

IN MEMORIAM

Chadwick Boseman



Chadwick Boseman speaking at the 2016 San Diego Comic Con International, for “Black Panther,” at the San Diego Convention Center in San Diego, California. GEORGE SKIDMORE / WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

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NNPA Newswire Culture  
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The world is reeling from the loss of iconic actor Chadwick Boseman, who died Friday, August 28, after losing a private battle to colon cancer. Boseman died at home surrounded by his family.

A statement released by his family said Boseman was diagnosed with stage three colon cancer in 2016 and the disease progressed to stage 4. Boseman endured countless surgeries and treatments as he continued to make films from Marshall (directed by Reginald Hudlin), Da 5 Bloods (directed by Spike Lee) and August Wilson’s Ma Rainey’s Black Bottom (directed by George C. Wolfe and produced by Denzel Washington).

Washington and Boseman were first introduced when Washington paid for Boseman and several other Howard University students to continue their theater studies by taking a the-

ater course in Oxford.

The Howard University-educated thespian was the star of Marvel’s Black Panther franchise, bringing to life one of the most important and revered superheroes in American film history.

Directed by Ryan Coogler, Black Panther was the first superhero movie to be nominated for a best picture Oscar and one of the highest-grossing films of all time, bringing in over \$1billion.

Black Panther became more than a movie, morphing into a celebration of black culture, art, history, achievement and intellect in addition to highlighting the black cultural presence and influence in comic book culture.

Boseman was no stranger to playing iconic characters, bursting onto the big screen in 2013’s 42 as baseball legend Jackie Robinson, who broke the color barrier in major league baseball. Boseman went on to star as Soul legend James Brown in 2014’s

Get On Up and Thurgood Marshall in Marshall in 2017. Boseman brought a quiet dignity and powerful presence to these characters, with performances reflective of the weight they hold in world culture.

Prior to breaking into film, Boseman lived in New York, teaching at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture while cutting his teeth on small roles on shows like Law & Order, Third Watch, ER and Lie to Me, eventually landing recurring roles on Lincoln Heights and Persons Unknown.

It was Boseman’s turn as Jackie Robinson that cemented his film star status and his performance as T’Challa in Marvel’s Black Panther, that catapulted him to superstardom. Black Panther grew beyond the big screen and became a cultural phenomenon. Boseman, who hails from Anderson, South Carolina, gave moviegoers a king who was stoic, powerful and captivating as he led war-

riors with love, intellect and strategy as they fought to maintain control of their powerful, technologically superior nation, ripe for poaching by outsiders.

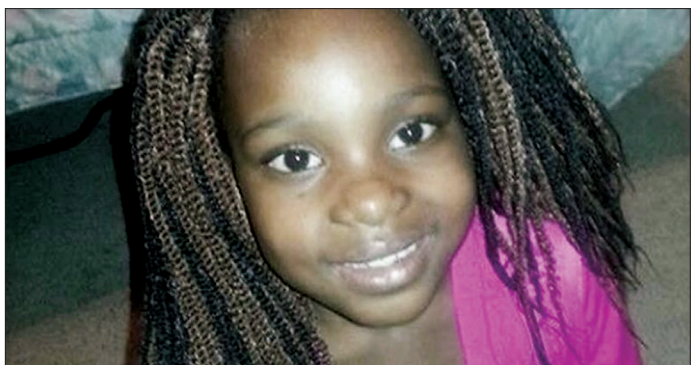
Much like the Gullah culture of his home state, Boseman was able to effortlessly blend African and American culture to help create a fantastical world on screen that was inspirational and recognizable.

Boseman led an all-star cast including Angela Bassett, Michael B. Jordan, Danai Gurira, Daniel Kaluuya, Letitia Wright, Sterling Brown, Winston Duke and Academy award-winning actors Lupita Nyong’o and Forest Whitaker, holding his own and fortifying his status as a Hollywood superstar.

Boseman, who also appeared as T’Challa/Black Panther in Avengers Infinity War and Avengers: End Game, starred in and produced the films 21 Bridges, Marshall and Message

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In Mississippi, black girl’s family still looking for justice in four-year-old school bus case



A'Miya Braxton stood in her driveway when Karen Michelle Carpenter, a white woman, ignored the bus's stop sign, swerved onto the sidewalk, and struck and killed A'Miya.

By Stacy M. Brown  
NNPA Newswire Correspondent

The cry of Black Lives Matter has gone out worldwide since the police killing of George Floyd.

It has resonated as Breonna Taylor’s case remains untouched and unsolved, and since the deaths of Michael Brown, Eric Gardner, Trayvon Martin, Atatiana Jefferson, Botham Jean, Sandra Bland, Ahmaud Arbery and others.

However, in North Pontotoc, Mississippi, the cry hasn’t been loud enough.

Notably, in the case of 9-year-old A’Miya Braxton, a black girl who had just exited her school bus on the afternoon of Oct. 4, 2016.

A’Miya stood in her driveway when Karen Michelle Carpenter, a white woman, ignored the bus’s stop sign, swerved onto the sidewalk, and struck and killed A’Miya.

Two grand juries had failed to indict Carpenter, saying there was no evidence that the driver was texting or using her cell phone when the incident occurred.

Reportedly, a toxicology report found no substance use, and authorities said they couldn’t determine how fast Carpenter may have been driving.

“This was a difficult case,”

North Pontotoc District Attorney John Weddle told reporters. “I know they [ the Grand Jury] struggled with it, based on the questions they asked. When you hear about it, the first thought is (the motorist) needs to pay. I completely understand that. That’s human nature. But when you start looking at the law and how it applies, it becomes a difficult issue.”

A’Miya’s family said the only complicated issue for prosecutors and the grand jury is that Carpenter is white, and A’Miya life as a black person doesn’t matter.

The family said Carpenter violated “Natha’s Law,” which requires motorists to stop at least 10 feet from a school bus when loading or offloading children.

They have blamed Weddle for the decisions not to indict Carpenter, noting that the district attorney introduced intent to both grand juries. “We believe Weddle introduced this element of ‘intent’ and we have called on the state attorney general to investigate,” the family said in a statement.

They have asked the Mississippi Attorney General to look into whether Weddle or someone in his office deliber-

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The family of Emmett Till remembers his life and legacy on the 65th anniversary of his death

By Deliah Ray  
Contributing Writer

August 28 marked the 65th anniversary of the kidnapping, beating and murder of 14 year old Emmett Louis Till. The family of Emmett Till held events August 27 through August 30 to remember the life and legacy of Emmett.

In 1955, Emmett Louis Till came to Mississippi from Chicago to visit his family and never returned home. Emmett was kidnapped, tortured, lynched and murdered in Money, Mississippi for whistling at Carolyn Bryant, a white woman, at Bryant’s Grocery. Carolyn Bryant’s husband, Roy Bry-

ant and his half brother J.W. Milam, confessed to Emmett’s murder to *Look Magazine* for \$4,000 after being acquitted by an all white jury in Sumner, MS.

During the trail, Carolyn Bryant testified that Till grabbed her and verbally threatened her. Five decades later, Bryant confessed, “That’s part not true,” according to author Timothy Tyson. In his book, *The Blood of Emmett Till*, Tyson writes that she told him, “Nothing that boy did could ever justify what happened to him.”

Deborah Watts, co-founder of the Emmett Till Legacy Foundation and cousin of Em-

mett, said the 65th anniversary weekend is to make sure that the public remembers the significance of Till’s life. “There is still a thick line that connects from Emmett Till to those deaths that are happening today,” said Watts. “We are concerned about the lack of respect for our humanity, the lack of respect for our dignity and our lives. We truly believe that black lives matter.”

Edelia “Dr. Jay” Carthan, a cousin of Till, pointed out that August 28 is also the 57th anniversary of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom which Till’s death inspired.

“Tensions in the south were

high after the historic Supreme Court ruling in *Brown v. the Board of Education* ending segregation in public schools. Emmett’s death galvanized the Civil Rights Movement and changed the course of history forever. When *Jet* magazine printed that photo of Emmett’s disfigured face, people from all around the world were shocked and got involved in the Civil Rights Movement,” said Carthan. “People, white and black came from all around the world to fight in the Civil Rights Movement.”

The weekend of events kicked off Thursday. College students hosted a virtual Gen-

eration Z panel discussion titled *Hear My Voice* with the following panelist: Activists Maisie Brown, Marquise Hunt, Brianna Reaves and Grace Stanley. A candidate forum was also held virtually and was hosted by Mississippi Freeman Democratic Party President Cardell Wright and Public Policy Analyst Shalonda Spence, which included candidates from around the nation.

On Friday, the anniversary of Till’s murder, the family requested everyone to wear black and white to represent unity. Councilman Kenneth Stokes held a luncheon for family and friends of Till at Picadilly’s in

the Medial Mall. The family also held a prayer vigil for Till at City Hall and hosted a virtual panel discussion focused on will there ever be justice for Emmett Till. Some of the panelists included filmmaker Keith Beauchamp, who produced the documentary *The Untold Story of Emmett Louis Till*, civil rights veteran Flonzie Brown Wright, civil rights attorney Jaribu Hill, former FBI agent Dale Killinger and exonerated Central Park Five survivor, Yusef Salaam.

A March for Peace and Justice for Emmett Till was held

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## Canton Gospel Music Association presents awards to Madison County students

### Special to The Mississippi Link

A virtual presentation of the 17th Annual Scholarship Awards & Gospel Music Celebration will take place Sunday, September 6, at 6 p.m.

“The purpose of this music celebration each year is to recognize individuals who have made significant musical contributions to Madison County and abroad,” says Cynthia Goodloe Palmer, founder and president of the Canton Gospel Music Association. “It is fitting that Canton, with its rich heritage, deep spiritual roots and strong church affiliations, hosts an event to honor one of

music’s finest genres.”

This celebration is sponsored by the Canton Gospel Music Association (CGMA). CGMA consists of choir directors, choir or group presidents, musicians, songwriters, recording artists, song leaders, soloists, radio announcers, ministers of music and pastors of Madison County.

The highlight of the celebration is the awarding of 12 music scholarships to up and coming musicians to pay for music lessons and assist high school seniors.

To date, the CGMA has awarded 148 scholarships

totaling \$29,200 to students since 2005 varying in amounts of \$100 to \$1000 each.

Special musical guests will feature Madison County’s own recording artists Ashford Sanders, (Sunday Best Finalist), Gloria “GG” Warren, CHOSEN and Ed Hightower. Cynthia Allen will serve as mistress of ceremony.

Additionally, 13 awards will be presented to Madison County’s talent for 2020.

*Please join us via Facebook Live or Youtube (Canton Gospel Music Association) or on our website (www.Canton-GospelMusic.com)*

## In Memoriam Remembering Edgar Anthony Walton

September 10, 1944 - August 29 2020

Edgar Anthony Walton, affectionately known as “Coach Walton,” was born September 10, 1944, in Chicago, Illinois to the late George and Beatrice Walton. He departed this life Saturday, August 29, 2020, at Piedmont Newnan Hospital in Newnan, Georgia.

Edgar grew up in Jackson, Mississippi. He attended Christ The King Elementary School and Jim Hill Junior-Senior High School. At Jim Hill, Edgar was a basketball stand-out. After graduating from Jim Hill, he completed two years at Coahoma Junior College in Clarksdale, Mississippi and then enrolled in Alabama State University where he earned a Bachelor’s degree in Health and Physical Education.

Edgar began his teaching career in Huntsville, Alabama. Later, he moved to Newnan, Georgia and taught for one year. Afterwards, he relocated to Abbeville, Alabama to continue his teaching career. While in Abbeville, he met and married the love of his life, Jenett Kelley.

Edgar and Jenett decided to return to Newnan in 1969 and Edgar continued his teaching career with the Coweta County School System.

He loved all sports but his



Walton

heart was devoted to basketball. He enjoyed working with all age groups and tried to instill in them the importance of getting an education and having a positive attitude in life. In February, 2019, Edgar was inducted into the Coweta County Sports Hall of Fame. He was employed by the Coweta County School System as a teacher and coach for eleven years.

He then began another career with Delta Air Lines where he was employed for twenty-two years. After retirement from Delta, he continued to enjoy an active lifestyle by attending Sonrise Fitness and Wellness Center where he established many new friendships. He also attended the Parkinson Support

Group at Newnan First United Methodist Church and enjoyed the fellowship and support of the other attendees.

Edgar was admired by many and cultivated numerous relationships that will be remembered by those who knew and loved him.

Edgar and his family joined Ebenezer Baptist Church and later united with Summer Hill Baptist Church under the pastorate of Reverend Johnny T. Coleman. He served as a trustee and remained a faithful member until his death.

Edgar leaves to cherish his memory: a devoted wife of 52 years, Jenett Kelley Walton; three sons: Eric Anthony Walton, Christopher Orlando Walton and Kelley Bernard Walton, all of Newnan. One brother, George (Jessica) Walton of San Antonio, Texas; two sisters-in-law, Helen Kelley and Grace Kelley of Dothan, Alabama; a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends including members of his beloved church family of Summer Hill Church and members of the Newnan Chapter of Alabama State Alumni Association.

A viewing will be held Saturday, September 5, at Rosco Jenkins Funeral Home in Newnan, GA from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.





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ately introduced the element of intent despite the apparent absence of it in state law.

They also seek to ascertain whether Weddle should have recused himself because of possible ties to Carpenter and whether he was derelict in his duties by not providing the grand juries with clear guidance about “Nathan’s Law,” and about state law covering negligent and vehicular homicide.

A petition on *change.org* has gathered more than 716,000 signatures asking a special prosecutor to take a look.

“Neither of them [Waddle or Assistant District Attorney Sadie Gardner] took the case seriously, and it showed because shortly after that, my family was informed that Karen Carpenter would not be charged,” A’Miya’s sister, Nabreshia Jackson, wrote in the petition.

“My family started doing press

conferences, and still nothing happened. Now it’s almost four years later, and we still have no justice for A’Miya. By signing this petition, you will help the family get one step closer to getting justice for her.”

Earlier this year, A’Miya’s parents, Charles and Andrea Braxton, unveiled a sign along the northern part of Pontotoc County on Old Highway 9, designated as the “A’Miya Braxton Memorial Highway.”

“You know we are talking about justice...like I told them from day one, that part I’m not even worried about because it’s going to happen,” A’Miya’s father, Charles Braxton said.

“From day one to right now, it’s a mixture of people out here. I don’t see white. I don’t see black. I see people, and the same people I see are going to be the same people that’s going to get this justice.”

## Till

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Saturday. About 50 participants marched around the state Capitol and then headed to the delta for the Emmett Till Trail of Tears and Terror Tour. The weekend of events ended Sunday with virtual worship services.

“It is important that we recognize and remember the bravery of Mamie Carthan Till Mobley who changed history by letting the world see what they did to her baby in Money, MS after the sheriff sent orders not to open Emmett’s casket,” Beauchamp said.

“When people saw Emmett’s unrecognizable picture, people from around the world got involved in the Civil Rights Movement.” One hundred days later, the Montgomery Bus Boycott started. Rosa Parks said she thought about Emmett Till when she refused to give up her seat to a white man.

The family is still seeking justice for Till. “What does justice look

like for black and brown people?” Marquise Hunt, a social activist and an Emmett Till Ambassador, asked. Six-five years late and the family has yet to receive justice.”

The Justice Department announced the closing of the Till case on the 65th anniversary of his death. This racially-motivated hate crime that ultimately helped launch the modern day civil rights movement.

The last known accomplice is still alive.

*The family is asking for supporters to contact Leflore County District Attorney Dewayne Richardson at [dewayne@msdeltada.com](mailto:dewayne@msdeltada.com); 662 378-2105 and Mississippi Attorney General Lynn Fitch at 601 359-3680 to demand #JusticeForEmmettTill and sign the petition here: <https://tinyurl.com/y3v5dauk> #RememberingEmmettTill #August28 #NeverForget #65yearslater #JusticeforEmmett*

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## Boseman

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from the King, which he served as executive producer. At the time of his death, Boseman was in pre-production as producer on Yasuke, a film about the world’s first black Samurai in which Boseman was slated to star.

In addition to acting and producing, Boseman was also an activist and philanthropist supporting social justice initiatives like Michelle Obama’s #WhenWeAllVote and celebrating fellow Bison Kamala Harris’ history making selection as the Democratic vice-presidential nominee for the 2020 U.S. Presidential election, which was his last Twitter post before his death.

In 2018, the wonderkind performer delivered a powerful commencement speech at Howard University encouraging students to rise above traumatic experi-

ences and applauding their campus activism. Boseman, who was mentored by fellow Howard University alum Phylicia Rashad and helped financially by Denzel Washington as a student, donated \$100,000 to #Change4Change, which supports HBCUs in November 2019.

The private public figure spent time visiting children suffering from cancer at St. Jude’s Research Center. In April 2020, the actor donated \$4.2 million worth of PPE equipment to hospitals serving black communities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The youngest of four, Boseman is survived by his parents Leroy and Carolyn Boseman, siblings Kevin, Dionne and Derrick and wife Taylor Simone Ledward. Boseman was 43.

# New Stage Theatre launches new virtual series with a reading of John Maxwell’s new play ‘We Need to Talk’

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

New Stage Theatre announces the launch of new programming Thursday Nights Virtual Plays, Conversations and Cocktails with New Stage Theatre. The virtual series continues New Stage’s mission to develop original, and Mississippi themed work, and enables the theatre to keep employing artists.

Every Thursday New Stage will release a Virtual Play Reading or a New Stage Dialogue. The plays will be original new works presented as part of the Eudora Welty New Plays Series, or Mississippi themed plays for the Mississippi Play Series. The New Stage Dialogue will include conversations with New Stage artists and community partners on a variety of topics in relation to New Stage productions.

These will all be ONLINE events. To register for these FREE (donations welcome) events, simply click on our website and purchase a ticket for the event. A direct link to that online experience will be emailed to you on the day of the event. Simply click the link in the email to watch the online event.

“We miss you. We miss making theatre. The Thursday Nights with New Stage offers the opportunity to develop and introduce new works,” said Artistic Director Francine Thomas Reynolds. “I am excited to begin engaging with our audience again. The staff at New Stage never stopped working during this Covid-19 crisis. Everyone has been very busy making improvements and repairs to our buildings, producing a virtual day camp with youth and planning for the future. I am feeling especially gratified about working with, and hearing from, actors and playwrights again. John Maxwell’s We Need to Talk is the perfect selection to launch our new series.”

We Need to Talk will be presented in the Mississippi New Play Series as part of the Eudora Welty New Play Series.

We Need to Talk, written by John Maxwell and directed by Francine Thomas Reynolds, is a new play based on the lives of Abraham and Sarah and their search for a son. In this modern retelling of an ancient story about love and faith, the actors become storytellers in the deepest

tradition of storytelling, revealing truth through imagination. The play’s humor, and timeless setting, creatively illuminates the relationship between husband and wife and their relationship with the mystery Abraham comes to understand out in the fields. Based loosely on the Abraham/Sarah story in the Bible’s Book of Genesis, chapter 11, verse 31 through Genesis, chapter 22, verse 19, We Need to Talk is an entertaining and powerful dramatization about the breath of life.

The cast includes New Stage veterans Jo Ann Robinson (Pearl), Bill Campbell (Pearl), Kimberly Myles (Ridgeland), Yohance Myles (Ridgeland), Annie Cleveland (Chicago) and David Lind (Chicago).

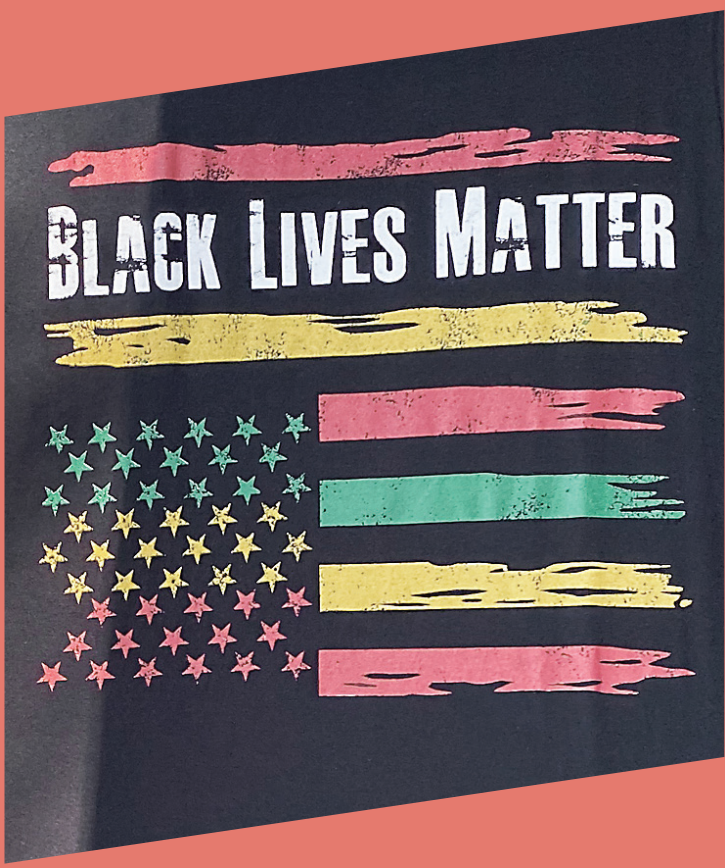
New Stage Theatre will present a virtual performance of John Maxwell’s We Need to Talk Thursday, September 3, at 7 p.m. This is a free event, but donations are appreciated.

*For more information or to reserve tickets, please visit our website at [www.newstagetheatre.com](http://www.newstagetheatre.com) or call the box office at 601 948-3533.*

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## Senior Toni-Ann Nelson shares her virtual experience as a Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Gould Fellow recipient this summer

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A senior at Alcorn State University was one of six students from across the country to be selected for a research internship at one of the world's most prestigious schools.

Toni-Ann Nelson, a Portland, Jamaica native majoring in molecular biology, was selected as a Gould Fellow for the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) virtual Summer Research Program in Biology (MSRP-Bio) this summer.

MIT is one of the nation's top engineering schools and is one of the most selective schools in the world. The school's mission is to advance knowledge and educate students in science, technology, and other scholarship areas that will best serve the nation and the world in the 21st century.

The Bernard S. and Sophie G. Gould Fund was established in 2016 to support MRSP-Bio participants. MRSP-Bio was established in 2003 to provide an intensive research experience for undergraduate students from institutions with limited research opportunities. The program's goal is to increase the number of underrepresented minority students, first-generation college students, and students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

Nelson studied under Dr. Tyler Jacks, director of the David H. Koch Institute for Integrative Cancer Research at MIT. She reflected on her excitement about starting the program and learning from a seasoned cancer researcher.

"I was elated to get hands-on cancer research experience at one of the world's most prestigious universities," said Nelson. "I was shocked when I received my acceptance letter a week after I submitted my application. I could not wait to learn from Dr. Jacks."

COVID-19 forced the program to move to a virtual format, but the change didn't stop Nelson from having an enriching experience. She applauds MIT for delivering quality lessons despite the circumstances.

"The program was well designed to give students the best summer experience, even in



Nelson

a pandemic. I didn't know what to expect when the program became virtual due to COVID-19, but I learned so much more than I ever anticipated."

An aspiring cancer researcher, Nelson fulfilled her dream by working on a project that focused on lung cancer. She spoke on how the project was important for her development as a researcher.

"Working on this project taught me how to use computational research programs and how to do dimensional reduction of data. My MIT experience was enlightening because it showed that certain scientific tools are key to understanding the disease. I can see myself using these tools on projects in the future. Also, the project showed me the importance of computational tools for data analysis. I am grateful to the program for this opportunity."

Nelson is no stranger to research. While at Alcorn, Nelson has spent three years as a research assistant in Dr. Yan Meng's lab at Alcorn's Biotechnology Center. During her tenure, she researched improving sweet potato viral disease resistance by using genetic modification processes. She also developed an efficient plant regeneration protocol for sweet potato and presented her findings during the University's annual Center for Research Excellence Symposium, where she won the Best Undergraduate Oral Presenter Award.

Thanks to the knowledge she's gained from her mentors, Nelson was prepared to thrive at MIT. She appreciates her professors for preparing her for the opportunity.

"I would not have gained any research experience in molecular biology had it not been for the Biotechnology Center. My mentors taught me several molecular techniques and showed me how to use various research machinery. I am truly grateful to my mentors for allowing me to get hands-on research experience and apply the knowledge I've learned in my biology lab courses."

Biology piqued Nelson's interest when she was a teenager. Learning about the human body's cellular makeup made her want to know more about the subject.

"Biology has been my favorite course since high school. It was fascinating to me that humans started as a single cell and developed into a multicellular organism. I was excited to learn more about genes, DNA replications and various cellular processes."

However, tragedy struck Nelson and her family when her grandfather died from lung cancer. Her grandfather's death inspired her to delve deeper into cancer research to possibly lead the charge on finding a cure in the future.

"I lost my grandfather to lung cancer in 2014. My passion for research started when I was in high school, but my grandfather's death led me to cancer research. I was broken when he died, but my curiosity about this disease led me to seek a better understanding of cancer. I wanted to know the cause of this disease and learn to develop a cure."

Since then, Nelson has used the passing of her loved one as motivation to help others battling the disease.

"Although it is too late to help my grandfather, I want to help patients battling cancer. His death increased my passion for biology. It inspired me to major in molecular biology to understand the body on a molecular level. I believe that understanding cells and their normal activities will provide me a foundation to learn more about cancer and other diseases. My goal is to do intensive studies on cancer and develop effective methods to detect, treat, and cure this disease."

## The Jackson/Hinds Library System is hosting a free workshop on digital skills using resources from Grow with Google

Special to The Mississippi Link

The Jackson/Hinds Library System is partnering with Grow with Google to help our community learn digital skills with a virtual workshop at Grow with Google's website Thursday, September 24, at 11 a.m. At the workshop, Connect with Customers and Manage Your Business Remotely, individuals will learn the following:

Discover Google tools that can help business owners work and manage their business during this time of uncertainty. Plus, get insights on more online and timely resources for small businesses.

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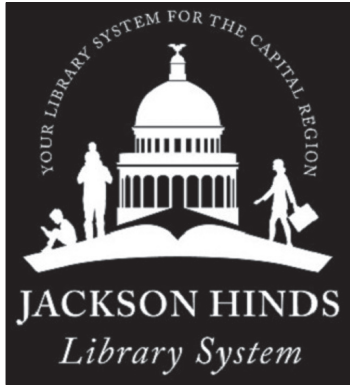
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# Election Information

The 2020 General Election is scheduled for Nov. 3, 2020. In the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic, *The Mississippi Link* is providing central election information so that Mississippians will be fully prepared to vote in the very important upcoming election. Senator Sollie Norwood (D), Dist. 28 assisted *The Mississippi Link* in compiling the following information.

**How to Register to Vote**

**Registration Qualifications:**

Citizens must possess the following qualifications to register to vote in Mississippi:

- A resident of Mississippi and the county, city, or town for 30 days prior to the election
- At least 18 years old (or will be 18 by the date or the next General Election)
- Not declared mentally incompetent by a court
- Not convicted of a disenfranchising crime as defined by Section 241 of the Mississippi Constitution or by Attorney General Opinion, unless pardoned, rights of citizenship restored by the Governor or suffrage rights restored by the Legislature.

**Registering by Mail**

1. Complete a Mail-in Voter Registration Application. Provide the information requested, including your driver's license number and/or the last four digits of your Social Security number. If you do not provide your driver's license or the last four digits of your Social Security number, you must send with your application:

- A copy of a current and valid photo ID or
- A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and address.

2. Send your Mail-in Voter Registration Application to the Circuit Clerk's Office located in the county of your residence.

3. Applications must be postmarked 30 days before the date of the election. If the 30th day falls on a Sunday or legal holiday, then both the postmark and in-person deadline is extended to the next regular business day.

4. Mail-in Registration Applications are available at your Circuit Clerk's Office, Municipal Clerk's Office, public library, and other participating government offices. Also, Mail-In Registration Applications may be downloaded from our website at [www.yallvote.sos.ms.gov](http://www.yallvote.sos.ms.gov).

**Registering in Person**

1. One of the best places to register to vote in person is at the Circuit Clerk's office. You may also be able to register at any of the following locations:

- Municipal Clerk's Office
- Department of Public Safety
- Any state or federal agency offering government services, such as the Department of Human Services.

2. You must register to vote 30 days before the date of the election.

**How to Verify that You Are Registered**

Verify if you are an active registered voter online at [www.yallvote.sos.ms.gov](http://www.yallvote.sos.ms.gov)

**How to Update Your Address**

To update your name and address registration information online, you must already be a registered voter of the State of Mississippi and have a current and valid Mississippi driver's license or photo identification card issued by the Mississippi Department of Public Safety.

**Update your voter registration information in five easy steps**

1. Enter your information exactly as it appears on your current voter registration card.
2. Choose your name out of the four possibilities listed.

3. Enter your information exactly as it appears on your driver's license or other DPS identification card.

4. Change your address or name.

5. Visit the polling place locator prior to or on Election Day to determine where you should go to cast your ballot. You may check online at [www.yallvote.sos.ms.gov](http://www.yallvote.sos.ms.gov)

**Where to Vote**

After registering to vote, your Voter Registration Card will be sent to your residence/mailling address provided on your application. Your Voter Registration Card will provide the name, location, and number of the precinct in which you will vote.

You may contact your Circuit Clerk's Office for more information. Polls are open each Election Day from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

**Absentee Voting**

Absentee Ballots will be available beginning September 21, 2020. Circuit Clerk's Offices are open during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) Monday through Friday and will be open on Saturday, October 24 from 8 a.m. – noon and on Saturday, October 31 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Who is Eligible to Vote**

**Absentee?**

**In-Person Absentee Voters**

1. Any qualified elector who is away from his or her county of residence on election day for any reason.

2. Any person who has a temporary or permanent physical disability and who, because of such disability, is unable to vote in person. without substantial hardship to himself, herself or others. "Temporary physical disability" includes any qualified elector who is under a physician imposed quarantine due to COVID-19 during the year 2020 or is caring for a dependent who is under a physician-imposed quarantine due to COVID-19.

3. The parent, spouse or dependent of a person with a temporary or permanent physical disability who is hospitalized outside of his or her county of residence or more than fifty (50) miles distant from his or her residence, if the parent, spouse or dependent will be with such person on election day.

4. Any person who is sixty-five (65) years of age or older.

5. Any qualified elector who will be unable to vote in person because he or she is required to be at work on election day during the times at which the polls will be open.

**Mail In Absentee Voters**

The following categories of people are entitled to vote absentee by mail-in ballot:

1. Any person who is temporarily residing outside of their county of residence, and the ballot must be mailed to an address outside the county.

2. Any person who has a temporary or permanent physical disability and who, because of such disability, is unable to vote in person without substantial hardship to himself, herself or others. "Temporary physical disability" shall include any qualified elector who is under a physician imposed quarantine due to COVID-19 during the year 2020 or is caring for a dependent who is under a physician-imposed quarantine due to COVID-19.

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is caring for a dependent who is under a physician-imposed quarantine due to COVID-19.

4. Any person who is sixty-five (65) years of age or older.

**How Do You Vote Absentee?**

**In-Person Absentee Voting**

1. Visit your County Circuit Clerk's Office to absentee vote.

2. Your County Circuit Clerk (or Deputy Circuit Clerk) will confirm if you are a registered voter in the county.

3. If entitled to absentee vote, the Clerk will hand you an Official Application for Absentee Elector's Ballot. The application will ask you to check which absentee excuse you are applying for. The bottom section of the application is designated for the witness. The Clerk or Deputy Clerk will be the witness. Make sure each part of the application is properly completed.

4. Once you submit your Official Application for Absentee Elector's Ballot to your Clerk, you will be provided your official absentee ballot and ballot envelope.

5. Complete your absentee ballot in secret, and place it in an absentee ballot envelope provided by the Clerk. You will sign the back of the absentee ballot envelope across the flap of the envelope, and the Clerk or Deputy Clerk will also sign across the flap of the envelope as the witness.

6. Deposit your absentee ballot envelope containing your voted ballot into a sealed box.

**Mail-In Absentee Voting**

1. Contact your Circuit Clerk's Office to see if you are entitled to vote by absentee mail-in.

2. If you qualify to vote by absentee mail-in, you should request that an Official Application for Absentee Elector's Ballot be mailed to you.

3. The Circuit Clerk will mail you the Official Application.

4. Once you receive your application, fill it out and mail it back to your Circuit Clerk's Office. The bottom section of the application is designated for the witness. All absentee ballot applications have to be signed by an official that is authorized to administer oath, such as a notary public, unless the voter is temporary or permanently physically disabled. Temporary or permanently physically disabled voters may have the application witnessed by a person who is at least 18 years of age.

5. Upon receipt of your application, your Circuit Clerk will mail you your official absentee ballot within one (1) business day, or a soon as the ballots are ready with instructions.

6. Mail-in absentee ballots must be postmarked on or before Election Day, and received on or within five (5) business days of the election, November 10th, for it to count.

**Voting with Photo ID**

All Mississippi voters casting a ballot in person at the polls or casting an absentee ballot in the Circuit or Municipal clerk's Office must present one of the following forms of acceptable photo ID:

- A driver's license
- A photo ID card issued by a branch, department, or entity of the State of Mississippi
- A United States passport
- A government employee ID card
- A firearms license
- A student photo ID issued by an accredited Mississippi university, college, or community/junior college
- A United States military ID
- A tribal photo ID
- Any other photo ID issued by any branch, department, agency or entity of the United States government or any State government
- A Mississippi Voter Identification

Card

- A high school student ID containing a picture of the student, if it is provided by a public school, would fall under this category and should be accepted if presented.

If you do not present an acceptable form of photo ID or are unable to do so because of a religious objection, you are entitled to cast an affidavit ballot.

A voter casting an affidavit ballot because he/she did not present an acceptable form of photo ID based upon a religious objection may not have his/her ballot rejected for this reason if he/she completes an Affidavit of Religious Objection in the Circuit or Municipal Clerk's Office within five business days after Election Day.

A voter casting an affidavit ballot because he/she did not present an acceptable form of photo ID may not have his/her ballot rejected for this reason if he/she presents an acceptable form of photo ID in the Circuit or Municipal Clerk's Office within five business days after Election Day.

Call 1 (844) MSVoter (1 (844) 678-6837) for Voter ID information or assistance in obtaining a Mississippi Voter Identification Card.

**Exemptions To The MS Voter Id Requirements**

There are three exemptions to the voter ID requirement:

1. Any Mississippi registered voter who states he/she does not have an acceptable photo identification because of a religious objection to being photographed shall be entitled to vote by affidavit ballot without being required to show a photo ID. The ballot will not be rejected for this reason if the voter signs a separate affidavit before the Circuit Clerk within five days of the election.

2. Eligible Mississippi voters will not need a photo ID if voting by absentee ballot by mail instead of voting in person at the polls or at a Circuit Clerk's office. This exemption also applies to eligible voters who are Uniformed Military and Overseas Voters (UOCAVA) who cast an absentee ballot by FAX or email.

3. Any registered voter who resides at a state-licensed care facility and who votes in person at a polling place located in that state-licensed care facility.

**Disenfranchising Crimes**

Sometimes eligible voters are under the impression they cannot vote due to a misdemeanor or an infraction of the law, both of which are less serious than a felony.

Based upon the most recent Attorney General's Opinion dated July 9, 2009, directed to The Honorable Wallace Heggie, the following comprise disenfranchising crimes:

4. Arson
5. Armed Robbery
6. Bigamy
7. Bribery
8. Embezzlement
9. Extortion
10. Felony Bad Check
11. Felony Shoplifting
12. Forgery
13. Larceny
14. Murder
15. Obtaining Money or Goods under False Pretenses
16. Perjury
17. Rape
18. Receiving Stolen Property
19. Robbery
20. Theft
21. Timber Larceny
22. Unlawful Taking of Motor Vehicle
23. Statutory Rape
24. Carjacking
25. Larceny Under Lease or Rental Agreement.





## TIPS TO BE FIT

# Colon Cancer? Me?

By Vince Faust  
*Special to The Mississippi Link*

Most of us have heard of the passing of 43-year-old Chadwick Boseman, August 28. He died after a 4-year battle with stage 4-colon cancer. That means he was diagnosed at age 39. His polyps had been growing for 5 to 10 years. His disease started in his mid 30's. They don't recommend getting a colonoscopy until age 45. When should we get check for colon cancer? Colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer diagnosed in both men and women in the United States. The American Cancer Society's estimates there are 104,610 new cases of colon cancer and 43,340 new cases of rectal cancer every year. The American Cancer Society expects about 53,200 deaths during 2020. There are now more than 1.5 million survivors of colorectal cancer in the United States. The overall death rate has dropped. The death rate from colorectal cancer among younger than age 55 has increased 1% per year from 2008 and 2017. Chadwick Boseman fell into that category.

Boseman had stage 4-colon cancer. Why did an educated man with means not find his cancer until such a late stage. Colorectal cancer might not cause symptoms right away. Most colorectal cancer begins with small masses of precancerous polyps. A polyp can take 10 to 15 years to develop into cancer. The earliest stage of colorectal cancer is called stage 0. It then ranges from stages 1 through 4. The lower the number, the less the cancer has spread. A higher number, means the cancer has spread more.

According to the American Cancer Society the following are the symptoms for colorectal cancer:

- A change in bowel habits, such as diarrhea, constipation or narrowing of the stool, that lasts for more than a few days

- A feeling that you need to have a bowel movement that's not relieved by moving one
- Rectal bleeding with bright red blood
- Blood in the stool, which might make the stool look dark brown or black
- Cramping or abdominal (belly) pain
- Weakness and fatigue
- Unintended weight loss.

Having a strong family history of colorectal polyps or cancer increases your risk for colon cancer. This means you should have a serious talk with your doctor about your risk. You should get genetic counseling to review your family medical tree to see how likely it is that you have a family cancer syndrome. If you have diabetes you are at greater risk in developing colorectal cancer.

There are a number of lifestyle changes you can make to reduce your risk of colorectal cancer. They include getting screened, good nutrition, exercise, sleep, not smoking, not drinking alcohol and reducing your stress level.

### Get Screened

Get screened starting at age 40. If you are at high risk talk to your doctor about getting screened even earlier. You can also get an annual fecal occult blood test (FOBT). This test can detect hidden blood in the stool, which can signal cancer. Whenever a polyp is discovered you should get a colonoscopy every three years. Before scheduling a colonoscopy ask your doctor for their adenoma detection rate (ADR). Choose a doctor with an ADR of at least 20%. Remember that means that doctor will only find polyps in one in five people.

### Nutrition

The average diet should consist of 15% fat, 20% protein and 65% complex carbohydrates. Saturated fats should make up less than 10% of your total fat intake. The

body needs carbohydrates, fats, protein, vitamins, minerals, fiber and water to be healthy. Without proper nutrition and exercise, optimal health cannot be attained. Carbohydrates, fats and protein supply energy (calories) necessary for work and normal body functions. Vitamins, minerals, fiber and water do not have caloric value but are still necessary for normal body functions. Make sure you consume between 12 to 15 calories per pound of body weight daily.

### Exercise

You need at least 30 minutes of exercise everyday. A complete workout should include exercises for each body part. This will include the chest, shoulders, triceps, back, biceps, forearm, thighs, calves and your abdominals (midsection). Start with 2 or 3 different exercises for each body part. Gradually work up to 8-12 repetitions for each exercise. Do each exercise 1-3 times to start. If you can do more than 12 repetitions for a set the weight is too light. If you can't do at least 8 repetitions for a set the weight is too heavy. Don't forget the cardio conditioning. I strongly recommend that you have a professional show you what to include in your routine and that you get an OK from your physician before you start. If you have chronic conditions such as, congestive heart failure, hypertension, arrhythmias, angina or diabetes they must be stable before starting an exercise program.

### Stress

Stress can increase the risk for coronary heart disease, hypertension, eating disorders, ulcers, diabetes, asthma, migraine headaches, sleep disorders, depression, chronic fatigue and colorectal cancer. Stress accumulated from our daily life can also aggravate many illnesses. There are books and pamphlets, which explain how to practice techniques of dealing with stress.

These include breathing techniques for relaxation, meditation, progressive muscle relaxation and autogenic training, which is a form of self-suggestion. Other ways of dealing with stress include changing or improving personal character traits. These can include behavior changes such as assertiveness training, self esteem enhancement, being flexible, improving organizational skills and time management.

### Sleep

We all need at least 8 hours or more of sleep daily. Sleep helps to give your body a better advantage to fight off illness even cancer. To find out what you need keep a diary of your sleeping habits. Record the time you go to bed, the time you wake-up, the total hours you sleep, your mental and physical state during the day; any naps and what you ate or drank before bed. After a few weeks review your diary. You should be able to get a good idea of what helps or hinders you from getting the sleep you need.

### Smoking and Drinking

Smoking and drinking are two of the cultural habits that make for a very dangerous mix. Ninety five percent of people who consume alcohol smoke cigarettes, which is three times higher than the general population. Colorectal cancer is 41% more common among women who consume three or more drinks daily than among non-drinkers. Colorectal cancer is 33% to 51% more common among women that smoked more than 20 years. Smoking and drinking contributes to the development of a number of cancers including colorectal cancer. To reduce your risk don't smoke or live in a smoke environment.

Before starting your fitness program, consult your physician.

*Join me every Tuesday at 11 a.m. on "Zoom" for "Men's Coffee Talk Exercise Series" (Meeting ID: 810 2070 6632, Passcode: 028643)*

## CDF

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"He not only has the moral authority that is needed today, he has the leadership skills that are needed now more than ever. Our children need someone who is willing to fight powerful institutions, inspire when others have given up and present a clear vision when others try to confuse and obfuscate. CDF has found that leader in Rev. Dr. Starsky Wilson and I am thrilled that he was chosen to take the helm of CDF," Canada continued.

"Marian Wright Edelman is a Five Star General in her fight as an advocate for the civil rights and protection of our children, especially those who have been marginalized. Filling her shoes is no easy task, but choosing Rev. Dr. Starsky Wilson is in perfect step with the goals which she has established," said LaTanya and Samuel L. Jackson, longtime CDF supporters. "We look forward to continuing our relationship with CDF under Dr. Wilson's comprehensive guidance."

"Rev. Dr. Starsky Wilson is the leader that the Children's Defense Fund deserves at this pivotal time in our nation," said Jurnee Smollett, actress and CDF board member. "I have no doubt that he will ensure that the most vulnerable amongst us, poor black and brown children, have a steadfast and just leader who will bring the critical issues they face to the forefront. He will stand up for children and amplify their voices as he takes the helm of this critical organization."

"Rev. Starsky Wilson and I have stood together in protest, policy and many places in between, and through it all, I have seen him put people first," said Brittany Packnett Cunningham, activist, founder & principal, Love & Power Works. "Whether during our time working together on educational equity, in the Ferguson uprising, or on the Ferguson commission, his values have never wavered."

"There is no better person to take over the helm of this historic organization than Rev. Dr. Wilson. His experience as a community leader will be essential in continuing the tireless work of CDF and taking its work to new heights in its next chapter," said Cristina Jiménez, co-founder of United We Dream and United We Dream Action. "Their work will be more important than ever as we face a global pandemic, disproportionately impacting black and brown communities, systematic rac-

ism, attacks on immigrants, and divestment in social programs necessary for children and their families to thrive."

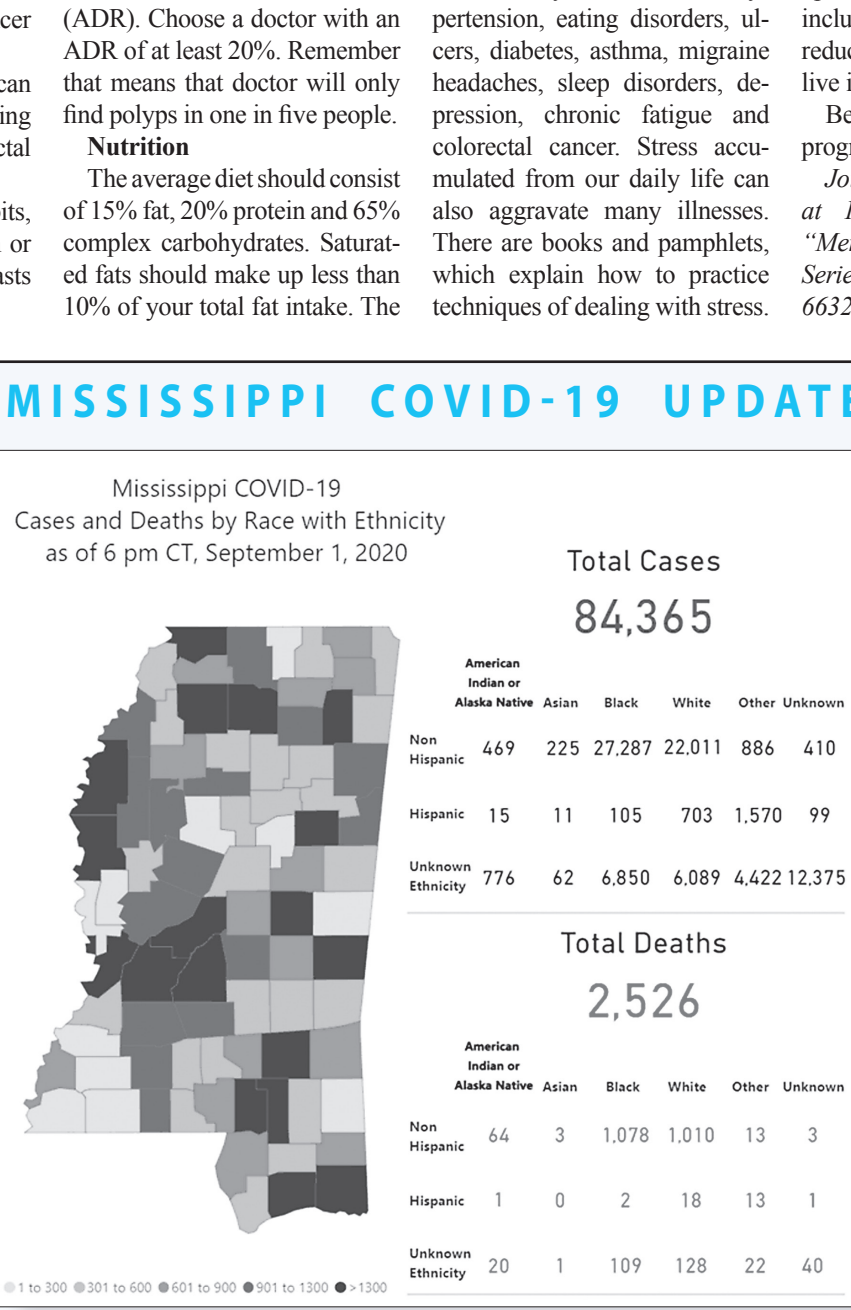
"Starsky Wilson has been a real leader in St. Louis. He clearly has a heart for children and a dedication to service that have had a significant impact in the community. I have benefited from his friendship and advice. He will be an asset to the Children's Defense Fund and I look forward to working with him in his new role," said U.S. Senator Roy Blunt of Missouri.

"Rev. Dr. Starsky Wilson is an extraordinary bridge-builder who has spent his ministry being a 'repairer of the breach.' He has organically created meaningful relationships with young Black Lives Matter activists and civil rights icons. This is not happenstance, but a skill nurtured by a deep commitment to community building and his belief in the power of developing organizational efficiency with courageous compassion," said Rev. Dr. Otis Moss, III, senior pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago. "This is the moment in history where leaders of Rev. Wilson's caliber are needed to build bridges, speak prophetically, love fiercely, and organize carefully to create a new world for our children yet to be born. Forgive me for using scripture to express my emotions, but the only phrase that is appropriate comes from the epistle penned by Paul to the church at Corinth; 'Eyes have not seen, ears have not yet heard...' what tomorrow holds for the CDF."

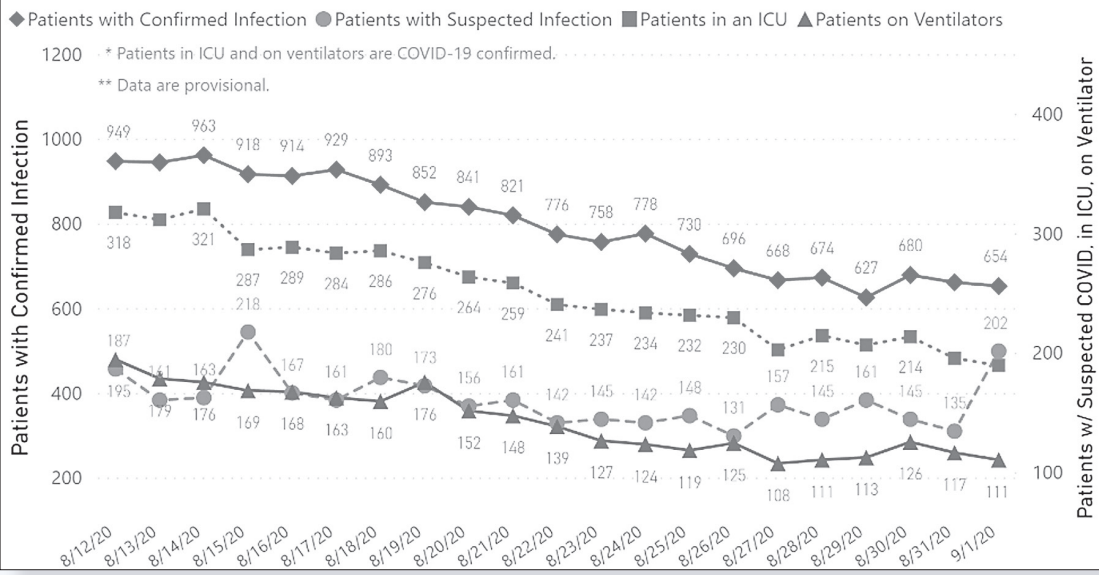
"Since the moment I read The Measure of Our Success on my way to college, Marian Wright Edelman has been a guiding light in my life. Her words are powerful but her actions are even more so," said Reese Witherspoon, actress and former CDF board member. "I feel extremely honored to have been part of her tireless work on behalf of our nation's children at the Children's Defense Fund."



## MISSISSIPPI COVID-19 UPDATE



### COVID-19 Hospitalizations Reported by MS Hospitals, 8/12/20-9/1/20 \*,\*\*



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# Ask God to examine your heart

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




At one time, David was the apple of God’s eye, but he fell into sin. After David repented God restored him, but he had to reap for the wrongs he had done. The frivolous of the old flesh was seen by David. You see, you could examine yourself and overlook many things. David came to the place where he asked God to check his heart. He said in Psalm 26:2, “Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; try my reins and my heart.” A true Saint of God wants this kind of examination.

Friends we are on our way to either heaven or hell. I passionately believe, from the depths of my heart, that the end of time is coming soon. If there was ever a time when we need to get down to business in our prayer lives and open our hearts to God; it is now. We need to ask God to investigate our hearts. He will show us what we need to get straightened out before we stand at the judgment bar of God. We are going to stand before God, and either we are going to be clear before Him or we are going to stand guilty before Him. Like David, we need to say, “Lord, examine me, and put me through some tests to prove me. Try my spir-

it and see if there is any wickedness in my heart.” Sometimes, we appear to be doing well outwardly and wear a big smile, but our spirit is not right. Sometimes, we manifest a bad spirit. We may pretend that all is well and put on a big front, and even be willing to do anything to help others, and yet have a bad spirit that will damn our souls. This is the reason we should ask God to try our spirit, to be sure that we have a right spirit. If there was ever a time when we need to have our hearts examined, it is in the day and age in which we are living. In Second Corinthians 7:1, the Apostle Paul said, “to cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and

spirit.” My friends, we need to have God test us to make sure our spirit is right. Many people do good works, but not in the right spirit. If we are not in church, we are not going to make heaven our home. At the end of time, Christ is going to deliver the Kingdom of God to the Father. The only ones in the Kingdom of God are those who have met God’s qualifications. Is your name written in the Lamb’s Book of Life? *Rev. Simeon R. Green III is pastor of Joynes Road Church of God, 31 Joynes Road, Hampton VA 23669. He is a member of the National Association of Evangelism Church of God, Anderson, Ind.*




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## P R E S E R V E D Wakanda Forever

By Shewanda Riley  
Columnist



Like so many of you, I’m shocked and saddened by the untimely death of actor Chadwick Boseman, August 28, from colon cancer. I wrote this column back in 2018 when Black Panther came out and wanted to share it again as we reflect on Boseman’s legacy. Perhaps the reason why his depiction of the internal struggle that he displayed as T’Challa was so powerful was because of his own health struggles. “Show them who you are!” were words shouted by Ramonda (Angela Bassett) to T’Challa (Chadwick Boseman) early in the blockbuster movie Black Panther. By themselves, these words appear to be strong words of encouragement that any mother would say to her child if she saw that he or she were in a difficult situation. In the case of T’Challa, he hears these words as he struggles in a physical fight meant to decide whether he will become the next king of Wakanda. However, these words could also be interpreted as a foreshadowing of one of the overall positive affirming messages of the movie. There were many other memorable moments in the movie (too many to name here) but hearing those words to me hinted at one of the most important themes of the movie: T’Challa’s journey of self-discovery. This fight that he was having with M’Baku wasn’t just a fight with a seemingly more physically capable opponent; it seemed like the fight could also symbolize T’Challa’s internal conflict with his purpose or destiny as king. This makes his mother’s words all the more powerful because she reminds him that he already knows who he is. Despite moments of weakness and doubt, T’Challa knows exactly who he is. This scene embodies the truth

of Psalms 139: 13-14 “For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.” His mother’s shouted words are the reminder of the truth of those words for T’Challa. Later in the movie, T’Challa’s sister Shuri also reminds him of his strength when she explains to him one of the features of his Black Panther bodysuit. In this important scene, she describes how the suit is designed to use the energy from the blows it may receive to actually make it more powerful against future attacks. When I heard this description, all I could think was how that futuristic technology was an amazing example of the spiritual principle of being made stronger by adversity. Psalm 18:32 tells us that “It is God who arms me with strength and keeps my way secure.” Hebrews 11:34 also refers to weakness being turned to strength. Both of these scriptures are full of truths that the Black Panther’s bodysuit illustrates: if you are able to withstand the punches of discouragement, doubt and powerlessness, eventually you can choose to be strengthened by even the most traumatic life experiences. It could be that the strength comes from knowing that you were able to survive the experience. In either case, future strength comes from surviving past negative experiences. I think out of all of the lessons that this amazing movie offers, this is the best one of all. **Wakanda Forever!!!** *Shewanda Riley is a Fort Worth, Texas based author of “Love Hangover: Moving from Pain to Purpose After a Relationship Ends” and “Writing to the Beat of God’s Heart: A Book of Prayers for Writers.” Email preservedbypurpose@gmail.com or follow her on Twitter @shewanda.*



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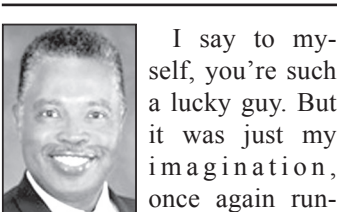
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# Deception and make believe made up the GOP Convention

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



I say to myself, you’re such a lucky guy. But it was just my imagination, once again runnin’ away with me. The lyrics of this song by The Temptations could have served as the backdrop for the Republican National Convention.

There were in my opinion two major themes of this gathering of unmasked convention goers. First, law and order for the Republicans starts with them, ends with them and is defined by them. If you are not a member of the GOP, you do not have a say in what constitutes crime and punishment.

Mr. T and his crowd talked about “mobs” in the streets but were unwilling to talk about peaceful protestors in the streets. Throughout that 4 day fairytale experience they were not willing to say that Black Lives Matter.

Speaker after speaker tried to paint this president as caring and considerate. They failed miserably. You cannot take the spots off a leopard nor can you take the meanness out of Mr. T. It is impossible.

On last Thursday, Democratic Vice-Presidential candidate, Kamala Harris gave a scathing account about the president’s lack of leadership. She said, “He does not understand the presidency and has shown a reckless disregard for the American people.”

That reckless disregard has manifested itself in multiple ways.

Currently, there are nearly 6 million coronavirus cases in this country. Sadly, over 181,000 people have passed away. These numbers did not have to be if the president had created a national response to Covid-19.

Incompetence and mismanagement have been the characterizations of his administration.

In his Republican acceptance speech, he touted the economy. His remarks do not match up to reality. Our unemployment is now at 10% and millions of Americans have filed or will be filing for unemployment.

He ignored the fact that Jacob Blake, an African-American man in Kenosha Wisconsin was shot in the back seven times. This shooting took place in front of his three children. Cold and insensitive are what this president is.

Some in the African-American community have been fooled by his rhetoric. Senator Tim Scott and Secretary Ben Carson have become avid followers of the sitting president. I wonder if they believe him or are they afraid of los-

ing their power and platform?

In last Thursday’s remarks, Kamala Harris said, “The purpose of the Republican National Convention was to soothe Donald Trump’s ego.” I, along, with countless others agree with her assertion.

We have a little more than 60 days before we cast our ballots for president. Our democracy will depend upon what we do with our vote.

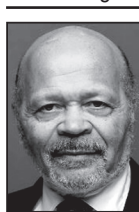
They have a sideshow with Mr. T as the ringleader. He has created clowns and puppets out of a few citizens.

Joe Biden and Kamala Harris want an inclusive America. Let us help them get our country back as it has been in the hands of the enemy for way too long. The race has grown tighter because of their convention so we cannot lighten up. There is simply too much at stake.

Can we take another four years of him? The answer is a resounding no.

We must vote under the banner of truth and honesty. Our determination must be steadfast, and our resolve must push us to the polls. Voting gets us to right. By not voting keeps us in wrong. We have had enough of wrong. Now is the time to be about right. Let us vote.

By Oscar H. Blayton  
Human Rights Activist



America can no longer stick its head in the sand to avoid seeing the serious flaws in the culture of American policing.

The plague of gratuitous violence against “the other” – mainly directed towards African Americans – has now spread and targets anyone who dares to criticize any form of law enforcement in this country.

The countless instances of cops murdering African Americans caught on video have crushed the denials of disparate treatment of people of color by police along with their accusations that such claims are exaggerated and false.

There are too many cases of lethal animosity directed towards African Americans to support the false “few rotten apples” defense that these are the acts of a small number of rogue cops who can easily be weeded out or retrained. Clearly the problem is systemic and goes to the very root of American policing. Every day, we witness more evidence that the entire barrel of apples is rotten in many cases.

In Kenosha, Wisconsin, a young white man, visibly armed with a long gun that he had just used to murder two people,

walked unimpeded past a troop of police responding to a call that there had been a shooting. This cultural blindness is aggravated by the fact that the police allowed this white killer to pass uninterrupted while a crowd of black witnesses were pointing towards him and shouting that he had just killed someone.

In defense of the white privilege the police afforded this killer, the chief law enforcement officer of Kenosha offered the totally illogical reasoning that his officers were experiencing “tunnel vision” as they were responding to a report that a shooting had just occurred and that is why they ignored the witnesses yelling and pointing out the killer.

The message is clear: white people have privilege and black people – and those who ally with black people – are not to be believed.

Some people now are pulling their heads out of the sand, and while blinking their eyes in the harsh light of this reality, proclaim that “things have really gotten bad.” But things have been bad for centuries. The Kerner Commission Report, written more than a half century ago, documented the very injustices and intolerable abuses visited on people of color that plague us today.

The Kerner Report was commissioned in 1967 by President Lyndon B. Johnson in the wake of civil unrest and riots by peo-

ple of color that began in the mid-1960s in America’s cities. Johnson said he wanted to find out what was causing this unrest.

White America was blind to the causes of pain inflicted upon people of color, but after a year of research, the Kerner Commission reported:

“Bad policing practices, a flawed justice system, unscrupulous consumer credit practices, poor or inadequate housing, high unemployment, voter suppression, and other culturally embedded forms of racial discrimination all converged to propel violent upheaval on the streets of African-American neighborhoods in American cities, north and south, east and west.”

White America took one look at this report and stuck its head back in the sand. Not wanting to offend his political base, the white middle class, Johnson hoped to lay blame on outside agitators such as Communists and irresponsible journalists. But the report clearly laid the blame at the feet of white racism. White America was offended by the truth and their backlash contributed to a loss of support for Johnson’s civil rights initiatives and led to the “law and order” climate that propelled Richard Nixon to the presidency in 1969 and introduced decades of militarized policing.

Not only has America disre-

garded the Kerner Report, but a more recent and even more startling red flag is being ignored. Since 2006, an FBI intelligence assessment entitled, “White Supremacist Infiltration of Law Enforcement,” has sat largely ignored by most of America’s news media, politicians and citizens.

The Guardian newspaper, headquartered in England, recently published an article: “The FBI warned for years that police are cozy with the far right. Is no one listening?”

The article was written by a former FBI agent, Mike German, whose job it was to infiltrate white supremacist groups. He cites the FBI’s 2006 assessment and points out the fact that the criminal justice system “can never achieve its purported goal of fairness while white supremacists continue to hide within police departments.”

There are many good cops and many good police departments. But we turn a blind eye to the bad cops and the rotten departments at our own peril. Policing based upon white supremacy and carried out by cops who hate is a destructive force that threatens the very fabric of our democracy. We must always strive to eliminate them and the politicians who support them.

Oscar H. Blayton is a former Marine Corps combat pilot and human rights activist who practices law in Virginia.

# Cops who hate



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AT THE  
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(JMAA PROJECT NO. 002-20B)

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority ("JMAA") is seeking electronic bids for construction and related services in connection with the West Concourse Roof Replacement Project at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport (the "Work").

JMAA will receive electronic sealed submissions only. All submissions to perform the Work will be accepted until Friday, September 25, 2020 at 4:00 pm (CST) (the "Bid Deadline"). Electronic submissions are to be submitted via email to Chad Parker, Director of Procurement, via email at cparker@jmaa.com. JMAA will also receive hand delivered electronic submissions up to the Deadline at JMAA's administrative offices, Suite 300, Main Terminal Building, Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39208. JMAA will publicly open and read aloud all bids on Friday, September 25, 2020 at 4:05 p.m. (CST) (the "Bid Opening"), in the Staff Conference Room, Third Floor of the Main Terminal Building at JAN. JMAA invites Bidders and their authorized representatives to be present at the Bid Opening.

The following identification information must be provided with the submission: (i) Bidder's company name; (ii) Mississippi Certificate of Responsibility Number; and (iii) the wording: "West Concourse Roof Replacement Project at JAN, Project No. 002-20B." 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 submissions, to include bid proposals, amendments to bids, or requests for withdrawal of bids received after the Bid Deadline for any reason whatsoever. Information to Bidders relating to this Request for Bids ("RFB") is on file and open for public inspection at the offices of JMAA.

JMAA will award the Work to the lowest and best Bid as determined by JMAA in accordance with the criteria set forth in the Information for Bidders. The Information for Bidders contains, among other things, a copy of this Advertisement for Bids, Instructions to Bidders, and an Agreement to be executed by JMAA and the awarded Bidder. Any Addendums issued clarifying and/or changing plans and specifications; clarifying and/or changing instructions in the Instruction to Bidders; and/or answering questions in relation to the Instructions to Bidders, including plans and specifications, shall become part of the Information for Bidders. Plans and specifications related to the Work are considered part of the Agreement.

The Information for Bidders, including plans and specifications, is on file and open for public inspection at JAN at the following address:

Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport  
Suite 300, Main Terminal Building  
100 International Drive  
Jackson, Mississippi 39208  
Telephone: (601) 664-3516  
Facsimile: (601) 939-3713  
Attention: Chad Parker, Director of Procurement

JMAA will hold a Pre-Bid Conference via video conferencing on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 10:00 am (CST). Here is the information needed to access the Pre-Bid Conference:

Link: <https://call.lifesizecloud.com/4056382>  
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Participation in the Pre-Bid Conference is highly recommended for all those interested in submitting a bid as a Prime Contractor for the work and persons seeking opportunities to provide work 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-Bid Conference, and the opportunity to receive detailed scope related information from the project owner.

A copy of the plans and specifications for the Work are being made available via digital and original paper copy. Plan holders may register and order plans and specifications from the Jackson Blueprint Online Plan Room website (<http://plan-room.jaxblue.com>). There is no charge for registration or to view the documents online. Documents are non-refundable and must be purchased through the website. All plan holders are required to have a valid email address for registration. A printed bid set is \$75.00 plus \$20.00 shipping and applicable sales tax and an electronic downloadable set is \$25.00 plus applicable sales tax. Bid Documents may be picked up or shipped to the person making the request. Documents will not be distributed or mailed, however, until payment is received. For questions regarding website registration and online orders please contact Jackson Blueprint & Supply at (601) 353-5803.

JMAA reserves the right to amend the plans and specifications for the Work by Addendum issued before the Bid Deadline; to reject any and all bids; to waive informalities in the bidding process; and to hold and examine bids for up to ninety (90) days before awarding the Contract to perform the Work.

If it becomes necessary to revise any aspect of this Request for Bids or to provide additional information to Bidders, JMAA will issue one or more Addenda by posting on JMAA's website (<https://jmaa.com/corporate/partner-with-us/procurement/>). JMAA will also endeavor to deliver a copy of each Addendum, to all persons on record with JMAA as receiving a copy of the Information for Bidders, via email.

JMAA has established a DBE participation goal of 20% for the Work solicited by this RFB.

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ORDINANCE GRANTING JAMIKA DIXON A REZONING FROM C-1 (RESTRICTED) COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO C-IA (RESTRICTED) COMMERCIAL DISTRICT WITH A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT ALLOW FOR A COMMERCIAL CHILDCARE CENTER FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 241 BRIARWOOD DR. (PARCEL #723-22), CASE NO. 4087.

WHEREAS, Jamika Dixon has filed a petition to rezone property located at 241 Briarwood Dr. (Parcel #723-22), in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, from C-1 (Restricted) Commercial District to C-2 (Limited) Commercial District allow for a commercial childcare center; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Planning Board, after holding the required public hearing, has recommended the approval of the rezoning of the property at 241 Briarwood Dr. (Parcel #723-22) from C-1 (Restricted) Commercial District to C-IA (Restricted) Commercial District with a Conditional Use Permit to allow for a commercial childcare center; and

WHEREAS, notice was duly and legally given to property owners and interested citizens that a meeting of the Council would be held at the City Hall at 2:30 p.m., Monday, July 20, 2020 to consider said change, based upon the record of the case as developed before the City Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, it appeared to the satisfaction of the City Council that notice of said petition had been published in the Mississippi Link on March 5, 2020, March 19, 2020 and June 4, 2020 that a hearing would be held by the Jackson City Planning Board on June 17, 2020, all as provided for by ordinances of the City of Jackson and the laws of the State of Mississippi, and that the Jackson City Planning Board had recommended the rezoning of the property located at 241 Briarwood Dr. (Parcel #723-22) from C-1 (Restricted) Commercial District to C-IA (Restricted) Commercial District with a Conditional Use Permit; and

WHEREAS, the Council after having considered the matter, is of the opinion that such changes would be in keeping with sound land use practice and to the best interest of the City and that there has been a substantial change in the land use character of the surrounding area that justifies rezoning the property and there is a public need for additional property in that area zoned in accordance with said application since any previous City Council action; and

WHEREAS, the Council, after having considered the matter, is also of the opinion that the proposed use is compatible with the character of development in the vicinity relative to density, bulk and intensity of structures, parking and other uses, and that a Conditional Use Permit be granted to allow for the operation of a commercial child care center within a C-IA (Restricted) Commercial District of the City of Jackson.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION 1. That the property located in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, more particular described as follows:

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

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

It is hereby modified so as to approve the rezoning of the property located at 241 Briarwood Dr. (Parcel #723-22) from C-1 (Restricted) Commercial District to C-IA (Restricted) Commercial District with a Conditional Use Permit to allow for a commercial childcare center. The conditions of the Use Permit are that it shall be granted on an annual basis; be granted to Jamika Dixon, the owner/operator of the commercial day care center; and that subsequent owners or operators of a commercial day care at this location must apply for and receive a new Use Permit. However, that before for any structure is erected or use thereof on the said property, the applicant must meet the requirements established through the Site Plan Review process. The Zoning Administrator is ordered to note such change on the Official Zoning Map to the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

SECTION 2. That the cost of publication of this Ordinance shall be borne by the petitioner.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after its passage and after publication of same by the petitioner.

President Banks moved adoption; Council Member Priester seconded.

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

ATTEST:  
Angela Harris  
Municipal Clerk

I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Zoning Council Meeting on July 20, 2020 and recorded in Minute Book "6R, Pgs. 299-300"

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 28th day of August, 2020.

SEAL Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

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ORDINANCE GRANTING RHEMALYN LEWIS A REZONING FROM R-1A (SINGLE-FAMILY) RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO C-IA (RESTRICTED) COMMERCIAL DISTRICT WITH A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT ALLOW FOR A COMMERCIAL CHILDCARE CENTER ALLOW FOR A COMMERCIAL CHILDCARE CENTER FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4872 NORTH STATE ST. (PARCEL #432-7), CASE NO. 4088.

WHEREAS, Rhemalyn Lewis has filed a petition to rezone property located at 4872 North State St. (Parcel #432-7), in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, from R-1A (Single-Family) Residential District to C-2 (Limited) Commercial District allow for a commercial childcare center; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Planning Board, after holding the required public hearing, has recommended the approval of the rezoning of the property at 4872 North State St. (Parcel #432-7) from R-1A (Single-Family) Residential District to C-1A (Restricted) Commercial District with a Conditional Use Permit allow for a commercial childcare center District allow for a commercial childcare center; and

WHEREAS, notice was duly and legally given to property owners and interested citizens that a meeting of the Council would be held at the City Hall at 2:30 p.m., Monday, July 20, 2020 to consider said change, based upon the record of the case as developed before the City Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, it appeared to the satisfaction of the City Council that notice of said petition had been published in the Mississippi Link on March 5, 2020, March 19, 2020 and June 11, 2020 that a hearing would be held by the Jackson City Planning Board on June 24, 2020, all as provided for by ordinances of the City of Jackson and the laws of the State of Mississippi, and that the Jackson City Planning Board had not recommended the rezoning of the property located at 4872 North State St. (Parcel #432-7) from R-1A (Single-Family) Residential District to C-2 (Limited) Commercial District; and

WHEREAS, the Council after having considered the matter, is of the opinion that such changes would be in keeping with sound land use practice and to the best interest of the City and that there has been a substantial change in the land use character of the surrounding area that justifies rezoning the property and there is a public need for additional property in that area zoned in accordance with said application since any previous City Council action; and

WHEREAS, the Council, after having considered the matter, is also of the opinion that the proposed use is compatible with the character of development in the vicinity relative to density, bulk and intensity of structures, parking and other uses, and that a Conditional Use Permit be granted to allow for the operation of a commercial child care center within a C-IA (Restricted) Commercial District of the City of Jackson.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION 1. That the property located in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, more particular described as follows:

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

Lot Two (2), Block BROADMOOR SUBDIVISION, Part One (1), a subdivision in and to the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 5 at page 15 thereof, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description.

It is hereby modified so as to approve the rezoning of the property located at 4872 North State St. (Parcel #432-7) from R-1A (Single-Family) Residential District to C-1A (Restricted) Commercial District with a Conditional Use Permit allow for a commercial childcare center. The conditions of the Use Permit are that it shall be granted on an annual basis; be granted to Rhemalyn Lewis, the owner/operator of the commercial day care center; and that subsequent owners or operators of a commercial day care at this location must apply for and receive a new Use Permit. However, that before for any structure is erected or use thereof on the said property, the applicant must meet the requirements established through the Site Plan Review process. The Zoning Administrator is ordered to note such change on the Official Zoning Map to the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

SECTION 2. That the cost of publication of this Ordinance shall be borne by the petitioner.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after its passage and after publication of same by the petitioner.

President Banks moved adoption; Council Member Priester seconded.

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

ATTEST:

Angela Harris  
Municipal Clerk

I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Zoning Council Meeting on July 20, 2020 and recorded in Minute Book "6R, Pgs. 300-302."

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this theeljay of August, 2020.

SEAL Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

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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 Tariikaben 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 Subdivision, 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.

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

8-27-2020, 9-3-2020

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING

ZONING CASE NO. 4100

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:

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.

Indexing Instructions:

S 1/2 of land described in Book 870 at Page 390, Hinds Co., 1st District, MS.

EXCEPTED from the warranty hereof are all easements, rights of way, zoning ordinances, restrictive and protective covenants.

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.

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.

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

8-27-2020, 9-3-2020

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT

ZONING CASE NO. 4101

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:

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

9-3-2020, 9-17-2020

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NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF PROPOSED ACTION LOCATED WITHIN THE  
FLOODPLAIN

Newsaper and Publication Date:  
The Clarion Ledger – Monday, August 31, 2020 and Tuesday, September 1, 2020  
La Noticia – Wednesday, September 2, 2020  
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The Northside Sun - Thursday, September 3, 2020

Address: 218 S. President Street; 2nd Floor, Jackson, MS 39201

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS:

The purpose of this notice is to notify the public that the City of Jackson is proposing to use federal funds under the HUD Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program within a FEMA designated 100-year floodplain. The proposed program would involve providing assistance to eliminate Lead-based Paint hazards from properties in which children under the age of six (6) reside. A total of 78 properties will receive lead interventions and some of those properties will also receive minor rehabilitation to ensure the health and safety of the residents. The proposed project will be conducted within jurisdictional boundaries of Jackson, Mississippi. The target area(s) contain floodplains and project sites could be located within Flood Zones A, AO, AH, A1-A30, A99, V and V1-V30, as designated by the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps.

PROJECT:Lead Safe Jackson Housing Program; Grant Number: MSLHB0728-19; Award Amount: \$1,800,000; Grant Period: January 2, 2020 – July 1, 2023

PURPOSE: The purpose of this program is to provide Lead Interventions that reduce or prevent childhood lead poisoning in children under the age of six (6) that reside in the homes that receive interventions. Ultimately, the goal of the Lead Safe Jackson Housing Program is to increase the number of residential properties that are free from Lead-based Paint Hazards and to eliminate other health related hazards. This will be accomplished by providing lead-based paint testing, removal/abatement, and minor rehabilitation activities.

LOCATION: See target area description above.

All affected and interested agencies, groups, and persons are encouraged to participate in this decision-making process for the proposed action in the floodplain. Written comments for consideration by the City of Jackson may be sent to Valerie Tucker via email at OHCD@jacksonms.gov. Written comments should be received on or before September 18, 2020, which is not less than 15 days from date of publication of this notice.

Information regarding the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's regulations concerning floodplain management may be obtained by contacting:

Karen M. Griego  
Program Environmental Clearance Officer  
Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes  
U.S. Department of HUD  
500 Gold Ave SW, Suite 7301  
P.O. Box 906  
Albuquerque, NM 87103  
Phone 505.346.6462 (this is not a toll-free number). Hearing- or speech-challenged individuals may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 800-877-8339.  
E-mail: karen.m.griego@hud.gov

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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.

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Zoning Administrator  
City of Jackson, Mississippi

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

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Place of Sale: Archie Towing Services; 6700 Medgar Evers Blvd., Jackson, MS

Sellers reserve the right to bid on the above property and to reject any and all bids.  
Time: 10:00 A.M.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT

ZONING CASE NO. 4102

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 Midtown Christian Academy has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit to allow for the operation of a commercial day care in a R-4 (Limited Multi-family) Residential District for the property located at 217 Millsaps Ave. (Parcel: 58-47) in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

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.

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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Proposal forms and detailed specifications may be obtained free of charge by emailing, [bjones@jackson.k12.ms.us](mailto:bjones@jackson.k12.ms.us) or calling (601) 973-8582, or documents may be picked up at the above address or downloaded from JPS website at [www.jackson.k12.ms.us](http://www.jackson.k12.ms.us).

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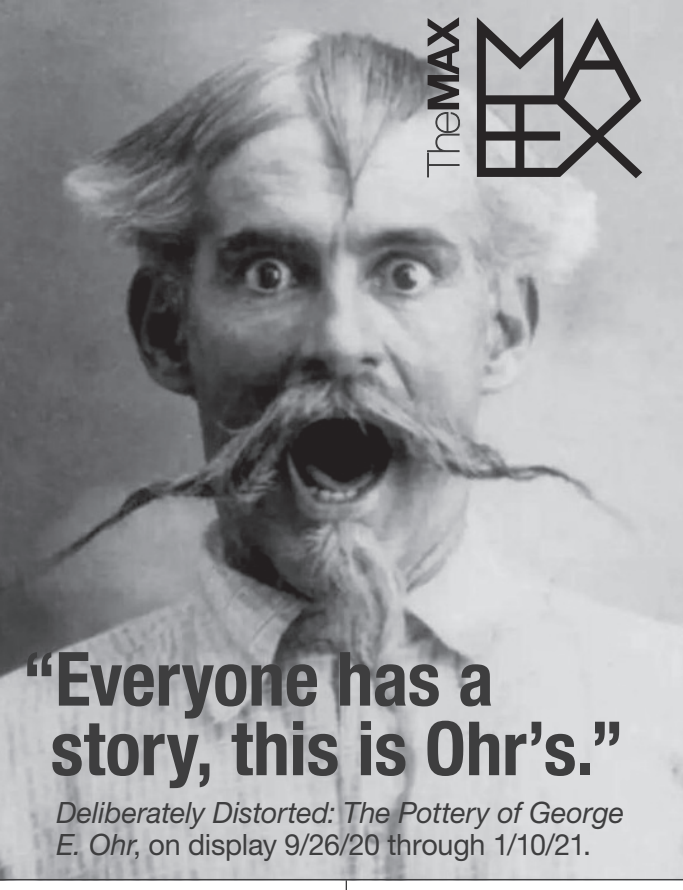
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racial hatred and strife.

Like the legendary Jackie Robinson,  
in the movie “42”  
He changed baseball forever,  
as he donned the Dodgers’ blue

Or the legal mind of Marshall,  
portraying Thurgood, the Attorney,  
Brown V. Board of Education and  
his Supreme Court historical journey.

Chadwick was the consummate artist  
who could master any role.  
He showed that he was “Superbad”  
portraying the Godfather of Soul.

As James Brown in “Get on Up”  
His stardom reached beyond the clouds.  
Time now to “get on the good foot” and “Vote”  
Say it loud, I’m black and I’m proud.

In Da 5 Bloods, a Spike Lee Joint  
‘Stormin’ Norman was his name  
My brothers also served in Vietnam  
They didn’t forget the awful pain

Chadwick gave us moments to remember  
and we won’t ever soon forget...  
But his most dramatic performance,  
“Black Panther” was the best thing yet.

King T’Challa, would say it proudly,  
“Wakanda Nation standing tall.”  
Even though it was on the screen  
It gave a sense of pride to all.

Sometimes to make things a reality,  
our imagination must be engaged.  
William Shakespeare put it like this,  
“All the worlds a stage.”

I agree that in this life,  
everyone must play a role  
But unlike hypocrites, let’s be real  
and be concerned about men souls.

One day the curtain of life will close  
and there’ll be no more roles to play.  
We’ll stand before the ‘Divine Director’  
And He’ll call the action that day.

I hope that Christ is your attorney.  
Let Him go to bat for you.  
This is God’s world so trust Him  
Chadwick believed and  
that’s the truth.

Thank you Chadwick for your labor;  
You were gifted, sharp and clever.  
You gave us hope for a better world  
Arms crossed, Wakanda Forever!!

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“The Name Inspires The Pen”

# ‘Not Forgotten’ 26 missing children recovered in U.S. Marshal operation

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In 2018, the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) launched a series on the plight of missing children of color – focusing primarily on missing black girls. The series, which continues with regular updates, included the development of partnerships with several organizations that focus on educating the public about missing children across the U.S. According to a news release from the U.S. Marshals Service, the U.S. Marshals Service Missing Child Unit’s “Operation Not Forgotten” resulted in the rescue of 26 children in Georgia, the safe location of 13 children and the arrest of nine criminal associates.

The U.S. Marshals Service did not identify the rescued children, but because of their action, the children are safe and their families are relieved.

“These were some of the most at-risk and challenging recovery cases in the area, based on indications of high-risk factors such as victimization of child sex trafficking, child exploitation, sexual abuse, physical abuse and medical or mental health conditions,” officials noted in the news release.

The operation was completed in conjunction with the U.S. Marshals’ Southeast Regional



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Fugitive Task Force and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, along with Georgia state and local agencies.

Investigators filed 26 arrest warrants and additional charges for allegations including sex trafficking, parental kidnapping, registered sex offender violations, drugs and weapons possession and custodial interference.

“The U.S. Marshals Service is fully committed to assisting federal, state and local agencies with locating and recovering endangered missing children, in addition to their primary fu-

gitive apprehension mission,” Donald Washington, director of the U.S. Marshals Service, stated in the release.

“The message to missing children and their families is that we will never stop looking for you.”

In 2019, the USMS helped locate 295 missing children after requests for assistance from law enforcement and contributed to the recovery of a missing child in 75 percent of cases received. The news released noted that, of the missing children recovered, 66 percent were recovered within seven days of the USMS assisting with the case.

“When we track down fugitives, it’s a good feeling to know that we’re putting the bad guy behind bars. But that sense of accomplishment is nothing compared to finding a missing child,” Darby Kirby, chief of the Missing Child Unit, added in the news release.

“It’s hard to put into words what we feel when we rescue a missing child, but I can tell you that this operation has impacted every single one of us out here. We are working to protect them and get them the help they need.”

# IN MEMORIAM: John Thompson, coaching legend and unforgettable mentor, dies at 78

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John Thompson was the first black coach to win the NCAA Championship. In 1984, he led the Georgetown Hoyas to victory over the Houston Cougars. In 1985 Thompson was named Coach of the Year. He coached at Georgetown University from 1972 to 1999.

Thompson was a coach who set the bar high for his players on and off the basketball court. He coached Patrick Ewing, Allen Iverson, Alonzo Mourning and Dikembe Mutumbo. He became a mentor to many long after they left Georgetown and competitive basketball.

Thompson had a preference for players that had a passion for the game on the court. He once said, “you can calm down a fool before you can resurrect a corpse.”

He emphasized the power of habit, attitude and state of mind with his players. “If you think you are beaten you are. If you think you dare not, you won’t,” he once said.

“Big John Thompson is the single most important African-



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American man in the history of D.C. sports,” Sia writer Clinton Yeats. In 1999 he was selected to be in the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame.

In 27 seasons, Thompson compiled a coaching record of 596-239. Most importantly to Thompson, 97 percent of his players stayed four years and left Georgetown University

with a college degree.

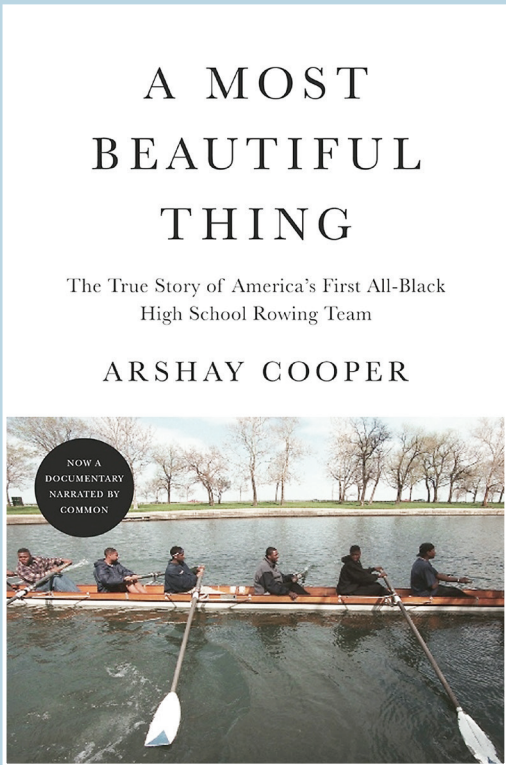
Thompson was born in Washington, D.C. and went on to play in the NBA for the Boston Celtics.

Thompson is survived by his three children, John Thompson III, who also coached basketball at Georgetown, Ronny Thompson and Tiffany Thompson.

Thompson’s autobiography is due out in January 2021.

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Either, or.  
The choice is yours: do you pick one thing, or take the other? Stay where you are, or reach for better? This or that, any way, you always have to decide: do you take either, or...as in “A Most Beautiful Thing” by Arshay Cooper, do you take the oar?  
Growing up on Chicago’s West Side, Arshay Cooper was used to seeing blood on the sidewalk. Gunshots were like lullabies and he hated it. His father was long

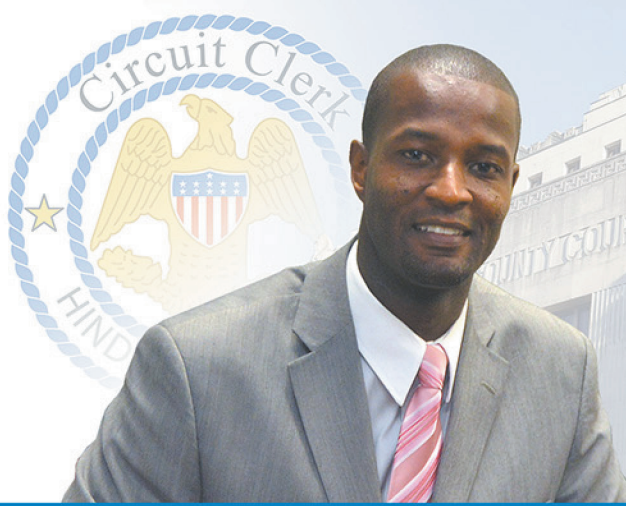
gone, his mother was then too addicted to care for her children, and he “had a funeral” for her in his heart. Later, once his mother was clean and he started attending high school at Manley Career Academy, he became firm in his belief that his future was not on the streets. He knew gang-banging wasn’t for him, so he mostly stayed home and watched Family Matters, The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air, and A Different World on TV, absorbing their lessons and wishing his life was more like that of the characters.

And then he saw a boat.  
It wasn’t just any boat, though: it was long and sleek and Cooper quickly learned that it was used in a sport he’d never heard of. The white female coach said team members would be taught all they needed to know; the white man who’d put the program together said that there’d never been an all-black high school rowing team, and he promised that anybody who stuck with the program would succeed in life. Though Cooper’s schoolmates talked smack about it, and in part

because of a girl, Cooper and his best friend signed up for “crew.”  
And everything clicked into place.  
Rowing required discipline. It was exhausting, emotionally and physically. There were sacrifices. But when on the water, rowing, he says, “I don’t hear gunshots or ambulance sirens. I don’t see gang signs and I don’t have fear... I feel powerful.”  
Here’s all you need to know: “A Most Beautiful Thing” lives up to its name.  
It doesn’t start out that way,

though: in laying the ground for his tale, Cooper writes about the realities of growing up in a Chicago neighborhood that he hints could have been any-inner-city-where, any-inner-city-time. This gives the story its muscle and allows readers to better picture the scenes and the struggles he and his young teammates withstood. You’ll be happy to know that there isn’t a shred of boasting or false pride in that.  
Once you’re that far into the book, then, you may notice that Cooper masterly makes you feel

a part of the team. At that point, just go ahead, take their losses to heart. Be proud of the changes they’ve made. Think about the grace on race that Cooper offers. Grin like a fool at the triumphs, and laugh at their nonconformity.  
It’s perfectly okay to get teary-eyed at the epilogue, really.  
This is the feel-goodest of feel-good books, and you should have it now.  
Reading “A Most Beautiful Thing” will leave you feeling merrily, merrily, merrily.



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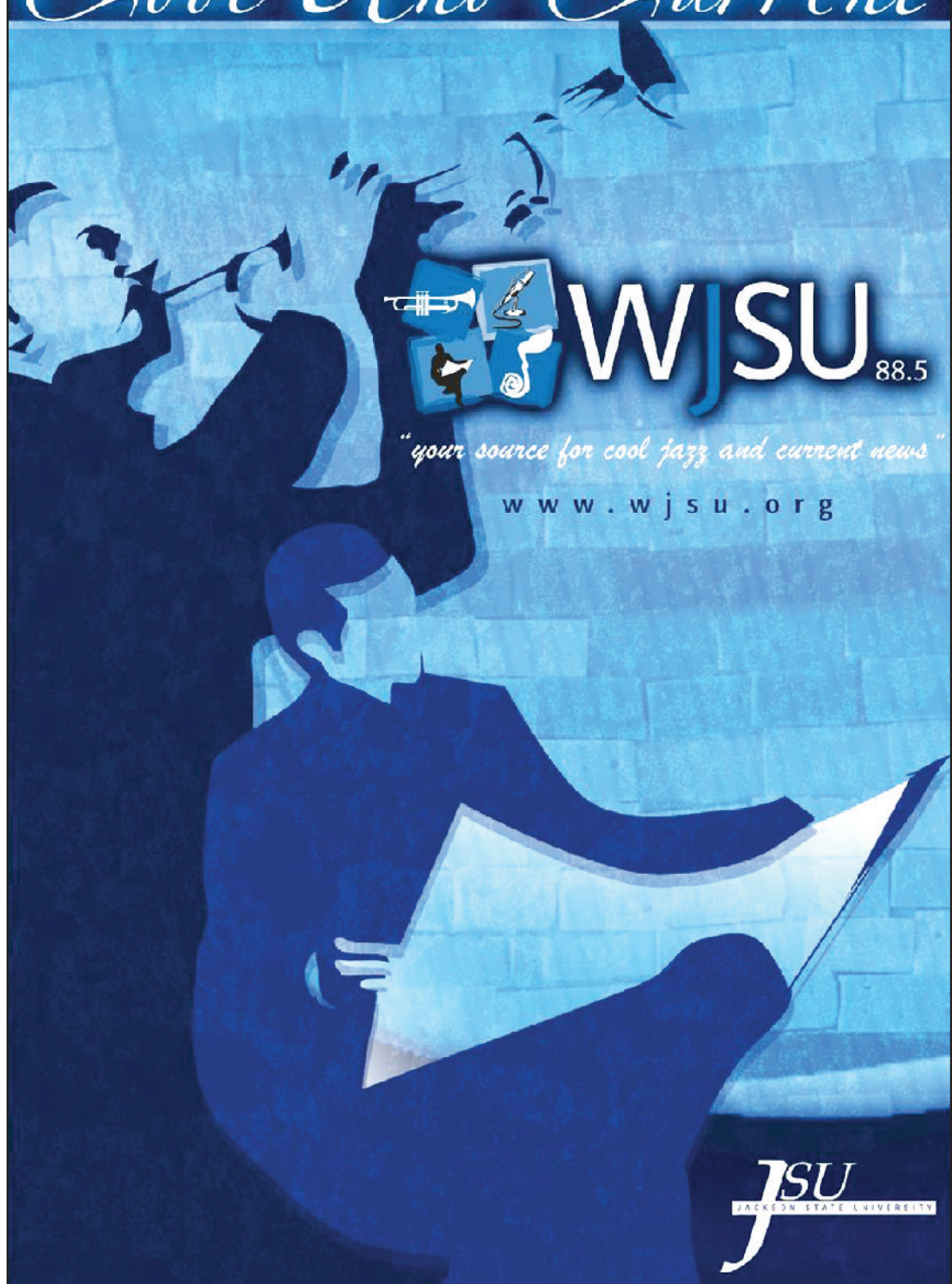
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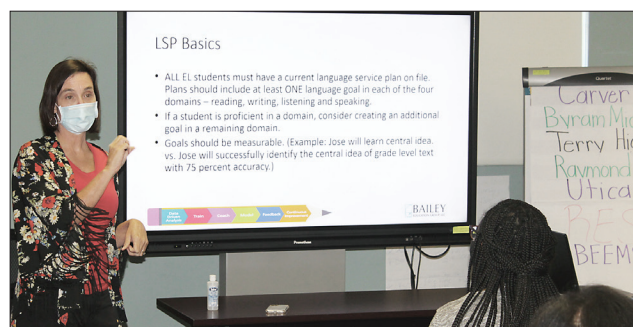
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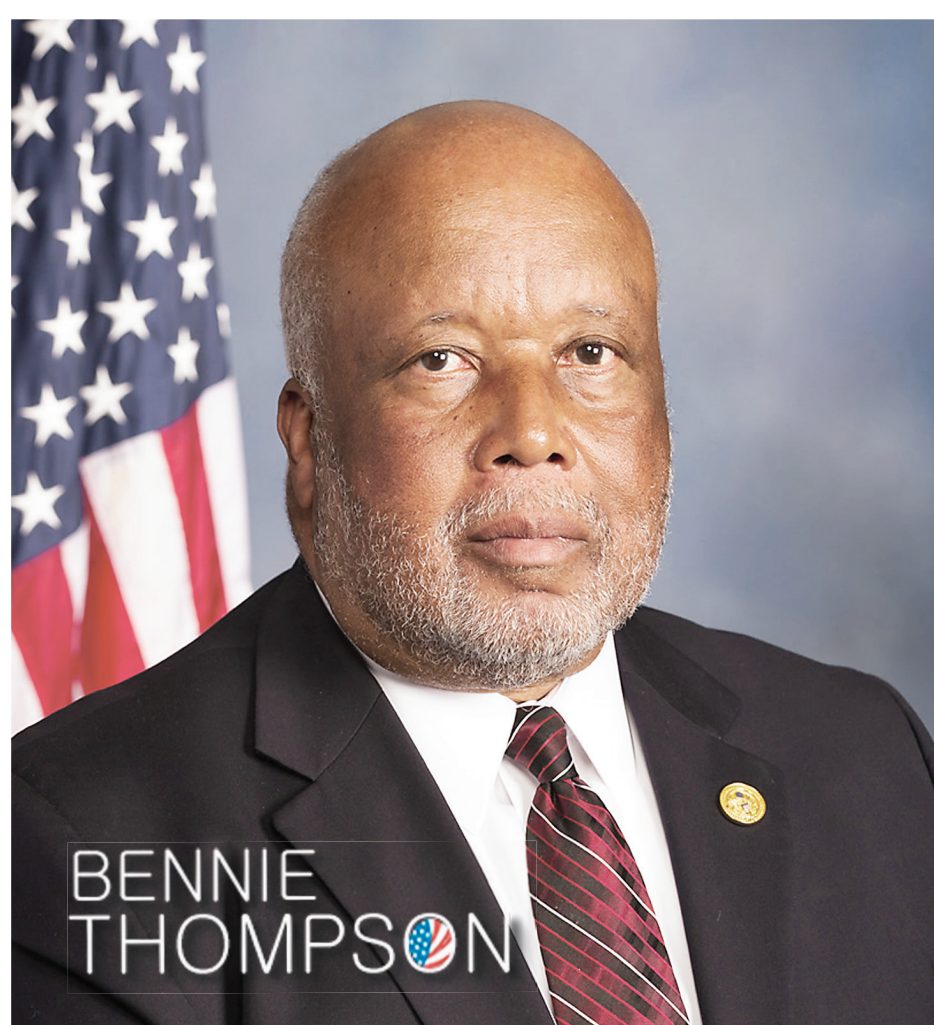




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