses in the future. It was amazing how something as simple as baking soda seemed to be the solution to everything.


Later that day, I did what he said and marveled at the quick improvement to my eyesight. It was still a little fuzzy, but my headache was gone. I thought to myself, how interesting that even though it was the weakest, my left eye was over compensating for the temporary weakness of the stronger right eye.

I also thought how that fight between my eyes to give me clear vision was similar to our battles with faith. We don’t have enough faith that God will do something and we over-compensate by taking matters into our own hands. We think we are doing the right thing, but in the end we cause an imbalance of faith.

We say we have limitless faith but our actions show that we actually have limited faith. Sometimes we also make the mistake of putting our faith in the wrong people or things.

2 Corinthians 4:18 says, “While we do not look at the things which are seen but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary but the things that are not seen are eternal.” Faith, like that dirty contact lens, is what we see the world through. If our faith is blurred, cloudy, distorted or obscured, we make poor decisions because we have poor sight. Like that damaged lens, we have to admit that our faith was shaken and replace our faithless eyes with the faithful eyes of God.

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Football is back, better days are ahead

By Harry C. Alford and Kay DeBow
National Black Chamber of Commerce



It sounded like sweet music to our ears. “Stay tuned for the opening of the NFL Football Season.” With great anticipation we have waited, prayed and worried about the future of professional and college football as we know. At last the sweet time has come. From kindergarten to retirement this game is different than all others. Football is a microcosm of America. We knew it would come back. Not even COVID-19 could bring it to an end.

Physical fitness is a matter of health-care and healthy futures for our children as they grow into adulthood. Football teams and games start organizing in new neighborhoods as soon as they are built. Our children are taught the importance of strong bodies and good coordination. There are other sports that are important like basketball, lacrosse, track, volleyball, etc. But nothing drives up the adrenaline and emotions like football. National stars become role models and heroes to all.

So, when the Los Angeles Rams and the Dallas Cowboys kicked off the season this week it sent chills through my body and gave me joy that had been missing over too many months.

What you learn in Football is team work as well as team spirit. Those who rise above the groups will become leaders and will apply those leadership skills throughout all phases of life. It instills a drive that makes one want to have influence and help direct the team or group. You want to become the best student and the smartest in your school and have the admiration of all those around you.

Football came into our lives via the local Boy’s Club (Oxnard, California). This was a place that young kids could learn all the sports such as boxing, basketball, baseball, etc. Boys’ clubs, YMCA, etc. can instill that thirst for success in a youth life that will stay with him or her forever. Football played the role of foundation for all sports.

Physical fitness brought confidence

and leadership skills. You could walk with authority and speak with confidence. Charisma followed your presence wherever it went – from the promotion room to the board room your destiny was set for maximum performance.

I remember leading military drills in the Army. It made me a winner – an officer and a gentleman – with a future that took off the day I stepped on the grounds of Ft. Jackson, South Carolina. I was prepared thanks to the early days of Oxnard. Oh yes, the girls liked it too. That is how I won Kay. That is what we used to focus the direction of our two sons.

We built a winning attitude at Oxnard Union High School. We called it the school of pretty girls and showed them off to visiting teams (look but do not touch). We also called it the town of beautiful landscapes. A lot of that attitude was built around our athletic activities and the winning attitudes that came with them. The best thing you could do if you wanted to impress someone was to put on your OHS Letterman Coat. It would create an aura around you.

Recruiters from some of the most prestigious corporations would visit the University of Wisconsin and the first stop would be to see the football coach to make a referral list. The point we are trying to make is to follow the “blood lines,” history and tradition before selecting that person you are counting on to become a winner. It makes a difference.

If you look at families known for their leaders and winning, please remember it is not coincidental. It takes miles and miles of work, courage, fortitude and determination. Those things are also taught in football. Let us give thanks to our Lord that our national game is returning and the United States can continue to be a winner around the world repeatedly. Praise the Lord that this world has a nation known as America in it.

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The key to motivating young voters? Young candidates

By Ben Jealous
People For the American Way



One of the most exciting parts of this year’s Democratic National Convention for me was the keynote speech delivered collectively by a group of young progressive elected officials, many of them black. They showed us the potential for a promising future once we have gotten past the presidency of Donald Trump.

They also showed us how to get there. One way to make sure we remove Donald Trump from the White House and his enablers from Congress is to support exciting candidates at all levels who can energize Democratic voters – especially progressive young people – to vote.

The mass mobilization we have seen in the Black Lives Matter protests is an essential tool for turning energy into political will and bringing pressure on public officials. Ultimately, though, voting is the only tool we have for putting people who are committed to making the changes our country urgently needs into positions of power.

Many of the problems that have been with us for far longer than the current administration – including systemic inequity in health care, education, housing and policing – can and must be addressed at local and state levels.

That’s why transformational local candidates are a key to building progressive power and making progressive change. And getting elected and serving successfully in

local office is often the first step to higher office.

Look at Virginia, where intense organizing over the past few election cycles turned the former capital of the Confederacy blue. Candidates from underrepresented communities – young people, people of color, women, immigrants, LGBTQ candidates – helped Democrats take control of both chambers of the state’s General Assembly. And that has meant the power to make huge changes for the people of Virginia – expanding access to healthcare, addressing gun violence and more.

Opposition to President Trump helped drive change in Virginia and will motivate many people to get to the polls in November. But energy doesn’t come just from the top of the ticket. It runs both ways. In fact, exciting local candidates can generate enthusiasm among people who might see national politics and candidates as far removed from their lives and concerns.

People For the American Way’s Next Up! project supports young candidates running at the state and local level, many of them from communities that have long been denied their fair share of political power. The enthusiasm for their candidacies can boost progressive prospects up and down the ballot.

There’s Arizona, for example, where Democrats have an excellent chance of picking up the U.S. Senate seat now held by the appointed Republican senator Martha McSally. We’re excited about supporting two local candidates Whitney Walker and Jevin Hodge, both young black people who are engaging their communities by challenging Republican incumbents

on the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors.

How about Michigan, a battleground state that helped put Trump in the White House? Chokwe Pitchford is generating excitement as a 21-year old black man running to flip a seat in the state house.

Young voters have been going to the polls in higher numbers in recent elections. We must do everything in our power to keep that trend rising. If you know a young community-oriented person who ought to run for public office in the future, encourage them. We need their voices and energy to keep turning citizens and activists into voters.

And between now and November, do what you can to support young candidates who have stepped up. They are running in a year when public health restrictions make traditional campaigning harder and when disinformation and voter suppression campaigns are trying to keep black people from voting. We can and will move this country toward a more just future – and we can’t let anyone convince us to take our eyes off that prize.

For reliable information on voting, visit <https://www.vote411.org/> (League of Women Voters) or <https://866ourvote.org/state/> (Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights under Law)

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The CENSUS and The VOTE

H Ralph Samuels Jr.

Two important events are happening this year
that we must not neglect
Our “count” in the CENSUS
And the VOTE and who we elect

You’re either a patriot or a problem
depending on who’s “holding the mic”
and if you don’t agree with their side
There’s probably gonna be a fight

So be sure that you get counted
along with everyone in your house
Don’t be silent, Do make a statement
Don’t be timid like a mouse

Yes, “one” VOTE can make a difference
and it might be the one you cast
so make sure you get their early
But VOTE, even if you get there last

Both are taking center stage
and should be on our minds
all of us need to do our part
so we won’t be left behind

And so it’s very crucial
that we stand up and be counted
and make sure we’re registered and VOTE
before a civil mutiny is mounted

Every ten years we get to do it
that’s what makes this land so great
the fact that we can help determine
our communities future and fate

Be sure to know all the deadlines
and your precinct polling place
Absentee and mail-in ballots
are very important in this race

Now when I say “left behind”
I’m not just talking about race
but to everyone who’s concerned
about our future and our place

Now the CENSUS is important
because of how it sets
the future and lifelines of our communities
with the money that it gets

Now a word about the election
it’s our right to VOTE our conviction
Let’s be sure we do our homework
So much for lies, polls and predictions

Go ahead and do it now
While it’s fresh and on your mind
And why not take your neighbor
It may be their first time

It’s about our freedom and democracy
our morals and our stands
Our rights have been tampered by hypocrisy,
outright lies and crooked hands

Roads, infrastructure and healthcare
congressional seats and education
Millions and millions of dollars
to help our “tarnished” reputation

Yes, some candidates will lie
and their supporters may do the same
Many will smile in our face
and think we’re fooled by their game

We must help each other out
now’s the time for unity
Let’s show the world that we’re about
peace and love and harmony

We used to be a nation
that made some very proud
but now what we’re observing
makes many shudder to say it loud

You see many still put Mississippi
at the bottom of the stack
and we need to change “that” narrative
we ain’t “that” bad and that’s a fact

But let’s show we have honest character
and can’t be bought by the dollar
Don’t fail to register and not VOTE
then get mad and wanna “holler”

I pray that I’ve stirred your spirit
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<p>ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JACKSON ADOPTING THE 2012 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE AND ADOPTING THE 2018 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE WITH CERTAIN REVISED ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS RELATED TO AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEMS IN CLASSIFIED BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES WHICH ARE NEW, RENOVATED, ALTERED, OR MODIFIED, ESTABLISHING A PENALTY CLAUSE, A PUBLICATION CLAUSE AND EFFECTIVE DATE.</p> <p>WHEREAS, on February 24, 2015, the City Council approved an ordinance which adopted the 2012 Edition of the International Fire Code together with appendix Chapters A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, Section 101.2.1 as published by the International Code Council without additions, deletions, and changes prescribed in Section 58-37; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the ordinance approved by the City Council on February 24, 2015 is codified at Section 58-36 of the City of Jackson Code of Ordinances; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, upon full review and consideration of all matters related to the preservation of life and property, the Jackson Fire Department has determined that the adopted fire code should be repealed and the 2018 edition of the International Fire Code should be adopted together with applicable appendices; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, upon full review and consideration, the Jackson Fire Department has also determined that the 2018 edition of the International Fire Code when adopted should contain additional provisions related to the installation of sprinkler systems in new, renovated, altered, or modified buildings having a floor area of 5000 or more square feet; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the Jackson Fire Department's recommendation concerning the sprinkler systems is based upon information gleaned from reports of the National Fire Protection Association indicating that sprinkler systems have significant effectiveness in reducing damage and loss from fire; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, upon full review and consideration of the importance of preserving the life of those visiting and occupying commercial structures and also property.</p> <p>NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON MISSISSIPPI that the 2015 edition of the International Fire Code adopted by the City Council on February 24, 2015 is hereby repealed in its entirety.</p> <p>NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON MISSISSIPPI that the 2018 edition of the International Fire Code published by the International Code Council with appendix Chapters A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, Section 101.2.1 shall be adopted.</p> <p>NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON MISSISSIPPI that the adopted fire code is amended by addition or deletion and shall read as follows:</p> <p>ARTICLE 1</p> <p>Section 903.1.1: Alternative protection. Alternative automatic fire-extinguishing systems complying with Section 9.04 shall be permitted in addition to automatic sprinkler protection where recognized by the applicable standard and approved by the fire marshal.</p> <p>Section 903.3.1.1.1 Exempt locations. If approved by fire marshal, automatic sprinklers shall not be required in the following rooms or areas where such rooms or areas are protected with an approved automatic fire detection system in accordance with Section 907.2 that will respond to visible or invisible particles of combustion. Sprinklers shall not be omitted from any room merely because it is damp, of fire-resistance rated construction or contains electrical equipment:</p> <p>1.Any room where the application of water, or flame and water, constitutes a serious life or fire hazard.</p> <p>2.Generator and transformer rooms, under the direct control of a public utility, separated from the remainder of the building by walls and floor/ceiling or roof/ceiling assemblies having a fire-resistance rating of not less than 2 hours.</p> <p>3.Elevator machine rooms, machinery spaces, and hoist ways, other than pits where such sprinklers would not necessitate shunt trip requirements under any circumstances.</p> <p>Section 903.2 Where required. Approved automatic sprinkler systems in commercial new buildings and renovated, altered, or modified commercial buildings shall be provided in the locations described in Sections 903.2.1 through 903.2.10.</p> <p>Section 903.2 is amended by deleting the Exception:</p> <p>Exception: Spaces or areas in telecommunications buildings used exclusively for telecommunications equipment, associated electrical power distribution equipment, batteries and standby engines, provided those spaces or areas are equipped throughout with an automatic smoke detection system in accordance with Section 907.2 and are separated from the remainder of the building by not less than 1-hour fire barriers constructed in accordance with Section 707 of the International Building Code or not less than 2-hour horizontal assemblies constructed in accordance with Section 711 of the International Building Code, or both.</p> <p>Section 903.2.1.1 Group A-1. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided for Group A-1 occupancies where one of the following conditions exists:</p> <p>1. The area exceeds 5000 square feet (464m2);</p> <p>2. The fire area has an occupant load of 300 or more;</p> <p>3. The fire area is located on a floor other than the level of exit discharge;</p> <p>4. The fire area contains a multi theater complex.</p> <p>Section 903.2.1.3 Group A-3. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided for Group A-3 occupancies where one of the following conditions exists:</p> <p>1. The fire area exceeds 5000 square feet (464m2);</p> <p>2. The fire area has an occupant load of 300 or more;</p> <p>3. The fire area is located on a floor other than the level of exit discharge.</p> <p>Section 903.2.1.4 Group A-4. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided for Group A-4 occupancies where one of the following conditions exists:</p> <p>1. The fire area exceeds 5,000 square feet (464m2);</p> <p>2. The fire area has an occupant load of 300 or more;</p> <p>3. The fire area is located on a floor other than the level of exit discharge.</p> <p>Section 903.2.3 Group E. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided for Group E occupancies where one of the following conditions exists:</p> <p>1.Throughout all Group E fire areas greater than 5,000 square feet (464m2); in area;</p> <p>2.Throughout every portion of educational building below the level of exit discharge;</p> <p>Exception: An automatic sprinkler system is not required in any fire area or area below the level of exist discharge where every classroom throughout the building has at least one exterior exit door at ground level.</p> <p>Section 903.2.4 Group F-1. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout all new, renovated or modified buildings containing a Group F-1 occupancy where one of the following conditions exists:</p> <p>1.Where a Group F-1 fire area exceeds 5,000 square feet (464m2);</p> <p>2.Where a Group F-1 fire area is located more than three stories above grade plane; or</p> <p>3.Where combined are of all Group F-1 fore areas on all floors, including any mezzanines, exceeds 24,000 square feet (2230m2).</p> <p>4.Group F-1 occupancy used for the manufacture of upholstered furniture or mattresses exceeds 2,500 square feet (232 m2).</p> <p>Section 903.2.7 Group M. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout all new or renovated or modified buildings containing a Group M occupancy where one of the following conditions exists:</p> <p>1.Where a Group M fire area exceeds 5,000 square feet (464m2);</p> <p>2.Where a Group M fire area is located more than three stories above grade plane; or</p> <p>3.Where the combined area of all Group M fire areas on all floors, including any mezzanines, exceeds 24,000 square feet;</p> <p>4.A Group M occupancy used for the display and sale of upholstered furniture or mattresses exceeds 5,000 square feet (464 m2).</p> <p>Section 903.2.9 Group S-1. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout all new, renovated, or modified buildings containing a Group S-1 occupancy where one of the following conditions exists:</p> <p>1. A Group S-1 fire area exceeds 5,000 square feet (464m2);</p> <p>2. A Group S-1 fire area is located more than three stories above grade plane; or</p> <p>3. The combined area of all Group S-1 fire areas on all floors, including any mezzanines, exceeds 24,000 square feet (2230 m2);</p> <p>4. A Group S-1 fire area used for the storage of commercial trucks or buses where fire area exceeds 5,000 square feet (464m2).</p> <p>5. A Group S-1 occupancy used for the storage of upholstered furniture or mattresses exceeds 2,500 square feet (232 m2).</p> <p>Section 903.2.9.1 Repair garages. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout new, renovated, or modified buildings used as Repair Garages where one of the following conditions exists:</p> <p>1. Buildings two or more stories in height, including basements, with a fire area containing a repair garage exceeding 5,000 square feet (464m2);</p> <p>2. One-story buildings with a fire area containing a repair garage exceeding 5000 square feet (464m2);</p> <p>3. Buildings with a repair garage servicing vehicle parked in the basement;</p> <p>4. A Group S-1 fire area used for the repair of commercial trucks or buses where the fire area exceeds 5000 square feet (464m2).</p> <p>Section 903.2.9 shall be amended to add a new Section 903.2.9.3 which shall read as follows:</p> <p>Section 903.2.9.3. Self Service Storage Facility. An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed in new, renovated, or modified self-service storage facilities. A screen shall be installed at eighteen (18) inches below the level of the sprinkler heads to restrict storage above that level. This screen shall be a mesh not less than one (1) inch nor greater than six (6) inches in size. The screen and its supports shall be installed such that all elements are at least eighteen (18) inches below any sprinkler heads.</p> <p>Section 903.2.10 Group S-2 enclosed parking garages. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided in new, renovated, or modified buildings classified as enclosed parking garages in accordance with Section 406.6 of the International Building Code where either of the following conditions exists:</p> <p>1. Where the fire area of the enclosed parking garage exceeds 12,000 square feet(1115 m2);</p> <p>2. Where the enclosed parking garage is located beneath other groups.</p> <p>Exception: Enclosed parking garages located beneath Group R-3 occupancies.</p> <p>Section 903.2.11.7. High Combustible Storage. For buildings with a clear height exceeding 12 feet (4,572 mm) see Chapter 32 to determine if those provisions apply.</p> <p>Section 903.2.11.8. Spray booths and rooms. New, renovated, or modified spray booths and spraying rooms shall be protected by an approved automatic fire extinguishing system.</p> <p>Section 903.2.11.9. Buildings over 5,000 square feet. An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed in new buildings over 5,000 square feet and in existing buildings that are renovated, modified, or enlarged to greater than 5,000 square feet. For the purpose of this provision, fire walls, fire barriers, or horizontal assemblies shall not define separate buildings.</p> <p>Exceptions:</p> <p>1.Open parking garages which comply with Section 406.5 of the International Building Code.</p> <p>2.When of non-combustible construction, the area of awning extension or free-standing canopies, both sides, and not for display or storage shall not be considered for requiring sprinkler protection for areas greater than 5,000 square feet but less than otherwise required in this code.</p> <p>3.Temporary structures whose use is planned for one (1) year or less.</p> <p>Section 903.2.11.10 Expanded Tenant Spaces. Fire sprinklers shall be installed in new, renovated, or modified tenant spaces where the total fire area exceeds 5,000 square feet. For the purpose of fire sprinklers, fire walls, fire barriers, or horizontal assemblies shall not be used to separate single tenant fire areas.</p> <p>Add new Section 903.3.1.4 to read as follows: Automatic sprinkler systems shall be designed, installed, and maintained in accordance with the current edition of the NFPA 13 Standards for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems.</p> <p>Section 903.3.3.5 is amended to include a second paragraph to read as follows:</p> <p>Section 903.3.3.5 Water supplies. Water supply as required for automatic sprinkler systems shall be provided in conformance with the supply requirements of the respective standard.</p> <p>ARTICLE 2</p> <p>All provisions of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jackson in conflict with the provision of these ordinances are hereby repealed, and all provisions of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jackson not in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.</p> <p>ARTICLE 3</p> <p>It is the intention of the City Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of these ordinances be construed severally. If any phrase, clause, sentence, or section of these ordinances be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the unconstitutional or invalid phrase, clause, or sentence shall not affect the remaining ordinance or ordinances. The remaining ordinance or ordinances shall remain in force and effect and shall be construed without the unconstitutional or invalid phrase, clause, or sentence to the extent practical.</p> <p>ARTICLE 4</p> <p>The repeal of an ordinance or ordinances arising out of and resulting from the enactment of these ordinances shall not be construed as abandoning any action now pending under or by virtue of such ordinance or as discontinuing, abating, modifying, or altering any penalty accruing or to accrue or as affecting any rights of the City of Jackson under any section or provisions at the time of passage of this ordinance.</p> <p>ARTICLE 5</p> <p>Any violation of the ordinances by any person, firm, or corporation shall constitute a misdemeanor offense and shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for a period of not less than thirty (30) days nor more than ninety (90) days or both. For purposes of this ordinance, each day a violation continues shall be deemed a separate punishable offense.</p> <p>ARTICLE 6</p> <p>These ordinances shall become effective in accordance with Section 21-13-11 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 as amended.</p> <p>Council Member Lindsay moved adoption; Council Member Tillman seconded.</p> <p>Yeas – Banks, Foote, Lindsay, Priester, Stamps, Stoke and Tillman. Nays – None. Absent – None.</p> <p>ATTEST: Angela Harris Municipal Clerk</p> <p>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 August 14, 2020 and recorded in Minute Book “6R, Pgs. 362-366.”</p> <p>WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 10th day of September, 2020.</p> <p>_____ Angela Harris SEAL Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk</p> <p>9-17-2020</p>	

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<p>NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING</p> <p>ZONING CASE NO. 4100</p> <p>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 William Anderson, Jr. have filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from R-2 (Single-Family & Two-Family) Residential District to C-3 (General) Commercial District to allow for an automotive service repair establishment for the property located on 6238 Wesley St. (Parcel #707-125-1) described as:</p> <p>Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section Two (2) Township Six (6) North, Range One (1) East, and run thence west One Thousand two hundred and eleven (1211) feet, more or less, to a point ; run thence south for a distance of Three hundred and seventy-five (375) feet to the point of beginning of the land herein conveyed; from said point of beginning, run south a distance of Seventy-five (75) feet to a point: run thence wet a distance of Two hundred (200) feet to the east line of a Thirty (30) foot road; run thence north along the east line of said road distance of Seventy-five (75) feet to a point; run thence east a distance of Two Hundred (200) feet to the point of beginning, said property being the South one-half (S ½) of that certain parcel of land described in Book Eight Hundred and Seventy (870) at page Three hundred and Ninety (390) in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk.</p> <p>Indexing Instructions:</p> <p>S 1/2 of land described in Book 870 at Page 390, Hinds Co., 1st District, MS.</p> <p>EXCEPTED from the warranty hereof are all easements, rights of way, zoning ordinances, restrictive and protective covenants.</p> <p>For a point of beginning, begin at the Northeast corner of that certain land and property conveyed by Georg H. Schroeder, et al, to I. m. Beasley, be deed dated March 21, 1940, and recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in Deed Book 336 at Page 195, said point of beginning described as being 1211 feet, more or less, West of the northeast corner ofSection2, Township 6 North, Range 1 East, and run thence South 450 feet to the point of beginning, using this point as a point of beginning, run thence South 150 feet to a point, run thence West 200 feet to the east line of a30 feet road, run thence North 150 feet along the East line of said 30 feet road to a point, run thence East a distance of 200 feet to the point of beginning.</p> <p>Subject to any easements and rights of way for public roads and utilities, now existence and further subject to any oil, gas and mineral rights that may have been previously reserved or conveyed by prior owners.</p> <p>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, September 23, 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.</p> <p>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 WITH REGARDS TO THE WEARING OF MASKS AND THE SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS OR VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO BY EMAILING EAINSWORTH@CITY.JACKSON.MS.US TO REGISTER PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 16, 2020.</p> <p>WITNESS my signature this 26th day of August 2020.</p> <p>/s/Ester L. Ainsworth Zoning Administrator City of Jackson, Mississippi</p> <p>9-3-2020, 9-17-2020</p>	
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<p>NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT</p> <p>ZONING CASE NO. 4101</p> <p>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 Parshwa LLC has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit to allow for the operation of a liquor store in a C-3 (General) Commercial District located in Suite 105 of the property at 6351 I-55 North Frontage Rd. (Parcel 710-1) in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:</p> <p>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, September 23, 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.</p> <p>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 WITH REGARDS TO THE WEARING OF MASKS AND THE SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS OR VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO BY EMAILING EAINSWORTH@CITY.JACKSON.MS.US TO REGISTER PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 16, 2020.</p> <p>WITNESS my signature this 26th day of August 2020.</p> <p>/s/Ester L. Ainsworth Zoning Administrator City of Jackson, Mississippi</p> <p>9-3-2020, 9-17-2020</p>	
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<p>Advertisement for RFP</p> <p>RFP 2020-19 JPS Digital Curriculum (K-12: English/Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies)</p> <p>Sealed, written formal rfp proposals for the above rfp will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time), September 28, 2020 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all rfps, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any rfp if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date rfps are opened.</p> <p>Proposal forms and detailed specifications may be obtained free of charge by down loading from JPSD website at www.jackson.k12.ms.us. Click on Department at the top of the screen, click on Business Office to the left of the screen and click on RFPs & Bid Notices.</p> <p>9-10-2020, 9-17-2020</p>	

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR
JAN FIRE ALARM SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS
BY THE JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
PROJECT NO. 12100-004-20
SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority ("JMAA") is seeking electronic proposals ("Proposal") for services related to the JAN Fire Alarm System Improvements Project for the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport.

JMAA will receive electronic sealed Proposals only. All Proposals will be accepted until Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 4:00 pm (CST) (the "Proposal Deadline"). Electronic submissions are to be submitted to Chad Parker, Director of Procurement, via email at cparker@jmaa.com. JMAA will also receive hand delivered electronic Proposals up to the Proposal Deadline at JMAA's administrative offices, Suite 300, Main Terminal Building, Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39208.

The following identification information must be provided with the submission: (i) Attention: Chad G Parker, Director of Procurement, (ii) Bidder's company name, and (iii) the wording: "JAN Fire Alarm System Improvements Project, Project No. 12100-004-20." If the submission is submitted via email, then the identification information must be provided in the email subject line. If the submission is submitted by hand delivery, then the identification information must be marked on the outside or exterior of the bid envelope or container.

JMAA will not consider any Proposals received after the Deadline for any reason whatsoever. Information for Respondents relating to this Request for Proposals ("RFP") is on file and open for public inspection at the offices of JMAA. The Information for Respondents contains a copy of the RFP, General Information for Respondents, Information Required from Respondents and Criteria for Selection. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the Information for Respondents from JMAA by contacting Mr. Chad Parker, JMAA's Director of Procurement, as follows:

Jackson Municipal Airport Authority
100 International Drive, Suite 300 (39208)
Post Office Box 98109
Jackson, Mississippi 39298-8109
Attention: Chad Parker, Director of Procurement
Telephone No.: (601) 664-3516
Facsimile No.: (601) 939-3713
E-Mail: cparker@jmaa.com

or from JMAA's website at <https://jmaa.com/corporate/partner-with-us/procurement/>

Based on the Proposals received and the scoring of each proposal, JMAA will initiate negotiations with the Respondent ranked first. If such negotiations fail to produce an agreement in form and content, satisfactory to JMAA, within a reasonable period of time, then JMAA may reject the first- ranked Respondent and follow the same process with the other Respondents, in the order of their ranking, until a Respondent agrees to and enters into an agreement satisfactory to JMAA.

JMAA will hold a Pre-Submission Conference via video conferencing on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 10:00 am (CST). Here is the information needed to access the Pre-Submission Conference:

Link: <https://call.lifesizedcloud.com/4056382>
Dial in Number: (312) 584-2401 | Extension: 4056382

Participation in the Pre-Submission Conference is highly recommended for all those interested in submitting a Proposal as a Prime Contractor for the service and persons seeking opportunities to provide the service as a Sub-Contractor. The benefits of attendance include networking opportunities between Prime Contractors and Sub-Contractors, the opportunity to be on a list of contacts that will be published to interested parties as part of the minutes from the Pre-Submission Conference, and the opportunity to receive detailed scope related information from the project owner.

JMAA reserves the right to reject any and all Proposals, for any reason, any time before execution of a contract with a Respondent selected by JMAA to perform the Services.

There is no DBE participation goal for this RFP.

JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT

ZONING CASE NO. 4103

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 Tarlikaben Patel has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit to allow for the operation of a liquor store in a C-3 (General) Commercial District for the property located at 2655 I-55. (Parcel: 207-7-2) in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

A certain parcel of land situated in the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section 17, Township 5 North, Range 1 East, Hinds County, Mississippi, More particularly Described as Follows:

Beginning at the Northwest Corner of the Lot 1, Block C, Terry Road Sub-division, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof, on file and on record in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, at Jackson, Mississippi, In Plat Book 7, at page 41, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description and from said point of beginning, run north 10 degrees 55 minutes East on a line representing an extension of the west line of said lot 1, for a distance of 42 feet to a point turn thence to the right through an angle of 88 degrees 21 minutes and run south 80 degree 44 minutes east for a distance of 430.9 feet to a point in the west right of way line of interstate highway no. 55; run thence along said right of way line as follow: South 01 degree 20 minutes west for a distance of 4.78 feet to a point, South 44 Degree 52 minutes west for a distance of 32 feet to a point, South 02 degrees 53 minutes west for a distance of 126.6 feet to a point, South 08 degrees 56 minutes west for a distance 161.8 feet to a point, south 20 degree 30 Minuets West for a distance of 39.05 feet to point, thence leaving said west line and run north 80 degree 44 minutes west, 108.32 feet: Thence North 09 Degrees 16 minutes east, 40.0 feet: Thence North 50 Degrees 44 minutes west 145.61 feet to a point, which point is 254.984 feet north of the southeast corner of lot 26, Arbor hills subdivision according to a plat on file in the office of the chancery clerk of Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi; run thence north 00 degrees 05 minutes west along the east line of lots 4, 3, 2, and 1, Block C, Terry road Subdivision for a distance of 235.616 feet to the northeast corner of said lot 1; and run thence north 73 degrees 42 minutes west along the north line of said lot 1 for a distance of 145.6 feet to the pint of beginning and containing 2.4 acers, more or less.

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, September 23, 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 26th day of August 2020.

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

9-3-2020, 9-17-2020

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION

ZONING CASE NO. 4099

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 Teresa J. Bryant has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Special Exception to allow for a residential child care center within a R-1 (Single-Family) Residential District on property located at 531Claiborne Ave. (Parcel: 123-85) in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

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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, September 23, 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 WITH REGARDS TO THE WEARING OF MASKS AND THE SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS OR VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO BY EMAILING EAINSWORTH@CITY.JACKSON.MS.US TO REGISTER PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 16, 2020.

WITNESS my signature this 27th day of August 2020.

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

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Jackson, Mississippi
Proposals For Contractor Services For J.R.A. Properties – September 2020

INVITATION FOR BID

Sealed Bids for the services for general repair, bush hogging and property cleaning at various properties located throughout Jackson, Mississippi will be received by the Jackson Redevelopment Authority (JRA) at the Porter Building, 218 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, 3rd Floor until 2:00 pm on Friday 9 October 2020, and thereby publicly opened and read.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT

ZONING CASE NO. 4102

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1757, LOT 11, OAKS SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE MAP THEREOF ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY, AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN PLAT BOOK 7238, AT PAGE 0231, REFERENCE TO WHICH IS HEREBY MADE.

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ACROSS

1. Otherwise
5. What children learn
9. Songs you sing alone
11. Order
12. Rainbow maker
13. Right-winger
14. Yield
15. Morning
17. North northeast
18. Heir to throne
20. Oozy
22. Whiz
23. Length measurement
24. Dab
27. Doctor's picture
29. Nail filing board
31. Fail to get
32. Review
33. Adam's garden
34. Welt

DOWN

1. Sports channel
2. Belief
3. Narrow opening
4. Goddess
5. Behind
6. Rodeo bull
7. Chili con ____
8. Eye infection
10. Insincere
16. Softer
18. Private eye
19. New York (abbr.)
20. Young fish
21. Rent
22. Shaft
24. Prefix ten
25. Voiced
26. Kind
28. Japanese money
30. Kitten's cry

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Settlement for Taylor family and police reforms for Louisville

By Dylan Lovan
Associated Press

The city of Louisville agreed to pay \$12 million to the family of Breonna Taylor and reform police practices as part of a settlement announced Tuesday, months after Taylor’s slaying by police thrust the Black woman’s name to the forefront of a national reckoning on race.

But Taylor’s mother and others who have taken up her cause said more must be done to right the wrongs of racial injustice in America.

“Please continue to say her name,” Taylor’s mother, Tamika Palmer, declared at an emotional news conference, evoking the call that has become a national refrain for those outraged by the shooting and police violence.

Taylor’s death sparked months of protests in Louisville and calls nationwide for the officers to be criminally charged. The state’s attorney general, Daniel Cameron, is investigating police actions in the March 13 fatal shooting.

“I cannot begin to imagine Ms. Palmer’s pain, and I am deeply, deeply sorry for Breonna’s death,” said Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer in announcing the terms of the lawsuit settlement.

Standing nearby as the mayor spoke, Palmer said the police reforms were not enough.

“We must not lose focus on what the real job is, and with that being said, it’s time to move forward with the criminal charges, because she deserves that and much more,” Palmer said. “As significant as today is, it’s only the beginning of getting full justice for Breonna.”

The lawsuit, filed by Palmer in April, accused police of using flawed information when they obtained a “no-knock” warrant to enter the 26-year-old woman’s apartment. Taylor and her boyfriend, Kenneth Walker, were roused from bed



Breonna Taylor at a graduation ceremony in Louisville, Kentucky

by police, and Walker said he fired once at the officers, thinking they were intruders. Investigators say police were returning fire when they shot Taylor several times. No drugs were found at her home.

Dissatisfaction with the settlement extended to “Injustice Square” in downtown Louisville, where demonstrators

have gathered daily for 113 days, demanding justice for Taylor. Some who listened to the announcement over a loudspeaker near a memorial for Taylor said the price for a life seemed low, the promised reforms too little and too late.

“It’s just not enough,” said Holly McGlawn, who noted how much Taylor

might have made had she lived. She was young, she could have worked for another 40 or 50 years, she said.

“You can’t put a price on a black woman being able to sleep at night and know she’s not going to get murdered.”

“Justice delayed is justice denied. There was a better way to handle this,” agreed Shameka Parrish-Wright who has been part of the daily demonstrations where the city often faced peaceful protesters with force. “I’m hearing apologies now that should have happened early on.”

Palmer left the news conference with one of her attorneys, Ben Crump, and met with protesters at the nearby park. She surveyed the original art of her daughter, prayed and wiped away tears.

She had just two words to say: “Pressure applied,” a saying her daughter often used as an emergency medical tech.

Crump said the settlement, “sets a precedent for black people, when (police) kill us we expect full justice. We expect justice for the civil rights that you took from this human being. And then we expect full justice from the criminal justice system.”

Crump said the \$12 million payout is the largest such settlement given out for a black woman killed by police.

In the time since Taylor’s shooting, her death – along with George Floyd and others – has become a rallying cry for protesters seeking a reckoning on racial justice and police reform. High-profile celebrities like Oprah Winfrey and LeBron James have called for the officers to be charged in Taylor’s death.

Palmer’s lawsuit accuses three Louisville police officers of blindly firing into Taylor’s apartment the night of the raid, striking Taylor several times. One of the officers, Jonathan Mattingly, went into the home after the door was broken down

and was struck in the leg by the gunshot from Walker.

The warrant was one of five issued in a wide-ranging investigation of a drug trafficking suspect who was a former boyfriend of Taylor’s. That man, Jamarcus Glover, was arrested at a different location about 10 miles (16 kilometers) away from Taylor’s apartment on the same evening.

The settlement includes reforms on how warrants are handled by police, Fischer said. Other reforms seek to build stronger community connections by establishing a housing credit program to encourage officers to live in certain low-income areas in the city. Officers will also be encouraged to perform two paid hours of volunteer work every two weeks in the communities where they serve. The city will also track police use of force incidents and citizen complaints.

The city has already taken some other reform measures, including passing a law named for Taylor that bans the use of the no-knock warrants. Police typically use them in drug cases over concern that evidence could be destroyed if they announce their arrival.

Fischer fired former police chief Steve Conrad in June and last week named Yvette Gentry, a former deputy chief, as the new interim police chief. Gentry would be the first black woman to lead the force of about 1,200 sworn officers. The department has also fired Brett Hankison, one of the three officers who fired shots at Taylor’s apartment that night. Hankison is appealing the dismissal.

The largest settlement previously paid in a Louisville police misconduct case was \$8.5 million in 2012, to a man who spent nine years in prison for a crime he did not commit, according to news reports.



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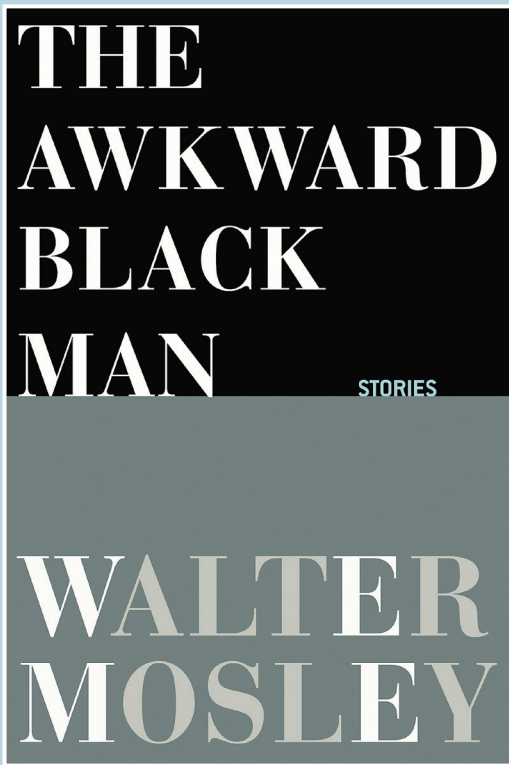
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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

Right now, you’re living your best life. That’s all. It’s not complicated: you roll with whatever happens, and try not to worry; your path is before you, and you’re light-footed enough to react swiftly if needed. Flexible, that’s the way to be because, as in “The Awkward Black Man,” a collection of stories by Walter Mosley, plans can go south in a minute. Sampson Diehl was finally


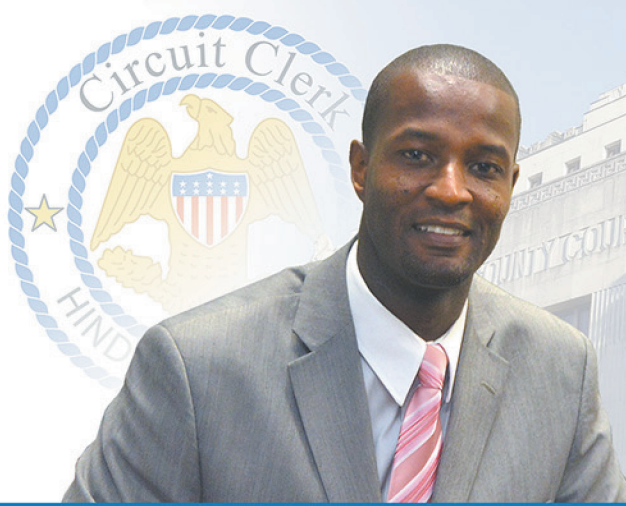
dropping some weight and he looked great. The bad news was that he had cancer. But he also had money, a soon-to-be-ex wife, a girlfriend, and a private nurse. In “The Good News Is,” that’s a lot for one man to lose. When Alyce walked out of his life, Albert Roundhouse hoped that someday, she might come back. Nobody’d ever take her place, though he met other women as he traveled the world and lived off the kindness of others and the money he could beg – and then he saw Frankie,

and in “Almost Alyce,” Frankie could’ve been Alyce’s sister, maybe, nearly, except for that little job she hired Albert to do... When his wife, Marguerite, cheated on him, Jared took her back because, well, he loved her. But then the spark went out of their marriage and she ruined his dreams. In “Starting Over,” Jared didn’t understand why Marguerite did what she did, until a co-worker said something that struck him right in the heart. On the afternoon that Chase Martin ran away from school, he

was sure the police were looking for him. Instead of cops, though, Chase was found in the woods by a homeless man who seemed to be troubled. When the man turned out to be a thief, Chase lost everything but in “Otis,” he gained something, too. Six months after his brother, Seth, died, a strange man visited Roger with a message from beyond. Roger and Seth were never close, not even as kids, but in “Reply to a Dead Man,” Seth had plenty to say. Imagine, if you will, a man

with a heavy sigh on his lips, shaking his head ruefully as though he can’t quite believe what’s happening. That’s the idea of what to expect in “The Awkward Black Man.” The stories inside this book are like a rained-out Saturday afternoon event. They’re like a bad car battery when you just bought four tires. Like inkstains on a brand-new shirt: irksome, not life-or-death, but leaving you wondering what you did to deserve this. But here: though these tales might remind you of a

busted shoelace on your favorite kicks, you’re going to love every one of them because author Walter Mosley is the kind of storyteller that makes his characters’ worst days into something you can recognize and relate to. Been there. Done that. Lived, too. Gonna be okay. Fans of Mosley don’t need to be told twice to go find this book. Just go. If you’re new to Mosley but you love short stories, though, “The Awkward Black Man” might be the best book for your life right now.



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During the 2nd semester, contestants had to submit an art design that reflect the theme – Your Vote • Your Voice • Our Democracy: The 19th Amendment at 100. The artwork had to be the student's own work; no tracings, no glitter, no coloring pages from internet or anywhere else where outlines are already drawn. The contest was judged at each grade level (K-12). Statewide winners (1st–3rd) were presented with award certificates and their artwork was displayed in the Capitol April 27-30, 2020, and presented in the summer issue of The Mississippi Bar Lawyer magazine (August 24 Issue).

Congratulations to Zykeria Anderson



Congratulations to Zykeria Anderson from Raymond High School on her performance in the 2020 Mississippi Sports Medicine North/South All-Star Basketball Game that was played Saturday, September 5, 2020 at Wayne County High School. ZyKeria had an outstanding game and represented the Lady Rangers well by scoring 8 points and dishing out 3 assists in helping propel the Class 4-5-6A South squad to victor.

Zykeria Anderson plays guard for the Lady Rangers and is coached by Candance Roberts who is a former high school and college standout player. Anderson's stats for the 2019-2020 season were 23 points; 4.6 rebounds; 3.8 assists; 2.9 steals; and 69% free-throws.

Congratulations “Z.”



HCSD serving free breakfast and lunch

In accordance with the USDA new guidelines the HCSD will begin serving free breakfast and lunch to all traditional and hybrid students attending the HCSD schools starting Monday, September 14, 2020 through December 31, 2020.